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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 453

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 October
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Flagstaff Hill Golf Centre
Memford Way

*Ample off-street Parking
Free Door prize raffle for
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champagne flutes*

Guest Speaker:

MFS retired Fire Officer
Vinny Schar

*Bringing local residents &
police together for a safe
& connected community*

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333 Sturt Rd, Bedford Park
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AREA NEWS

Previous Meeting: Guest Speaker

Attendees enjoyed an informative presentation by **Kirralee West of Turner Freeman Lawyers** on the importance of estate planning, being the process of ensuring an individual's wishes regarding distribution of assets, health treatment and legal matters are met.

Discussing such issues with loved ones, she said, can be a difficult conversation, but not planning ahead leaves family members unsure of a loved one's wishes and having to get help at very difficult times.

She succinctly defined the three legal documents involved in the estate planning process.

A Last Will and Testament comes into effect when the individual dies. It clarifies beneficiaries (the individuals or organisations designated to receive your assets, belongings, or property), appoints an executor (a trusted person or institution to manage the estate and pay any remaining debts/taxes), spells out guardianship arrangements for the care of minor children or dependents, and describes the individual's wishes in regard to the disposal of your body and funeral arrangements.

An Advance Care Directive (ACD) specifies the individual's preferences when it comes to medical care and end-of-life treatments should they become incapacitated and unable to communicate, appointing a decision-maker to act on their behalf in line with these preferences.

A Power of Attorney (POA) appoints a trusted attorney to manage legal and financial affairs during an individual's lifetime should they become incapacitated and lose the legal capacity to make decisions. She also briefly discussed estate administration following death and circumstances when Probate would or would not be necessary.

Next Meeting: Staying Fire Safe at Home



SA Metro Fire Service (MFS) retired Fire Officer Vinny Schar, will be presenting a talk on staying fire safe in your home. Vinny enjoyed a 40-year career with operational roles

across many fire stations, gaining a wealth of experience in the causes of fires.

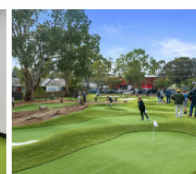
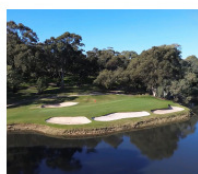
Fire prevention was always a passion of his, so he worked in the Fire Safety Department at different times throughout his career. Vinny's last six years was as Manager of the Community Engagement Section. This area focussed on public education in house fire prevention to kindy children, right through to oldies (like himself).

The talk will give you a quick overview of your fire service, followed by fire safety in your home. Even if you take only one small thing away from his talk, this could potentially save you and/or a loved one from the ravages of a house fire.

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Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools
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www.crimestopperssa.com.au

REMOTE ACCESS SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

A remote access scam is when someone contacts you and as part of their conversation, requests you download software or an app that shares remote access to your device.

Remote access scammers are after access to your computer or mobile, which will enable them to see the information on your device. Once access is shared, scammers often coerce you to sign into internet banking and perform transactions.

They may also use this access to steal your personal data or gain access to your friends and family's information.

Signs this may be a scam

- Someone contacts you needing assistance to catch hackers, fix NBN or computer issues, help with secretive tasks or to provide a refund - **Hang up**. Legitimate organisations will not require your assistance with any of these scenarios.
- An unexpected caller is asking to access your device by downloading software (e.g. Team Viewer, Any Desk or Quick Support). They may ask you not to tell anyone - Do not follow their directions. **Just hang up**.
- A caller is asking you to logon to Internet Banking or share your Secure codes - **Hang up**. Never logon to Internet Banking if you are sharing access to your device. Never share your Secure codes with anyone.
- A caller asks you to make transactions, or 'refund' a deposit you see in your account and coaches you what to say to the bank - **Do not make any payments or action any refunds**. Always be honest with the bank so they can help protect your money.

Tips

- Never provide remote access to an unsolicited caller.
- Verify the call is genuine by calling the company on a publicly advertised number, not on a number provided by the caller or in an SMS or pop-up window.
- **Never share your Internet Banking passwords or Secure codes with anyone.**

REPORTING CRIME

Emergencies

Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

Non-Emergencies

Call 131444 for non-urgent police assistance.

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds and scams, visit:

SAPOL: www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch:

www.scamwatch.gov.au



INVESTMENT SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

An investment scam is where scammers convince you to invest in **high return** investments.

The investments vary widely and may be in shares, real estate, bonds, mortgages, options or foreign currency trading, bitcoin, even betting syndicates and foolproof prediction software.

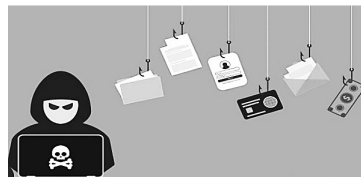
Scammers may claim to be bankers, stockbrokers, financial planners or other investment professionals, they may seem knowledgeable on investment matters and even send you links to legitimate looking fake websites and prospectus documents.

Often the account name you are directed to pay differs to that of the investment company.

Online investment scams have been known to use celebrities' names and pictures (without them knowing) to endorse their schemes.

Signs this may be a scam

- **The return on an investment sounds too good to be true** - Always research before any investment, fully understand the risks. Get independent financial advice from your accountant or financial adviser.
- **You are told you can access your Super before you retire** - It is illegal to access your super early under normal circumstances and the taxation office can apply penalties if you do.
- **You are put under time pressure to invest or subscribe now** - Do not act immediately. Check financial advisors are registered via the ASIC website.
- **You are offered software that can predict sports or racing**



events or financial markets for high returns - Caution! No person or computer software can predict the future reliably.

• **You are offered support to help you invest via remote access to your device** - Do not download software or an app that shares remote access to your device. Scammers use this to access your personal and financial information.

Remember

- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is! Be suspicious of investment opportunities that promise a high return with little or no risk.
- Do not give your personal or financial details to unsolicited callers or reply to emails, SMS or advertisements offering financial advice or investment opportunities.
- Always do thorough research on apps, investment companies or advisors, and check for a valid Australian Financial Services Licence. Always look up the organisation's official information or website yourself, do not use any links you may receive via emails, pop ups, or advertisements. You can visit moneysmart.gov.au to check the list of 'Companies you should not deal with'.
- Do not let anyone pressure you into making decisions about your money or investments. Always seek a trusted second opinion.
- Install and keep security software up to date on all devices. Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails – just delete them.

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Police Incidents 27 April - 20 August 2026



Date	Location	Details
PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 14-21/6/26	Holmes Crt	Gate to property damaged.
THEFT		
2. 7/5/26	Torresan Cr	Bike stolen from yard.
3. 14-17/8/26	Fairlie Dr	Theft of tools from property.
TRESPASS/BREAK-IN		
4. 4-9/8/26	Hoyle Ct	Garage broken into and tools stolen from within.



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