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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Monday
15th March

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Lee, Happy Valley CFS

FUTURE MEETING

17th May 2021

Bringing local residents & police together for a safe & connected community

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Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

Last Meeting

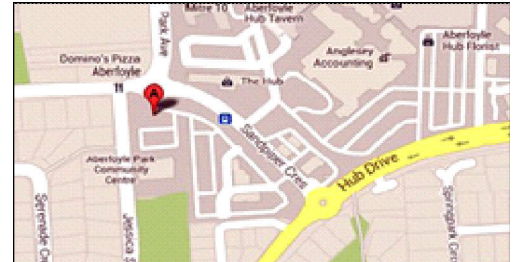
In January it was well worth the wait to hear from Craig Woods, from Roadside Services, who delivered an excellent presentation along with a professionally produced video, on the multi-faceted services that the company of which he is a Director, provides.

The engineering and safety issues that go into bollards, guard rails and signage was fascinating. The lengthy question session that followed, showed that Craig had "engaged" his audience. Later we heard from Cr Geoff Eaton who reminded us all of next week's Australia Day Breakfast festivities at Happy Valley Oval.

Next Meeting: Monday 15 March 2021

At our next meeting our guest speakers will be Lee from the Happy Valley CFS. He will discuss what a local CFS is responsible for, how it fits into the general CFS / MFS system and the duties our fire fighters fulfil locally.

Captain Lee will also talk about the recent Cherry Gardens fire and the Happy Valley CFS involvement. Summer and bush fire dangers are not over. Both house and bush fires are always a threat. The last



time Captain Lee visited it was a very informative and thought provoking night. We look forward to more of this useful information.

Our relaxed and friendly NHW Meetings are held on the third Monday of the odd numbered months. The next meeting is on Monday 15th of March 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. **We hope you can all join us for what should be another most informative night.** If you can't attend simply email your concerns to contactus@nhw491.com.au. 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 (8322 5000) for their continued support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.

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 Dr Naila Sherwani Female GP MBBS
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Scammers to target Australians over vaccine rollout

By George Roberts ABC News Online 22 February 2021

There are thousands of fraudsters preparing to exploit the COVID-19 vaccine program, experts say, warning the scams will look legitimate and the people behind them may even know your name, phone number and email.

Fraud consultant Gavin Levinsohn said scammers were preparing to launch the same cons they already have overseas.

"We know this because the number of vaccine-related domains or website addresses that have been set up over the past few weeks ... are in the thousands, which is a precursor to phishing scams related to the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) confirmed it already had 16 reports of vaccine-related scams.

Michael Connory, a cyber security consultant and CEO of the company Security in Depth, said there was a significant number of scam emails sent in the UK and US relating to vaccination programs.

"[They have] scammed numerous people, tens of thousands of people over in the UK, as well as in the US," he said.

Perfect ingredients for fraud

Fraud protection consultants said the rollout of vaccinations across Australia this week was giving fraudsters a prime opportunity to pose as health authorities.

"Bad actors will look for opportunities — be it tax time or be it the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

"Timing, urgency and need are perfect ingredients for fraud."

Mr Connory said scams would be very hard to distinguish from genuine communication.

"It will look like a legitimate email coming from a government agency," he said.

He said he expected the scams would convince people to click on a link to give personal information or install malicious software that steals information.

"Cyber-criminals then take that personal information, and use that for things such as identity theft, which is hugely prevalent in Australia," Mr Connory said.

He said people should expect scammers to call or even text them.

"That text will say something like: 'Hi Michael, here is your COVID information' with a link," he said.

"Now because you can't really see the link in detail on the text, it's much more likely that you will click on the link, and it will take you to a compromised website."

"What they're really looking for is your information, the more personal information they have on you, such as your Medicare details, your driver's licence, your date of birth — they can then utilise that information and attack you from an identity theft perspective," he said.

"It happens all the time and it's very difficult for individuals to be able to pick whether or not that's legitimate, or it's fake."

Mr Connory said it was best to treat all communication with caution.

"We would recommend not trusting it, talk to your local doctor, go on to the Australian government's [website], the DHS website, and have a look at what's happening and how things are rolling out," he said.



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Overpayment scam targets vehicle sellers

WA ScamNet has received a spike in reports about overpayment scams targeting consumers selling goods through online classified adverts with recent incidents involving scammers using false identities, such as a driver's licence and targeting car sellers.

Overpayment scams usually work by getting you to 'refund' a scammer who has sent you too much money for an item you are selling or to forward the additional funds to someone else to cover costs such as shipping.

These scammers are contacting people selling vehicles on websites like Gumtree and carsales.com.au, and then requesting they contact them via email to discuss the sale of the vehicle.

They then ask the seller to accept an additional amount of money from them which is to be forwarded by the seller on their behalf via Western Union or MoneyGram in order to pay for the shipping of the vehicle.

The seller then receives a fake PayPal email stating the funds have been transferred and will be placed into the nominated account once a receipt is provided showing the transfer of the payment to the courier for shipping.

The scammers often make claims like:

"I'm ok with the condition as described on the advert."

"I work on North West Shelf in the Rowley Sub-basin in Perth and the reception here is terrible. We do not have access to phone at the moment, which is why I contacted you with internet messaging facility."

They also claim the car is a surprise and is to be delivered elsewhere such as to Darwin, and then request the following:

"I am more than happy to go ahead with the purchase, that is ok with me, please do provide me with your paypal email address or bank details so that I can go ahead with the transfer to your bank account via my paypal, can you also give me the pickup postcode? so that I can get a definite quote from the carriers. As regards the papers, all I will need is a receipt, the rego will have to be done in NT, so there will be no use for the existing Reg and RWC."

