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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Monday

21st September (AGM)

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

FUTURE MEETING

16th November

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

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

Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

WE'RE BACK: Monday Sept 21st

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we cancelled our March, May and July meetings. We thank everyone for their understanding.

September 21 is our **Annual General Meeting** where we cast our votes to recruit new or familiar faces to our committee. We need willing and able volunteers to carry out the projects we elect to pursue.

This is your chance to make a difference in your neighbourhood. If you're considering getting involved, please come to our September 21 meeting to see what we're about and how you can help.

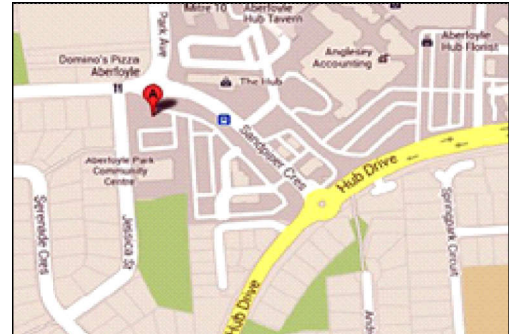
Our relaxed and friendly NHW Meetings are held on the third Monday of the odd numbered months. We encourage those living in Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley to consider volunteering for the Committee.

Volunteering is very rewarding and of great benefit to the community, not to mention, it looks great on your CV. More information on how to nominate and what is involved is available by emailing contactus@nhw491.com.

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).

As has become tradition at our AGM, we will be putting on a super supper. Not only will there be the usual biscuits, cake and refreshments but also hot pizzas kindly donated by Cesar's Pizzeria (8270 4460). 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.



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.

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.

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The second important group are the businesses that donate products and/or finances directly to us and those businesses that advertise in this newsletter.

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

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers





APPOINTMENTS BULK BILLED

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- Dr Shriniwas Halivagilu MBBS, FRACGP
- Dr Feroz Rammal MBBS, FRACGP
- Dr Rupinder Sekhon Female GP MBBS, FRACGP
- Dr Naila Sherwani Female GP MBBS
- Dr Yog Raman Sareen MBBS, FRACGP

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Call NHW's Bruce on 0449 871 035 or email him at numbering@nhw491.com

Don't be Fooled: Beware of Scammers

Government impersonation scams on the rise

At this time of the year there is an increase in taxation scams.

Victims receive an automated 'robocall' pretending to be from a government department such as the Tax Office or Home Affairs.

The scammer will claim something illegal - such as tax fraud or money laundering- has been committed in the victim's name and they should dial 1 to speak to an operator.

The scammer then tries to scare people into handing over money and may threaten arrest if they refuse.

Government departments will never threaten you with immediate arrest, or ask for payment by **unusual methods such as gift cards, iTunes vouchers** or bank transfers.

Pet Scam

SAPOL wish to remind everyone to be cautious when purchasing items online, even pets.

A large number of Australians are purchasing pets from an online website and falling victim to an elaborate puppy scam.

Scammers play on emotions as the pictures of puppies are cute and are said to need re homing but, in reality, were never for sale to begin with.

Act with caution when buying online, especially if the seller makes it hard to see the animal in person.

A common tactic is to portray they are based in a remote location, which is too far for people to reasonably travel.

SAPOL recommend that you do your homework when buying anything online and don't rely on reviews or testimonials on the site itself.

Instead, run the website's address through a search engine and look further than the first page of results. Scammers can be very convincing, so if something does not feel right, do not be pressured into making a decision on the spot.

Before you transfer money or share your bank details, discuss it with someone you trust or check www.cyber.gov.au to see if you are involved in a scam. If possible use secure payment options such as Paypal or credit card.

Gen Z the fastest growing victims of scams

Australians under 25 lost over \$5 million in 2019. Scam reports from this age group are increasing faster than for older generations.

Although young people are tech savvy, scammers are adapting. Scamwatch expects to see more scams on platforms such as Snapchat and Tik Tok.

Meanwhile Facebook and Instagram were the most common platforms for losses by those under 25.

Typical scams involve fake online stores or fake tickets to events. Almost half of the losses occurred through bank transfer.

