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SEACLIFF PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7:30pm
29th May 2018

All Saints Anglican Church
Corner Brighton Rd and
Lamington Ave, Seacliff Park

GUEST SPEAKER

Shani Wood,
Holdfast Bay Council

ALL WELCOME

Area Co-ordinator:
Paul Sutcliffe (Ph: 0438 446 064)
Police Co-ordinator:
Senior Constable Jason Barker

USEFUL NUMBERS

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STURT POLICE 8207 4700
CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000

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City of Holdfast Bay **8229 9999**

City of Marion **8375 6600**

Poisons Information Line
131 126

Area Co-ordinator's Report

by Paul Sutcliffe

Next Meeting – Recycling

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 29 at 7:30pm** at All Saints Anglican Church on the corner of Brighton Rd and Lamington Ave. Our guest speaker will be **Shani Wood** from **Holdfast Bay Council** who will give a presentation on recycling – what goes in which bin. How the recycling efforts are managed. How can you dispose of other items that are not suitable for the regular bin collections? As Seacliff Park has residents in both Holdfast Bay and Marion Councils we will compare the two recycling programs.

Last Meeting

At the last meeting **Vinnie Schar** from the **Metropolitan Fire Service** gave an informative talk on how to make your home fire safe. Each home should have a **Home Fire Escape Plan** that is practiced and understood by all occupants of the home. Correctly located **smoke alarms** in your home give early warning of fire, providing you with precious time which may be vital to your survival. More information is available on the MFS website (www.mfs.sa.gov.au).

Increase in Theft

Sturt Police Report a significant increase in the theft of unsecured property. Thieves seek easy targets: unlocked vehicles and property are especially vulnerable. (Full story page 2, incidents page 4)

SAPOL THEFT ALERT

To help prevent thefts police recommend owners should:

- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE WHEN LEAVING IT UNATTENDED – especially at night and at work sites
- REMOVE VALUABLES FROM YOUR VEHICLE
- IF VALUABLES CANNOT BE REMOVED; CONCEAL THEM OUT OF SIGHT
- REMOVE ALL PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION FROM YOUR VEHICLE
- UTILISE LOCKABLE TOOL CHESTS, SECURED TO/IN YOUR VEHICLE
- WHERE POSSIBLE, PARK YOUR VEHICLE OFF THE STREET IN A SECURE GARAGE OR CARPORT – especially during the hours of darkness.
- SECURE TOOLS IN YOUR SHED – do not leave them lying around your property.
- ENSURE YOU LOCK YOUR SHED.

Gully Road Playground Development

If you have driven past or walked up the Gully you will have noticed that construction of the new playground and associated facilities is well under way. *Latest pictures below...*



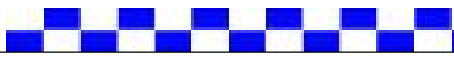
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Local Theft on the Rise: Vehicles Targetted

Whilst thefts occur across many suburbs, of particular note is the amount of thefts in the suburbs of Seacombe Heights, Seacombe Downs, Dover Gardens and **Seacliff Park**.

Of particular concern is the amount of tools and power tools being stolen from vehicles and sheds, with many of these occurring from unsecured vehicles and buildings. Of note are **many of the vehicles targeted are utilities and 'tradies' vehicles**.

Almost a 1/3 of all vehicle thefts reported to Sturt police in April were from insecure vehicles.

In the past month, six properties in Dover Gardens were broken in to and three in Seacombe Gardens. In the same time period seven thefts occurred from vehicles in Seacombe Gardens.

Whilst offences occur across all hours of the night and day, a significant number have occurred during the hours of darkness. Whilst **tools are a specific target, other unattended items including; wallets, cash, laptops and tablets** have also been stolen.

As 'tradies' you require your tools to be able to undertake your work; having your tools stolen is an inconvenience that can be prevented.

Whilst police are able to locate stolen property, **it is preferable to prevent theft in the first instance.**

Police encourage the marking of personal property with your driver's licence number preceded by 'S' for South Australia. E.g. S123456. Photograph your tools and identify any markings or distinguishing features.

