



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 249

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm  
17th October 2018

Bill Dean Lounge, Burnside  
Community Centre

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Craig Felix, SA  
Metropolitan Fire Service

### Everyone is welcome

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

*Did you know? At the AGM  
you can nominate or vote  
for Committee positions.*

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

**Coordinator:** Andrew Bills  
Phone: 8379 3788

**Police Coordinator:**  
Sen Constable Chris Sanders

**Police Attendance 131444**

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

## Local News from the Coordinator

We are pleased to report that at a recent public ceremony, your local Neighbourhood Watch group was presented with 2 awards from the Burnside City Mayor Mr David Parkin in recognition of the successful annual Neighbours Day lunch that has been provided for Linden Park residents for the past 7 years.



This function has been instrumental in promoting a friendly community vibe and introducing new and current residents to their neighbours.

We acknowledge and appreciate the ongoing support of Burnside

Council in sponsoring this lunch and intend to have another one in late March next year.

### Guest Speaker

Please note the flyer regarding our next meeting on Wednesday 17 October when our guest speaker will be Craig Felix from the SA Metropolitan Fire Service.

### Lock it Up!

An interesting statistic evident from the crime statistics in this newsletter is that **over half of the reported crimes involved break ins to unlocked cars or house properties.**

Many crimes are opportunistic, and an unlocked door or car is sometimes too hard for a passerby to resist. You can deter this type of crime **by ensuring that your property and car(s) are fully secured.**

## Metropolitan Fire Service Home Fire and Life Safety Presentation



Protect your self and your loved ones!  
Learn how to reduce fire and life safety  
hazards around the home.

Discussion topics include:

- > Smoke alarms
- > Home fire escape plans
- > Electrical issues
- > Cooking fires
- > Safe chemical storage
- > and more!



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October

19:30-20:30



## Security solutions from RAA

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with a locally monitored security system from RAA.

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**PROTECT YOURSELF  
KNOW THE SCAM**

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

Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

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.

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of South Australia

## Personal Safety & 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.

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**Free home delivery  
and prescription  
service**

8:30-5:30 Monday to Friday  
9:00-12 noon Saturday  
Tim & Charlotte Hutchesson

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## SAPOL/NHW Bin sticker

SA Police are keen to attack home break-ins across the state. They need information from the community.



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

The sticker (top) 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 a meeting or contact Andrew on 8379 3788.

- Stay with your friends and look after each other.
- 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. 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 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/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security>

## Why join us?

**South Australia Police** require continual feedback, support and collaboration from members of the community to effectively prevent and respond to crime.

By joining **Neighbourhood Watch**, you'll be playing a key part in keeping your street, suburb and South Australia a safer place to live. Whether you want to be a leader for change in your community, build your skills, or simply meet other like-minded locals, **Neighbourhood Watch** is right for you.

You can connect with local police while building professional networks and upskilling to improve your CV or employment prospects. Plus you'll be assisting your neighbours, the community, and **South Australia Police** along the way.

## See Something, Say Something ...

If you observe any suspicious behaviour or have property stolen from your vehicle report it immediately to police by calling the Police Assistance line on **131 444**.

Further security advice to help reduce thefts is available at [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

If you have any information regarding stolen property or theft please contact **SA Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000**.

# RAA Protect your house to protect your car

Vehicle thefts have seen year-on-year reductions over the past ten years, with better security technology and better awareness of what Australians can do to protect their own property. However, last year there were still 52,000 vehicles stolen nationwide, and some of this could be preventable if we are more mindful of securing our keys within our home.

Vehicle immobilisation technologies have made a major contribution to reducing vehicle crime. By 2017, almost 8 in 10 stolen passenger and light commercial vehicles had an engine immobilizer fitted. However, as the prevention measures change, the behaviour of thieves is also changing – leading them to enter residential properties to find the keys, according to RAA’s manager for Secure Services, Ben Nottage. “There is a very real upside for criminals – they are able to access later model cars more easily if they have a key, and without the risk of damaging the car,” he said.

“Nationwide industry and police analysis shows that there has been an increase in residential burglaries that have the primary purpose of accessing the keys of these secured vehicles, and some of these are occupied homes. The majority of these thefts were done without the resident’s awareness that a burglary was underway, with very few cases where the resident saw the intruder. This indicates that the criminal is attempting to commit the crime without being discovered,” Mr. Nottage said.


“There are key things that residents can do to best protect their homes and their cars,” Nottage said. “Lock your doors and windows, even when you are at home. There are opportunistic burglars who will notice a front door open and take a look around. It’s wise to close all opportunistic avenues, so lock your tools and ladders away so that you aren’t aiding them.”

“Many families will share a vehicle, and so will leave keys in clear sight of a door or window, such as on a table in the entry-way or hanging on a hook in the common areas of the home. These should never be in-view.”

