



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of Campbelltown NHW Area 393/394

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CAMPBELLTOWN

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 393/394

Area 393/394 is bounded by Wicks Avenue, Church Road, Lower North East Road and the O’Bahn Busway.

2018 Meetings

8/05	7.30pm	Library Complex (Cnr OG Rd & Turner St)
12/06	7.30pm	East Marden Primary School
10/07	7.30pm	Library Complex
11/07	6.30pm	Christmas in July OG Hotel
14/08	7.30pm	East Marden Primary School
11/09	7.30pm	Library Complex
9/10	7.30pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING East Marden Primary School
13/11	7.30pm	Library Complex
5/12	6.30pm	Christmas Dinner OG Hotel

Area Co-ordinator

Vern Wensley Ph: 8337 5695

Asst. Area Co-ordinator

Stan Richards

Secretary

Bev Wensley

Police Co-ordinator

Sergeant Jodie Cole

BIN STICKERS

You may have noticed when moving around the streets that some red rubbish bins have NHW stickers on the side of them.

These stickers are free and can be obtained from your Area Coordinator, Vern Wensley, and are designed to reduce the rising trend of break-ins by increasing visibility in the suburb.

Please look out for them next time you walk or drive through the suburb. We would welcome seeing many more stickers on our red bins. If you would like one please contact Vern on 8337 5695.

FIRE DANGER SEASON

- Fire Danger Season is still with us protect yourself and your property
- Lock your home, shed and vehicles
- External doors should have minimal gaps
- Keep rubbish bins in a secure area away from walls of the building
- Maintain lawns and shrubs
- Keep your yard Clear of rubbish and debris
- Plant shrubs & bushes away from the house
- Secure combustible material and flammable fuels away from your home
- Emergency 000
- Non-urgent police assistance 131444
- If you see anything suspicious call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

VEHICLE SECURITY

To help prevent thieves targeting your vehicle and property, consider implementing these security tips:

- Lock your vehicle doors and close all windows.
- Install an alarm or immobiliser and activate it every time you leave your vehicle.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Park off the road and if possible in a locked garage.
- Use secure car parking facilities where available.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. If you can't, then conceal them in the boot before arriving at your destination.
- Do not hide a spare set of keys on or in your vehicle.

If you see anything suspicious call the police assistance line on **131 444**.

If you have any information about motor vehicle crime report it to Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or online **www.crimestopperssa.com.au**



PHONE INFO

EMERGENCY 000

Police Attendance 131444

Graffiti Hotline 8365 3147

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Traffic Light Out 18000181313

Water Main Burst 8207 1300

Dog Catcher 8366 9227



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**PROTECT YOURSELF
KNOW THE SCAM**

"I don't believe everything I'm told, do you?"

Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

Telephone Scam: Overseas and Premium Numbers

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) reports Scamwatch has found that Australians lost \$48,830 to premium service scam calls and texts in the past 12 months.

The ACCC received 277 reports of the 'wangiri' scam in one week in February.

How it works

Scammers made their money by enticing people to call back a premium number similar to those used by psychic hotlines and sex lines. The scam is known as a *wangiri* scam, a Japanese word loosely translated to "one cut".

The scammer calls for just one ring then cuts the line leaving a missed call on the victim's phone. When the victim calls the number back they could be put on hold, have music playing or try and chat.

The *wangiri* scammers want the caller to stay on the line as long as possible, thereby increasing the amount of money they make as the money makes its way back to the scammer.

What you can do

To avoid extra charges on your phone bill, ignore calls from country codes you don't

recognise and from 19 or 1900 numbers in Australia.

Blocking problematic phone numbers and not returning missed calls from unknown numbers can help you avoid becoming a victim.

The best thing you can do to protect yourself during a dodgy call is HANG UP.

The ACCC says if you call your mobile provider and tell them what's happened, you won't end up having to pay the charge.

Vicious Cycle

Victims were targeted because they had offered their information freely while signing up for apps or entering contests. That information is collated and sold off.

Once a victim returns a scam call scammers sell contact details to other fraudsters for people who they think might be susceptible to scams.

The ACCC encourages victims to report their experiences to its [Scamwatch](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) website.

NHW HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Neighbourhood Watch areas work against crime: the public are the eyes and ears for the police in our neighbourhood.

Keeping people informed, being observant and alert, is being proactive against crime. The police can only be in one place at a time, and the area they cover is large.

Any information the public can give Police helps in their investigations.

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area (details on front page).

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Neighbourhood Watch: Why join us?

South Australia Police require continual feedback, support & collaboration from members of the community to effectively prevent and respond to crime.

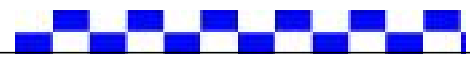
*By joining **Neighbourhood Watch**, you'll be playing a key part in keeping your street, suburb and South Australia a safer place to live. Whether you want to be a leader for change in your community, build your skills, or simply meet other like-minded locals, **Neighbourhood Watch** is right for you.*

*You can connect with local police while building professional networks and upskilling to improve your CV or employment prospects. Plus you'll be assisting your neighbours, the community, and **South Australia Police** along the way.*

Fun in the Sun: Beach Safety Tips

The warmer weather is here and we would like to remind the community to stay safe when using our beautiful beaches.

