



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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PANORAMA
NHW AREA 64/193

NEXT MEETING

Trinity Church Hall,
Pasadena

Monday 7pm
2nd June

ALL WELCOME

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

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YOUR ZONE REP

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Reporting Graffiti

Council owned property

City of Mitcham 1300 133 466

Stobie poles or ETSA boxes

SA Power Networks 131 261

Private property 131 444

Offence in progress Dial 000

HOME SECURITY

To reduce the opportunity for thieves to gain entry into your home, consider the following crime prevention strategies.

Four simple ways to help keep it secure are by locking all doors and windows, installing a fence around your property, installing a doorbell camera or security camera and by keeping car keys out of sight.

Doors and windows

- Lock external doors. This includes the door between your garage and house, which becomes an external door when your garage is open.
- Keep your garage, shed and gates shut – and locked if possible.
- Fit good quality, keyed locks on doors and windows.
- Remove valuables and keys or remotes and keep them out of sight, not in the hallway, bedside drawer or the kitchen counter.
- Keep cars locked, even in the driveway or garage.
- Keep bikes out of sight, in a shed, garage or inside the house. Secure with a quality U or D lock.

Outdoors

- Any fence, even a low fence or hedge around your property, acts as a physical barrier to intruders.
- Put away garden tools, ladders and wheelie bins. They can help thieves enter your house.

Security cameras

- Consider installing a doorbell camera or security camera. These are widely available and reasonably priced.

Car keys

- Most newer vehicles can't be started without the keyless remote, so offenders need these to steal your car.
- Keep vehicle keys or remotes out of sight. Obvious places thieves look are hallway tables, kitchen counters and key hooks, bedside tables and drawers.

Home Security Audit

Take a fresh look at home security. Visit the SAPOL web site and take the short home security audit for tips on key home security habits and home security areas to help keep your home safe from thieves.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have been supplying Panorama Neighbourhood Watch with black and white newsletters since 2007.

You can access this newsletter - and another six local Watch Area newsletters - in colour & online at neighbourhoodnewsletters.com.au

NEIGHBOURHOOD
Newsletters

What's Going On at Our Libraries?

Keep up-to-date with the City of Mitcham library service newsletter for news, events and activities.

The Blurb is sent to subscribers via email once a month. Subscribe to the Library Service by emailing library@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or calling Mitcham Memorial Library on 8372 8244.

WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.

Do you know your numbers?

We want people to watch a commercial aimed at preventing high blood pressure

Why do we need your help?

Our research team at Flinders are looking for participants to watch an animated commercial about high blood pressure

What is involved?

We will ring you on the telephone to complete a survey about your knowledge of high blood pressure and book a time to watch the commercial via Zoom

During the Zoom session:

- ♥ Watch the commercial (1 minute)
- ♥ Complete the high blood pressure survey again
- ♥ Respond to questions regarding your views about the commercial
- ♥ *Watching the commercial, completing the survey and sharing your feedback will take approximately 30-60 minutes*
- ♥ Have your camera turned on during the zoom session

We will reimburse you for your time

Who should I contact ?

Katie Nesbitt by email to
katie.nesbitt@flinders.edu.au
or scan the QR code below:



Flinders University

This research project has been approved by Flinders University's Human Research Ethics Committee (Project ID8249). If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this study, you may contact Flinders University's Research Ethics & Compliance Office via telephone on 08 8201 2543 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au.



**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

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

Operation Eclipse

Police have seized more than \$1.7 million worth of vapes and illegal tobacco and more than \$80k cash following a truck stop on the states Far North last week.

On 25 April, police at Far North Local Service Area, Traffic Services Branch and Serious and Organised Crime Branch stopped a refrigerated truck at Port Augusta at a drug transit route operation at Port Augusta.

Police spoke with the occupants of the truck and searched the truck where they located and seized in excess of \$1.74 million in vapes, \$26,000 in loose tobacco and \$80,100 cash.

The seizure resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old man and a 62-year-old man both from New South Wales, they were charged with unlawful possession and possession of tobacco products for sale.

ILLEGAL TOBACCO

Operation Eclipse have taken carriage of the investigation which is ongoing.

Operation Eclipse Commander, Detective Chief Inspector Brett Featherby said, "The seizure demonstrates the risk to syndicates should they seek to transport illicit tobacco through South Australia to other states.

"Organised crime syndicates transporting illicit tobacco through transit routes in regional areas will be subject to a whole of SAPOL response to disrupt their criminal activity and financial operations," he said.

Operation Eclipse has so far resulted in 35 arrests for offences including blackmail, possess tobacco products for sale, arson, money laundering and serious criminal trespass.

There have been 184 premises searched – 47 residential, 123 businesses and 14 storage facilities – in excess of \$2.2 million in cash, three firearms and \$17.97 million in tobacco products.

