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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING 7.30pm Monday 18th January

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

> GUEST SPEAKER Craig Woods, Director Roadside Services & Solutions

FUTURE MEETING 15th March 2021

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Sturt Police Station 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

Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

Last Meeting

This was only our second meeting since January, so it was great to re-establish face to face contact, albeit in the shadow of the announcement that SA has a new severe wave of COVID to deal with.

Our guest speaker was a late apology, only due to the announced restrictions. His company has several government contracts and Craig was advised to not attend communal gatherings.

In the absence of our Speaker, Steve Murray MP "stepped in" and delivered a report. Steve mainly expanded on information his office had received just hours prior, regarding the State-wide shutdown due to the COVID outbreak.

What the restrictions entailed were outlined and how the next six days would be considered crucial in trying to contain this outbreak early.

Deputy Onkaparinga Mayor, Geoff Eaton, also kindly filled the guest speaker role and provided an oration to the meeting on his role on Council, his various activities that this involves, and how his Council career grew, after taking early retirement from the Police Force. An interesting and well received talk.

Next Meeting: Monday 18 January 2021

As explained above, due to COVID we had to again cancel our guest speaker. So again we've booked Craig Woods from Roadside Services & Solutions.

He will, hopefully, be talking about local road safety measures, signage and how his



business is involved with Neighbourhood Watch.

Our relaxed and friendly 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 (see map above).

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

If you can't attend our meeting and have an issue or concern you can simply email it to contactus@nhw491.com. We can raise it at our next meeting, attend to it ourselves or direct it to the appropriate person(s).

Thanks

As always, a special thanks to our local Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (83225000) for their continued support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.





We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people. The first being the 38 volunteers who deliver the 2900 newsletters throughout Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley.

If you wish to join our delivery team please contact us by email at newsletter@nhw491.com.

The second important group are the businesses that donate products and/or finances directly to us and those businesses that advertise in this newsletter. It is the advertising that pays for its production and printing.

What we ask is that you return the good will and support these community minded businesses when shopping.

If you wish to advertise please contact <u>mark.bird@optusnet.com.au</u> or 0409 916 091

Keep in touch via Facebook

If you want to keep up-to-date with what is happening you can use the NHW Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>NeighbourhoodWatchSA/</u> where regular COVID-19 updates are posted, as well as crime prevention advice.

Feel free to comment, 'like' or forward posts to others.

HOME AND BUSINESS FIRE PREVENTION

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people who deliberately light fires or engage in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- · Lock your property and vehicle at all times.
- · Keep rubbish bins in a secure area and remove rubbish regularly.
- Secure all combustible materials and flammable fuels away from your property.
- External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside the property.
- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Maintain fencing and install external security lighting.
- Conduct regular inspections outside your property.
 Repair damage to fences and remove graffiti regularly.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Business Watch program to help keep the community safe.

For further information contact your local police station or <u>www.police.sa.gov.au</u> If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have recently had some of our newsletter delivery volunteers leave our zone and thus need replacements.

If you receive this Newsletter then you live in our zone.

If you can spare about one hour every second month please contact us by email at newsletter@nhw491.com.

For a small amount of your time every second month you can help Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley be a better place.



SA Police issue scam warning after fraudster impersonating NBN calls cybercrime unit

By Charles Brice, ABC News, 5 November 2020

South Australian police have issued a warning about a new scam targeting Adelaide locals, after the force's own cybercrime unit was among the recipients of one of the deceptive phone calls.

SA Police said scammers were ringing Adelaide landlines, advising recipients that their computers had been hacked and directing them to a website imitating the National Broadband Network (NBN).

"There is an NBN scam currently cycling through Adelaide landline numbers, and the Financial and Cybercrime Investigation Branch (FCIB), who investigate such scams, were one of the numbers to receive a call," police said in a statement.

To better understand the fraudulent operation, a member of the FCIB using secure software followed the caller's instructions and was led to a "poorly designed" website.



Kerbside and Bin Numbering

Let NHW paint your house number on the kerbside for \$5 and for only an extra \$2 each, we can do your garbage and two recycling bins as well. That's your kerb and 3 bins for a total of only \$11. We are less than half the price that other providers charge to number just your kerb. 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 him at numbering@nhw491.com "The obvious indicator that this website is not affiliated with the NBN is that the text preceding the '.com' is weebly — a webhosting site," police said. The officer was then told to carry out steps which resulted in remote access software being downloaded.

"The caller tried to reassure us that the software would help fix our internet problem," police said.

"We informed the caller that we couldn't open the program, so he had us click on [other] buttons, which attempted to download further executable programs.

"After we kept experiencing problems, the caller terminated the call."

Police suspect the scammer was attempting to gain access to personal information, including passwords for online banking.

They urged the public not to engage with scammers, and said the incident demonstrated that "no-one is safe from receiving scam robocalls, not even the police".

"Our advice to the community is to not download software that you are not familiar with, and never at the direction of someone over the phone," police said.

"If you receive a call and cannot be certain who you are speaking to, hang up the phone and call the organisation back on a known, reputable number."



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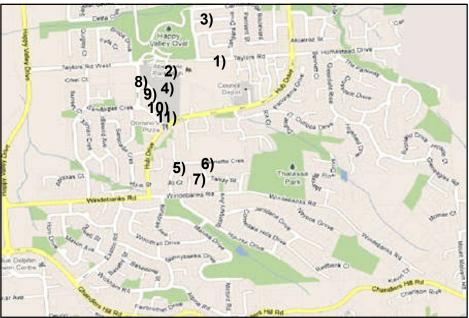
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Police Incidents October - December 2020



Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1.	15/10	Taylors Rd	Vehicle windscreen damaged.	
2.	16-19/10	Taylors Rd	Graffiti to High School building over weekend.	
3.	31/10	Paltarra Gr	Damage to vehicle.	
4.	30/10	Taylors Rd	Graffitti on two buildings. Damage \$500.	
5.	06/11	Jeanette Cr	Wheelie bin fire on oval. Damage \$100.	
6.	27-30/11	Jeanette Cr	Damage caused to Primary School building.	
THEFT				
7.	11-12/10	Swifte Ct	Registration plate stolen from vehicle in driveway overnight. 39-year-old Glenelg East male arrested 16/10/20.	
8.	15/10	Hub Dr	Large amount of cigarettes stolen from supermarket. Value \$2000.	
9.	06/12	Hub Dr	${\it Haircare products stolen from pharmacy by. male of fender. CCTV.}$	
TRESPASS/SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS				
10	. 21/10	Hub Dr	Optometrist business entered via breaking glass door. Sunglasses stolen.	
11	. 08/11	Hub Dr	Attempted SCT. Male offender sighted on CCTV forcing front door of bottle shop. \$1000 damage. Nil stolen	

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