



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## DIARY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

6.00pm 14th November

#### WHERE:

Box Factory  
Community Centre

#### ALL WELCOME:

We are having a supper after the meeting. Please bring a plate of food or a drink (wine/soft drink/etc) to share.

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

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## Area Coordinator's Report

Hello everyone!

Just a reminder that the City South East Corner NHW group will be meeting for the final time in 2019 on **14th November** and we would love to see you there!

As usual the meeting will be held upstairs in the kitchen area of The Box Factory, Regent Street from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Attendees are encouraged to BYO snacks and drinks to celebrate a successful year.

### Theft of Rubbish is a Concern

Recently we were advised by a Gilles Street resident that rubbish and recycling bins left out on Monday night, for collection on Tuesday morning were neatly emptied of all their bags - which were presumably taken away as they were not placed in any of the adjacent bins. The incident was reported to police who completed an incident report.

**The primary concern is in relation to the potential for identity theft.** This highlights the need to safely dispose of documents that could be illegally used.

I remind you that the Box Factory Community Centre has a shredder that community members can access and we encourage you to do so to ensure your documents are disposed of safely.

Other concerns have been raised in relation to theft of plants from the front of properties. As with all suspicious behaviour and offences it is important to make a report to SAPOL on 131 444 as it enables police to investigate and record relevant information.

### Bin Stickers

The use of NHW bin stickers directly contributes to preventing crime. They encourage community members to be the 'eyes and ears' of police and report any suspicious behaviour to South Australian Police on 131 444.

This enables a police patrol to investigate the scene as soon as possible - even if it turns out to be non-criminal behaviour, police prefer this scenario than it not being reported and later receiving a report from a victim of crime.

To help keep our community safe and connected **you can get your own NHW bin stickers** by contacting the NHW team by emailing [SAPOLNeighbourhoodwatch@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:SAPOLNeighbourhoodwatch@police.sa.gov.au) or calling 732 23298. Alternatively you can email me at [nhwadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:nhwadelaide@gmail.com).

### Holiday Home Security

As the holiday season approaches it seems to be appropriate to remind residents to take the opportunity to review their security measures.

Home security begins with having appropriate, key locks on doors and windows which are used when you are outside or away from the property.

Opportunistic thieves look to take advantage of lapses in home security, so it is important to lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use.

Remember that house keys, car keys and garage remote controls should be kept in a safe location as thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car. Similarly lock all garden tools and ladders away securely so they can not be used to break into your home.

Police also urge people to install a lock on their mail box, organise for deliveries when you are home, and keep a close eye on personal valuables such as wallets, tablets, mobile phones and handbags.

Building sites and trade vehicles can also be a target for the theft of tools and equipment.

Police encourage tradies to mark their tools and equipment and record details of these items. Property that can be identified is more difficult for thieves to dispose of and enables police to establish the owner if the property is located.

*We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 14th November...*

*Regards,  
Tim Young, Area Coordinator*



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Monday-Tuesday 10am - 4pm  
Wednesday Closed  
Thursday-Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 9am - 12noon  
**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

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KNOW THE SCAM**

*"I don't  
believe  
everything  
I'm told,  
do you?"*



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](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

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

## Helping your child deal with unwanted contact online

There are many benefits to socialising and playing games online — it can be entertaining and educational, while helping to build digital intelligence skills. However, games or apps with a chat function mean your child is likely to be communicating with others online, including strangers.

Our research shows it is more common than you think, with one in four young people being contacted by someone they don't know online.

Contact from strangers can make children feel uncomfortable or lead to dangerous situations like harassment or "grooming" — where a young person is lured into trusting a sexual predator online.

So just as we help guide young people to identify unsafe behaviour in the physical world, we need to do the same in their online world — for example, helping them to understand when it's not appropriate to chat to an adult without a parent around.

### Conversation starters

Talking with your children about their 'online friends' can be a great way to help develop their skills around identifying and dealing with unwanted contact.

#### 1. What do you think makes a good online friend?

Parents and carers can help young people recognise respectful, safe online relationships. Talk to your child about what good friends do, personal boundaries and safe behaviour. For example, a good online friend:

- would never send anything to shock you or make you feel icky
- would never ask you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable
- understands when you need time away
- speaks to you with respect
- respects your feelings and is kind

- would never threaten you or ask you not to tell your parents
- listens when you say no or ask them not to do something.

Extend the conversation by talking about games and social media and what safe behaviour looks like in those spaces.

More advice at: [www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/good-habits-start-young](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/good-habits-start-young)

#### 2. How do you know if an online friendship has taken an unsafe turn?

Talk to your child about the signs that show an online friendship isn't safe. If anyone online — a friend or stranger — tries to develop a very close relationship quickly or asks for private photos or videos, they may intend to sexually abuse the young person. Some other warning signs to look out for include:

- asking lots of personal questions
- giving excessive compliments
- wanting to keep the relationship secret
- sending gifts or money
- asking for nude photos or videos.

