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HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 084

MEETING

7pm Tuesday
24th February 2026
45-47 REID AVE

Tea/Coffee Supplied

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

24th March 2026 7pm

28th April 2026 7pm

SEASON'S GREETINGS



The Hectorville
Neighbourhood Watch
Committee wishes all
residents a happy
and safe Christmas
and New Year

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Crime Prevention Section**
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E-bikes and E-scooters under the Law

Staying safe on the road is important for all road users and with the increased popularity and use of power assisted bicycles and motorised wheeled recreational devices, it is important to know the road rules.

The rules as they apply to these power-assisted devices are as follows:

What is a power assisted bicycle?

A power assisted bicycle is a pedal cycle with an electric motor attached to assist the rider.

The attached electric motor may provide assistance but the pedals must be the main means of propulsion.

In South Australia, there are two types of power assisted bicycles that can be legally used on roads:

- a bicycle with up to 200 Watts of power that is controlled by a throttle or an accelerator
- a bicycle with up to 250 Watts of continuous power that is controlled using pedals and meets the definition of a pedelec.

Rules for power assisted bicycles

Riders do not require a driver's licence, motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance; however, riders are bound by the

same rules as bicycles including, but not limited to:

- wearing an approved helmet that is securely fitted
- having effective brakes
- having a working warning device
- at night and in hazardous weather having a white light that is clearly visible at least 200 metres from the front; a red light that is clearly visible at least 200 metres from the rear, and a red reflector.

What is an E-scooter

An e-scooter is a two wheeled device powered by an electric motor and battery pack. You can only ride a privately owned e-scooter on private property.

Safety

SA police strongly recommend that when operating a power assisted bicycle or a wheeled recreational device that you wear bright coloured clothing so you can be easily seen.

Use a quality bike lock and record your serial number.

The SA Police Road Safety Centre is a leader in road safety education, playing a vital role in reducing road trauma through enhancing the awareness, knowledge and skills of all road users through lifelong learning.

For more information visit
www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety

PHONE INFO

EMERGENCY 000

Police Attendance 131444

Graffiti Hotline 83653147

Street Light Repair 131366

Traffic Light Out 1800018313

Water Main Burst 82071300

Dog Catcher 83669227



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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

The 'Too Good to Be True' Trap: How to Avoid Online Scams This Festive Season

Scammers might be getting sneakier – but you can learn to spot their common tricks and ruses with Be Connected.

In the lead-up to the festive season, scammers are counting on people being busy, distracted, and frantically looking for last-minute deals.

From fake parcel delivery texts to bargain sales on items you love, scammers know how to play on (and manipulate) a sense of urgency, love of a bargain, and trust.

But help is a click away. The Be Connected website offers free and easy-to-follow learning resources to help you build your digital skills and safety online.

November sessions

• **13 November, 3pm AEDT**

Protect yourself against scams 18 November, 3pm AEDT

– Helpful apps for your smart device

• **25 November, 10am AEDT**

Safer online shopping: The festive season edition

Register or find out more at:

beconnected.esafety.gov.au/bookings

Stay safe online with Be Connected

Be Connected has lots of practical resources to help you navigate the online world with confidence, including:

- Spotting scams: Learn how to recognise phishing emails, fake investment schemes, and crypto scams
- Blocking unwanted calls: Reduce nuisance and telemarketing calls with simple tools
- Boosting security: Get tips on strong passwords, antivirus protection, and keeping your devices safe

Explore the full range of free resources at: beconnected.esafety.gov.au/online-safety

Need more than a webpage to feel confident? Join a free online presentation.



Source: SAPOL website

Safe buying and selling online

When buying or selling online, particularly for vehicles, current model phones or expensive items, be aware of online safety advice and plan the exchange.

Follow these tips to stay safe during an exchange.

Check them out

- Look into the buyer/seller before meeting up.
- Google them, look at their marketplace profile. Have they had previous sales? Do they have other items for sale? Any reviews?
- Social media pages that have recently been created or have few followers may indicate they're fake.
- When you do meet, take note of the person's appearance, including their vehicle and the vehicle's registration number.
- If selling a vehicle and the sale progresses to a test drive, ask to see buyer identification, e.g. driver's licence, and consider taking a photograph of it.

Location

- Your personal safety is your priority when arranging to meet up.
- Don't meet up in isolated locations.
- Consider meeting in a public area during daylight hours where CCTV is in use and people are around.
- If you must meet at your house, try to avoid allowing entry into your home.
- Have the item ready by the front door or outside.

Don't be alone

- If possible, choose a time when someone trusted can go with you or be present at home.

Instinct

- Consider the surroundings and trust your instincts.
- If you feel uncomfortable with any aspect of the sale or purchase, cancel the meet up. It's OK to cancel! You don't have to continue.
- Remember that if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Australia's critical infrastructure under fire

by Olivia Caisley, ABC News, 14 October 2025

Australia's cyber intelligence agency has warned state-sponsored cyber groups are increasingly targeting the nation's most vital systems amid a 111 per cent spike in malicious activity on critical infrastructure over the past year.

The Australian Signals Directorate's annual cyber threat report shows the body notified operators of critical services — things like energy, food, water, transport, communications, health and banking — of cyber interference more than 190 times over the past financial year, up from 90 the year before.