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 website](#).

RAA Security Report 2018

People are feeling less safe in their home and at public gatherings, according to RAA's 2018 Security Report.

More than a third of respondents (36%) felt South Australia was not as safe now as it was two years ago, according to RAA's survey of almost 400 members.

On the home front, one-in-five respondents said they felt less safe from intruders during the past 12 months.

This compared to just over one-in-ten who said they felt safer at home, while 68 per cent reported no change.

RAA Secure Services spokesman Ben Nottage said it was worrying that more people felt less secure in their home in the past year.

"This is reflected by a 25 per cent increase in enquiries we have had for home security systems during the same time," he said.

"People are seeking advice about personal alarm systems as well as home and monitored alarms."

The report also found:

- More women (37%) and men (30%) would not attend a public event due to security concerns.
- People also felt the least safe in large crowds (19%) and most safe when out with friends (3%).
- Adelaide residents were more concerned about safety in the community (20%) compared to those living in the regions (14%).

Almost two-thirds of respondents also said they had become more worried about a terrorist attack in SA during the past two years.

Terrorist attacks overseas and interstate in recent years have seen authorities identify potential risks in this state and invest in security upgrades.

This includes greater scrutiny of sports fans attending Adelaide Oval and more than \$1m spent on security measures at the city's top tourist attractions, such as installing bollards at Rundle Mall and the Adelaide Central Market.

While most respondents welcomed extra security measures at public events and at public places, the heightened security levels were causing anxiety, the report showed.

According to the survey, four-in-five respondents said increased security at public events made them feel safer.

However, almost half of respondents said, "increased security at public events makes me worried about my personal safety"

Mr Nottage said terror attacks interstate and overseas had naturally raised people's concerns our state could potentially be targeted.

"Security measures such as installing bollards at Rundle Mall highlight the potential risks and we see that reflected in the survey," he said.



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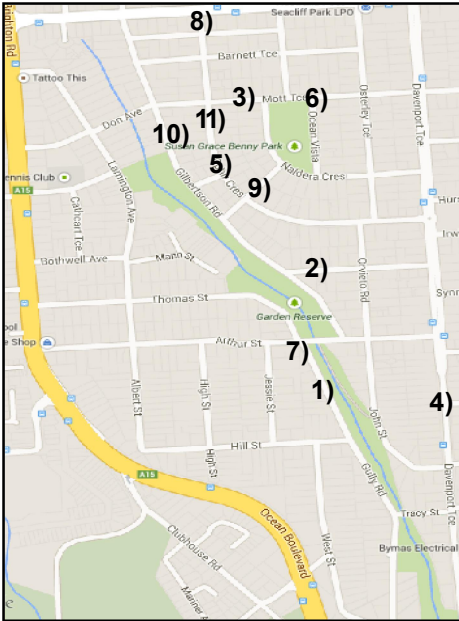
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Incidents 1 February - 30 April 2018



MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

1. 7/2/18 Gully Rd Items stolen from unlocked car in driveway.
2. 21/2/18 Renown St Items stolen from locked car in driveway.
3. 5/3/18 Mott Tce Items stolen from unlocked car in driveway.
4. 27/3/18 Davenport Tce Items stolen from unlocked car in driveway.
5. 15/4/18 Ophir Cr Items stolen from unlocked car in street.
6. 15/4/18 Mott Tce Items stolen from unlocked car in driveway.

THEFT

7. 13/6/17 Gully Rd Fridge stolen from front yard
8. 8/5/18 Seacombe Rd Scooter stolen.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break-ins)

9. 29/3/18 Vale Rd Garage door forced open and items stolen.
10. 6/4/18 Gilbertson Rd Front door forced open and items stolen.
11. 20/4/18 Ophir Cr Unlocked house broken into. Items stolen.

See Something, Say Something ...

If you observe any suspicious behaviour or have property stolen from your vehicle report it immediately to police by calling the Police Assistance line on **131 444**.

Further security advice to help reduce thefts is available at www.police.sa.gov.au

If you have any information regarding stolen property or theft please contact **SA Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000**.

Area Personnel Contact Numbers

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