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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 153/4

NEXT MEETING

6.00pm 11th March

WHERE:

Box Factory Community Centre

ALL WELCOME

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area

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

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Neighbourhood Watch City South East Area 153/154 News

Unfortunately, the remainder of 2020 passed without us being able to hold a meeting.

We thank everyone for their understanding. If you have an issue or concern you can simply email us at nhwadelaide@gmail.com. We can attend to it ourselves or direct it to the appropriate person(s).

We will be holding our first meeting for 2021 on **Thursday 11th March at 6:00pm at the Box Factory**. We take this opportunity to invite you to come along and learn how we can improve personal safety and security.

At this stage we are unsure of when the AGM, postponed from 2020, will be conducted so watch this space! The Annual General Meeting provides the opportunity to recruit new or familiar faces to our committee. **We need willing and able volunteers to carry out a range of tasks.** This is your chance to make a difference in your neighbourhood. If you are considering getting involved, please don't hesitate to contact us at nhwadelaide@gmail.com to discuss how you can help keep City South East a safe place to work and live.

Meetings for 2021 have been booked and confirmed for the following dates:

Thursday 11th March

Thursday 10th June

Thursday 9th September and

Thursday 11th November

They will be conducted from 6pm to 7pm in the Regent Room to provide 1.5m physical distancing required due to COVID 19.

For your information, in November 2020 City of Adelaide announced a restructure that has resulted in the three Community Centres (Box Factory, South West and North Adelaide) being coordinated by one person.

This will no doubt impact on the systems and processes that have operated in the past.

The most significant being that the Box Factory will not be staffed from 4pm to 7pm Monday to Friday. Although it can be hired for use during these times it is currently unclear how we can access keys and we will no longer be able to use the centre as the pick-up point for the distribution of the NHW newsletter. We are awaiting for further information at the time of printing.

All City of Adelaide Libraries are open with no change to their normal operating hours other than to accommodate the current State Government COVID-19 requirements. The Adelaide South West Community Centre has now reopened. Further information re times and programs can be found on the City of Adelaide website.

Home Safety

SAPOL takes this opportunity to recommend the following crime prevention tips:

- ensure appropriate keyed locks are fitted to all doors and windows
- even when you are outside, be sure to lock all doors and windows
- install a quality security screen door to the front and rear doors
- do not leave valuables in obvious places
- consider installing a safe
- use an engraver, ultraviolet (UV) pen or microdot technology to mark property
- mark your valuables with your driver's licence number, prefixed 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.

If you see anything suspicious contact the police assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information regarding criminals and their activities report it to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au.

You can remain anonymous.

Personal Safety Presentation

City South East Neighbourhood Watch cordially invites you to attend our first 2021 area meeting to be held on Thursday 11th March at 6pm at the Box Factory Community Centre, Regent Street Adelaide.

This is a unique opportunity to be able to gain valuable information provided by Phil Moss SAPOL (Acting Sergeant, Eastern District Community Engagement Section) on strategies to ensure your personal safety and security.

Some of the key points to be covered are:

- Staying safe whilst out and about
- The importance of trusting your instincts
- Protecting personal property
- Best practice in protecting your vehicle
- Online safety – are you allowing strangers into your home?

We hope you will consider attending and assure you that all COVID-19 requirements relating to Indoor Public Meetings will be observed.



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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).

SA Police issue scam warning after fraudster impersonating NBN calls cybercrime unit

By Charles Brice, ABC News, 5 November 2020

South Australian police have issued a warning about a new scam targeting Adelaide locals, after the force's own cybercrime unit was among the recipients of one of the deceptive phone calls.

SA Police said scammers were ringing Adelaide landlines, advising recipients that their computers had been hacked and directing them to a website imitating the National Broadband Network (NBN).

"There is an NBN scam currently cycling through Adelaide landline numbers, and the Financial and Cybercrime Investigation Branch (FCIB), who investigate such scams, were one of the numbers to receive a call," police said in a statement.

To better understand the fraudulent operation, a member of the FCIB using secure software followed the caller's instructions and was led to a "poorly designed" website.

"The obvious indicator that this website is not affiliated with the NBN is that the text preceding the '.com' is weebly — a webhosting site," police said.

The officer was then told to carry out steps which resulted in remote

access software being downloaded.

"The caller tried to reassure us that the software would help fix our internet problem," police said.

"We informed the caller that we couldn't open the program, so he had us click on [other] buttons, which attempted to download further executable programs.

"After we kept experiencing problems, the caller terminated the call."

Police suspect the scammer was attempting to gain access to personal information, including passwords for online banking.

They urged the public not to engage with scammers, and said the incident demonstrated that "no-one is safe from receiving scam robocalls, not even the police".

"Our advice to the community is to not download software that you are not familiar with, and never at the direction of someone over the phone," police said.

"If you receive a call and cannot be certain who you are speaking to, hang up the phone and call the organisation back on a known, reputable number."

COVID-19

TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFO

Check your symptoms healthdirect.gov.au	National updates health.gov.au
Local updates and information sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019	The latest travel advice smartraveller.gov.au

For general questions
Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080



Overpayment scam targets vehicle sellers

WA ScamNet has received a spike in reports about overpayment scams targeting consumers selling goods through online classified adverts with recent incidents involving scammers using false identities, such as a driver's licence and targeting car sellers.

Overpayment scams usually work by getting you to 'refund' a scammer who has sent you too much money for an item you are selling or to forward the additional funds to someone else to cover costs such as shipping.