Please be wary of sellers asking for payment through unusual methods such as gift cards or bitcoin.

Purchase tickets from authorised sellers and be aware that many links on social media may not be legitimate.



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New Online Safety Resources to Support Parents and Carers During COVID-19

Protecting children online continues to be a priority for law enforcement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian Federal Police- led ThinkUKnow program and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) have developed a range of initiatives and resources to address the challenges associated with children spending more time online.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents a number of online safety challenges for children and young people.

Prevention is critical in countering the exploitation of children online, yet ACCCE research published earlier this year revealed that information seeking and discussion about online children sexual exploitation is generally only undertaken in response to a specific event.

ThinkUKnow at home learning packs

New home learning activity packs have been created for parents, carers and children to undertake and learn about online safety together.

Supported by case studies from the ACCCE Child Protection Triage Unit, the age-appropriate activities address online supervision, personal information and unwanted contact, safer gaming and smart usernames, and safer online interactions.

ThinkUKnow is Australia's only nationally delivered law enforcement-led online

child safety program that provides education for parents, carers, teachers, children and young people, to address the issue of online child sexual exploitation.

It is a partnership between the AFP and industry (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Datacom and Microsoft) and delivered in collaboration with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The ACCCE brings together resources from Government and Commonwealth agencies, law enforcement agencies, non-government organisations, and other partners to prevent and disrupt online sexual exploitation of children.

You can find out more about online safety by following ThinkUKnow and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation on social media.

Facebook: @ThinkUKnowAustralia

Twitter: @ThinkUKnow_Aus

Facebook: ACCCEaus

Twitter: ACCCE_AUS

For further information, or to download visit thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers and acce.gov.au/covid19

Source: *NHWA Journal August 2020 p.36*

CAN YOU HELP?

We have recently had volunteers leave our zone and thus need replacements.

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

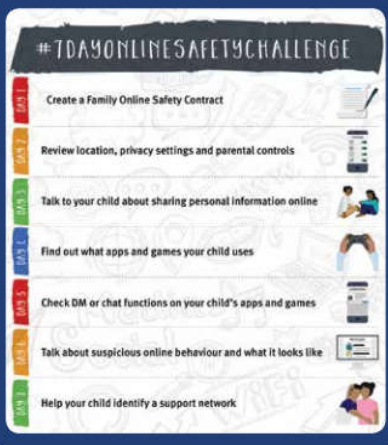
If you can spare about one hour every second month please contact us by email at newsletter@nhw491.com.

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

7 Day Family Online Safety Challenge

The 7 Day Online Safety Challenge aims to provide simple daily online safety tasks for parents and carers to complete over a week, to help keep their children safe online.

The daily tasks include reviewing privacy settings, creating a Family Online Safety Contract and helping children identify a support network.



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PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 01/07 Horn Dr Damage to screen door of unoccupied house.
- 16/07 Andrew Ct Rear windscreen on vehicle smashed in driveway.
- 31/07 Taylors Rd Graffiti on High School Grounds. Damage \$200.

THEFT

- 01/08 Hub Dr Female left without paying for fuel. Value \$50.53.
- 18/08 Corriedale Hills Dr Bag, and laptop stolen from vehicle. Value \$2600.
- 24/08 Trott Ct Garage, shed, 3 vehicles entered. Offender seen. Nil stolen.
- 05/07 The Mall Defibrillator stolen from front of building. Value \$3000.
- 14/07 Taylors Rd Victim contacted by "Paypal" who fraudulently accessed her online banking account and removed \$17,000.
- 02/07 Taylors Rd Bike stolen from locked bike area.
- 09/07 Brook Dr Surveying peg stolen.
- 04/08 Curtis Ct 60lt camping fridge stolen from carport. Value \$450

TRESPASS/SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

- 13/07 Woodham Ct Vacant house entered using hidden key.
- 01/08 The Mall Attempt break-in to dance studio.
- 22/08 Spring Park Cct House entered using hidden key. Solar lights stolen.
- 26/08 Dalpura Gr Noise heard. Turned on light and person seen in carport.

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