



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of City South East NHW Area 153/154

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## DIARY NOTES

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 153/4

### NEXT MEETING:

There will be no further meetings at this time



### To Be Advised IN RECESS

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.

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## City South East NHW Area News

### We Need YOU!

*Our key Committee positions of Area Coordinator and Treasurer are vacant and we are looking for replacements.*



At the June Annual General Meeting all Committee positions, except the Secretary, were declared vacant - with the Secretary organising and managing the September newsletter.

After receiving a nomination for Area Coordinator we made the decision to allow some time to see if we were able to get a nomination for Treasurer before or at the September meeting.

Unfortunately the person who volunteered for the role of Area Coordinator later advised that they are unable to take up the position.

**As a result, we have been left without an Area Coordinator, Treasurer and Newsletter Coordinator.**

Please let me know if you are interested in joining our Committee.

### Forced Recess

We have regrettably decided that the City South East NHW group will need to go into recess until such time that these positions can be filled.

We have produced this newsletter to inform you of the current situation and to promote the importance of local NHW groups.

Neighbourhood Watch SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with South Australia Police (SAPOL).

**The vision of Neighbourhood Watch SA is to create a safe & connected community.**

This will be achieved by:

- raising community awareness of safety and security issues
- developing the communities' ability to identify and put in place local crime prevention solutions
- facilitating effective crime prevention conversations between local police and the community.

Evidence suggests that an active Neighbourhood Watch program can reduce crime by 16-26%. So we're confident the program works!

Led by local volunteers, Neighbourhood Watch Areas exist across the state. They each have a focus on driving the Neighbourhood Watch SA vision in their local community. They do this by focusing on the interests and needs of their local community.

### Get Involved

Experience tells us that once we lose this valuable resource it is difficult to get it back.

So if you are interested in or know someone who would be interested in taking up one of the roles mentioned please contact me via email [nhwadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:nhwadelaide@gmail.com)

*Secretary*  
Lorraine Young

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



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## Scammers pretending to be the ATO and myGov

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### What is a tax time scam?

Tax time scams often come in the form of **phishing emails, texts or phone calls** from scammers posing as the ATO or myGov.

"Their goal is to trick people into clicking malicious links or handing over sensitive information," says Tyler McGee, from online protection company McAfee.

"With this information, scammers can commit identity theft, access your myGov account to redirect tax refunds, Centrelink payments or superannuation, or even lodge false tax returns in your name."

This is all done by offering a link in an email or text that leads to a fake website.

Data analysts at Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service, IDCARE, always detect a spike in scams impersonating the ATO in the three months after the EOFY.

"Last year, we saw a 105 per cent increase in the number of scams reported impersonating the ATO in the months after the EOFY to the general closing date for returns," IDCARE's Kathy Sundstrom says.

### Why do scammers use tax time to target consumers?

Because most Australians are expecting to hear from the ATO or myGov, making fake messages seem more legitimate.

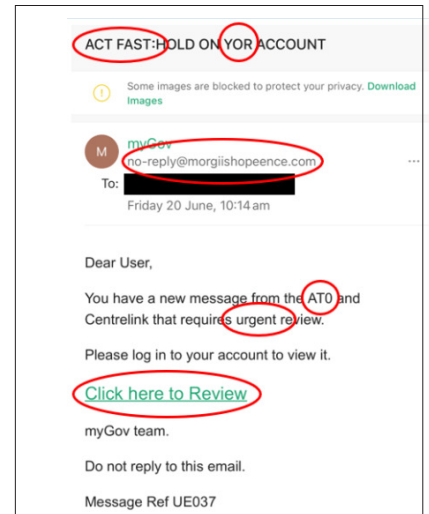
Ms Sundstrom said because scammers send out millions of messages, they only need a "small number of people to think the message makes sense for their scam to be hugely profitable".

### What should I do if I receive a scam email or text?

Stop, think and protect yourself.

Remember to slow down and question whether it's legitimate.

If you receive suspicious communication from the ATO or myGov, don't give away



any information, scan any codes or download any attachments. Delete it immediately.

MyGov emails should always be from [noreply@my.gov.au](mailto:noreply@my.gov.au).

Because scammers often make fake websites that mimic myGov, you should always access the website by typing [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) into your browser or use the official myGov app, Ms Sundstrom says.

### I've been scammed.

#### What should I do?

You can call the Services Australia Scams and Identity Theft Helpdesk if you:

- opened a link in an email, text message or QR code
- shared your myGov details or personal information with a scammer
- downloaded a fake myGov app

If you have sent money to a scammer, you should contact your bank or financial institution immediately and ask them to stop any transactions.

They can also help you block or cancel any credit or debit cards if you shared those details with scammers.

IDCARE can also help give advice on securing your online accounts.

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# Knife Law Changes

The South Australian Government has introduced new knife laws banning the possession of swords and machetes (that do not qualify for an exemption) and making it illegal to sell a knife to a minor under the age of 18.

These changes provide police with extra tools to prevent crime, take weapons off our streets, and to keep the community safe.