## RAA’s Home-Car safety checklist

- Check you’ve locked your car before entering the home
- Lock your door or your screen door
- Keep your tools and ladders in a locked shed
- Never store keys in an area that is visible from a door or window

**PROTECT your Credit Cards**



Neighbourhood Watch  
RFID Blocking Sleeve

Protect Your Credit & ID Cards

**RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION  
BLOCKING SLEEVE**

**RFID Sleeves \$1.00 each**

For more information:- NHW Volunteers Association of SA  
Contact: Andrew Bills tel: 8379 3788 Email: mandabills@hotmail.com

## RFID Card Shield Sleeves

Neighbourhood Watch has produced Radio Frequency IDentification blocking sleeves (left) to protect your credit and ID cards from unauthorised access.

The sleeve can hold two cards, cost is just \$1.00 each and will be available at our meetings.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



**CRIME STOPPERS**  
com.au  
1800 333 000  
South Australia



**000  
EMERGENCY**

**THINK  
FIRST  
THEN  
DIAL**



**POLICE  
ASSISTANCE  
131444**



## Lawn Bowls Night Owls

2018-19 Season

**Tuesdays from 23 October**  
Teams of 4 from 6.30pm

- ✓ Individuals / Pairs / Teams all welcome
- ✓ Only \$8.00 per person – includes use of Club bowls
- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ Free coaching available to all
- ✓ Casual dress & relaxed atmosphere
- ✓ BBQ and bar open at 6.30 pm

Contact Leonie on 0412 177 621

**Come roll with us!**

71 Devereux Road, Linden Park, 5065





## NHW HELPING THE COMMUNITY

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

Keeping people informed, being observant and alert, is being proactive against crime. The police can only be in one place at a time, and the area they cover is large.

Any information the public can give Police helps in their investigations.

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area (details on front page).

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### Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch website has been launched.

Visit [www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw)

You can find us on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](http://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

**TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME**  
**Don't Forget to Lock Up Your House Your Car Your Valuables**



**CHRISTOPHER PYNE**  
Federal Member for Sturt

I can assist with a number of federal and local community issues including dealing with Government departments and agencies.

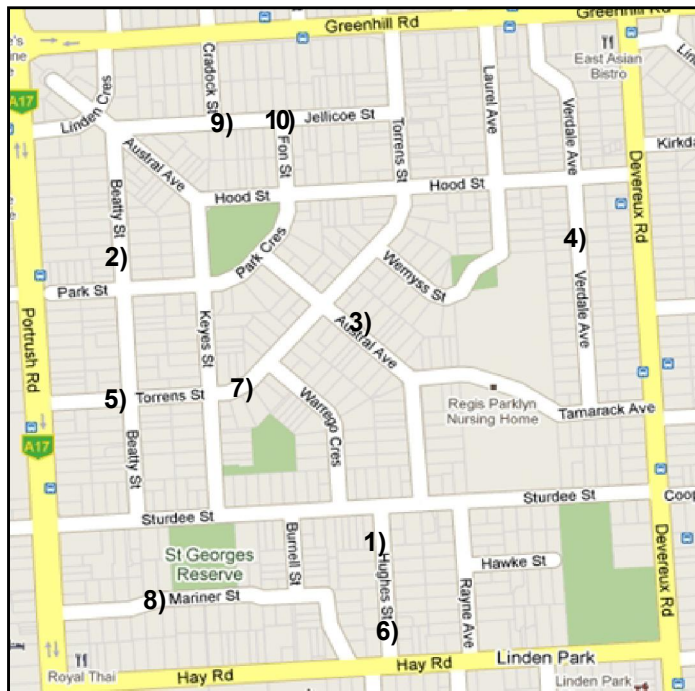
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It is my privilege to serve as your Federal MP, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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Authorised by Hon Christopher Pyne MP, 429 Magill Road ST MORRIS SA 5068

## Incidents 1 June - 5 September 2018



Date/Time	Location	Details
<b>Theft</b>		
1. 5/6/18	Hughes St	Entry gained to car parked in driveway. Nil stolen
2. 14/6/18	Beatty St	Trailer loaded with an excavator stolen from rear of parked ute in street. Value \$16800
3. 28/6/18 11.30am-12.15pm	Austral Ave	Chainsaw, brushcutter-blower stolen from tray of parked ute in street. Value \$7068
4. 24/6/18 12.55pm-1.10pm	Verdale Ave	iPhone stolen from unlocked car parked in driveway. Value \$600
5. 23/7/18 3.00pm-3.10pm	Torrens St	Purse containing, mobile phone-cash stolen from unlocked vehicle parked in street. Value \$183
<b>Trespass/Break-in</b>		
6. 23-29/6/18	Hughes St	Unit broken into via unlocked rear door and interior ransacked. Nil stolen. Damage \$800
7. 6/7/18 2.45pm	Torrens St	Person entered unlocked rear door of unit and disturbed sleeping occupant. Decamped. Nil stolen.
8. 31/7/18 11.00am-2.15pm	Mariner St	House broken into via rear door using an axe. Safe removed from bedroom. Occupants returned and intruder ran from house. Nil stolen.
9. 8/8/18	Jellicoe St	Rear door broken on house under construction overnight. Rainwater pumps and toilet stolen. Value \$1700
10. 30/8/18	Jellicoe St	Entry gained to house via unlocked rear window during day. House rummaged through. Nil stolen.

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