"Critical infrastructure is, and will continue to be, an attractive target for state sponsored actors, cyber criminals, and hacktivists, largely due to large sensitive data holdings and the critical services that support Australia's economy," the report says.

Two federal government agencies also met the threshold of being "extensively compromised" during this time period.

"State-sponsored cyber actors pose a serious and growing threat," the report warns, noting they "may seek to degrade and disrupt Australia's critical services and undermine our ability to communicate at a time of strategic advantage".

ASD director-general Abigail Bradshaw said the agency was now receiving one report of a cyber attack every six minutes.

"Cybercriminals are leveraging new and emerging technology to increase the speed and scale of their attacks, and continue to target Australians," she said.

AI fuelling the next wave of cyber threats

Artificial intelligence is amplifying the cyber threat landscape, enabling attackers to operate faster and at greater scale, according to Australia's federal cyber agency.

"The prevalence of artificial intelligence almost certainly enable[s] malicious cyber actors, cybercriminals and hacktivists to execute attacks on a larger scale and at a faster rate," the ASD's Annual Cyber Threat Report says.

"The potential opportunities open to malicious cyber actors continue to grow in line with Australia's increasing uptake of and reliance on internet-connected technology."

ASD recorded more than 1,700 notifications of potential malicious cyber activity last year — an 83 per cent increase from the previous period — with critical infrastructure again a major target.

ASD director-general Abigail Bradshaw said the financial toll of cybercrime continued to climb.

"The average self-reported cost of a cybercrime showed a significant increase for medium and large business of \$97,200 (up 55 per cent) and \$202,700 (up 219 per cent)," she said.

The ASD warns that as organisations integrate AI systems, they must do so with security in mind.

"Businesses must ensure that in order to harness the full benefits and productivity associated with AI, a safe and secure approach is taken to the integration of AI technologies," the report says.



See Something,
Say Something,
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South Australia



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.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are seeking more helpers to letter-box our Newsletters every three months. Whether you would like to deliver to 20 dwellings or 200, we welcome your help.

The Newsletters would be delivered to your door for you to distribute. Walking is excellent exercise and most of us need to do more, if we are fit enough to be able to walk in the first place. If you can help, please ring John on 0467 621 403.

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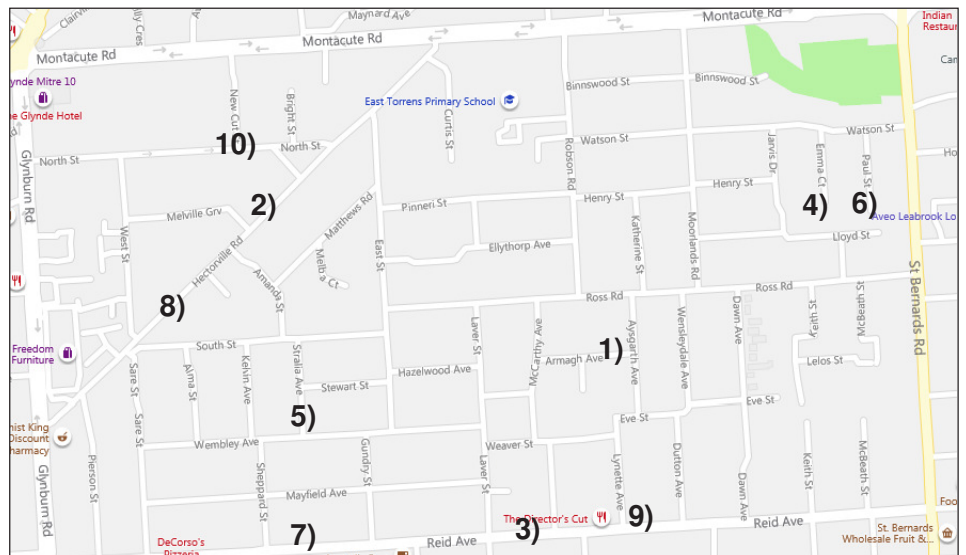
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Don't give thieves a chance

- Park in well-lit areas
- Close all windows
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle
- Conceal valuables before you park – if they cannot be removed
- Do not leave personal documents in your vehicle.
- Always lock your vehicle if leaving it unattended.
- Carry your keys with you at all times.



Limit the opportunities for offenders to target your vehicle or belongings.



Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 12/09/25 Armagh Av Thrown explosive damaged front of residential property.

THEFT

2. 15/9/25 Hectorville Rd Mobile scooter and charger stolen.
3. 20/09/25 Reid Av Hot water system stolen from unit. Value \$1500.
4. 01/10/25 Emma Ct Hose connection stolen. Value \$50 -
5. 16/10/25 Stralia Av Wallet stolen from vehicle. Contained ID and \$300 cash.
6. 06/11/25 Paul St Lock forced to access vehicle. Tools stolen.
7. 07/11/25 Reid Av 2 vehicles accessed. Cash, credit cards and Macbook stolen.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (BREAK-IN)

8. 9/9/25 Hectorville Rd Unit entered. Household items stolen. Value \$3,875
9. 10/10/25 Reid Av Break into premises via rear window. Items stolen.
10. 14/11/25 North St Break into residential premises. Items stolen. Value \$67,200.

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Hon Vincent TARZIA MP
Member for Hartley

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