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ALDGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 249 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm
21st August 2019

The Hut Community Centre,
1 Euston Road Aldgate

Everyone is welcome

Meetings:

3rd Wed every 2nd month

If you would like to

Contact **Aldgate WatchSA** please call **The Hut Community Information & Resource Centre** on 8339 4400 and leave a message for us to return your call

Website & Facebook

www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw

www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/

Area Coordinator:

Colin Fraser

Police Coordinator:

Constable Michael Bowes

Stirling Police 8339 2422

Mount Barker Police 8398 1700

Police Attendance 131444

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

CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

SAVE ALDGATE NHW

We are fast approaching the AGM, where we are still hoping to keep our Aldgate Neighbourhood Watch group going.

In the last two Newsletters I have sought help from three locals to take over from our long-standing committee, which is retiring at the coming AGM.

Only one brave community-minded person has volunteered so far. We need another two to take on the Secretary's and Treasurer's roles.

Surely in the whole of Aldgate there are another two like-minded people who can come along to just 6 meetings a year at the Hut to

discuss personal and community safety, and publish and deliver a newsletter every other month.

It's not terribly onerous but it's another important part of our wonderful Hills Community service.

So, please do think about attending our AGM on Wednesday 21st August at 7.20 at The Hut on Euston Rd and support our local Neighbourhood Watch group. Otherwise it will cease to exist.

Regards,

*Colin Fraser, Area Coordinator
Aldgate Neighbourhood Watch*

Does Neighbourhood Watch Work?

In a Nutshell, Yes! UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FEATURE

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Journal, May 2019, pages 6-7

by Lorraine Mazerolle, Professor of Criminology, University of Queensland and Rebecca Wickes, Associate Professor, Monash University.

The question in the crime and justice arena is whether or not Neighbourhood Watch is an effective approach for reducing crime and disorder problems in communities.

Using systematic review techniques, researchers have found that **Neighbourhood Watch is associated with a reduction in crime of between 16 and 26 per cent.**

More recent research using the Australian Community Capacity Study (ACCS) (see <https://accs.project.uq.edu.au/>) explores community actions, often undertaken in the context of Neighbourhood Watch, and sometimes outside of any programmatic intervention.

From the ACCS, we can explore 'who acts?' 'what encourages actions?' 'what actions are undertaken in response to crime?' And, most importantly, 'do actions lead to lower perceptions of crime and reductions in crime rates?'

In this study, "actors" are defined as community residents who have actively

responded to an identified problem in their local community and "actions" are defined as behaviours undertaken by actors that occur as a direct response to a community problem.

What we find from the ACCS is that the people who are taking most action in communities are people in higher income households, middle-aged people, men, married fathers and single mothers and people who have been previously victims of crime.

Few residents actually engage in action when faced with a neighbourhood problem. The common community problems faced include dangerous driving, drinking in public and suspected drug problems.

When community members decide to intervene, the most common action taken is to call the police. For graffiti problems, people are more likely to contact local or state government agencies. Overall, the ACCS finds that when residents act, their approach differs depending on the type of problem they are dealing with. (cont'd p.3)

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The Repair Cafe



The Hut Community Centre welcomes you to get involved with The Repair Café – Saturday 7th September 10-2pm!

The Repair Café is a pop up event that invites people of all backgrounds to get household items repaired by volunteer repair experts for free. The Repair Café is a place for the community to come together, to recognise and share skills and to reduce unnecessary household waste. Volunteer repair experts will take the time to explain the repair process to participants, helping them to learn new skills and understand the benefits of repairing.

The event will include live music and low cost refreshments and a general marketplace vibe.

Our Repair Café is based on the worldwide Repair Café movement that has taken off with great success in creating community connection and promoting sustainability.

Want to get involved? Here are four easy ways;

1) Save the date in your calendar and collect up your fixable items – Think twice before you throw out a broken or worn out household item! Collect them up and bring them along.

2) Become a Volunteer Repair Expert - We are looking for Volunteers to join us. Volunteer Repair Experts will use their skills in

woodwork, sewing, basic electrical, jewellery, bicycle or anything else to help the public repair small household items they bring along.

The Repair Café ethos recognises that some items will be beyond repair and participants will be made aware of this before taking part. We see this as a great



Tax Help

Taxable income less than \$60,000?

If you need help lodging your tax return, you may be eligible for the Tax Help program.

Tax Help is a network of ATO-trained and accredited community volunteers who provide a free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns online.

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opportunity for business people to volunteer their time and promote their business within the community.

3) Become a General Volunteer – We are looking for General Volunteers to assist with logistics and hosting the event.

4) Become a Volunteer performer – We are looking for volunteer performers to share their talent with the crowd and create a vibrant atmosphere at the Repair Café.

We welcome your help, suggestions or feedback to make this project happen. Contact us at reception@thehut.org.au for more information or pop into The Hut Monday-Friday.



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.

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.

NHW Works! (cont'd from p.1)

Problem severity and residents' own circumstances are most important for predicting action and the neighbourhood context is important for shaping the actions that residents take to address common problems.

In conclusion, we know that Neighbourhood Watch is an important, long lasting crime prevention program that is not "just" a feel-good program but rather a program that can help to reduce crime and disorder problems in communities across Australia.

But there is still room for improvement.

One of the future challenges for Neighbourhood Watch is moving beyond simply calling the police and starting to focus on actions that foster strong, pro-social ties in all different types of communities.

Actions that promote strong networks will help to prevent and control local problems. A goal that is close to the original mission of Neighbourhood Watch.

Esafety.gov.au



The eSafety Commissioner is responsible for promoting online safety for all Australians.

We are committed to helping all Australians have safer, positive experiences online—just as they would offline.

The Office co-ordinates and leads the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for profit community. It has a broad remit which includes providing:

- a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying
- identifying and removing illegal online content
- tackling image-based abuse.

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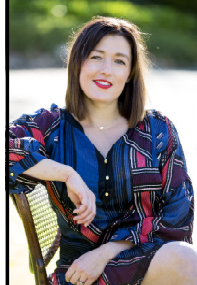
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JOSH TEAGUE MP

MEMBER FOR HEYSEN



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PACT

Have Your Say – Aldgate Neighbourhood Watch

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Aldgate PACT is gathering information about local issues in your neighbourhood, so that we can work with you to take action to tackle them. **Please help us by writing down what you feel to be the biggest local issue/concern on this slip and returning it to us, by placing it in the PACT postbox at Aldgate Pharmacy.**

WHAT is your issue? (please be as specific as you can)

WHERE is this happening? (e.g. street name/specific location)

WHEN is this happening? (please provide times and days)

Please give your name and contact number so we can either talk to you about the problem or advise you of the action being taken. THANK YOU My Postcode is

Name.....Contact #.....Date.....