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## FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 453

### NEXT MEETING (AGM)

Wednesday 15 October  
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Flagstaff Hill Golf Centre  
Memford Way

*Come & take a look at the newly  
constructed Golf Club centre*

### GUEST SPEAKER

David Eades  
Hub Library

**Topic:** Artificial  
Intelligence

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Christies Beach Police Station  
94 Dyson Rd, Christies Downs

## AREA NEWS

### Previous Meeting: Cybercrime awareness

Senior Constable  
Emily Watson  
gave a  
presentation on  
cybercrime,  
stressing that it's



on the increase, up 13% in 2023 from 2022.

Popular phishing methods (attempts to steal your money, or your identity, by getting you to reveal personal information — such as credit card numbers, bank information, or passwords) are text messaging, emails and fake websites.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to spot the fake," she said. Red flags to look out for are offers to save or make money, links and attachments, requests to pay another way, to act quickly, or to set up a new ID.

Several organisations provide information and support including IDCare, Australian Signals Directorate and ScamWatch.

### Next meeting 15 October: AI



*Are you curious about how you can  
make Artificial Intelligence work for  
you? Come along to our next  
meeting for an informative overview.*

We're already living in a world powered by artificial intelligence — and now it's easier than ever to harness it for everyday tasks! Whether you're looking to get up to speed on a new topic, craft the perfect email, or turn a long, complex document into something simple and clear, AI can help.

Curious to learn how? Join us at our next meeting, where **David Eades**, our resident digital expert at the Hub Library, will guide you through the world of generative chatbots—like Microsoft Copilot—and show you how to make them work for you.

### Caring for a loved one: An Assisted Care Directive

Attendees at our previous meeting enjoyed a presentation on completing an Assisted Care Directive given by Judith Lowe, Sustaining Independence and Wellbeing – Project Officer, Onkaparinga Council.



An ACD is a legal document that appoints one or more adults (known as Substitute Decision-Makers) to make decisions about your future health care according to the wishes recorded in the document. Legally binding, it is one of four documents made to secure your future wishes (others being Enduring Power of Attorney, Will, and Organ and Tissue Donation).

"An ACD enables you to make your own choices, weigh up the consequences of those choices and ensure that these choices are not taken out of your hands," said Judith Lowe.

It also gives peace of mind knowing that those who care for you will know what you want when you are no longer able to communicate your preferences, and as such, avoids family conflict.



The SA Health website provides a list of collection points for Advance Care Directive Kits, including libraries.

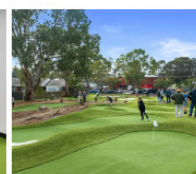
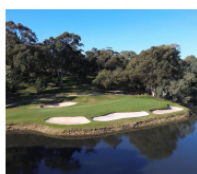
Or the form can be completed online by visiting [www.advancecaredirectives.sa.gov.au](http://www.advancecaredirectives.sa.gov.au).

ACD Peer-led Workshops, run by Onkaparinga Council are free information sessions where participants can get help from volunteers in various professions on how to complete the form.

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## 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 & 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)

**SCAMwatch**

[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

## Scammers pretending to be the ATO and myGov

ABC News 10 July 2025

### 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 identify 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.

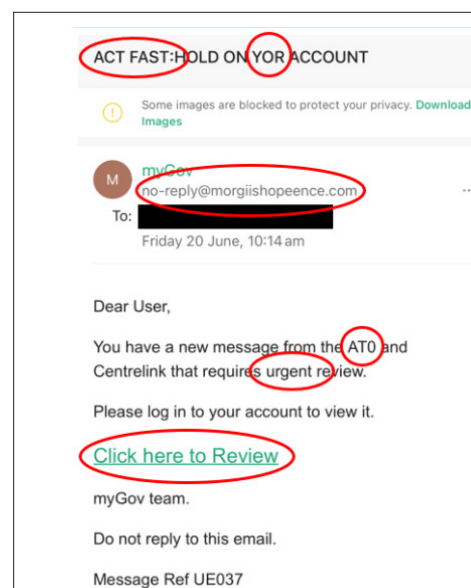
“There’s also a sense of urgency and anxiety around tax deadlines, refunds, and the fear of making mistakes, which makes people more likely to respond without thinking,” Mr McGee said.

