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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Monday
16th November 2026
Aberfoyle Community Centre
(corner of Sandpiper Cres and Jessica St)
ALL WELCOME

Guest Speaker:
Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport

FUTURE MEETING
18th January 2027

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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

Our last meeting on September 21 was our Annual General Meeting for NHW491, where it was encouraging to host a good-sized attendance including some "newbies" (Welcome!).

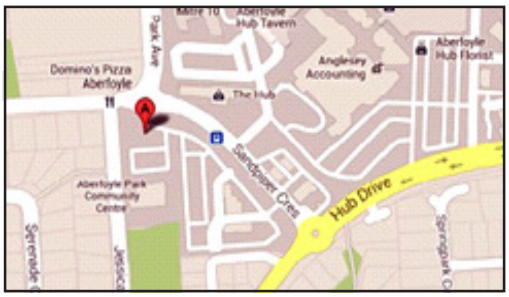
The usual submission of reports for the past year preceded election of officers for 2026/27 and we are fortunate to have all positions filled again, by our experienced volunteers. A newcomer Peter was also welcomed on board as Assistant Area Coordinator.

Our two extra NHW banners (now making a total of four) were in action leading up to the AGM and as always, the more publicity the better.

We thank Cesar's Pizza for their continued generous support, providing some great food for our supper. They've supported us for over 25 years so please patronize this local business (130 Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park 8270 4460) whenever you get the chance.

Next Meeting

The November meeting will be a great chance to hear from our State Member for Davenport, Erin Thompson, who intends on providing an update on local happenings of relevance to our community. The items she is presenting would include bringing us up to speed on the big changes in store for Happy Valley



Drive – a main thoroughfare we all use regularly.

Our relaxed and friendly NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is **Monday November 16** 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.

Thanks

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

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THREAT & PENALTY SCAMS

Threat and penalty (may also be referred to as extortion) scams are when scammers threaten you with harm (physical or emotional), arrest, legal action, or other demands in an attempt to force you into handing over money.

They may claim to be from the tax office or other government agencies and threaten you with arrest, legal action or other demands to force you into handing over your money and or personal details.

Signs this may be a scam

- **A caller claims to be from the police, a government agency or a company and threatens severe action, or even arrest, unless you pay a fine or fee immediately.** - Do not pay. Hang up. Contact the organisation on a number you source independently.
- **An email advises your online history, photos, etc will be exposed if you do not comply with a payment -** Do not pay. Do not act on their requests or perform any activities that you may be asked to do. Notify cyber.gov.au/report.
- **You are asked to pay an outstanding or overdue bill by gift or store cards, iTunes vouchers, wire transfers or bitcoin -** Do not pay. Government agencies and trusted companies will never ask you to pay this way.
- **You receive a phone call advising you will be deported if you do not proceed with the caller's instructions -** Do not act. Government departments will never threaten immediate arrest or deportation via phone or a recorded message.

Source: BankSA

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

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

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE
Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273
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RELATIONSHIP AND ROMANCE SCAMS



Scammers gain your trust by developing a relationship with you that you believe is real and genuine. You may think you are speaking with a romantic partner, friend, or even a relative.

Relationship and romance scammers are generally after your money, however, they may also be after your **personal information for identity theft** or to unwittingly carry out illegal activities such as **money laundering**.

Anyone can become the target of a romance scam, with those involved often unable to self-identify. It's important to know the warning signs to help protect and support your loved ones.

Signs this may be a scam

- **They ask to chat in another messaging platform -** They try and move the conversation immediately to a different messaging platform like WhatsApp.
- **They express strong feelings in a short time span -** They declare their love in a relatively short period of time, also known as 'love bombing'. They may also insist that you keep the relationship a secret from family and friends.
- **They avoid video calls -** They always have an excuse to avoid a video call. If they do agree, it's of poor quality or there's no video at all due to 'technical issues'. Do an internet search of the scammer's name to look for reports on scam sites.
- **They ask for money or favours -** They may ask you to send money or may also be asking you to invest your money, or to carry out illegal activities like money laundering or transporting illegal goods.

Tips

- **Be cautious about who you share your personal information with and never share your banking login detail or password with anyone.**
- Remove emotions from financial decisions, particularly when asked to invest or send money.
- Never agree to transfer money or goods for someone else.
- Talk to someone you trust and pay attention to your friends or family if they are concerned about your new love interest.
- Do a reverse image search through TinEye or Google of the person's profile picture to see if it's associated with another name or with details that don't match up – those could be signs of a scam.

Helping a loved one

- Talk to them and share your concerns, particularly about the warning signs you've noticed.
- Use anything you've found suspicious from searching the scammer's name on the internet or from a reverse image search as evidence.
- Research romance scam case studies to point out the similarities to their own relationship.
- Get them to contact their bank if they've sent any money to the scammer.
- If you or someone you know has incurred financial loss to a romance scam, report the scam to the Australian Government's cybercrime website at cyber.gov.au/report

Remember: gently initiate the conversation from a place of supportive concern. Emotional distress is amplified by feelings of shame for anyone caught up in this type of scam. Avoid using blame, this will only heighten the emotions of those involved. Those heavily involved in a romantic conversation have often been coached by the scammer to shut down or isolate themselves from these types of conversations.

Source: BankSA

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Dr Deepak Janardhan MBBS FRACGP
BULK BILLING ALL ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

Monday	8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 24/08/26 The Mall CCTV camera smashed. Value $800. 30cm piece of copper water pipe cut /stolen. Subsequent flood damage caused to business premises . Approximately $50,000 damage caused.
2. 24/08/26 Dalpura Gr Child in care caused damage to plaster board in home.

THEFT

3. 17/06-23/08 Park Av 38-year-old male known to police wanted for carrying out 13 petrol drive offs and theft of food items captured on CCTV. Total value of thefts is $661.65.
4. 05/09/26 Hub Drive Theft of headphones worth $50 from store. CCTV available.
5. 11/09/26 Jerilderie Dr, Happy Valley Fuel cap pried open overnight and small amount of petrol syphoned from vehicle parked in driveway.
6. 22/09/26 Hub Dr Unattended E-scooter stolenfrom shopping centre. Value $1000
7. 24/09/26 Torben Rd Australia Post delivered package to neighbour in error. Eventually returned item after lengthy negotiation.
8. 24/09/26 Windebanks Rd Slippers stolen from front yard. Value $50.
9. 30/09/26 Park Av Youth stole 3 item from OTR. Formal caution issued.
10. 16/10/26 Park Av Theft of food items from OTR. Value $1,276.
11. 19/10/26 Hub Drive Male stole items from Drakes. CCTV available.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

12. 09/10/26 Torben Rd Occupant reported unknown person/s attempted to gain access to house via rear window.


Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT
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Kerbside & Bin Numbering

Let NHW paint your house number on the kerbside for $10 and for only an extra $3 each, we can do your garbage, green-waste, and recycling bins as well. That's your kerb and 3 bins for a total of only $19.

We are far less than other providers charge. Our prices are extremely low because our service is run by volunteers.

The small fee helps keep our NHW group operating. Call NHW's Bruce on 0449 871 035 or email numbering@ nhw491.com.au to arrange.



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