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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Monday
18th March 2024

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Wendy Oliver,
Estia Health

FUTURE MEETING

20th May 2024

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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

At our last meeting in January, we heard a worthwhile talk from Kathi Denk, a Physio at Trucare Health who spoke on several aspects of our personal health including diet and exercise, along with an interesting audio-visual presentation.

Thank you to Secretary Emma for helping arrange this!

There was also discussion on recent local happenings, including all the different activity along Majors Road, O'Halloran Hill.

Next Meeting:

Monday March 18

Our relaxed, friendly and Covid safe NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months.

The next meeting is **Monday March 18** 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

Our guest speaker will be **Wendy Oliver from Estia Health**. Wendy is the Client Relations Manager for several Estia aged care homes, including the well-respected Aberfoyle Park residence.

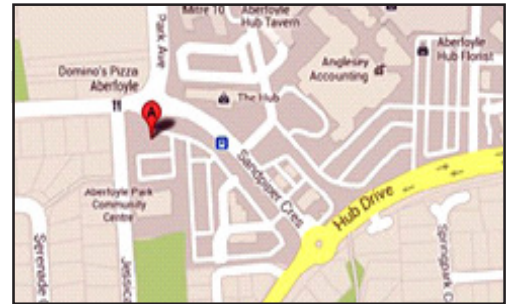
She'll be explaining the federal government's "My Aged Care" system, funding, and the assessment process. Wendy will also explain how aged care home funding works.

If you have aging parents, this process can be daunting and very confusing. Wendy will help remove the mystery of aged care so that you can be better informed to care for your loved ones.

Having navigated though the process for the past 2 years, Richard Keane will give his experience of dealing with the My Aged Care government services.

Welcome

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.



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.

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.

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Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

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Call NHW's Bruce on 0449 871 035, or email him numbering@nhw491.com.au to get it done.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have recently had some of our newsletter delivery volunteers leave the 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.au.

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

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

Jonathan's bank transactions show exactly where scammers used his details - it sent him down a spiral of confusion and stress for weeks

By Widia Jalal, *ABC News* 9 January 2024

Horticulturalist Jonathan Garner is always on the lookout for deliveries.

A text message from an unknown number said Mr Garner's parcel delivery had been unsuccessful and prompted him to update his information to resume the delivery.

Desperate to get a hold of his parcel, he clicked on the link in the message and was greeted with a page sporting a logo and brand colours identical to Australia Post.

The layout of the page, as well as the icons and symbols, all looked familiar to him so he skimmed to the end.

The page displayed his shipment details, along with a tracking number and a section for his card details.

It turns out the message had directed him to a fake Australia Post website, and he had unknowingly given scammers access to his bank account by filling out the six-digit authentication code.

Multiple identical transactions to a local business

Later that same day, six transactions were made resulting in a loss of about \$2,700 across multiple identical transactions to a local tobacconist – all using his bank account details.

Mr Garner spotted the transactions a few days later on his account and immediately contacted his bank to alert them and seek compensation.

He said the fraud team at Commonwealth Bank explained he had fallen for a phishing scam and said he was ineligible for compensation because he had authorised the transactions.

After several rounds of intense negotiation, he said he ended up recovering 75 per cent of his losses from the bank which told him to report the case to the police.

Advice from Australia Post:

Australia Post is aware of such phishing scams circulating and has urged people to take these steps to protect themselves.

- Report any suspicious message – whether on text, email or social media – from senders posing as the courier to scams@auspost.com.au

How can you report phishing scams to authorities?

If you've fallen victim to a scam, here are the steps to take – depending on your circumstances.

- Contact your bank or financial institution immediately if you have lost money
- You can also report to police via [ReportCyber](#)
- Be aware of other scams which may occur after a loss of personal information
- Contact [IDCARE](#) on 1800 595 160 if you have provided scammers with your personal identifying information such as drivers licence or passport
- Report scams to [Scamwatch](#)

ReportCyber is a national policing initiative which ensures your report will be referred to the right law enforcement agencies.

You may also want to note the unique report reference number to provide to other organisations.

Run by National Anti-Scam Centre, Scamwatch collect reports about scams to help warn others and to take action to stop scams.

Visit your local police station or call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

If you are unable to report the scam to ReportCyber, you can lodge a report at your local police station as an alternative.

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Russian man identified as Medibank hacker, hit with sanctions by Australian government

By Tom Crowley, ABC News 23 January 2024

The Australian government has announced sanctions against Russian man Aleksandr Ermakov over his role in the Medibank Private data breach.

It is the first time the government has used its cyber sanctions framework, which was legislated in 2021 to apply financial punishments to people involved in significant cyber attacks.

The personal information of 9.7 million Medibank customers, including names, dates of birth, Medicare numbers and sensitive private health information, was stolen in 2022. Much of it was published on the dark web.

