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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491
NEXT MEETINGS

7.30pm Monday
20th January
16th March

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

Guest Speaker

Priah Dean
City of Onkaparinga
Community Connections Officer

ALL WELCOME!

Please Note: Sturt Police Station reopened for business as usual on 23rd October

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333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA
Ph: 8207 4700 7 days 9am-9pm

Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

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

Area 491 News

Last Meeting

At our November 18 meeting we had Ian Buckley JP (retired SAPol Senior Sergeant) talk about his experiences in East Timor in his role with the Peacekeeping forces. The group was entertained by his tales of the good, the bad and the ugly.

We also welcomed our new Police Coordinator Andrew Paterson. He grew up in the area and has joined our group with plans to help keep Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley the safe place that it is. Andrew outlined his SAPol career and how he's had a variety of roles and locations. His enthusiasm for his job was very evident.

Next Meeting Monday January 20

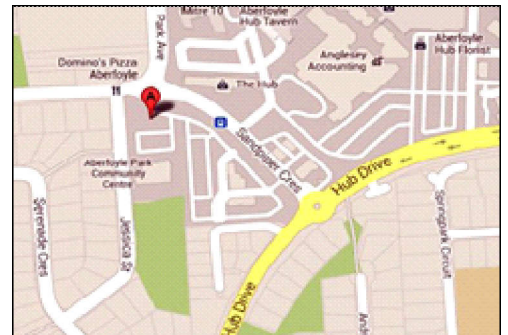
At our January meeting we are pleased to have Priah Dean from the City of Onkaparinga (Our local council). She is a Community Connections Officer and her role is one that adapts, depending on who she's working with and what needs are apparent.

Priah loves to support communities to achieve their goals and helps with navigating council or finding resources for community endeavours.

Our friendly and relaxed NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of the odd numbered months. Meetings also include a light supper and time for an informal chat as a group. Our meetings are held at the Aberfoyle Community Centre.

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. Our next meeting is on Monday January 20 at 7:30pm.



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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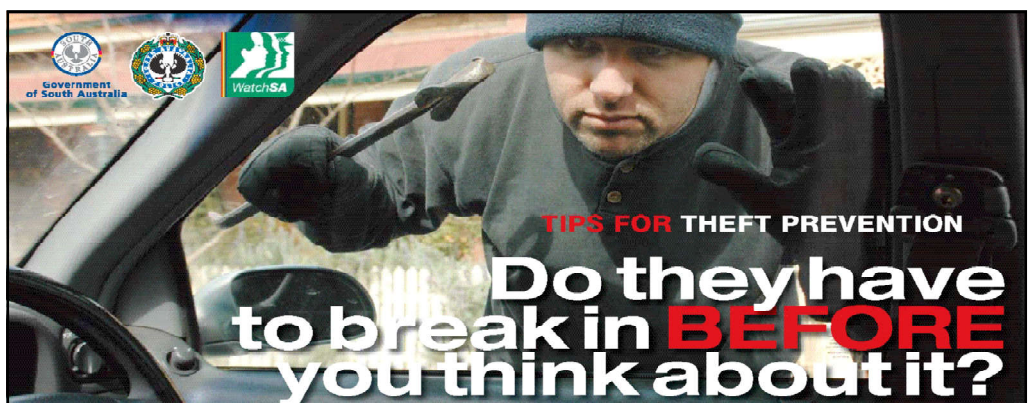
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That's your kerb and 3 bins for a total of only \$11. Call NHW's Bruce on 0449 871 035 or even better is email him at numbering@nhw491.com

Police warn of number plate theft

A spike in the reported theft of vehicle number plates in Adelaide's south has prompted a community warning from police.

Unfortunately number plates are generally stolen to further additional crimes such as petrol theft.

However this crime, which can cause great inconvenience to the victim, can be easily prevented through the use of tamper proof screws.

Detective Chief Inspector Scott Fitzgerald, from Southern Districts CIB, said police had closely examined theft reports in Adelaide's south and found about 150 number plates had been reportedly stolen in the last four months.

"These thefts have occurred across a wide range of suburbs since 1 July, but we know that some areas have been hot spots for this type of crime.

"In particular we experienced a series of thefts from Camden Park, Kurrulta Park, Plympton, Morphett Vale and Woodcroft."

