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WARRADALE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 108/280 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19th
September

7.30pm Ballara Kindy
Ormonde Ave, Warradale

ALL WELCOME!

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your local Neighbourhood Watch area

Area Co-ordinator

Bruce Hull Ph: 7420 6484

Secretary

Peter Scymgour

Police Co-ordinator

Senior Sgt Kev Carroll

Report Graffiti Damage

Council owned property

City of Marion Hotline 83756600

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Sturt Police 8207 4700

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL 000 to report a crime in progress or has just been committed
CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

Area Coordinator's Report *by Bruce Hull*

Warradale Neighbourhood Watch Area 108 soldiers on. Albeit that we have a small dedicated group attendance at meetings, we still efficiently distribute newsletters with the message to look out for each other, to be alert and report any suspicious activity.

Our crime rate in our area is reasonably low by comparison and we really cannot measure what our 'watcher' efforts are doing to contribute to such low crime rate.

I appreciate the enduring assistance provided by Snr Sgt Kev Carroll that may have surpassed 20 years by now. We miss our former Secretary, Laurie Middleton

who has been ably replaced by the energetic Peter Scrymgour.

An end of an era meeting happened recently where the Sturt LSA (Police Station) hosted the final "Area Coordinator's Meeting". As a former Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association State Councillor and State Executive Member, I view the cessation of these meetings as a reason for great concern in terms of the general health of Neighbourhood Watch in our district.

Our group will soldier on, however, so do consider putting yourself forward to assist at our coming AGM. I look forward to seeing you there.

Crime 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 garage 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 marking 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

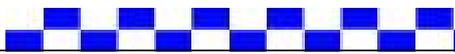
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Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME

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'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.

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

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Bruce Hull, Warradale Area Coordinator Phone 7420 6484

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Neighbourhood Watch has produced Radio Frequency Identification blocking sleeves to protect your credit and ID cards.

The sleeve (left) can hold two cards, cost \$1 and will be available at our meetings.

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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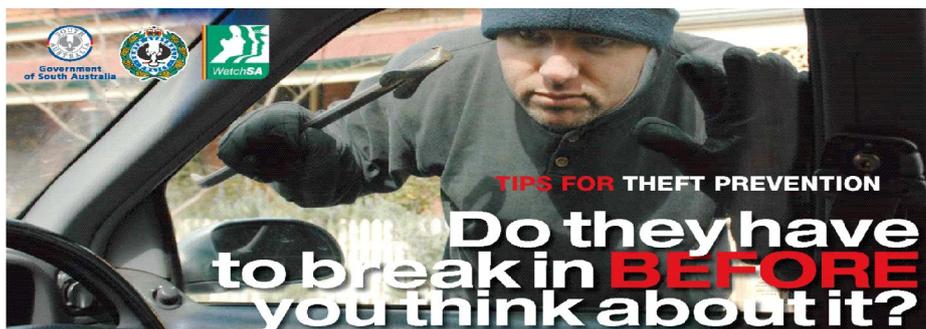


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Incidents 4 July - 15 August 2018

Warradale 108/280



Property Damage

1.	1900hrs 21/7 1200hrs 22/7	Ailsa Ave	Vehicle scratched whilst parked in street.
2.	2320hrs 4/8 0055hrs 5/8	Railway Tce Diagonal Rd	Letterbox in front yard damaged. Front fence was set alight, \$100 damage.

Theft

3.	1800hrs 12/7 230hrs 12/7	Addison Rd	Victim had both number plates stolen off the vehicle whilst parked in the street.
4.	2100hrs 5/8 0400hrs 6/8	Ballara Ave	\$4000 worth of tools stolen from vehicle parked in the street.
5.	1600hrs 14/8 1800hrs 14/8	Second Ave	\$1200 power saw stolen from trailer parked in the street.

Motor Vehicle Offences

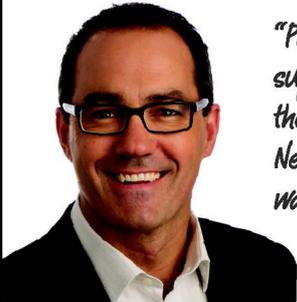
6.	2200hrs 28/7 0920hrs 29/7	Woodfield Ave	Vehicle entered through unlocked door, nil stolen.
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Serious Criminal Trespass

7.	1215hrs 12/8	Sunshine Ave	Offenders located in the roof space of house, was vacant and to be demolished. Both arrested.
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Member for Gibson



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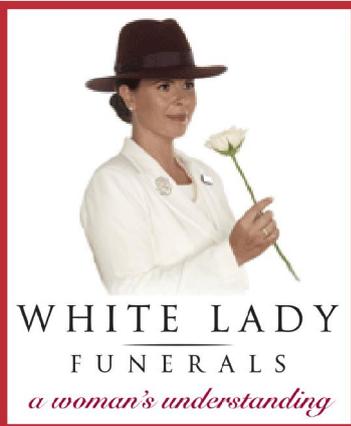


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