Significantly, there have been 394 calls to Crime Stoppers since 2 October that have resulted in information being provided to police.

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VAPES

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Andrea Michaels MP said, "This is a significant win in our fight against illicit tobacco and vapes with the biggest seizure of illegal vapes to date.

"As a result, we now have 35,000 less vapes headed to illegal tobacco stores to damage people's health and line the coffers of criminals.

"No matter where you are operating in South Australia, if you are selling or importing illicit tobacco and vapes, you will be caught and subject to some of the toughest penalties in Australia," she said.

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Anyone with any information on criminal activities surrounding the sale of illicit tobacco is urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit crimestopperssa.com.au - You can remain anonymous

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



CRIME STOPPERS
.com.au
1800 333 000
South Australia



THINK FIRST THEN DIAL
000 EMERGENCY
POLICE ASSISTANCE 131 444

If you're connecting online, it's important to be aware of the risks. Learn about dating apps and set up your profile for safety. Check out [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) to get started. When it's time for the first date, these tips can help keep you safe. Keep the first date brief. Stay sober/alert. If in doubt, get out!

Location

- When meeting someone for the first time, head to well-lit, busy public places.
- If it's a long-distance date, let them come to you first (you are in familiar places). Have them stay in a hotel, not with you.
- Always arrange your own transport to and from the date, don't rely on them.
- Share your live location with friends/family. Think! If anything goes wrong, does someone I trust know where I am?

Tell someone

- Plan and share details of your first date with someone you trust; send a profile picture and the name your date is using. Advise your trusted person when they can expect to hear from you and keep them informed of any changes.
- Have a friend call you at a specific time so that you have an 'out' if you need one.

Be cautious

Before the date

- Not everyone you connect with will be honest, even if they are a 'friend of a friend'.
- Learn how your dating app verifies members' identities and how to tell which profiles have a verified identity if it's voluntary.

- Do a Google reverse image search on your date's profile picture or photo to check for authenticity.
- Consider installing and using a personal safety app on your phone.
- Make sure your phone is fully charged.

When you're on a date

- Keep the first meeting short and simple; a café meet up is ideal.
- Stay clear-headed so you can think, plan and react if you have to.
- Keep an eye on your drink. Drink spiking can happen to anyone.
- Don't over share information about yourself, family or friends on the first date.
- Don't have them back to your place or let them drive you home afterwards.

If in doubt, get out!

- If something doesn't feel right, then it's probably not. Trust your instincts.
- It's OK to leave. You do not have to stay or provide personal details.
- Report suspicious behaviour to police on 131 444 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers. Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

If you or someone you know needs help because of domestic violence contact police, or if you don't want to talk to police, talk to someone else like 1800RESPECT



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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

Cybercrime

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

SAPOL: www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch:

www.scamwatch.gov.au

Help protect your car and property from thieves!



Remove all your valuables from your vehicle.



Keep vehicle interior tidy, even shopping bags can entice thieves!



Tradies! Ensure tools and trade equipment are secure and out of sight.



Close your windows and lock your vehicle.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES



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Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 11/2/25 Lyall Ave House windows smashed by unknown offender/s.
2. 10/1-12/2 Lyall Ave Door window smashed by offender/s. Damage \$600.
3. 11/3/25 Lyall Ave Front light damaged by unknown offender/s. Damage \$100
4. 26/4/25 Eliza Place Damage to front fence. Value \$200.
5. 5/3/25 Beta Crt Male in possession of mobile phone unlawfully.

THEFT

6. 9/2/25 Goodwood Rd Liquor stolen. Offenders located & arrested. Value \$700.
7. 11/2/25 O'Neil St Personal property stolen from home.
8. 14/2/24 Goodwood Rd Male offender stole property from store. Value \$73.
9. 22/2/25 Goodwood Rd Personal property stolen from storage facility.
10. 8/4-9/4/25 Goodwood Rd copper piping stolen. Value \$300. Damage \$8,500.
11. 25/4/25 Goodwood Rd Liquor stolen from store. Value \$64.

TRESPASS / BREAK-IN

12. 25/2/25 Lyall Ave Offenders gained entry to premises. Nil stolen.
13. 1/8/24-31/1/25 Goodwood Rd Items stolen from storage facility. Value \$2000
14. 1/2-29/3/25 O'Neil St House keys stolen for premises. Value \$10
15. 28/2-2/3/25 Lyall Ave Attempted entry via door. Damage \$200.
16. 3/3/25 Tafquin St Trespass. Camera placed on window sill.
17. 14/4/25 Columbia Ave Entry to premises. Building materials and tools stolen. Value \$10,000.

ROBBERY

18. 22/2/25 Dunkirk Ave 2 male offenders confronted victims at home and stole 2 electric motocross bikes. Value \$16,000.

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