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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Monday

17 September 2018

Aberfoyle Community Centre
(corner of Sandpiper Cr and Jessica St)

ALL WELCOME!

Next Meeting: 19 November

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

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Area 491 News

Last Meeting

Our Special General Meeting on June 18 was well attended and most importantly had nominations for all vacant positions. Congratulations and a big thanks to the below for volunteering.

<i>Jonette Thorsteinsen</i>	<i>Area Coordinator</i>
<i>Linda Maton</i>	<i>Assistant Area Coordinator</i>
<i>David McNabb</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Linda Nott</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Richard Keane</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>

This energetic and motivated group have met and look forward to reinvigorating the Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch.

Next Meeting (AGM) – Monday September 17

Like all community run committees, every year we have our Annual General Meeting to elect who will represent us and continue our work. **This year's AGM is on September 17 at 7:30pm at the Aberfoyle Community Centre**

After our Special General Meeting in June we only have a handful of positions to be declared vacant. We will be requiring nominations for helpers to organise the meeting's supper (*Supper Manager*), with *Kerb/Bin Numbering*, someone to count and bag the newsletters (*Newsletter Collation*) and someone to check if newsletters have been collected (*Delivery*

Manager). If you believe that you can help we would love to see you at our September 17 Annual General Meeting.

Our relaxed and friendly NHW Meetings are held on the third Monday of the odd numbered months. I encourage those living in Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley to consider volunteering for the Committee. Volunteering is very rewarding and of great benefit to the community, not to mention, it looks great on your CV. More information on how to nominate and what is involved is available by emailing contactus@nhw491.com

Our AGM is also our chance to thank the 38 Zone Representative volunteers that make Neighbourhood Watch operate in this area by delivering the newsletter every second month.

As has become tradition at our AGM, we will be putting on a super supper. Not only will there be the usual biscuits, cake and refreshments but also hot pizzas kindly donated by **Cesar's Pizzeria** (8270 4460).

ALL WELCOME

All community members are welcome at our meetings. You are free to simply take the information given and/or voice your opinion and concerns regarding local issues. Our next meeting is on Monday September 17 at 7:30pm.

THANKS

We thank our local Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (8322 5000) for their continued support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.

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(who will be joining us 5 days a week from Monday 6 August)

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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?

This Scams Awareness Week, Australians are being urged to 'Stop and check – is this for real?'

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 and over reported losing almost \$1 million last year.

If you're contacted unexpectedly by someone that says they're from a government agency or trusted business, always consider the possibility 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.

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'Remote Access' Scams: Handing control to criminals

In 2017, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC)'s Scamwatch reported over \$2 million lost to Remote Access scams and the amount lost each month has continued to rise.

'Remote Access', is a colloquial way to refer to Remote Computer Management software. This software allows you to create a connection to someone else's computer and access it from a remote location. Once a connection has been established, you can move the owner's cursor on the screen, run programs, and access files. Basically, you can use the computer exactly as if you were sitting right there at the keyboard!

You should be very suspicious of anyone asking you to accept a Remote Access connection out of the blue. According to Scamwatch, the most common way you'll encounter a Remote Access scam is via phone call.

How does the scam work?

Someone will contact you out of the blue, typically claiming to be from a well-known computer or telecommunications company such as Telstra, NBNCo or Microsoft.

They'll claim that there's something wrong with your computer such as a computer virus, error messages, poor internet connection or hacking. They'll then ask you for Remote Access to your computer to fix the issue or find out what the cause of the problem is.

Before the Remote Access connection is established, the scammer may try to:

- Obtain your personal information
- Get your bank account or credit card details

If the scammer does manage to get a Remote Access connection to a computer, things get serious. With full control of your computer, it's possible they might install viruses or other malicious software (malware) on your computer, such as:

- 'Ransomware' which will freeze up your computer's functions until you make a payment.

• 'Spyware' which will keep track of everything you do and send it to third parties without your knowledge.

• More Remote Access software which will allow them to maintain control of your computer even after it appears that the Remote Access connection is finished.

What to do if you suspect you've been targeted

Firstly, you need to end the contact and make sure you don't respond to the scammer.

• If it's a phone call, hang up and switch off your computer.

If you've already been hooked and there's been a successful Remote Access connection on your computer, take action as soon as possible by follow these steps:

• If you made any payments or you believe your bank account or credit details are at risk, contact your financial institution immediately.

• Disconnect your computer from the internet. If you're not sure how to do this in your computer settings, simply turning off or unplugging your internet modem does the trick.

• You must take your computer to a qualified computer technician who can scan for and remove any viruses or malware that may have been installed.

• Until your computer has been fixed, DO NOT use it for confidential communications or activities such as online banking – it's possible that these actions are being monitored by spyware which could expose you to theft or fraud. Whenever you encounter a scam, even if it was a failed attempt, **you should always report it to Scamwatch** so the ACCC can use the information to warn the community.

To keep up-to-date with all the latest in scams and dodgy dealers, be sure to bookmark the ACCC's SCAMWATCH website.

CAN YOU HELP?

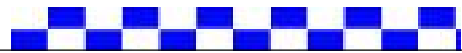
We have recently had volunteers leave our zone and thus need replacements.

If you receive this Newsletter then you live in our zone.

