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### ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

#### NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Monday  
**18th May 2026**

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

**Guest Speaker**  
Tony Ey - RAA

**ALL WELCOME**

**FUTURE MEETING**  
**7:30pm 20th July**

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333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA

Ph: 8207 4700 7 days 9am-9pm

**Police Attendance: Ph 131 444**

**DIAL 000** to report a crime in progress or has just been committed

*Should you require support with issues within the area that are outside the remit of our NHW group, your elected Local Member of Parliament, Erin Thompson, can be contacted on 8270 5122*

## Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

### Previous Meeting

We heard Aaron, CEO of MedAlert, present a very useful session on what the organisation is capable of.

Amongst other services, the new MedAlert QR coded ID can quickly provide lifesaving information in an emergency.

This keeps your vital information up to date in a server system that medical providers can easily access.

We have extra information and items that can be given out on May 18 for those who missed the meeting.

### Next Meeting – Monday 18th May

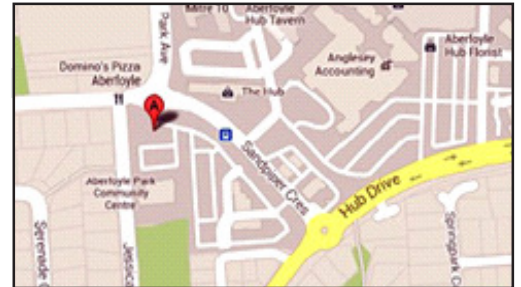
On May 18<sup>th</sup> we will hear from Tony Ey, who is due to provide another excellent presentation in the RAA 'Years Ahead' series. Titled 'Life is a Highway', this session covers safe driving tips focusing on rural driving, towing, road rules review and several other worthwhile aspects.

Our relaxed, friendly and Covid safe NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months.

The next meeting is **Monday May 18** at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also a great chance to meet fellow residents and time for an informal chat as a group.

### Thanks

As always, a special thanks to our local Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (8322 5000)



for their continued support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.

### Please support our supporters

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people. The first being the 38 volunteers that deliver the 2900 newsletters throughout Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley.

If you wish to join our delivery team, please contact us by email at [newsletter@nhw491.com.au](mailto:newsletter@nhw491.com.au).

The second important group are the businesses that donate products and/or finances directly to us and those businesses that advertise in this newsletter.

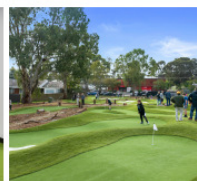
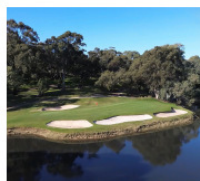
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## KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE

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

You like (or love!) your phone...so do thieves! Follow these tips to help keep your phone safe.

### Put it away

- When you're out, don't leave your phone lying on a café table, bar or shop counter. It takes just seconds for someone to grab it.
- Keep it in a pocket or closed bag.
- If you're not using it, don't put it down, put it away.
- Be aware of your surroundings if you're using your phone or carrying it in your hand.
- If you're distracted, it's an easy target for thieves.

### If it gets stolen...

- Use tracking apps as soon as possible, before thieves have a chance to disable it.
- Contact your service provider to suspend your service.
- Report the theft to police and provide the IMEI and serial number if you can.
- If you're tracking your phone and believe you know where it is, immediately report this information to police on 131 444.
- Do not attempt to recover it yourself.

### Lock it

- Lock the screen. Use biometrics (fingerprint or face) or a strong PIN, password or pattern.
- Consider setting up contact information in case your phone is lost. Usually this displays a mobile number on your locked screen for a trusted person who can be contacted by the finder.
- Set up "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) details that can be accessed with the screen locked. This keeps your phone safe but still allows access to vital information in case of emergencies.
- Educate yourself, know your phone's capabilities and utilise security features to help keep your phone safe
- See further information at Apple help or Android help.

### Track it

- Both Apple and Android phones have built-in tools and features you can set up to help you find, lock or erase your phone remotely. Learn how to use these.
- Your phone's 15-digit IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number can help track it if it's lost or stolen.
- Record your phone's IMEI number somewhere other than on your phone.
- You can find the IMEI number of your phone by typing \*#06# on the keypad.

## REPORTING CRIME

### Emergencies

**Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.**

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

### Non-Emergencies

**Call 131444 for non-urgent police assistance.**

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

### Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

### Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds and scams, visit:

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SCAMwatch:

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# SCAM TRICKING AUSTRALIANS INTO DOWNLOADING MALWARE

Source: ABC News 15Mar26

Scammers are targeting Australians with advertisements for 'free' tai chi classes to trick them into downloading malware capable of stealing money off their devices.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued a nationwide scam alert after dozens of people reported losing thousands of dollars over the past few months.

The ACCC said scammers were advertising 'free' tai chi classes on fake

The Adelaide-based woman said within minutes more than \$5,000 had been wiped off all her bank accounts.

**"It all happened within the span of 15 minutes, so they knew what they were doing," she said.**

"It was dreadful, my phone was essentially cloned somehow for them to get access to my accounts, it was just terrible."

