

# **Neighbourhood Watch SA**

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#### **DIARY NOTES**

# **NEXT MEETING**

6.00pm 13th September WHERE:

Box Factory Community Centre Regent Street, Adelaide

**ALL WELCOME** 

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

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

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area.

#### Area Coordinator:

Tim Young Deputy Chair: Rex Langton Secretary: Lorraine Young Treasurer: Christine Byrnes

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#### **Police Coordinators:**

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Police Attendance 131444 DIAL 000 to report a crime in progress or has just been committed CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000 Area Co-ordinator's Report by Tim Young, City SE NHW Area Coordinator Greetings everyone!

Thank you to Sean McNamara the Associate Director for Community and

Culture at Adelaide City Council who has provided the following information in regard to the Hutt Street Working Party.

The final meeting was held on Monday 23rd July 2018. At the time of writing this report the minutes had not yet been finalised and it is Sean's intention to write a closing report for Council in August (which would be a public document). Once this occurs it will be distributed to members and relevant information published in the next edition of the NHW Newsletter.

In the recent issue of Watch on SA Senior Sergeant 1st Class Neil Hodgson (NHW State Coordinator) noted that the NHW reinvigoration process has seen a steady increase in numbers accessing the NHW website and Face book page.

This is encouraging as it means people are accessing information to learn more about the NHW program and to obtain crime prevention and safety advice. Another positive sign is that there have been a number of new groups formed. Neil also introduced the new NHW State Coordinator Sgt Phil Gurr who will be working with NHW groups across the state. Information in relation to the State Community Engagement Section was provided and included an update on the recently re-ordered popular NHW resources such as bin stickers and Safety and Security booklets. These are available through NHW groups so contact me if you want to access them. New promotional materials are continuing to be designed and will be available to provide relevant crime prevention information.

On page 2 of this issue of the newsletter I would like to share with you the importance of personal safety and security to all of us. I encourage you to consider the advice provided in regards to your own safety and security of your property.

I also encourage you all to come along to the meeting on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 6:00pm at the Box Factory. Remember, we can be contacted at nhwadelaide@gmail.com

> Regards, Tim Young Coordinator NHW Area 153/154

# SAPOL/Neighbourhood Watch Bin Sticker

SAPOL State Community Engagement Section and Neighbourhood Watch have designed a bin sticker to be provided to residents to encourage the reporting of suspicious behaviour.

The sticker is designed to be placed on the side of the council bin so it can be seen by drivers and pedestrians as they travel along the street.

If you would like a free bin or house sticker come to our next meeting or contact our Area Coordinator Tim Young by email to nhwadelaide@ amail. com



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# **SAPOL Warning:** Threat-based Impersonation Scams

If you received a call out of the blue from the Tax Office saying you had a tax debt that you had to pay immediately or be arrested, what would you think? If Telstra called you and said there were internet problems in your area and they needed remote access to your computer in order to help you otherwise they would disconnect your service, what would you do?

These calls are examples of threat-based impersonation scams, about which the ACCC's Scamwatch received almost 33,000 reports in 2017. About 85 per cent of these reports indicated the scammer had been in contact by telephone.

And many people have believed these threats. According to Scamwatch, over \$4.7 million was reported lost and more than 2800 people gave their personal information to these scammers in 2017. Older Australians have been particularly vulnerable to these scams – people aged 65 & over reported losing almost \$1m last year. If you're contacted unexpectedly by someone that says they're from a government agency or trusted business, always consider the that it may be a scam then stop and check.

For more information about these scams, where to get help or to report a scam, visit the Scamwatch website www.scamwatch.gov.au.

# Personal Safety and Security: Some Useful Tips

#### Out and about

- Be alert, walk confidently and keep to well-lit and populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic and if possible, walk with another person and carry a personal safety alarm or mobile phone.
- Let someone know where you are going and the time you will return.
- If you feel unsafe, head for a well-populated area.
- Be wary if someone in a car stops and asks you for directions. Keep a safe distance from the car.
- Be aware of your increased vulnerability when wearing personal headphones.

#### ATM banking

- Do not use ATMs in isolated or dark locations and avoid withdrawing large amounts of money.
- Memorise your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down and do not let anyone see you enter your PIN.
- If you feel unsafe at an ATM and you have already keyed in your details, press the CANCEL key and remove your card.
- If you lose your card, report it immediately to your financial institution.

#### Celebrations

- Organise safe transport to and from the venue before going out.
- Stay with your friends and look after each other.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

for the City of Adelaide Council election to be held on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 6.30pm Box Factory Community Centre, Regent Street South, Adelaide

#### ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!



Don't vote blindly! Come along and meet candidates for the City of Adelaide elections and hear what they have to say. There will be an opportunity to ask them questions so come prepared!

Presented by the South East City Residents Association (SECRA) and South West City Community Association (SWCCA)

At the conclusion of the meeting sandwiches, tea and coffee will be provided together with the opportunity to socialise and chat with candidates. (Note: A short AGM for SECRA members will be held from 6pm to 6.15pm).

- Set a drinking limit for yourself, stick to it and have soft drink or water between alcoholic drinks.
- Say "No" when you have had enough to drink, don't let others top up your drink.

#### Personal property

- Don't carry large amounts of money and never display how much money you have.
- Keep your bag, wallet and mobile phone where you can see them at all times and don't leave them unattended. When shopping use the child safety harness to help secure your handbag to the trolley.
- Carry your bag securely on the side furthest from the road. Don't let the strap hang.
- Shoulder strapped bags should be worn across your body. If someone attempts to grab your bag, it is best to let go, to avoid injury.
- · Secure your bag in your car before loading or unloading your shopping.