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.

People fall victim to scams when their guard is down.



When you’re expecting a tax refund, it’s easy to act on autopilot and click a link in a text message or email when you receive one.

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.





# Illegal tobacco products worth \$70,000 seized from stores across SA's Riverland

ABC News, 13 August, 2025

South Australia's illicit tobacco task force is continuing to see "larger volumes of product" seized in regional areas.

It comes as the task force raided six stores in the state's Riverland region last week, following "multiple complaints" to Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

More than 1,000 packets of illegal cigarettes, 500 vapes and 15 kilograms of loose tobacco were seized.

Three stores received 28-day closure orders, while another three stores received 72-hour interim closure orders.

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs Andrea Michaels said about 20 per cent of the task force's raids were in regional areas, "potentially because they think they're not going to get picked up on".

Ms Michaels said some of the raids conducted nationally had involved organised crime gangs.

"It's essentially bkie gangs making their money to fund their other illegal operations," she said.

The minister noted that as CBS conducted more raids, the tactics of the organised crime gangs had changed.

"We [used to] see hundreds of packets of cigarettes being seized in one go, but they've changed their models to keep very low volumes of stock because they're getting more inspectors from CBS," Ms Michaels said.

## Toughest laws in the country

The South Australian government invested an additional \$16 million in its last budget to create the illicit tobacco task force, employing 22 staff within CBS.

Ms Michaels said since July 1 last year the task force had removed \$30 million of illegal tobacco products from SA streets.

Reforms to the state's tobacco laws started on June 5, enforcing greater police powers, longer closure orders and harsher penalties



for premises suspected of selling illegal tobacco and vapes.

The minister now has the power to shut illegal tobacco stores for up to 28 days and enforce closure orders of up to 12 months through a magistrate.

Under these amendments, SA now has the toughest penalties in the nation for those caught selling illicit tobacco and vapes, with fines of up to \$6.6 million.

## Organised Crime

Australian Association of Convenience Stores (AACS) chief executive Theo Foukkare said organised crime gangs continued to flood the market, with about 4,000 illegal stores suspected across the country.

Mr Foukkare said SA has the "gold standard model" for combating the illicit tobacco trade and it should be applied on a federal level.

"In Australia today we have the Commonwealth set of laws and we also have different laws in each state. We need uniform enforcement and [the recognition of] a criminal association wrapped up into one to combat this," he said.

**"We really need a different approach, otherwise within three to five years the entire nicotine market in Australia will be run by organised crime groups."**

Mr Foukkare said the AACS would continue to advocate for national law change and crack down on organised crime gangs.

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## Police Incidents 1 May - 29 August 2025

See  
Inset



Incident date Location Details

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 23/7/25 Topaz Dr Tyres of vehicle slashed.
2. 8/8/25 Amelio Walk Damage caused to window pane.
3. 14- 27/8 Maplewood Ct Damage to residential address.  
Offender arrested.

### THEFT

4. 9- 12/5 Memford Way Irrigation system stolen.
5. 9/7/25 Ridgway Dr Theft from shop. Offender arrested.
6. 14/7/25 Gino Cl Illegal interference of vehicle. Attempt made to open door to vehicle. Nil damage. Nil stolen.
7. 8/8/25 Dumphries St Bike and helmet stolen from premises.

### Would You like to Join Us?

We are always looking for more keen walkers to help with our newsletter deliveries. You can get your steps up, placate the dog, find inspiration in neighbours' garden ideas or just enjoy the great outdoors while helping your community – all for just an hour or so every 3 months. Please contact Sandy or Renee if you can spare some time on a regular or occasional basis.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



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