



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Annual General Meeting**  
**7.30pm Wednesday**  
**12th September 2018**  
 St Joseph's Catholic Parish  
 McAuley Room  
 24 Strathmore Tce Brighton

### Guest Speaker:

Police Coordinator  
 Constable Samantha Mooney

### Refreshments provided

Meet your neighbours

### ALL WELCOME

#### Area Co-ordinator

Elizabeth Power Ph: 8377 5810

#### Police Co-ordinator

Constable Samantha Mooney

Police Ph: 131444

Sturt Police Ph: 8207 4700

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

## TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME

Don't Forget to Lock Up

Your House

Your Car

Your Valuables



## Seacliff/South Brighton Neighbourhood Watch News

Dear Neighbours,

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next meeting, scheduled for **12<sup>th</sup> September, will be our Annual General Meeting**, to which we hope you will come.

All committee positions are open to nomination and you are most welcome to put your hand up for the positions of Area Coordinator (currently Elizabeth Power), two Deputy Area Coordinators (currently Gayle Germann), Secretary (currently Robyn Sweatman), Treasurer (currently Richard James and Lynda Yates) and two general committee members (currently Trevor and Helen Praite).

If you wish to be a committee member or are willing to help with the running of our rather large area please 'phone me on 8377 5810. Fresh input is very welcome.

Our guest speaker will be our new Police Coordinator who will talk to us about her role as a police officer on the road.

### JOHN WALLACE

On 25<sup>th</sup> June some of us attended a presentation to South Brighton's former Area Coordinator John Wallace at his care facility.

John was presented with a well-deserved gift from the group by long time friend and resident Austin Nevis who spoke about John's dedication to Neighbourhood Watch and the care he directed to the community.

Several SAPOL representatives from Sturt attended and presented a certificate of SAPOL's appreciation for the 16 years John put into Neighbourhood Watch. South Brighton's Police Coordinator, Marika Parish, also made a presentation of flowers

to Denise Wallace in appreciation of the support she gave to John in his role.

An extra bonus was the performance of the SA Police Band which, true to form, John had instigated. It was a very enjoyable performance particularly for John who had a personal association with them through the yearly Neighbourhood Watch Christmas in the Park event.

**MANY THANKS JOHN FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND YOU ARE STILL ONE OF US**

### POLICE COORDINATOR

At our last meeting our Police Coordinator, Marika Parish, announced her resignation from the role in order to take up some personal pursuits. Your time with South Brighton and latterly Seacliff was greatly appreciated Marika and we wish you well.

We welcome our new Police Coordinator Constable Samantha Mooney.

### CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The event this year will be held on Sunday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> November at, as usual, Dover Square Reserve from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. The SA Police Band will be performing, plus there will be a BBQ, school choirs, Father Christmas & a raffle. **PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT IN YOUR DIARY AS A MUST DO.** Those who have attended in the past know how enjoyable this community event is.

### BIN STICKERS & RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION BLOCKING SLEEVES

I can deliver some to you if you cannot attend our meetings. Please 'phone 8377 5810.

**Looking forward to seeing you on 12 September!**

*Elizabeth Power, Area Coordinator*



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KNOW THE SCAM**

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

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To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

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



## Brighton Lions Need You!

Can you spare 2-4 hours a month helping The Brighton Lions at their Shed and other Fund Raising Events?

For more information on how to Volunteer or Join  
**Contact Ian on 8298 2901**

## 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 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.

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- if stolen, report it immediately to your financial institution and Police

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**RFID Sleeves \$1.00 each**

For more information:- NHW Volunteers Association of SA  
c/- Elizabeth Power, Seacliff Area Coordinator Phone 8377 5810

