



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 249

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7.30pm

21st October 2025

Bill Dean Lounge,
Burnside Community Centre

GUEST SPEAKER

Australian Border Force

ALL WELCOME

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

Linden Park NHW

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Arth Tiwari

Phone: 0421710889

Police Coordinator

TBA

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL 000

(to report a crime in progress or
has just been committed)

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

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 131 444 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

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.

ATO and myGov Scams

ABC News 10 July 2025

Tax time Scams

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.

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.

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Report Graffiti Crimes and Criminals

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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.

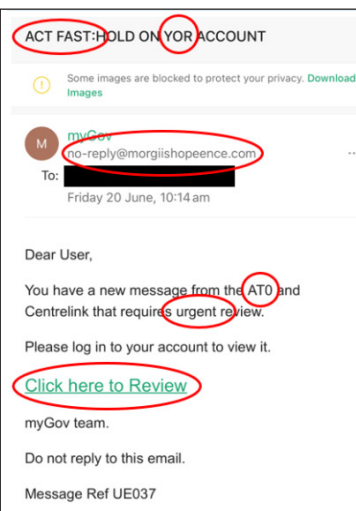
Mr Foukkare said SA has the "gold standard model" for combating the illicit tobacco trade and it should be applied on a federal level.

"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.

"If you're participating in selling illegal tobacco or vapes, you're effectively supporting organised criminals," he said.



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Left: A typical scam email showing tell-tale traits; 1. urgency, 2. errors, 3. fake email address, and 4. fake link

MyGov emails should always be from noreply@my.gov.au.

Because scammers often make fake websites that mimic myGov, you should always access the website by typing 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.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000
South Australia



000
EMERGENCY

THINK FIRST THEN DIAL



POLICE ASSISTANCE
131 444



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?

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Police Incidents 21 May – 31 August 2025



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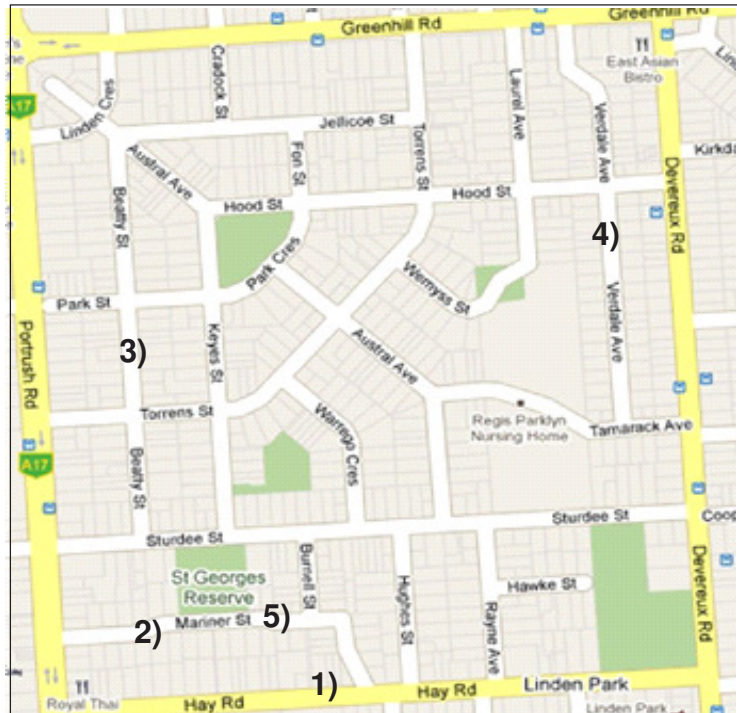
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Date	Location	Details
THEFT		
1. 06/06/2025	Hay Rd	Both number plates stolen from vehicle and replaced with other stolen plates.
2. 19/06/2025	Mariner St	Theft of furniture from rental property.
3. 05/08/2025	Beatty St	Access gained to open garage. Multiple tools and toolboxes stolen. Value \$6,500.
4. 24/08/2025	Verdale Av	Theft of food delivery. Value \$136.
BREAK-IN		
5. 18/08/2025	Mariner St	House broken into and property stolen. Value \$10,400.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



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