



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 249

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7.30pm

**9th April 2026**

Bill Dean Lounge,  
Burnside Community Centre

### GUEST SPEAKER

Constable Bridgette  
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**TOPIC:** Cyber Awareness



### UPCOMING: NEIGHBOUR DAY

WHERE: Warrego Reserve

WHEN: **29 March 11am-1pm**

### Linden Park NHW

#### Coordinator

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**

## AGE-RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Source: [www.e-safety.gov.au](http://www.e-safety.gov.au)

As of 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms including **Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X and YouTube** need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account, in order to comply with the social media minimum age (SMMA) obligation.

Under-16s are still allowed to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.

The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts.

These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

More generally, age restrictions will apply to social media platforms that meet three specific conditions, unless they are excluded based on criteria set in out in legislative rules made by the Minister for Communications in July 2025.

The conditions for age restriction are:

- the sole purpose, or a significant purpose, of the service is to enable online social interaction between two or more end-users
- the service allows end-users to link to, or interact with, some or all of the other end-users
- the service allows end-users to post material on the service.

**It's not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts.**

This means there will be no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers. to prevent Australians under 16 from having accounts on their platforms to comply with the social media minimum age (SMMA) obligation. However, age-restricted **social media platforms may face penalties** if they don't take reasonable steps to prevent under-16s from having accounts.

Details about how the age restrictions operate and other information that will help Australians deal with the change can be found at eSafety's social media age restrictions hub.

## WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SA?



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.



## NEIGHBOUR DAY BARBECUE

Our Annual Neighbour Day Barbecue will be held at

**Warrego Reserve**

on Sunday **29 March**  
from 11am - 1pm, with  
**free lunch and drinks.**

*Bring your own chair.*

**NOTICE:** Our next NHW meeting will be held at 7:30 pm Thursday 9th April, in the Bill Dean Lounge.



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from Neighbourhood Watch on how to secure your home.

**THIEVES HATE ROSES!**  
Plant prickly bushes under your windows to deter thieves from breaking in.

**TIDY UP YOUR TOOLS!**  
Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools can help thieves enter your house.

**CHANGE YOUR HABITS!**  
Complete our home security habits quiz to find free and easy ways to improve your home security.

*Complete the Quiz!*



 **SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
SAFER COMMUNITIES

 **Government of South Australia**

**Crime Stoppers**  
Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online. You can remain anonymous. Let the police know what is taking place in our area.

# HOME SAFETY TIPS



## AWAY FROM HOME

Use light timers and leave shoes by the door. Ask a neighbour or friend to collect mail and leave a spare set of keys with them, never outside.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

Always lock your car and store the keys somewhere secure, away from doors or windows.

## SAFE PACKAGE DELIVERY

If you're expecting a parcel, arrange for secure delivery to prevent it from being left in an easily accessible spot.

Consider requesting signature confirmation or picking it up from the post office, if you're unavailable.

Providing a secure drop-off location can also keep your package safe from opportunistic potential thieves.

## FAKE DELIVERY MESSAGES

You may receive fake texts or emails claiming you have a parcel for pick up or delivery. These messages can look very real and appear legitimate.

Do not click on any links. Put messages you're unsure of into the junk file folder and then check the senders email address or the website URL to check the address provided.

## BE ALERT & WATCH FOR SCAMS

Watch out for scams.

Never share personal or financial information and avoid opening emails or clicking links from unknown senders.

Search for suspicious transactions on your banking app.

## SECURE YOUR DEVICES

To ensure the security of your smart devices against viruses and unauthorised access.

Regularly update your anti-virus software and install the latest security patches.

## REPORTING

Remember, you have the power to keep your community safe. If you notice any suspicious activity, don't hesitate to report it to the police.

In an emergency or when a crime is taking place, call Triple Zero (000). If a crime has already occurred, you can also ring 131 444.

For anonymous reporting, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

All are available 24/7.

*Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia*

# REPORT 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)

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# REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

## WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.

## GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously.

When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following descriptive features:

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishable clothing
- ✓ Haircut and colour
- ✓ Facial hair
- ✓ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ✓ Approximate height
- ✓ Voice / speech / language
- ✓ Body language

## DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour it is important to take note of the following:



- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ Vehicle colour, make and model
- ✓ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel Driver / occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks or towbars etc

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ Record date, time and location of the incident Report where and what is happening
- ✓ Stay on the phone
- ✓ If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening
- ✓ Take photos with a camera or mobile device, if it's safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly.

## WHAT TO REPORT

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours. If you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you call and report it to police.

- ✓ A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- ✓ A vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.
- ✓ Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.
- ✓ One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.
- ✓ Transactions being conducted at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis
- ✓ Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence, human trafficking or an abduction.
- ✓ Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.



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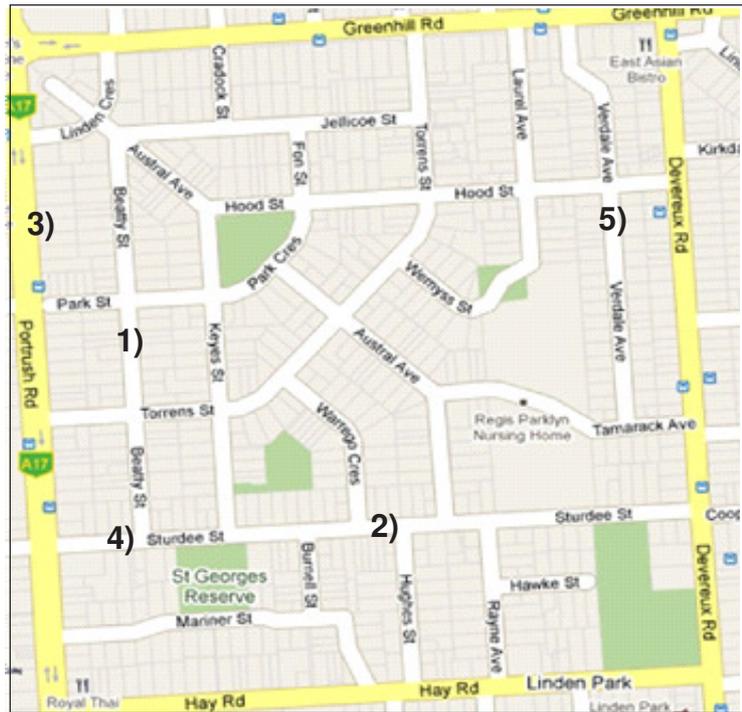
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Police Incidents 1 November - 31 December 2026



Date	Location	Details
<b>THEFT</b>		
1. 09/11/25	Beatty St	Items stolen from vehicle. Value \$2030. Nil damage.
2. 13/11/25	Sturdee St	Theft of parcel from front porch.
<b>BREAK-IN</b>		
3. 03/11/25	Portrush Rd	Break-in to business premises. Nil stolen
4. 01/11/25	Sturdee St	Access gained to unoccupied property. Copper piping stolen.
5. 22/12/25	Verdale Av	Break-in and theft of 'Kalkhoff' Electric bike from garage. Value \$5000.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



HARRIS

Daniel Oliver,  
Your Linden Park  
School Zone Specialist

Call 0400 877 705

