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SEACLIFF PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7:30pm
28th August 2018

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Open Spaces,
Marion Council

ALL WELCOME

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

USEFUL NUMBERS

POLICE EMERGENCY 000
POLICE ATTENDANCE 131 444
STURT POLICE 8207 4700
CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

State Emergency Service
132 500

Flinders Medical Centre
8204 5511

City of Holdfast Bay **8229 9999**

City of Marion **8375 6600**

Poisons Information Line
131 126

Area Co-ordinator's Report

Next Meeting – Have your Say on Gully Road Playground Upgrade

The next meeting will be our **AGM** to be held on **Tuesday August 28th at 7:30pm** at All Saints Anglican Church on the corner of Brighton Rd and Lamington Ave.

If you have driven past or walked up the Gully you will have noticed that the new playground and associated facilities has been opened. It has certainly been a case of "if you build it, they will come" with many people taking the opportunity to try out the new facilities, even holding group parties.

This meeting will be an opportunity to give your feedback to the Marion Council.

Last Meeting

At the last meeting our guest speaker **Shani Wood** from **Holdfast Bay Council** gave a very informative presentation on recycling – what goes in which bin.

A key point was that the issues with China rejecting waste from Australia does not affect South Australia because all of our recycled material is treating in Victoria because of its high quality.

It should be noted that Seacliff Park has residents in both Holdfast Bay and Marion Councils who have very similar recycling programs. For more information see: <https://www.marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/waste-and-recycling/three-bin-system>

Paul Sutcliffe, Area Coordinator

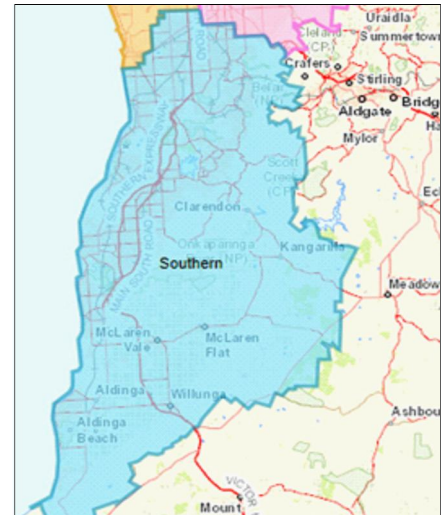
New Metropolitan Districts

On 5th July the new SAPOL Metropolitan Policing Districts came into force.

The new Southern Metro District includes the old South Coast LSA (excludes portions of Ironbank and Dorset Vale which become the sole responsibility of Hills Fleurieu LSA), 81 Sturt LSA suburbs (includes Seacliff Park) and two Hills Fleurieu LSA suburbs.

It is expected that as of July 2019 the Southern District will have a total of 12 District Policing Teams. The number of suburbs allocated to each team has been based on an assessment of equalised demand indicators, such as geographical area and population.

Currently it is expected that Darlington, Hallett Cove, Happy Valley, Kingston Park, Marino, O'Halloran Hill, Seacliff, Seacliff Park, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Sheidow Park, South Brighton and Trott Park will be serviced by one of these teams.



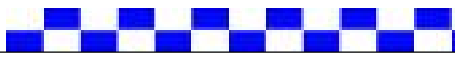
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Statewide Facebook Page

If you are a Facebook user check out the Neighbourhood Watch via the State wide Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/>). Our local page has been renamed "Seacliff Park Community Group".

RFID Card Shield Sleeves

Neighbourhood Watch has produced Radio Frequency Identification blocking sleeves to protect your credit and ID cards. The sleeve can hold two cards, cost (\$1) and will be available at our meetings.

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Trend: Local Break-ins via Garage Doors

Southern District Police advise of a significant number of break-ins where access has been gained via the roller door.

In the past month, 40 properties have been broken into with offenders gaining access via the roller door. In addition to roller door being forced open, a number of these offences were due to roller doors being left **unlocked**.

A variety of property has been stolen, including bicycles, tools, sporting equipment and property from vehicles.

Home owners should secure/lock roller doors, even when they are at home.

If possible ensure items of value are stored in a more secure location.

Consider the use of sensor lighting, alarms and CCTV to enhance your building's security.

Use quality locks and chains for bicycles, lock vehicles and mark your property.

Police encourage the marking of personal property with your driver's licence number preceded by 'S' for South Australia. E.g. S123456.

(Photograph your property and identify any markings or distinguishing features).

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR AT THE TIME TO POLICE ON 131444

'Remote Access' Scams: Handing control to criminals

In 2017 alone, 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 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. *You can also keep up-to-date with all the latest in scams.*

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.

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.



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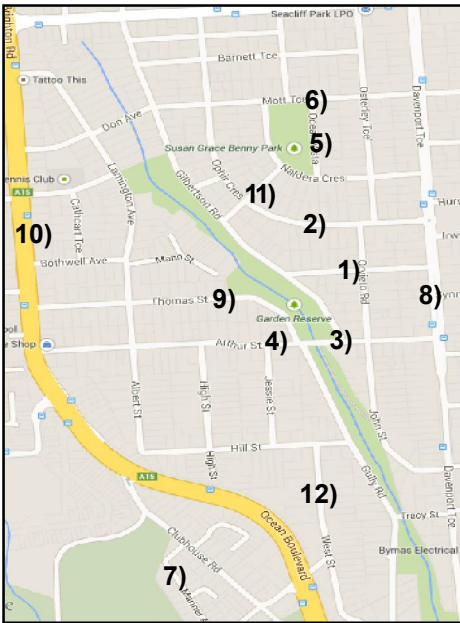
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MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

1. 1/5/18 Renown Ave Theft of tools from ute parked in street. Lock manipulated.
2. 1/5/18 Ophir Cr Tool boxes stolen from ute parked in front yard.
3. 15/5/18 Arthur St Entry gained car parked on street. Items stolen.
4. 17/5/18 Ophir Cr Theft of number plates.
5. 22/6/18 Ocean Vista Unlocked car in driveway. Items stolen.
6. 22/6/18 Mott Tce Unlocked car in driveway. Items stolen.
7. June 18 Mariner Ave Unlocked car on road. Items stolen.
8. 19/7/18 Davenport Tce Number plates stolen.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break-ins)

9. 1/5/18 Thomas St Entry forced into house. Numerous items stolen.
10. 2/5/18 Seacombe Rd Offenders gained entry and items stolen.
11. 11/5/18 Vale Rd Attempt to break-in. No entry gained.
12. 23/5/18 West St Entry gained to house via roller door. Items stolen.

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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**.

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David Speirs
Member for Black

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