These scammers are contacting people selling vehicles on websites like Gumtree and carsales.com.au, and then requesting they contact them via email to discuss the sale of the vehicle. They then ask the seller to accept an additional amount of money from them which is to be forwarded by the seller on their behalf via Western Union or MoneyGram in order to pay for the shipping of the vehicle.

The seller then receives a fake PayPal email stating the funds have been transferred and will be placed into the nominated account once a receipt is provided showing the transfer of the payment to the courier for shipping.

The scammers often make claims like:

"I'm ok with the condition as described on the advert."

"I work on North West Shelf in the Rowley Sub-basin in Perth and the reception here is terrible. We do not have access to phone at the moment, which is why I contacted you with internet messaging facility."

They also claim the car is a surprise and is to be delivered elsewhere such as to Darwin, and then request the following:

"I am more than happy to go ahead with the purchase, that is ok with me, please do provide me with your paypal email address or bank details so that I can go ahead with the transfer to your bank account via my paypal, can you also give me the pickup postcode? so that I can get a definite quote from the carriers. As regards the papers, all I will need is a receipt, the rego will have to be done in NT, so there will be no use for the existing Reg and RWC."

Tips for sellers

- Never pay money via wire transfer to help a customer access the goods or services you are selling;
- Be cautious when dealing with customers only via email or who claim to be overseas or interstate – independently verify who you are dealing with before sending any money or goods. If doubtful, then do not proceed with the sale;
- Be sceptical if normal banking processes are not available; and
- When accepting a payment, check with the bank or PayPal to make sure it is legitimate before proceeding with the sale.

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Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

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Statewide Website

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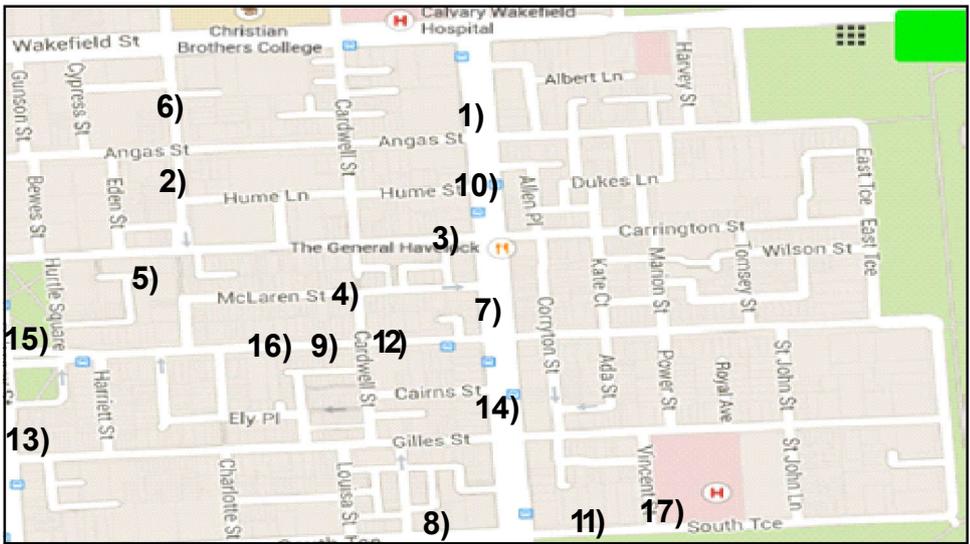
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Why join us?

South Australia Police require continual feedback, support and collaboration from members of the community to effectively prevent and respond to crime.

*By joining **Neighbourhood Watch**, you'll be playing a key part in keeping your street, suburb and South Australia a safer place to live. Whether you want to be a leader for change in your community, build your skills, or simply meet other like-minded locals, **Neighbourhood Watch** is right for you.*

You can connect with local police while building professional networks and upskilling to improve your CV or employment prospects. Plus you'll be assisting your neighbours, the community, & SA Police along the way.



PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 09/11/20 Hutt St Graffiti marked alongside building. Damage \$230.
- 2. 02/12/20 Regent St Multiple rocks thrown at front window causing damage. Offender located by police.
- 3. 21/11/20 Carrington St Occupant returned home & found significant damage to front door. Nil entry.
- 4. 18/12/20 McLaren St Damage to car bonnet with broken paver.
- 5. 25/01/20 Pope Crt Brick thrown into front window of home.
- 6. 11/01/21 Frome St Damage caused to front fly screen of residence. Damage \$200.

THEFT

- 7. 10/11/20 Hutt St Road racing bicycle stolen from bike stand. Value \$2000.
- 8. 13/11/20 South Tce Locked bicycle stolen. Value \$8300.
- 9. 14/11/20 Halifax St Car stolen from driveway. Keyless entry key left inside vehicle.
- 10. 19/12/20 Hutt St Hot water service stolen from rear of premise. Value \$2200.
- 11. 21/12/20 South Tce Front registration plate stolen from vehicle.
- 12. 04/01/21 Halifax St Bicycle stolen from residential property. Value \$700.
- 13. 09/01/21 Pulteney St Two youths reported for theft from service station.
- 14. 12/01/21 Hutt St Male suspect entered unlocked vehicle. \$60 cash stolen.

ROBBERY

- 15. 30/12/20 Pulteney St Male offender entered service station demanding money from cashier. Offender made threats of violence before leaving. Arrested by Police.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 16. 05/12/20 Halifax St Suspect gained entry into business by forcing door. \$300 stolen from cash register. CCTV footage available.
- 17. 20/01/21 South Tce Male suspect located and arrested by police in unlawful possession of stolen items and articles of breaking/ house-breaking implements.

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