- Be aware of water safety issues at the beach, including rips and current, maritime safety and dangers of marine life.
- When at the beach, always swim between the red and yellow flags.
- Supervise your children at all times.
- Never leave valuables unattended or under a beach towel. Use a watertight container or leave your items in a secure location.
- Be aware of alcohol consumption when swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgement.
- Be aware it is an offence to possess and drink alcohol at many beaches. If you see any antisocial or suspicious behaviour please call police on **131 444**.



Bicycle Security

CYCLISTS are being warned to watch out for thieves as latest figures show more 2400 bikes reported stolen last financial year, RAA Insurance can reveal.

Bicycles can be a very tempting target for robbers, with some insured by RAA worth up to \$8000.

This makes them popular with thieves prowling the streets as well as those breaking into homes and sheds, RAA Insurance spokeswoman Hayley Cain warned.

Robbers will also steal lights, wheels, helmets and quick release seats, she added.

While not all robberies were reported, police figures showed Adelaide City Council was the most popular site for bike thieves, followed by Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide Enfield, Onkaparinga and Marion councils.

"It's important bike owners check the policy conditions of their insurance, as it may only cover the bike when it is in your home and not when it is in use," Ms Cain said.

Police regularly report the theft of bikes from unlocked sheds, highlighting the need for vigilance by homeowners.

Ease of transport also made bikes tempting targets as they can provide thieves with their means of escape from the scene of the crime.


Cyclists could limit thieves' opportunity to stealing their bike from home or while it's in public locations, according to Ms Cain.



Tips for deterring bike thieves

- Use a quality lock (preferably two locks of different types if in a high risk area or you have detachable wheels or seat) as thieves use bolt cutters and pliers
- If you must leave it outdoors, park it in an open, well-lit area and lock it to a fixed object
- Using a steel U-shaped lock and cable, lock your bike to a fixed object and wind the cable through both tires and the frame leaving as little space as possible within the "U" of the lock
- Keep the lock off the ground and face the keyhole towards the ground
- Remove the front wheel and lock both the wheel and the frame together if it's a quick-release wheel
- Take your bike seat and accessories with you if they're easily removable and/or expensive
- When you are at home keep the bike inside, in a locked shed or use an asset protector
- Engrave your bike frame and take photos of bike and accessories.

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Bike Passport

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Remember to:

- Engrave or mark your bike frame (near the serial number) with an ultraviolet (UV) pen, microdot or by other permanent means with your driver's licence number pre fixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.
- Take a photograph of your bike.
- Complete the Bike Passport and keep it in a safe place.




Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers




THINK FIRST THEN DIAL



CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF WATCHSA PROGRAMS: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COUNCIL WATCH



Police Incidents December 2017 - February 2018



Property Damage

- 12/12/17 Coronation Ave Side fence of house bashed, leaving dents in colourbond fencing. Damage \$200.
- 25/12/17 Treloar Crt Property entered. Bent and twisted rear registration plate on car. Replacement \$25.
- 19/1/18 Lower Nth East Rd Lock damaged on vehicle in unsuccessful attempt to break-in. Damage \$1,000.
- 8/2/18 Wicks Ave Car parked in driveway of house had air let out of all tyres.

Theft

- 29/11/17 Raymel Cres Known person/s stole car from house while owner was in hospital.
- 16/12/17 Lower Nth East Rd Unlocked car entered. \$15 of coins and keys to Jaguar car stolen.
- 17/12/17 Gregory Ave Unlocked car entered. Purse stolen containing \$40 cash and credit cards.
- 20/12/17 Raymel Crt iPhone advertised on gumtree stolen while being inspected for sale. Value \$745.
- 22/12/17 Lochiel Pkwy Letters stolen from house letter box. CCTV showing male person provided to police.
- 28/12/17 Raymel Cres Known person used stolen keys to remove car from garage. **Offender arrested.**
- 9/1/18 Mines Rd Vacant house entered and hot water system stolen from wall.
- 10/1/18 Grivell St Woman's bicycle stolen from driveway of unit complex.
- 15/1/18 James St Golf course office entered. Wallet containing debit card stolen and used 5 times. Value \$586.

Trespass/Break-in

- 26/12/17 Raymel Cres Known person/s entered house using stolen keys while owner was on holidays.
- 28/12/17 Raymel Cres Known person/s again entered house via back window while occupant slept.
- 28/12/17 Raymel Cres Known female used stolen keys to enter house while owner absent. Nil stolen, nil damage.

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PROTECT your Credit Cards

Neighbourhood Watch RFID Blocking Sleeve

When using your credit card:

- be aware of your surroundings
- conceal keypad when entering PIN
- do not leave unattended
- if lost, report it immediately to your financial institution
- if stolen, report it immediately to your financial institution and Police

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For more information:- NHW Volunteers Association of SA
Contact: Vern Wensley tel: 8337 5695 Email: vwensley@ozemail.com.au

RFID Card Shield Sleeves

Neighbourhood Watch has produced Radio Frequency Identification blocking sleeves to protect your credit and ID cards from unauthorised access.

The sleeve can hold two cards, cost is just \$1.00 each and will be available at our meetings.

Vincent Tarzia MP
Member for Hartley

Please don't hesitate to call my office for information on community grants, and other assistance we may provide.

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