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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Monday
19th May 2025

Aberfoyle Community Centre
(corner of Sandpiper Cres
and Jessica St)

GUEST SPEAKER

Tony Ey RAA

FUTURE MEETING

21st July 2025

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333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA

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Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL 000 to report a crime in progress
or has just been committed

*Should you require support with issues
within the area that are outside the remit
of our NHW group, your elected Local
Member of Parliament, Erin Thompson, can
be contacted on 8270 5122*

Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

Previous Meeting

At our meeting in March, we had an extremely informative presentation on cyber security from SAPOL. Senior Constable Matt Robinson, from the Community Engagement Unit, explained how cybercrime scams are the largest type of crime in the modern world. He covered the top trending scams, how to be aware and what you can do to protect yourself.

Next Meeting Monday May 19

Our next meeting will have the RAA's Tony Ey back to complete the road rule changes education program. Too often road rules are changed or modified and you're not aware. To maintain your safety and prevent any violations and/or fines, pop along to our May 19th meeting.

Welcome

Our relaxed and friendly NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is **Monday May 19th** at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also a great chance to meet fellow residents and time for an informal chat as a group.

All community members are welcome at our meetings. You are free to simply take the information given and/or voice your opinion and concerns regarding local issues.

We hope you can all join us for what should be another most informative night.

Thanks

As always, a special thanks to Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (8322 5000) for their continued support by funding hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.

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 & scams, visit:

SAPOL:

www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

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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.

About 4.30pm on Friday 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. Both men appeared in Port Augusta Magistrates court on 28 April where they were remanded in custody to next appear in court on 1 July.

The refrigerated truck has been seized and will be the subject of confiscations proceedings.

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.

"SAPOL will pursue criminal charges when sufficient evidence exists and that includes those who are supporting and enabling that activity and take every opportunity to enforce the full extent of the confiscations legislation to seize assets of those involved," 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.

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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.

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.

"The Malinauskas Government will not tolerate the sale of illicit tobacco and vapes in our community.

"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 crimstopperssa.com.au - You can remain anonymous

DATING/ FIRST DATE

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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Dr Sudhir Anand	MBBS, FRACGP, DCP, PG Dip Diabetes
Dr Deepak Janardhan	MBBS FRACGP
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Monday	8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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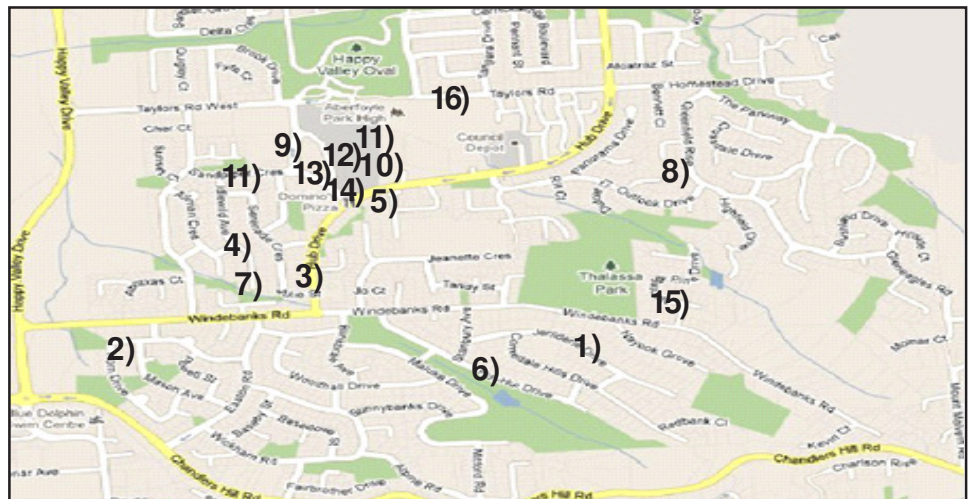


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Police Incidents 17 March - 28 April 2025



Date	Location	Details
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 28/02/25 Jerilderie Dr, Happy Valley Drivers side canopy window smashed on work vehicle parked in driveway. Nil entry and nil stolen. Damage \$300.
2. 04/03/25 Horn Dr, Happy Valley About 3:30pm occupant heard loud bang. Rear glass door smashed, and rock located. Suspects rock thrown from park at rear. Damage \$1,500.
3. 10/03/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park About 9:30pm dent caused to fence. Suspects a person may have kicked it. Damage \$100.
4. 28/03/25 Idlewild Av, Aberfoyle Park Front screen door broken. Damage \$1000.
5. 01/04/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park 4 youths caused damage to electrical box and gas heaters at Cesars Pizzeria. Damage \$2000.
6. 26/04/25 Hui-Hui Dr, Happy Valley Sensor activated light switch and Letterbox damaged. Value \$100.

THEFT

7. 21/02/25 Idlewild Av, Aberfoyle Park Grey "Cube" ebike and black "Trek" ebike taken from garage. Valued at \$7,000 and \$10,000 respectively.
8. 08/03/25 Greenfield Rise, Aberfoyle Park Theft of safety cone. Value \$100. CCTV
9. 17/03/25 Park Av, Aberfoyle Park Vehicle bearing stolen plates filled up with petrol and left. Value \$80.
10. 22/03/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park 2 female suspects aged in 30's have stolen groceries. Value \$400. CCTV available.
11. 23/03/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park Suspect filled trolley and left without paying for groceries. Value \$350. 33yo male from Morphett Vale arrested by police.
12. 24/03/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park Suspect filled trolley and left without paying for groceries. Value \$900. 33yo male from Morphett Vale arrested by police.
13. 28/03/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park Suspect filled trolley and left without paying for groceries. Value \$500. 22yo female from O'Halloran Hill arrested by police.
14. 01/04/25 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park Drive off without paying for fuel. Value. \$90.35. CCTV available.

TRESPASS/BREAK IN

15. 14/03/25 Monterey Pine Dr, Aberfoyle Park Between 7:50am and 5:30pm, (likely around 2:45pm) suspect/s gained entry to house via rear bedroom window. Bedroom drawers containing jewellery emptied. Jewellery, purse, laptop and white 2007 Toyota Prado from driveway stolen using keys from inside house. About 4:16pm vehicle detected at Crafers West. 23-year-old female arrested at Reynella in possession of stolen property.
16. 26/04/25 Taylors Rd, Aberfoyle Park Vacant rental property entered. Damage \$50. Nil theft.

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