National Anti-Scam Centre general manager Jayde Richmond said Scamwatch had received an uptick of



Above: Fake Facebook page

social media pages where people received a call or message after joining, telling them to download an application to register for the sessions. But once the app was downloaded from a website, malware was immediately installed onto their device, which allowed scammers to access and steal their money.

There were also reports of scammers advertising fraudulent classes for other types of activities, including dancing, walking and hiking.

Pensioner Heather Janine said she was caught up in the scam after she contacted a group called 'Aussie Tai Chi Community' through a sponsored post on Facebook.

Ms Janine said she then received a call from a woman who identified herself as Ivy Lunar who "pressured" her to download an app to view the timetable for local classes.

reports about this type of scam, with people reporting losses of \$5,000 on average.

"That's well above what we would see in average loses for these types of scams, so once they get access it can be particularly damaging," Ms Richmond said.

"Part of this strategy is really targeting the types of activities that some of our older Australians might be interested in."

**Ms Richmond warned scammers could be anywhere and advised people that if it seemed too good to be true, it probably was.**

"The victims are going to find it incredibly difficult to think there's anything unusual about it," she said.

"If you do happen to have downloaded that link or given any personal information, take quick steps to protect yourself, contact your bank to secure your accounts and report the scam to Scamwatch."



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**Dr Sudhir Anand** MBBS, FRACGP, DCP, PG Dip Diabetes  
**Dr Deepak Janardhan** MBBS, FRACGP

**BULK BILLING ALL ELIGIBLE PATIENTS**

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8:30 am - 7:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>8:30 am - 5:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8:30 am - 5:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>8:30 am - 5:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>8:30 am - 5:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10:00 am - 5:00 pm</b> |

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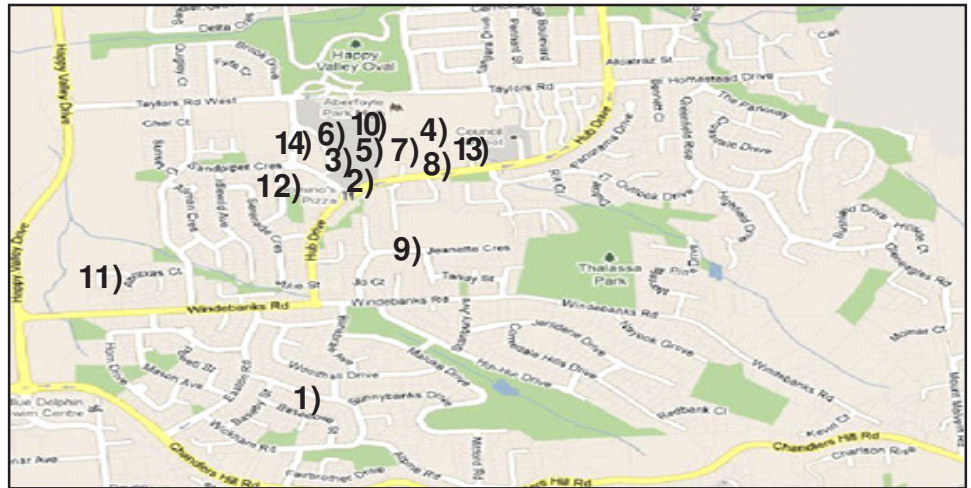
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### PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 19/03/26 Basedows St, Happy Valley Damage to bird feeder in front yard.

### THEFT

- 2. 18/02/26 Hub Dr Numberplates stolen from car. Unsure if occurred whilst parked at Hub Shopping Centre or elsewhere.
- 3. 03/03/26 Park Av 3 teenage males entered liquor shop. Filled bags with bottles of spirits and left without paying. CCTV available.
- 4. 05/03/26 Hub Dr Male entered and left liquor shop with Jpre-mix cans of alcohol. Value \$126. CCTV available.
- 5. 11/03/26 Hub Dr Male attended supermarket and left with trolley full of items. Value \$1,300. CCTV available.
- 6. 20/03/26 Hub Dr Groceries worth \$1,000 stolen from supermarket. 30 year-old male arrested by police.
- 7. 05/04/26 Hub Dr 2 males stole cans of pre-mix alcohol from liquor shop. Value \$140.
- 8. 12/04/26 Hub Dr Clothing stolen from dryer at laundromat. Valued at \$700. CCTV available.
- 9. 17/04/26 Jeanette Cr Garden pot stolen from front yard. Value \$200
- 10. 18/04/26 Hub Dr Stock scanner stolen from supermarket. Value \$1600. CCTV available.

### TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 11. 29/03/26 Santana Ct Person trespassing in rear yard.
- 12. 03/04/26 Jessica St Attempted break-in to house. Damage to front lounge room, rear laundry and bathroom window fly screens.

### FRAUD/DECEPTION/DISHONESTY

- 13. 21/02/26 Hub Dr Counterfeit note used at supermarket, unknown customer due to time lapse of 48hrs of reporting.
- 14. 08/03/26 Park Av Counterfeit \$50 note presented at Hungry Jacks. Vehicle used was a Subaru sedan (registration known to police). CCTV available. Enquiries continuing.

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