Tips for sellers

- Never pay money via wire transfer to help a customer access the goods or services you are selling;
- Be cautious when dealing with customers only via email or who claim to be overseas or interstate – independently verify who you are dealing with before sending any money or goods. If doubtful, then do not proceed with the sale;
- Be sceptical if normal banking processes are not available; and
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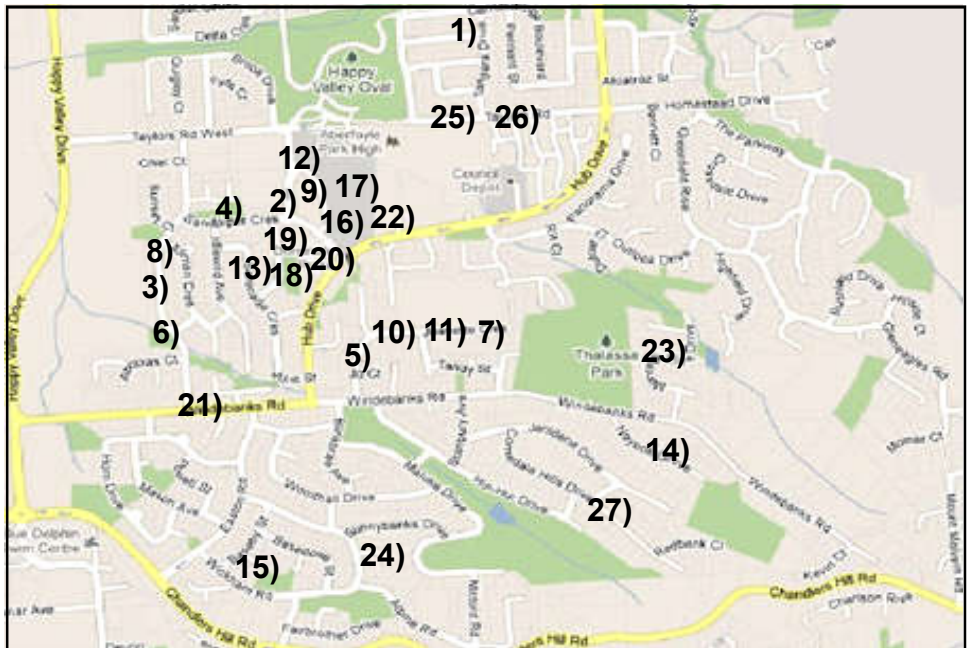
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Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

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| 1. | 15/12 Carrickalinga Bvd | Laundry window smashed. |
| 2. | 20/12 Park Av | Blue Mazda drove off from petrol station with fuel hose attached. \$300 damage. CCTV available. |
| 3. | 20/12 Southbound Av | House egged causing damage to door mat. |
| 4. | 21/12 Sandpiper Cr | Graffiti to Blackwell Funerals building. \$500 damage. |
| 5. | 24/12 Jeanette Cr | Graffiti applied to boundary fence. |
| 6. | 01/01 Southbound Av | Beer bottle thrown at car in driveway. Bumper damaged. |
| 7. | 23/12 Jeanette Cr | Broken window to storage shed. Nil entry |
| 8. | 24/12 Southbound Av | House and car egged while residents were out. No damage. |
| 9. | 13/01 The Mall | Graffiti Aberfoyle Family Practice. Value \$2000. |
| 10. | 07/01 Jeanette Cr | Damage to school football post. Value \$150. |
| 11. | 02/02 Jeanette Cr | School security floodlight damaged. \$300 damage. |
| 12. | 11/02 The Mall | Graffiti to wall of medical practice. \$500 damage. |
| 13. | 10/02 Serenade Cr | Panels of vehicle keyed/scratched. |

THEFT

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| 14. | 12/12 Nayook Gr | Vehicle entered via driver's window. Vehicle battery stolen. |
| 15. | 13/12 Trott Ct | Vehicle parked on street entered and items stolen. |
| 16. | 25/12 Hub Dr | Shop under construction broken into and tools stolen. |
| 17. | 26/12 Hub Dr | Bicycle stolen from shopping centre. Value \$500 |
| 18. | 30/01 Park Av | Theft of scooter left outside service station. |
| 19. | 13/02 Park Av | Mountain bike stolen from service station. |
| 20. | 03/01-10/02 Park Av | Fail To PayForFuelx7 instances. Value \$259.56. CCTV available. |

TRESPASS/SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

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| 21. | 22/12 Windebanks Rd | Shed broken into on vacant block. Items stolen and temporary fence damaged. |
| 22. | 03/01 Hub Dr | Paver used to smash lower glass pane of optometrist shop and sunglasses stolen. |
| 23. | 12/01 Monterey Pine Dr | Screen on front window tampered with. No entry gained. |
| 24. | 17/01 Nicolle Ct | House entered overnight via unlocked rear door. \$700 cash stolen. |
| 25. | 22/01 Taylors Rd | Retirement village unit entered via unlocked sliding door. Purse containing cash and cards along with jewellery stolen. |
| 26. | 09/02 Taylors Rd | Vacant retirement village unit entered. Nil stolen. |

FRAUD/DECEPTION/DISHONESTY

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| 27. | 1/12 Corriedale Hills Dr | Car broken into 6 months earlier. Stolen ID cards used to open fake accounts. |
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