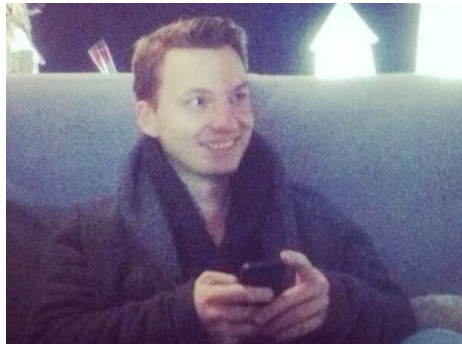
The government said the Australian Signals Directorate and the Australian Federal Police had identified Ermakov as responsible for the attack.

The sanctions make it a criminal offence to provide the man with any assets, including cryptocurrency and any money through ransom payments, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

"This is a very important day for cybersecurity in our country," Home Affairs Minister Claire O'Neil said.

"Medibank, in my view, was the single most devastating cyber attack we have experienced as a nation.

"We all went through it. Literally millions of people having personal data about themselves, their family members, taken from them and cruelly placed online for others to see.



"These people are cowards and they're scumbags. They hide behind technology... The Australian government is saying that when we put our minds to it, we'll unveil who you are and we'll make sure you're accountable."

Authorities are pursuing additional leads in relation to the Medibank attack.

Ms O'Neil said authorities were focused on "a number of Russian cyber gangs" threatening Australia and working in coordination with cyber authorities in the US and UK.

A spokesperson from Medibank thanked the government for identifying Ermakov and putting sanctions in place.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong also announced the government had imposed counter-terrorism sanctions against 12 people and three entities linked to Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic jihad.

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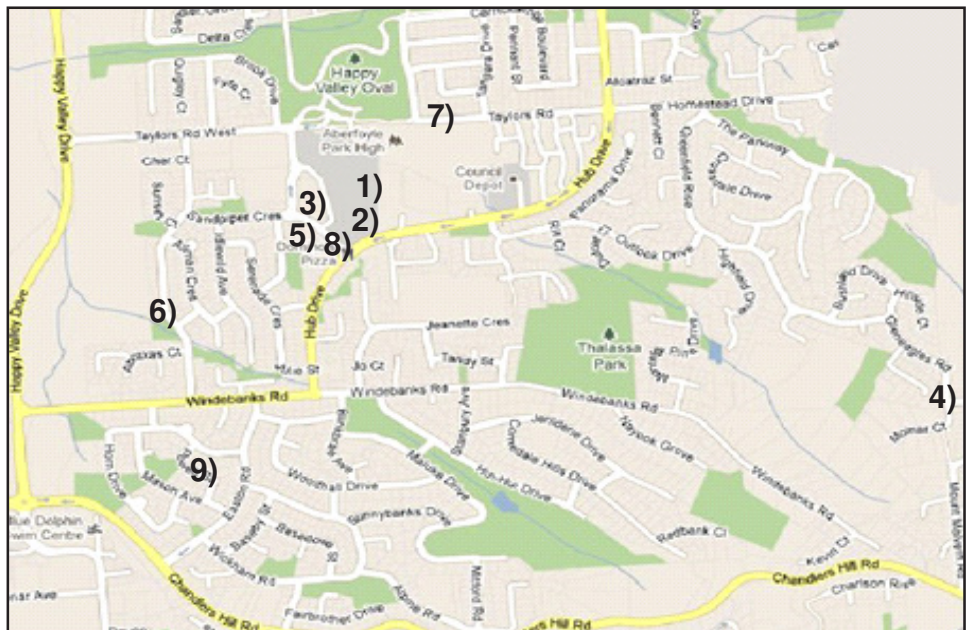


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Police Incidents 15 January - 24 February 2024



Date

Location

Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 15/01/24 The Mall, Aberfoyle Park Picture frame smashed. Value \$60.
- 2. 25/01/24 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park Male suspect kicked two holes in storefront drywall.

THEFT

- 3. 17/01/24 Park Av, Aberfoyle Park OTR. Fuel drive off. Female in red Mazda Value \$100. CCTV available.
- 4. 18/01/24 Corella Av, Chandlers Hill Theft from white Toyota. Lock forced. Tools stolen. Value \$1800. CCTV available.
- 5. 10/02/24 Sandpiper Cr, Aberfoyle Park Documents, papers and \$150 cash stolen from vehicle.
- 6. 16/02/24 Southbound Av, Aberfoyle Park 2 vehicles Interfered with while parked in driveway overnight. Damage to vehicle. Value \$800.
- 7. 16/02/24 Taylors Rd, Aberfoyle Park Unlocked vehicle entered. Keys and deodorant stolen.
- 8. 17/02/24 Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park AMPOL. Fuel drive off. White Mazda Ute. Value \$126. CCTV available.

CYBER CRIME/FRAUD

- 9. 21/01/24 Powell St, Happy Valley Overseas internet scam. Money transferred to Philippines. Value \$800.

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