He said as a result police are urging motor vehicle owners to consider using Plate Safe screws to attach their number plates and to contact police if they notice anyone acting suspiciously around parked motor vehicles.

"Plate safe screws are a one-way, anti-theft screw which can be fitted with a standard flat bladed screwdriver," he said.

"They are a simple way of preventing this type of theft, although police would also recommend that you park your car in a well-lit spot, or off the street in a garage or carport where possible.

"If you notice anyone acting in a suspicious manner around parked vehicles in your neighbourhood, call police immediately on 131 444 – prompt reporting can assist police in locating offenders and preventing further crimes occurring.

The RAA offers members free, tamper-resistant screws – and a referral to a repairer to fit them free of charge. For more details: <https://www.raa.com.au/motor/safety-and-advice/car-advice>

The Neighbourhood Watch Shop offers Plate Safe security screws on its website: <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchshop.com.au/>

BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER: Planning

It is important that you know what to do in the event of disaster. A disaster may be a natural event, such as a fire or earthquake or may be man-made, such as a terrorism incident.

How quickly you are able to recover from such an event may depend on your planning and preparation.

Plan in advance what you and your family will do in a disaster situation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and ensure all family members are aware.

Consider the following emergency preparedness tips.

Establish a meeting place:

Having predetermined meeting places away from your home will save time and avoid confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Have two emergency locations in opposite directions. You won't know, until an actual emergency, which direction you will need to evacuate to.

You may want to make arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters and some hotels will not accept them.

Ask someone to be your key contact:

Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. Plan how you will contact each other and review what you will do in different situations.

Consider a plan where each family member calls/emails the same family member or friend in the event of a disaster.

Consider using a person who resides out of town/state who may be in a better position to communicate and coordinate. Ensure children have a list of phone numbers/emails in their school diaries.

If the telephones are not working, please be patient and try again. Emails may still work when telephones do not.

Become familiar with school, work, day care and community emergency plans:

When planning ensure you think about the places where your family spends time.

Ensure you talk with your employer and children's school about their emergency plans. Know how they will communicate with you during an emergency.

Crime Stoppers SA

Ask most Australians and chances are they've heard of Crime Stoppers.

But what many people don't know is that Crime Stoppers is a charity which isn't part of police or government.

In fact, as an independent not-for-profit, it relies on hard-working volunteers to conduit crime prevention and crime solving campaigns that span cold case murders, bushfire arson, home and personal security, drug dealing and more.

Here, Crime Stoppers South Australia has been part of the community for more than 20 years and during that time it has become the trusted service for collecting information about criminals and their activities from the public.

Crime Stoppers allows people to report crimes and suspicious activity anonymously. Whether people call or make a report online, no personal details have to be provided. Calls aren't recorded or traced and an IP address isn't recorded when making an online report.

During 2018, more than 25,000 phone and web reports were received by Crime Stoppers SA.

With every second contact relating to drugs, information received last year stopped an estimated 80,035 cannabis and 12,227 amphetamine street deals in SA.

In addition, 82 firearms were seized and a total of 822 apprehensions were made directly as a result of information provided through the successful community engagement program, with a number of serious charges laid for drug, firearm, sexual offences and offences against property.

At times, it might seem that we live in a world dominated by evil deeds and wrongdoing, but behind the scenes, every day of the year, Crime Stoppers offers a way for people to make our State a better and safer place.

For more information visit www.crimestopperssa.com.au

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NHW HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Neighbourhood Watch areas work against crime: the public are the eyes and ears for the police in our neighbourhood.

Keeping people informed, being observant and alert, is being proactive against crime. The police can only be in one place at a time, and the area they cover is large.

Any information the public can give Police helps in their investigations.

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area (details on front page).

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Please Support Our Supporters

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people.

The first being the 36 volunteers that deliver the 2900 newsletters throughout Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley. If you wish to join our team please contact us by email at contactus@nhw491.com.

The second important group are the businesses that donate products and/or finance us directly and those businesses that advertise in this newsletter. Local advertising pays for its production and printing. We ask you to return the goodwill and support these community-minded businesses when shopping.