**Knife crime legislation reforms (phase 2) will begin July 1, 2025.**

The changes will amend the *Summary Offences Act 1953* and include:

- banning the sale of knives to minors (under 18 years old)
- creating a new criminal offence of supplying a knife to a minor
- existing offences involving knives and other offensive weapons at schools and public places to be expanded to also apply at education facilities more broadly (including childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools, and at universities, TAFE campuses and other tertiary education facilities) and places of worship
- classifying machetes and swords, which were previously offensive weapons, as prohibited weapons (meaning that their use, possession, sale, manufacture and other dealings will be more strictly controlled).

## What exemptions apply?

The legislation allows you to lawfully surrender swords and machetes. If you are transporting a sword or machete to a police station you will be considered exempt.

## What if I have a sword or machete?

If you have a sword or machete and you are not looking to retain them for the purposes covered by an exemption, you are required to surrender them to police.

## How do I surrender a sword or machete?

There will be a three-month surrender period from 1 July 2025. You are encouraged to dispose of your prohibited weapon by taking it to your local police station (except for Hindley or Grenfell Street stations) from Tuesday, 1 July.

When transporting and surrendering your sword or machete you will need to:

- Ensure the weapon is safe by covering the blade with a sheath or thick cardboard and fixed/sticky taped in place.
- Ensure your behaviour is calm with no threatening movements.

## You can remain anonymous.

After the three-month surrender period, swords and machetes may still be surrendered at a police station, however, personal details will then be required.

## What do I do if I suspect someone of possessing an unlawful sword or machete or is intending to commit an offence with a knife?

You can make a report to Crime Stoppers online or call 1800 333 000.

## How can I report businesses doing the wrong thing?

You can make a report by calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

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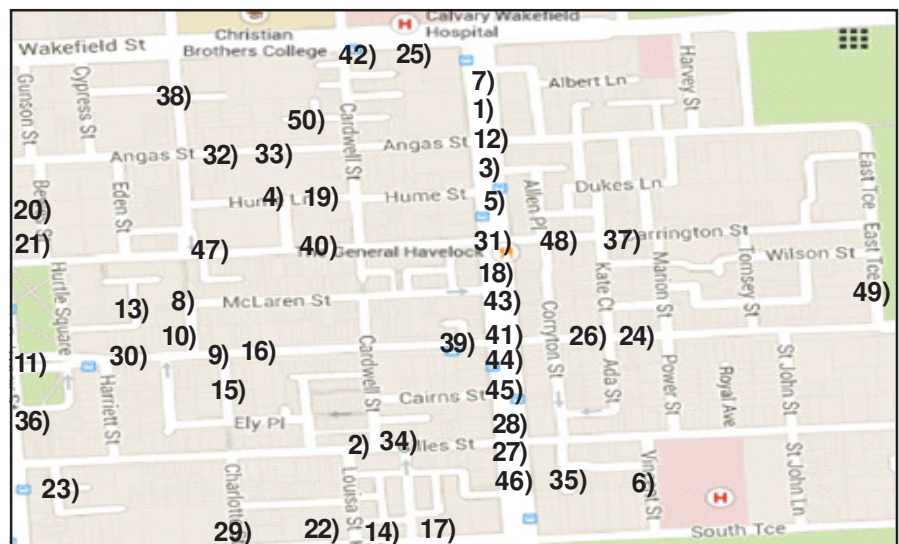
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## PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 08/05/25 Hutt St
- 20/02/25 Gilles St
- 19/05/25 Hutt St
- 07/06/25 Hume Lane
- 07/06/25 Hutt St
- 02/07/25 Vincent St
- 08/07/25 Hutt St
- 23/07/25 Regent St
- 11/06/25 Halifax St

## THEFT

- 31/05/25 Regent St
- 09/06/25 Pulteney St
- 12/06/25 Hutt St
- 13/06/25 Pope Ct
- 16/06/25 South Tce
- 16/06/25 Castle St
- 25/06/25 Halifax St
- 23/06/25 South Tce
- 27/06/25 Hutt St
- 01/07/25 Hume Lane
- 24/06/25 Pulteney St
- 28/04/25 Pulteney St
- 09/05/25 South Tce
- 08/07/25 Cromwell St
- 05/07/25 Halifax St
- 21/05/25 Wakefield St
- 23/05/25 Angas St

- 24/05/25 South Tce
- 25/05/25 Hutt St
- 24/04/25 South Tce
- 28/05/25 Halifax St

## THEFT FROM VEHICLE

- 11/05/25 Hutt St
- 24/05/25 Angas St
- 06/06/25 Angas St
- 14/05/25 Gilles St
- 22/06/25 Cromwell St
- 03/07/25 Pulteney St
- 21/07/25 Carrington St

## TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 25/06/25 Frome St Trespass
- 24/05/25 Halifax St Trespass
- 05/06/25 Carrington St Trespass
- 18/06/25 Hutt St Trespass
- 27/06/25 Wakefield St Trespass
- 11/06/25 Hutt St Break-In
- 18/06/25 Hutt St Break-In
- 28/06/25 Hutt St Break-In
- 06/06/25 Hutt St Break-In
- 06/06/25 Carrington St Break-In
- 07/06/25 Carrington St Break-In

## FRAUD//DECEPTION/DISHONESTY

- 25/04/25 East Tce
- 14/06/25 Chapman Ct

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