By helping your child recognise these typical grooming behaviours they can better protect themselves online.

More advice at: [www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact#warning-signs](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact#warning-signs)

### Report unwanted contact online

It is important for parents to understand that the grooming and procuring children over the internet are crimes investigated by the police. If your child has encountered this kind of activity online, contact your local police station. If your child is in immediate danger call Triple Zero (000).

If your child receives suggestive comments, requests for explicit images or messages of a sexual nature on a social media site, app or game, it should be reported to the service. It is important to collect evidence first and then report the account even if you have blocked them — this helps makes the internet safer for everyone.

If an intimate or nude image of your child has been shared or is threatened to be shared online, report it to eSafety and we can help take it down: [www.esafety.gov.au/IBA](http://www.esafety.gov.au/IBA)

Your child may need your assistance to report a user. Use our [games, apps and social networking](#) guide to problem-solve together. Help them gather evidence, report the contact and block the user. Let your child lead the way and help them develop the skills to manage online challenges in the future.

Source: [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au)

**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).



# ERASE GRAFFITI: Vandalism is not (sm)art

If you notice graffiti on City of Adelaide property and public spaces please report the matter on **8203 7203**, [online form](#), email [city@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:city@cityofadelaide.com.au) or in person at 25 Pirie St 8.30am-5pm.

Assistance may be given to remove graffiti on private property/businesses.

Should you notice graffiti on utilities property please report the matter to:

SA Power Networks **13 12 61**

Telstra **180 2244**

TransAdelaide (Train, Tram or Bus) **1300 311 108**

Adshel ( Bus Shelters) **8364 6000** or **1800 501 402**

Major Roads-Transport Services **1800 018 313**

SA Water **1300 883 121**

Australia Post **131 318**

SA Housing Trust (SA Housing) **13 12 88**

Contact Police on 131444 if your property has been the target of graffiti.

To help prevent a graffiti attack, ensure existing outside lighting is operating correctly, apply graffiti resistant coatings to protect walls, fences and buildings, keep your property looking neat and tidy (an unkempt property may attract graffiti), keeping trees and shrubs trimmed can reduce concealment opportunities and increases visibility to your home, keep spray paints secured at all times.

**Immediately call police on 131 444 if you are witnessing graffiti. If you have information about graffiti call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

A quick response reduces the time offenders can admire their vandalism.



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# Crime Stoppers SA

Ask most Australians and chances are they've heard of Crime Stoppers.

But what many people don't know is that Crime Stoppers is a charity which isn't part of police or government. In fact, as an independent not-for-profit, it relies on hard-working volunteers to conduit crime prevention and crime solving campaigns that span cold case murders, bushfire arson, home and personal security, drug dealing and more.

Here, Crime Stoppers South Australia has been part of the community for more than 20 years and during that time it has become the trusted service for collecting information about criminals and their activities from the public.

Crime Stoppers allows people to report crimes and suspicious activity anonymously. Whether people call or make a report online, no personal details have to be provided. Calls aren't recorded or traced and an IP address isn't recorded when making an online report.

During 2018, more than 25,000 phone and web reports were received by Crime Stoppers SA. With every second contact relating to drugs, information received last year stopped an estimated 80,035 cannabis and 12,227 amphetamine street deals in SA.

In addition, 82 firearms were seized and a total of 822 apprehensions were made directly as a result of information

provided through the successful community engagement program, with a number of serious charges laid for drug, firearm, sexual offences and offences against property.

At times, it might seem that we live in a world dominated by evil deeds and wrongdoing, but behind the scenes, every day of the year, Crime Stoppers offers a way for people to make our State a better and safer place.

For more information about visit [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

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## Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch website has been launched.

Visit [www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw)

You can find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

## 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.*

## THEFT

- 11/09/19 Hume Lane Tyre rims stolen from car.
- 21/09/19 Angus Street Chocolate and Paw Paw Cream stolen from service station. CCTV available.
- 22/09/19 Wakefield Street 2 bicycles stolen from residential premises.
- 29/09/19 Angus Street Theft of a bag stolen from a table at a church. Value \$600. CCTV available.
- 02/10/19 Hutt Street Multiple items stolen from car.
- 23/10/19 Old Treasury Lane CCTV camera stolen from the front door of residential premises. Value \$260.

## What does 'cyberbullying' look like?

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages, take screen shots & print emails or social networking conversations
- do something you enjoy—catch-up with friends, listen to good music, watch a good show or chat online to people you trust
- remember you didn't ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied and you will get through it.

### How do I stop being cyberbullied?

- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend, or contact Kids Helpline
- don't retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service

### School support

Most schools have policies in place to address cyberbullying and should be able to provide support to you and other students, no matter whether the bullying is from a student at your school or not. Talk to a teacher or counsellor you like and trust.

**Source:** [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au)



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