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

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers

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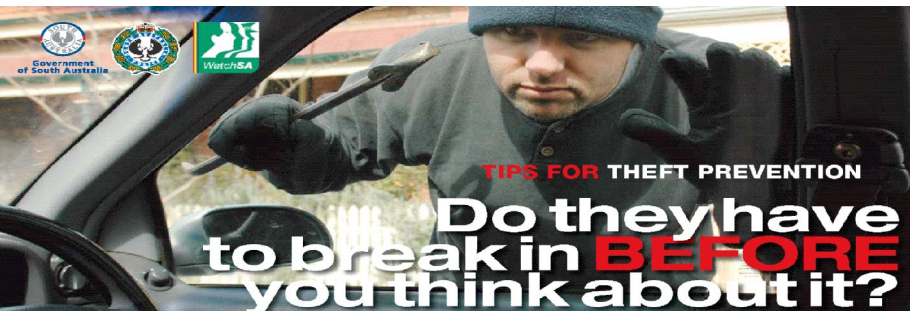


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TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION

**Do they have to break in BEFORE you think about it?**

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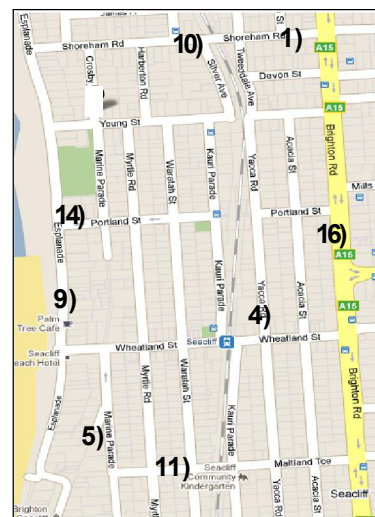



# Seacliff /Sth Brighton Incidents 19/3/18-15/5/18



## THEFT

1. 23/05 Shoreham Rd, BRIGHTON  
Chair taken from front porch. Value \$1000
2. 27/05 Edwards Street, STH BRIGHTON  
\$100 cash stolen.
3. 15/06 Portland, SEACLIFF  
Fire pit stolen from front yard. Value \$80
4. 16/06 Yacca Road, SEACLIFF  
2 pot plants stolen from yard. Value \$65
5. 20/06 Ozone Parade, SEACLIFF  
Documents stolen from carport. Value \$10
6. 20/06 Oleander Street, SOUTH BRIGHTON  
Pushbike stolen from yard. Value \$600
7. 25/06 Tweeddale Avenue, SOUTH BRIGHTON  
2 CCTV cameras stolen from front of property. Value \$1000



## INTERFERE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE/THEFT

8. 9/6 Yarmouth St, STH BRIGHTON  
Wallet stolen from car on street.
9. 15/6 Esplanade, SEACLIFF  
Number plates stolen. Value \$30
10. 20/6 Shoreham Rd, STH BRIGHTON  
Power saw, shoes and cash stolen from vehicle. Value \$610
11. 20/6 Maitland Tce, SEACLIFF  
Car rummaged through. CCTV available.
12. 20/6 Brighton Rd, STH BRIGHTON  
\$5 Cash stolen from car on street.
13. 20/6 Lewis St, BRIGHTON  
Vehicle in yard rummaged through. Nil stolen.
14. 21/6 Esplanade, SEACLIFF  
Cash and alcohol stolen from car. Value \$18
15. 25/6 Folkestone Rd, STH BRIGHTON  
Car in yard rummaged through. Nil stolen.
16. 27/6 Brighton Rd, SEACLIFF  
Number plates stolen from car in front yard.
17. 5/7 Fulton St, BRIGHTON  
Number plates stolen from car in front yard.

## SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break-In)

18. 5/6 Newhaven Tce, STH BRIGHTON  
Entry via smashing rear window. Nil stolen.
19. 6/6 Yarmouth St, STH BRIGHTON  
Entry via smashing rear window. Nil stolen.
20. 15/6 Frederick St, STH BRIGHTON  
Side door forced open. Nil stolen.
21. 29/6 Arundel Rd, BRIGHTON  
House broken into via rear door. Jewellery stolen. Value \$187

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