



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 March 2026

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Flagstaff Hill Golf Centre  
Memford Way

Ample off-street Parking  
Bar Facilities  
Free Door prize raffle:  
6 champagne flutes

#### Guest Speaker:

Heather Stevens,  
Aberfoyle Repair Café

### 2026 MEETINGS

Wednesday 10 June  
Wednesday 14 October

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#### Nearest Police Stations

Sturt Police Station

333 Sturt Rd, Bedford Park  
Christies Beach Police Station  
94 Dyson Rd, Christies Downs

## AREA NEWS

### Christmas party

The Flagstaff Hill Neighbourhood Watch Christmas dinner was held at the newly constructed Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, where attendees enjoyed a lovely dinner and prime outlook over the golf course.

Several of our long-standing walkers attended, having been presented with a \$25 meal voucher by way of thanks for the years they have been delivering the Flagstaff Hill Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

The vouchers were generously funded by a Neighbourhood Watch SA grant made available to groups this year, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

Everyone went home with a Christmas present (a book of their choice), thanks to Sandy who organised collection and wrapping. Following this convivial evening, the committee hope that many who attended will be able to come along to our first Meeting in 2026.

### Next Meeting

**Do you have an appliance that no longer works as it should? Clothes that need altering?**



Come along to our next meeting and hear how the **Aberfoyle Repair Café** can help.

Currently overseeing a team of 19 volunteers, **Heather Stevens**, who has a passion for sustainability and minimising waste, started the Aberfoyle Repair Café in



2022 including securing a venue, recruiting and coordinating volunteers, organising and promoting

monthly events, and responding to email and phone enquiries.

Along with telling us about the Repair Café - the types of repairs carried out and the events — Heather will also be talking about the history of Repair Cafes globally and in Adelaide. And she will be happy to answer any of your queries.

The Aberfoyle Repair Café runs on second Saturdays of the month, between 1pm and 4pm at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, 1 Jessica Street.

### Matt Curnow receives Award

Area Coordinator of Flagstaff Hill NHW, **Matt Curnow**, received a Certificate of Merit at the NHW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards, held at the Lakes Hotel on Sunday, 23 November.

The awards recognise volunteers who have demonstrated significant levels of service to NHW SA.

Matt was described as “a highly valued and long-standing member who has volunteered his time across different levels of the program. He communicates well with Area Coordinators and SAPOL members alike and strives to improve the NHW program.”

*Congratulations, Matt – very well deserved!*

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## HERE'S SOME TIPS

from Neighbourhood Watch  
on how to secure your home.

### THIEVES HATE ROSES!

Plant prickly bushes under your windows  
to deter thieves from breaking in.



### TIDY UP YOUR TOOLS!

Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools  
can help thieves enter your house.



### CHANGE YOUR HABITS!

Complete our home security habits quiz to find free  
and easy ways to improve your home security.



Complete  
the Quiz!



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South Australia

## 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)

## HOME SAFETY TIPS



### AWAY FROM HOME

Use light timers and leave shoes by  
the door. Ask a neighbour or friend  
to collect mail and leave a spare set  
of keys with them, never outside.

### VEHICLE SAFETY

Always lock your car and store the  
keys somewhere secure, away from  
doors or windows.

### SAFE PACKAGE DELIVERY

If you're expecting a parcel, arrange  
for secure delivery to prevent it from  
being left in an easily accessible spot.

Consider requesting signature  
confirmation or picking it up from the  
post office, if you're unavailable.

Providing a secure drop-off location  
can also keep your package safe  
from opportunistic potential thieves.

### FAKE DELIVERY MESSAGES

You may receive fake texts or emails  
claiming you have a parcel for pick up  
or delivery. These messages can look  
very real and appear legitimate.

Do not click on any links. Put  
messages you're unsure of into the  
junk file folder and then check the  
senders email address or the website  
URL to check the address provided.

### BE ALERT & WATCH FOR SCAMS

Watch out for scams.

Never share personal or financial  
information and avoid opening  
emails or clicking links from unknown  
senders.

Search for suspicious transactions on  
your banking app.

### SECURE YOUR DEVICES

To ensure the security of your smart  
devices against viruses and  
unauthorised access.

Regularly update your anti-virus  
software and install the latest  
security patches.

### REPORTING

Remember, you have the power to  
keep your community safe. If you  
notice any suspicious activity, don't  
hesitate to report it to the police.

In an emergency or when a crime is  
taking place, call Triple Zero (000). If a  
crime has already occurred, you can  
also ring 131 444.

For anonymous reporting, call Crime  
Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

All are available 24/7.

*Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia*

## REPORT 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  
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[www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

### Cybercrime

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

#### SAPOL:

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

#### AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org)

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# REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

## WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.

## GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously.

When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following features:ption.

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishable clothing
- ✓ Haircut and colour
- ✓ Facial hair
- ✓ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ✓ Approximate height
- ✓ Voice / speech / language
- ✓ Body language

## DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour it is important to take note of the following:



- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ Vehicle colour, make and model
- ✓ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel Driver / occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks or towbars etc

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ Record date, time and location of the incident Report where and what is happening
- ✓ Stay on the phone
- ✓ If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening
- ✓ Take photos with a camera or mobile device, if it's safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly.

## WHAT TO REPORT



Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours. If you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you call and report it to police.

- ✓ A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- ✓ A vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.
- ✓ Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.
- ✓ One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.
- ✓ Transactions being conducted at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis
- ✓ Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence, human trafficking or an abduction.
- ✓ Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.



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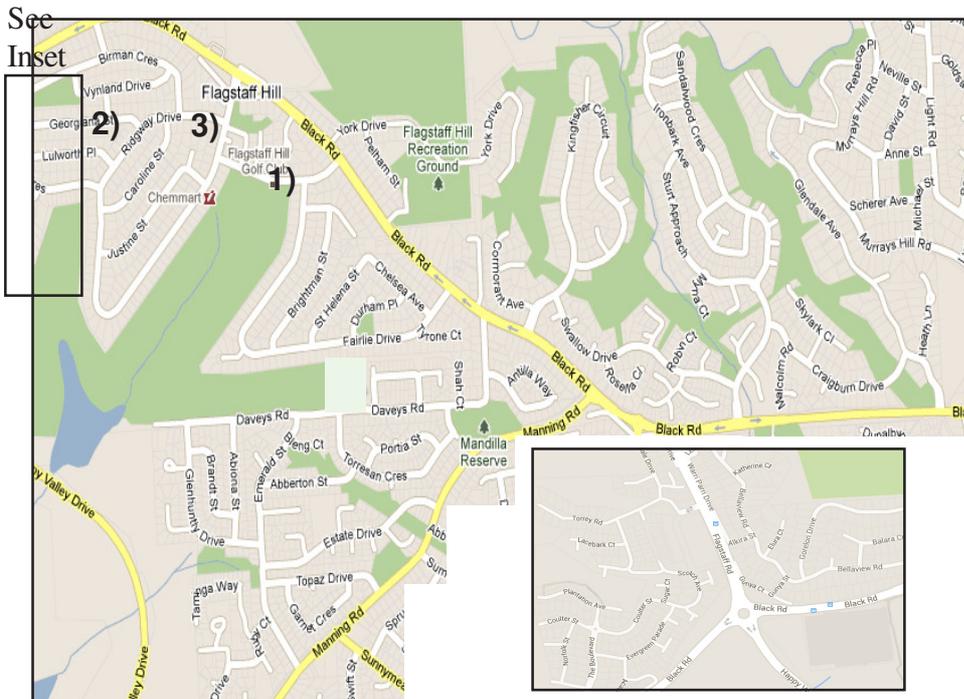
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**000** EMERGENCY  
**THINK FIRST THEN DIAL**  
POLICE ASSISTANCE 131444



Date	Location	Details
<b>THEFT</b>		
3-5/11/25	Memford Drive	1 number plate stolen from vehicle in driveway.
5-6/11/25	Georgiana Street	Motor bike stolen from front yard.
14-15/11/25	Ridgway Drive	Vehicle entered and items stolen from boot.

**CORRECTION: December 2025 article 'E-bikes, E-scooters and the law' (p.4)**

**What is an E-Scooter**

An E-scooter is a two wheeled device powered by an electric motor and battery pack.

**Rules for E-Scooters**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025, new regulations came into effect governing the use of E-Scooters, classed as Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) in South Australia.

Riders must be aged 16 years or over, wear a helmet, use a flashing, or steady front and rear lights at night or in low light, and not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Riders must not use a mobile phone or carry passenger/s.

E-Scooters must not exceed 10km/h on footpaths or beaches. They must not exceed 25km/h when ridden in dedicated bike lanes or paths.

E-scooters cannot be used on roads with a speed limit above 50km/h. The only exception to this is in a dedicated bike lane of a road with a 60km/h limit.

All riders must follow the rules to keep everyone safe. Failure to do so could result in hefty fines and loss of demerit points.

It is against the law to ride an E-Scooter or other PMD on public land if it doesn't meet South Australian device requirements.

For more information visit [mylicence.sa.gov.au/roadrules/personal-mobility-devices](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au/roadrules/personal-mobility-devices)

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