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## DIARY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

6.00PM 13th June

#### WHERE:

Box Factory  
Community Centre

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

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

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

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## Area Coordinator's Report

Hello everyone just a reminder that the City South East Corner NHW group will be meeting on the following dates and we would love to see you there.

- June 13th 2019 (AGM)
- September 12th 2019
- November 14th 2019

All meetings are held upstairs at The Box Factory, Regent Street from 6pm to 7pm.

At our March meeting we spoke about the SAPOL Home Assist Program and how it could benefit members of our local community.

The Home Assist Program aims to improve home security and person safety of eligible services users to allow them to remain safely in their home. The program is a Commonwealth Home Support Program that is funded by the Australian Government who support SAPOL to deliver services to people living with a disability and their carers.

The program is available to eligible people including:

- people 65 years of age and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years of age and over
- people under 65 living with a disability
- carers of people who meet the above criteria

To make enquiries and bookings contact SAPOL on 7322 3211

In the March newsletter we published information on scams and again we have provided further information in this newsletter. If you think you may have been a victim of an incident, report it immediately by visiting [cyber.gov.au/report](http://cyber.gov.au/report) or go

to [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) to report and find up to date information on scams.

In the Summer issue of 'Watch on SA' Sergeant Phil Gurr (NHW State Coordinator) explored the NHW tag line of 'A Safe and Connected Community'. He noted there are behaviours other than criminal that make people feel unsafe and referred to those who are homeless or sleeping rough who may feel isolated, disconnected and unsafe and the fact that their presence in public places can make others feel uncomfortable. He posed the question of should NHW be concerned with connecting sectors of the community who are homeless, people who are victims of domestic violence, or perhaps others who are long term unemployed, or experiencing mental health or drug and alcohol abuse.

Phil acknowledged that there are many support services and agencies that provide support and suggested a connection with these groups may be useful in connecting our community. He believes the NHW program has enough flexibility to allow individual areas to reach out and proactively try to connect with vulnerable people to help keep all community members safe and connected. I found his article challenging and think it definitely provides us with some things to ponder if we are to achieve the goal of 'A Safe and Connected Community'

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting to be held on **Thursday 13th June 2019 at 6:00pm at the Box Factory Community Centre.**

Regards Tim Young

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## HOME SECURITY

To reduce the opportunity for thieves to gain entry into your home, consider the following crime prevention security 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.
- Lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use.
- House keys, car keys and garage remote controls should be kept in a safe location. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car.
- Install and activate an alarm system.
- Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.
- Lock all garden tools and ladders away securely so they cannot be used to break into your home.
- Don't leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.
- Break down packaging of expensive items and place it in your bin. Don't leave it next to your bin on the street.
- Lock your meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply (contact your local electricity provider for more information).

### Mark Valuable Property

- Use an engraver, ultra violet (UV) pen or microdots to mark property.
- UV pens are best used for items that cannot be engraved e.g. ceramics, antiques etc.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.
- Photograph jewellery with a ruler beside it to give an indication of the actual size.
- Record all details on a property record and keep this in a safe place.

For further home security crime prevention information please visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au) or contact your local police station.

## SCAM ALERT

In a recent incident a caller claimed to be a police officer, and told their intended victim there was an outstanding warrant in their name in relation to a tax debt.

They were asked to pay their tax bill using gift cards to avoid going to court.

Fortunately the victim was alerted by a wary shop assistant that is was possible the caller was a fraudster, prompting them to visit a police station and report the matter.

It is important to note that SA Police do not make calls on behalf of the tax department.

Remember, if anyone requests payment by Google Play or iTunes it is most likely a scam. See [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

## DON'T BECOME A SCAM VICTIM: Useful Tips

- \* Hang up when someone you don't know calls
- \* Immediately delete emails from people you don't know, and from agencies or businesses that you didn't agree to receive emails from – do not click on links in those emails
- \* Never send money online to someone you haven't met in person
- \* If in doubt contact the government agency from a phone number or website that you have located and were not directed to
- \* Remember the ATO will not request payment of a debt via iTunes or Google Play cards
- \* Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source
- \* If you think you have provided your bank account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately
- \* Never give an unsolicited person remote access to your computer. You may compromise the security of your device and your personal information
- \* Ensure your computer is protected with regularly updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software

*Please share this information - and discuss the prevalence of these type of scams with people in your circle who may be less savvy about this type of technology or scam activity.*

To report a scam or for further information visit [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)



# 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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If you have any information about the identity of a graffiti artist or details of an incident they have committed  
**Call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**  
or post a report at [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

## GRAFFITI

An increase in the number of graffiti and vandalism attacks across the public transport network is costing an estimated \$800,000 to clean up per year.

An anti-graffiti campaign was rolled out from November 2018 to finish June 2019.

Rewards of up to \$1000 will be paid for information that leads to a conviction.

### REPORTING GRAFFITI CRIME

If you are aware of a crime having been committed report it on 131 444. Even though police may not attend, a pattern may emerge which police can act upon.

If you suspect a crime is in progress you need to phone the police on the emergency number 000.

## Police Incidents 1 February - 3 May 2019



### PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 01/10/2018 Hutt St 20 Windows scratched. Value \$30,000.
2. 03/03/2019 Hutt St Rear panel of vehicle dented.
3. 1/4/2019 Old Treasury Lane Property damaged
4. 13/04/2019 Pulteney St Front window smashed. CCTV available. Value \$330.

### ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE/THEFT

5. 03/02/2019 Wakefield St Vehicle broken into while in secure parking area.
6. 06/02/2019 Angas St iPhone stolen from business at approximately 1730hrs. CCTV available.
8. 06/02/2019 Wakefield St Bicycle stolen from residential address.
9. 26/02/2019 Wakefield St Car stolen from apartment complex carpark between 1830 hours and 2300 hours.
10. 18/03/2019 Frome St Mobile phone stolen.
11. 07/04/2019 Angas St Bicycle stolen. Value \$700
12. 09/04/2019 Angas St Attempted theft of bicycle wheel and unlawfully on premises. CCTV available.
13. 25/04/2019 Marion St Bicycle stolen.

### BREAK-IN

14. 11/02/2019 Hutt St Entry gained via broken door glass. Nil stolen.
15. 19/02/2019 Angas St Unlawful entry to secure apartment block foyer.
16. 28/04/2019 East Tce set to a kitchen are for public schools club



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