



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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### ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491  
**MEETING DATES**

7.30pm Monday  
**15th July**

7.30pm Monday  
**16th September**

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

#### Guest Speaker

Aberfoyle and District  
Lions Club

**ALL WELCOME!**

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## Area 491 News

### Last Meeting

Our last meeting was during National Volunteer Week. The Area Co-ordinator thanked the dedicated group of volunteers who are part of NHW 491 for their continuing commitment and support, particularly those who attend meetings and regularly distribute our newsletter. Together we strive to make our community a safe place.

Our Guest Speaker was Lee Filz, Captain of the Happy Valley Country Fire Service. The group currently have 40 active fire fighting members and 10 operational support personnel. Happy Valley CFS was formed in 1939 and came out of the Armed Forces. Back then it was called the Emergency Fire Service, with 17 initial members, and they fought fires with nap sacks and hessian bags, travelling on horseback and by pushbike. They now have 3 appliances and attend around 370 calls per year.

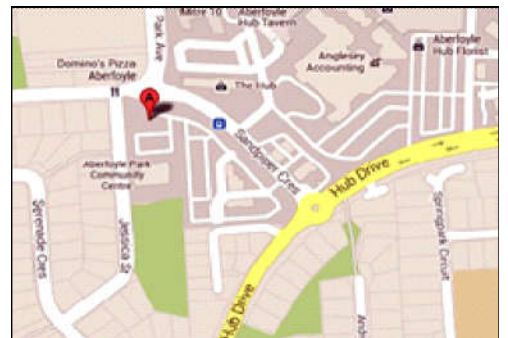
Lee commented that an effective smoke detector can be a lifesaver. He reminded us to test our smoke detectors monthly, and to replace the batteries with Daylight Savings.

### Next Meeting – Monday July 15

At our next meeting we welcome a member of the Aberfoyle and District Lions Club as Guest Speaker. You may have seen them cleaning rubbish from the side of Happy Valley Drive or rummaged through their Bargain Shed. Come along and hear the ways they help our community.

We hope you can all join us for what should be another most informative night.

The meeting is on **Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, at 7.30 pm. Our meetings also include a light supper and time for an informal chat as a group.



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.

### 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.

### 20 Years - Save the date

In September this local Neighbourhood Watch Group will be **celebrating 20 Years** of doing our part to make Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley a safer place to live and work.

If you have had any involvement over this time we would love to see you. Please put September 16<sup>th</sup> in your diary.

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## SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Approximately 3,000 number plates are stolen in South Australia each year. RAA is working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Police, the Attorney General's Department and the Motor Trade Association to encourage motorists to have tamper-resistant screws installed on their vehicle's number plates. A number of RAA Approved Repairers are offering to supply and install tamper-resistant screws free of charge.

To take up this offer, please contact RAA on 8202 4689 to find your nearest participating RAA Approved Repairers. For more information, visit [www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft](http://www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft).

Number plates are stolen from vehicles to commit crimes such as:

- petrol theft
- avoiding speeding fines and other traffic offences, or
- robberies and house break-ins.

The use of stolen number plates makes it harder for police to detect and investigate crimes in a timely manner.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of number plate theft, please consider the following security tips:

- Secure your number plates with **tamper-resistant screws**. The screws lock in place to prevent number plates from being removed easily.
- Check your vehicle regularly to ensure the number plates are secure.
- Secure your vehicle in a locked garage where possible.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas.

### Remember:

- If your number plate is stolen, report it immediately to police by calling the Police Assistance line on 131 444.
- To order new plates, contact Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure or visit [www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/ezyreg](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/ezyreg).

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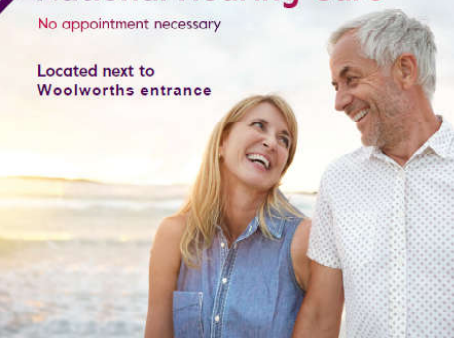
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# VEHICLE SECURITY — THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

There are a number of valuable items that are a common target for thieves to steal from vehicles because of their value and ability to be sold for quick cash. These include:

- Laptops
- GPS devices
- Mobile phones
- Cameras
- Sporting and fishing goods
- Cash/wallets

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following security tips.

- Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle or conceal them in the boot of the vehicle before arriving at your destination.
- Lock your vehicle doors and close windows.
- Install an audible alarm.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number prefixed with 'S' for South Australia.
- Park your vehicle in a garage at night where possible.
- Avoid hiding a second set of keys in the vehicle - if the vehicle is broken into, they may find the keys and take the car as well as your valuables.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.