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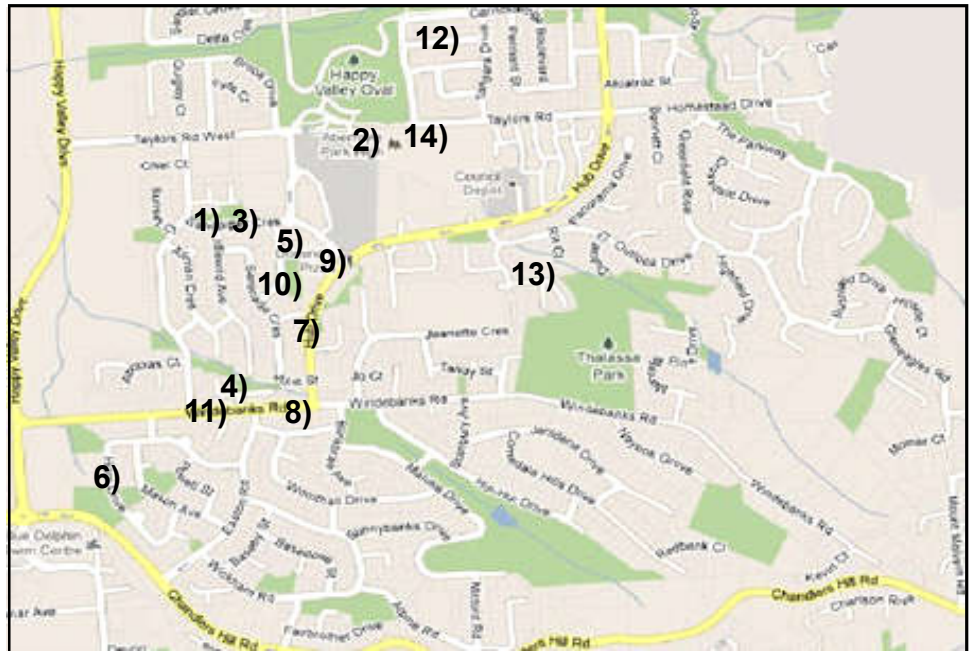
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 08/11 Sandpiper Cr AP Letter box ripped out overnight.
- 22/11 Taylors Rd AP Graffiti & smashed window Aberfoyle Park HS. Damage \$300
- 25/11 Sandpiper Cr AP Graffiti to exterior of building. Damage \$1,000 to remove
- 26/11 Moorfield Mews AP Letter box damaged. Value \$50.
- 01/12 Jessica St AP Damage to community centre fence.

THEFT

- 01/11 Horn Dr HV Motion camera stolen from front gate. Value \$160
- 07/11 Hub Dr AP House keys, garage remote, Apple iPod stolen from unlocked vehicle in shopping centre car park. Value \$1,200.
- 10/11 Windebanks Rd AP Motorbike stolen from driveway. Value \$4,000.
- 20/11-3/12 Hub Dr AP 6 instances of Fuel Drive Off. Value \$386.25
- 01/12 Jessica St AP Bike stolen overnight while chained to pole at rear of community centre.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 11.16/11 Windebanks Rd HV Damage to door of house, possible attempt to break in.
- 12.26/11 Paltarra Gr AP House entered whilst occupants asleep. Handbag, purse ID cards, laptops, tools & vehicle stolen. Value \$12,000.
- 13.02/11 Margaret Cutten Gr House entered via unlocked rear door whilst occupants asleep. Credit cards, jewellery, keys, and vehicle stolen.
- 14.18/12 Taylors Rd AP \$100 cash, gift cards stolen from unlocked retirement unit.

Be Prepared for a Disaster: Assemble an Emergency Kit

Be prepared to survive on your own for at least three days. Consider preparing two kits - one to stay where you are and one smaller, lightweight version to take with you if you have to leave.

Consider the following items:

- Water (four litres per person per day) for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Clothing suitable for your climate.
- Sleeping bags-one for each family member.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit incl. necessary medication.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Filter mask, a cotton t-shirt or towel to help filter the air.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Duct tape and heavy weight garbage bags or plastic sheeting to seal windows and doors to create a barrier between yourself & potential contaminants outside.

- Family documents: passports, birth certificates, driver's licence, health care and bank details.
- Cash, as ATMs may not be working.

Keep a portable battery-operated radio:

Listen to the radio and watch television for official instructions as they become available.

Be prepared to survive without electricity, phone, fuel pumps and ATMs:

If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage to utilities using a flashlight. Do not light matches, candles or turn on electrical switches.

Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Smell for gas leaks, starting at the water heater.

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and ensure everyone leaves the area immediately.

For further information please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au.

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