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ALDGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 249 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm
19th June 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

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NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](http://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

Area Coordinator:

Colin Fraser

Police Coordinator:

Sen Constable Libby Bruce

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

TOWARDS ZERO TOGETHER - 2020

It seems that everyday we read of another road fatality or seriously injured person – driver, passenger or pedestrian.

We seem to have become immune to this shocking waste of life and cost to our community as if it is acceptable. However this doesn't have to be so.

Recently the Minister for Road Safety, the Hon. Tom Kenyon MP announced the **Towards Zero Together Strategy for 2020**. In his words this is a Strategy about **YOU**.

It's about the driver, every motor cyclist, every pedestrian, every cyclist all having respect for each other. It's about thinking safely and changing our behaviour every time we venture onto the roads.

It's about admitting to ourselves that creeping over the speed limit -even just a little – is not acceptable, that driving after drinking is just not on, that running the red light is risky, dangerous driving.

It's about not taking drugs and driving, not texting, taking or making a mobile phone call in the driver's seat.

This strategy aims to reduce our annual road toll to less than the shocking 80 fatalities and 800 serious injuries by 2020.

We can collectively all make a difference—we all need to think of that old saying – **Safety First** every time we venture onto the roads- We all want to come home safely to our families each day. It's up to everyone to try harder to make this happen.

Regards

Colin Fraser, Area Coordinator

NEW CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED URGENTLY

In our April Newsletter I invited interest from anyone to put up their hand to take on being our Co-ordinator, to ring me on 0409837099. Well, surprise, surprise - no one has rung!

Sadly, if we don't find a new co-ordinator, and also some new committee members by our AGM in August, Neighbourhood Watch will cease to function in Aldgate.

Surely there is someone out there! Please help.

*Colin Fraser, Area Coordinator
Aldgate Neighbourhood Watch*

HANDS OFF

Don't make it easy for opportunistic thieves! Thieves are not only targeting vehicles, but also houses to find keys and steal cars.

The
'Hands
Off'
sticker
is
available



to display on vehicle windows to deter thieves and remind owners to remove valuables and lock up.

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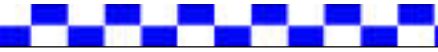
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The Hut celebrates 40 years

On Sunday 5th May The Hut Community Centre opened its doors to celebrate the 40th anniversary of providing services to The Hills Community.

During 1979, the small but active congregation of the Aldgate church, (part of the Uniting Church in Australia) on Fenchurch Road, decided to explore opportunities to address the needs of isolated people within the Hills. A small, under-utilised, 2 roomed transportable building on the church grounds known as the hut, was revamped and opened to the community with the object of attempting to provide for all and any needs which became apparent. The Hut continues to have the focus of addressing social isolation and connecting people to their community, 40 years on.

More than 500 people attended throughout the day and participated in come 'n' try activities in mosaics, leadlighting, and woodwork. There were also plenty of entertainment and activities for the kids, with gumboot planting, face painting, bouncy castle, Hills Toy Library activities and Twig and Sticks Nature Play.

The day was also an opportunity to have the opening of Teetaka Ila, The Platform Community Gardens with Josh Teague MP officiating.

The development of the garden was funded by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the 'Fund my neighbourhood' program and driven by a team of community volunteers.

After extensive community consultation and many hours of work by a team of dedicated volunteers, the platform gardens is now open for the community to enjoy. Teetaka Ila means 'Sit and Share place'. This is what we hope this space will be for the community, a place to relax, learn, grow and contribute.

If you would like to be involved in the community garden, come along on a Tuesday and Thursday morning and have a chat with the volunteers.



Cutting the cake: L-R Rosemary Drabsch, Deb Bates, Deborah Turnbull (Hut Chair of the Board), Gwenda Patten (founding member) Garry McDonald, Jean Thomas, David Linn

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RAA Friday is the favourite day for car thieves to strike

Thieves prefer Fridays when it comes to stealing your car, according to latest figures obtained by RAA Insurance.

RAA Insurance is urging drivers to be vigilant to avoid becoming a victim of car crime and has released a list of safety tips to minimise the risks to their vehicles.

According to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, of which RAA is a member, a total of 527 vehicles were stolen on a Friday - more than any other day of the week - in the 12 months to the end of September 2018.

That's an average of around 10 cars each Friday over this period. Friday thieves were most active between 4pm-8pm when a total of 155 vehicles were stolen.

It was also revealed more vehicles were stolen in March (319) than any other month during this period.

"Having your car stolen is a major inconvenience and, if you're not insured, a serious financial setback," RAA Insurance Claims Manager Hayley Cain said.

"That's why we encourage all motorists to take precautions to reduce their chance of having their car stolen or broken into."

Ms Cain said the figures showed about two thirds of the 3002 vehicles stolen in this period were for "short term use" – or joy riding – and the rest for "financial gain" such as accessing spare parts.

"It's about opportunities and there are many more people parking in public while out and about on a Friday evening.

"This might also explain why March – with all its associated events like the festival and supercar race – is the most common month for stealing cars."

The total theft figures for SA in the 12 months to September were consistent with the annual average reported to police during the past four years, Ms Cain said.

Here's what you can do to reduce the chances of having your car stolen or broken into:

- Park in a garage or carport whenever possible.
- If you must park on the road, leave your car in a well-lit area and preferably have an alarm fitted.
- Install sensor lights in your driveway as a deterrent.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Remove items of value from sight.
- If you don't have a car alarm, use a steering wheel lock.
- Don't put all your valuables in the boot, most trunks are easily accessible.

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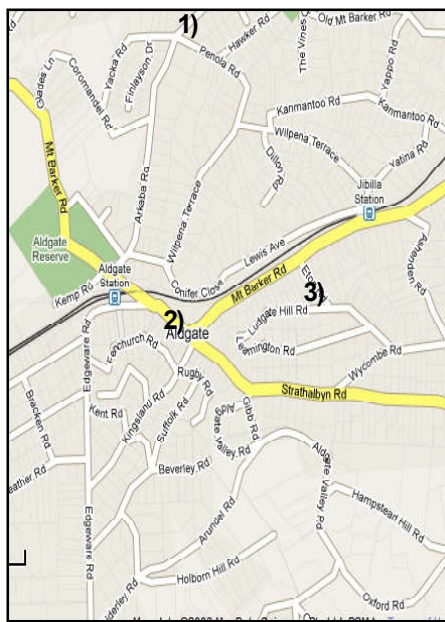
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Theft

- 1.17/3/19 Woodland CI, Aldgate
Theft of sunglasses from car.
Nil damage.

Serious Criminal Trespass

- 2.2/3/19 Mount Barker Rd, Aldgate
Business front door smashed in.
Jewellery stolen from glass cabinet.
- 3.31/3/19 Eton Rd, Aldgate
Entry gained by forcing bedroom open and rummaged through. Unknown if anything stolen.

Around the Area

- 4.20/3/19 Mt Barker Rd, Hahndorf
50 metres of copper piping stolen from side of shops.
- 5.20/3/19 Garrod Cr, Stirling
Smart Meter stolen from fuse box.

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NHW HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Neighbourhood Watch areas work against crime: the public are the eyes and ears for the police in our neighbourhood.

Keeping people informed, being observant and alert, is being proactive against crime. The police can only be in one place at a time, and the area they cover is large.

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JOSH TEAGUE MP

MEMBER FOR HEYSEN



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Have Your Say – Aldgate Neighbourhood Watch

POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

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 no..... Date.....