Thieves will look into vehicles to see what items can be easily stolen. Even a small amount of cash may be the catalyst for becoming a target. Ensure you conceal or remove all cash and valuable items from your vehicle.

For further information please go to [www.carsafe.com.au](http://www.carsafe.com.au)

If you have any questions please contact the Police Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au).

**FREE health and happiness program**

Everyone knows that helping others can benefit society, but there is now a significant and growing body of scientific research showing how altruism (ie, "the unselfish concern for the welfare of others") is associated with good health, wellbeing and longevity.

When you get involved and help others your body produces serotonin and this makes you feel happier. Research is also showing that volunteering can even boost the immune system.

Another health fact is that walking is very good for both your mind and body in many ways. So for your own health and wellbeing, why not get involved with our Neighbourhood Watch by delivering some newsletters every second month.

You could consider this a health and happiness program that's free of charge. It only takes about 30 minutes to deliver around 80 Newsletters but the health benefits lasts a lot longer.

You can join our happy volunteers by phoning Richard (Newsletter editor) on 0415 518 992 or by email at [newsletter@nhw491.com](mailto:newsletter@nhw491.com)

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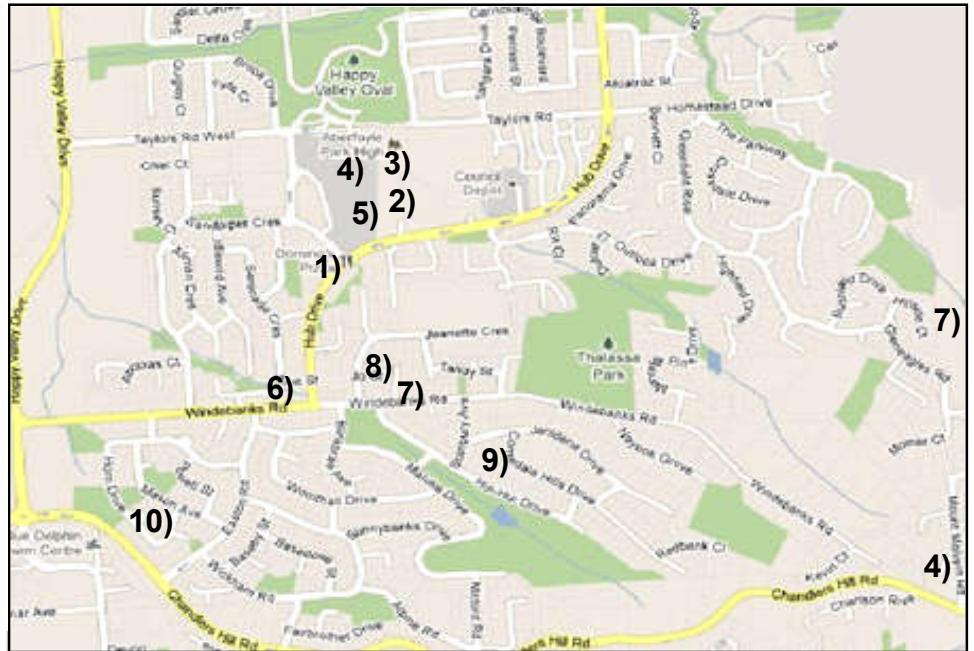
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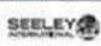
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### Time/Date Location Details

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 22/4 5am Hub Drive AP Power tools used in attempt to break into ATM. Front screen smashed, adjacent window also smashed. Nil entry gained. Alarm activated.
- 2. 15-29/4 Taylors Rd, AP Preschool rain tank, building and roof graffitied.
- 3. 24-27/5 Taylors Rd AP Damage to a fence post inside preschool grounds.
- 4. 24-27/5 Taylors Rd, AP High School building and paths graffitied.
- 5. 7-11/6 Taylors Rd AP High School building graffitied with 20 tags and window smashed. Repair cost \$140.

#### THEFT

- 6. 17/5 10.40am Moorfield Mews Handbag, shopping, gifts and backpack stolen from unlocked car in driveway for 5 mins. Value \$5,200.
- 7. 30/5 3.30am Windebanks Rd Attempted theft of vehicle parked on street. Trim removed from door window. Cost \$1000.

#### SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

- 8. 5/54pm-10pm Anita Crt AP Home entered via kitchen window or forced sliding door. TV and rug stolen. Value \$3600.
- 9. 30/5 Corriedale Hills Drive AP Access gained to residence overnight by removing portions of rear door structure while occupants slept. Car keys, wallet and vehicle stolen. Fingerprints obtained. Suspect arrested on 1/6.
- 10. 10/6 12.15 pm Horn Drive HV Occupant heard rear screen door rattling. Upon investigation was pushed and fell, bumping her head & grazing forearm. Male offender decamped.

### Please support our supporters

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

The first being the 38 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](mailto:contactus@nhw491.com).

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