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CAMPBELLTOWN

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 393/394

Area 393/394 is bounded by Wicks Avenue, Church Road, Lower North East Road and the O’Bahn Busway.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 9th July 2019

East Marden Primary School

ALL WELCOME

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

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- EMERGENCY 000**
- Police Attendance 131444**
- Graffiti Hotline 83653147
- Street Light Repair 131366
- Traffic Light Out 18000181313
- Water Main Burst 82071300
- Dog Catcher 83669227

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Wed 10/7 6.30pm Christmas in July – OG Hotel – 6.30pm
- Tues 13/8 7.30pm East Marden Primary School
- Thurs 22/8 7.00pm NHW Eastern District – C’town Council
- Tues 8/10 7.30pm East Marden Primary School **AGM**
- Thurs 28/11 7.00pm NHW Eastern District – C’town Council
- Wed 4/12 6.30pm Christmas Dinner – OG Hotel



**REPORT DANGEROUS
DRIVING TO POLICE**

Traffic Watch
131 444

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.

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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.



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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.

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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.

The Office also provides audience-specific content to help educate all Australians about online safety including young people, women, teachers, parents, seniors and community groups.

Our goal is to empower all Australians to explore the online world—safely.

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.

Any information the public can give Police helps in their investigations.

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area (details on front page).



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.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers

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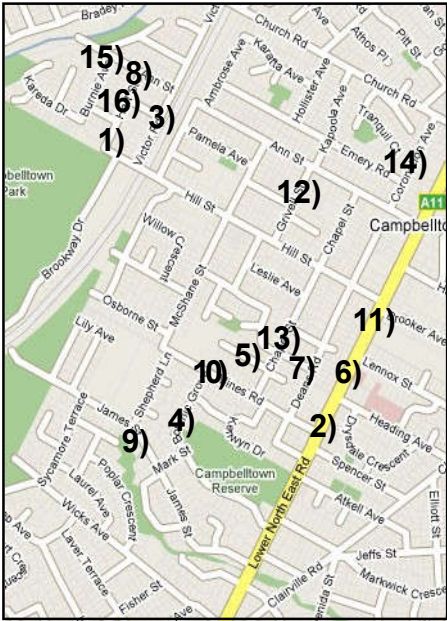
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Police Incidents March - May 2019

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 1/3/19 Hart Street Window of car smashed. Entry gained but nil stolen.
- 2. 9/4 Lower Nth East Rd Nails forced into tyres of car for the second time.
- 3. 23/5/19 Victor Road Window of car smashed parked in street. Damage \$600.

THEFT

- 4. 4/3/19 Botanic Grove Car broken into while parked in street. Items stolen.
- 5. 6/4/19 Kalimna Avenue Unlocked house entered. Car keys and car stolen.
- 6. 15/4 Lower Nth East Rd Water meter stolen from site of units under construction.
- 7. 28/4/19 Labrador Street House entered. \$100 cash and cigarettes stolen.
- 8. 12/5/19 Ann Street \$600 stolen from handbag left inside unlocked house.
- 9. 15/5/19 James Street Car entered while parked in street. Mobile phone stolen.
- 10. 18/5/19 Mines Road Unlocked house entered. Numerous items stolen.
- 11. 1/6 Lower Nth East Rd Mobile phone stole while left unattended at gym.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 12. 6/3/19 Grivell Street Rear door window smashed. \$1000 of jewellery stolen.
- 13. 7/4/19 Labrador Street Large amount of paint stolen from house under construction.
- 14. 14/4/19 Coronation St Door of shed forced. 2 carburettors stolen. Value \$4,500.
- 15. 5/6/19 Ann Street House entered and personal items stolen.

FRAUD

- 16. 17/5/19 Hart Street Stolen ID used to redirect mail to a PO mail box.

Statewide Facebook Page

A new Statewide Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page has been launched. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/> Find us on Facebook

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