For further crime prevention tips please visit: https://www.police.sa.gov.au/yoursafety/crime-prevention-and-security

# RAA Security: Break-ins

One in four people were at home when their house was broken into, according to RAA's 2017 Security Report. So it pays to know how to deal with this distressing situation.

Stopping a break-in before it happens with the likes of locks, alarms, security doors and shutters - is of course the first line of defence, but what if it's too late for that?

#### Should I confront the intruder?

There are many different reasons people break into properties, and their behaviour may be quite volatile, so it's important not to make any sudden moves or rash decisions in these circumstances.

Here are our other top tips:

- Avoid doing anything that could escalate the situation - like confronting an intruder.
- It's best not to go outside if you hear a strange noise. Instead, stay inside and turn on any outside lights.
- Many burglars are looking to target an empty house, so letting them know you're at home, and drawing attention to what they're up to may be enough to scare the would-be intruder away.
- If you do choose to investigate an unknown noise, take a moment beforehand to ask yourself, 'Am I putting myself or my family in danger by doing this?'

TAKE THE TIME TO

PREVENT A CRIME

**Don't Forget to** Lock Up

Your House

Your Car

Your Valuables

#### What if the intruder confronts me?

No matter how you approach the situation, remember nothing's more important than you and your family's safety.

So, here's what you can do if you're confronted by an intruder:

- Try to keep your distance.
- Cooperate and avoid making any sudden or aggressive moves.
- Try to stay calm; the intruder may be armed, or under the influence of that could make druas their behaviour erratic.

#### Call for help

Don't hesitate to call police on 131 444 if you see or hear anything unusual.

If it's an emergency, you should call Triple Zero (000) as soon as possible.

#### RAA's here if you need us

Do you have a monitored alarm with RAA? Chances are you'll have a panic button on your alarm's keypad, or on a separate keychain remote.

If so, here's how we can help:

If you're able to safely get to and press either of these panic buttons, an alert will be sent to our 24/7 monitoring centre telling us you need help.

Depending on how your system is set up with us, this could prompt our team to get in touch with police or contact a designated third party, such as a family member.

# Statewide Facebook Page

A new Statewide Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page Find us on

has been launched.

Visit https://

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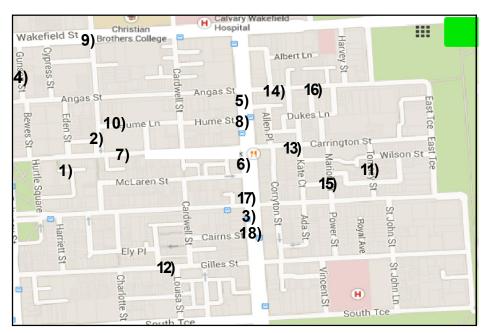
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# Police Incidents June - July 2018



**Date** Location **Details** 

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

4. 6/6/18

12.4/6/18

1. 9.30am 13/6/18 Pope Ct. Upstairs apartment window smashed. \$250 damage. Nil entry. 27/6/18 Rear door damaged during day. Nil entry gained. 2. 3. 1.20pm 20/7/18 Hutt St. Male entered shop demanding free food and refused. Suspect knocked over food display. Damage \$50.

#### THEFT /INTERFERE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE

Gilles St.

Hutt St.

5. 9.20pm 10/6/18 Male filled vehicle with \$64.42 worth of petrol and drove off. Hutt St. without paying. CCTV for police follow up. 6. 6.30am 20/6/18 Hutt St. Male filled vehicle with \$189 worth of diesel and drove off without paying. CCTV for police follow up. 7. 22/6/18 Carrington St. Unlocked bicycle stolen from storage room of apartment block overnight. Value \$65. 7pm 7/7/18 Hutt St. Filled vehicle with \$156 worth of diesel and drove off without paying. CCTV available. 9. 10/7/18 Wakefield St. Copper pipe stolen from side of commercial building overnight. Value \$200. Damage \$2,300.

Gunson St. Registration plate stolen from vehicle while owner at work.

10. 1.30am 15/7/18 Hume Lane Bicycle stolen from rear yard. Value \$2,000.

11. 28/7/18 Tomsey St. 20 pairs of underwear stolen from washing line overnight.

#### TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

13. 10pm 5/6/18 Carrington St. Access to house via rear yard. Electrical equipment stolen. Value \$8,650. 14. 9am 14/06/18 Angas St. Garage roller door forced open. Nil access to house. Nil stolen. Damage \$400. Possible CCTV. House entered by forcing front door. Electrical equipment 15. 4pm 14/6/18 Marion St. stolen. Value \$3,300. Possible CCTV 16. 1am 17/6/18 Occupant asleep upstairs. Woke up to find male standing Angas St.

17. 8.15pm 23/7/18

18. 12.05am 15/7/18

ROBBERY

Victim took bottle of alcohol from bench. Victim was then Hutt St. punched and kicked. Offender stolen phone, credit cards &\$50 cash. Credit card used for purchases. Value \$1,136.

next to bed. Male left. Entry/exit via sliding door. Nil stolen.

Business entered via rear roller door. Safe containing cash

and gift coins stolen. Cash value \$6,000.

Garage entered and bicycle stolen. Value \$2,500.