If you can spare about one hour every second month please contact us by email at newsletter@nhw491.com.au

For a small amount of your time every second month you can help Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley be a better place.

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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?'

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 drugs that could make 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.

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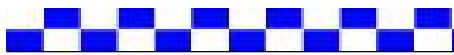
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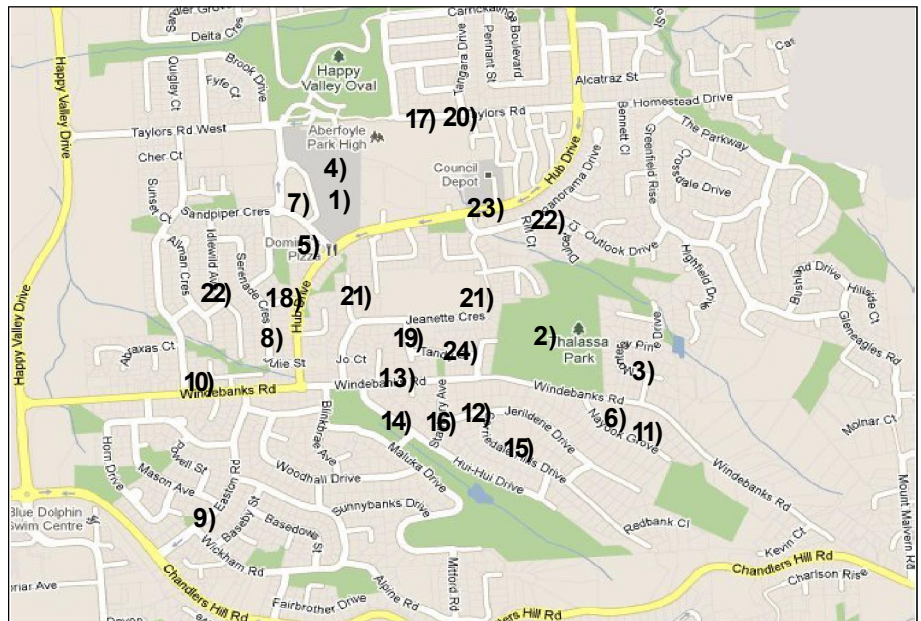
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PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 15-18/6	AP High School	Graffiti tags 'dubs', 'soz' & 'bees' in greenspray paint.
2. 17/6/18	Thalassa Park, A/P	Graffiti tag 'dubs' in black marker on toilet block.
3. 26/6-3/7	Monterey Pine Dr, A/P	Car scratched in driveway. Damage \$5000.
4. 30/6-2/7/18	AP High School	Graffiti tags 'suz' and 'soz' in white spray paint.
THEFT		
5. 15/6-28/7	Caltex, A/P	5 instances of fail to pay for fuel. Value \$119.23. CCTV obtained. Investigations continuing.
6. 11/7-4/8/18	Nayook Gr, HV	Camper trailer stolen from driveway. Value \$4000.
THEFT/INTERFERE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE		
7. 20-22/6/18	Hub Pharmacy	Van broken into in carpark. Ignition tampered.
8. 22-25/6/18	Serenade Cr, A/P	GPS stolen from glovebox of unlocked vehicle parked in driveway. Value \$2700.
9. 23-24/6/18	Easton Rd, A/P	Sunglasses stolen from unlocked vehicle in driveway.
10. 23-24/6	Windebanks Rd, A/P	Fridge & knife stolen from 2 unlocked vehicles.
11. 23-24/6/18	Nayook Gr, A/P	Unlocked vehicle rummaged through. Nil stolen.
12. 23-24/6/18	Jerilderie Dr, A/P	Sunglasses & cash stolen from unlocked vehicle.
13. 23-24/6/18	Windebanks Rd, A/P	Laptop, wallet and cards stolen from vehicle in driveway. Card used to pay for fuel. Value \$3242.
14. 24/6/18	Hui Hui Dr, A/P	Keys & bags stolen from unlocked car in driveway.
15. 24/6	Corriedale Hills Dr, HV	Coins & I-phone stolen from vehicle. LCD in console damaged. \$5,000 damage. Value \$1508 stolen.
16. 24/6/18	Stanbury Ave, HV	Bags, cash, credit cards stolen from unlocked car.
17. 24/6/18	Taylor's rd East, A/P	\$8 stolen from 2 locked vehicles in driveway. CCTV captured. Investigation into crime series.
19. 27/6/18	Torben Rd, A/P	Bicycle stolen from ute in driveway. Value \$1000.
20. 1/7/18	Swiftie Crt, A/P	Tools stolen from rear of ute. Value \$400.
TRESPASS/BREAK IN		
21. 22-24/6/18	Taylor's Rd, A/P	Entry via unlocked back door. Cash & coins stolen.
22. 2/7/18	Andrew Crt, A/P	Access to house via smashing rear window. CCTV cameras, keys and microwave stolen. Value \$540.
23. 2/7/18	Idlewild Ave, A/P	Side window smashed. Occupant at home. Offender left. Nil stolen. \$500 damage.
24. 24/7/18	Hub Dr, A/P	Access via rear unlocked door. Jewellery stolen.
DECEPTION		
25. 22/3/18	Tandy St, A/P	RAA van provided \$12 fuel to female using victims DOB, address & phone number. Possible mail theft.