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DIARY NOTES

NEXT MEETING

6.00pm 12th September

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.

- September 12th 2019
- November 14th 2019

All meetings to be held upstairs in the kitchen area of **The Box Factory, Regent Street from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**

COMMITTEE ELECTED

At our **AGM meeting in June** the following were re-elected; Tim Young-Coordinator, Lorraine Young-Secretary, Christine Byrnes-Treasurer. Luis Gugliette was elected as Deputy Chair and Ruth Deschepper as Newsletter Coordinator. Sincere thanks to Rex Langton who generously stood aside from the Deputy Coordinator role after many years of dedicated service. Fortunately Rex remains a valued area member.

We have been provided with the following information from Jennifer West from the Council with regard to **shredding of documents**. The Box Factory Community Centre have indicated that they have a shredder available for local community use on site. Feel free to contact bfcc@cityofadelaide.com.au for more information or ask the next time you are at the Box Factory Community Centre.

At the **Eastern District meeting** held 23 May Phil Gurr spoke about the attempt by NHW to be more inclusive through communication with community groups.

There is a demonstrated link between **loneliness and crime**. Members were asked to think about how this could work in our area. It was suggested that we could combine our efforts with the South East Corner Residents Association if we decided to look at opportunities in the community.

Some **SAPOL activities** ongoing in the district are **cyber safety** talks in schools, **bike engraving** and **blue light discos**.

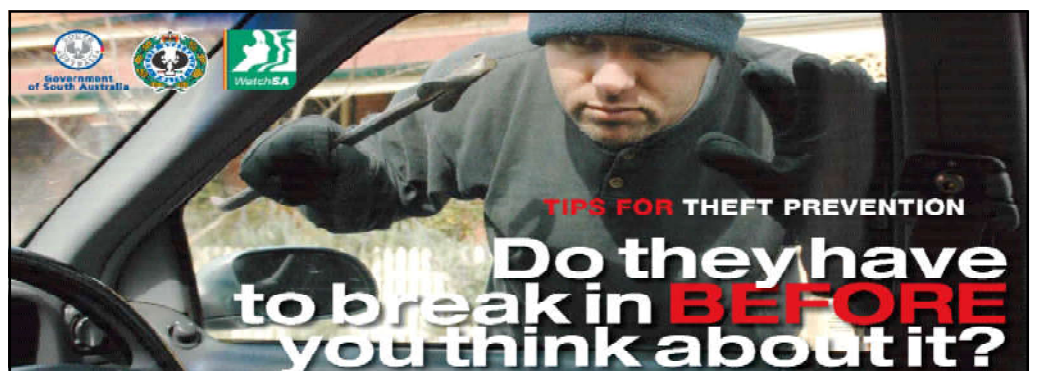
The issue of the two current **e scooter franchises** was raised. There are safety concerns for pedestrians as the scooters travel on the footpaths and at a fast pace with no method of warning walkers as they do not and are not required to have warning devices. There are also concerns with the scooters not having a strong enough stand mechanism to hold them upright therefore they fall over and look untidy and cause safety issues. The Police Coordinator explained that there are By-laws governing the use of the scooters and she will send a copy for us to look at. The feedback provided at the meeting has been sent to the Transport Policy Team for their inclusion with other feedback and issues.

Helen Donovan also provided us with some information re the e-scooter trial.

The City of Adelaide has been working closely with the State Government, Minister for Transport and SAPOL on the e-scooter trial. DPTI and the Minister are waiting on the outcomes of the evaluation of the trials before determining any further changes to the e-scooter Regulations (including possible options like expanding the allowable area or permitting them in bike lanes).

The City of Adelaide has commenced the evaluation process and will be looking to present the findings of the two trials to Council prior to the end of the current permit (13 October 2019). The report will include user statistics, complaints and injury data along with trends and issues identified by the different stakeholders to develop a series of proposals for consideration.

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Other Councils are also talking to the Minister about allowing scooter usage in their Council areas.

The updating of our **Area face book** page was raised as a good way to connect with some members of the community. However, at this stage individual NHW areas are not permitted to have their own page due to some issues with the monitoring of the sites. There has been some discussion about possibly changing this and if this occurs

we can discuss development of the page and promote it through the newsletter.

It is our intention to provide an opportunity for community members to access **bicycle engraving** in our local area. We will organise a time, date and venue in the next month or two so please watch for information in the November 2019 newsletter and relevant SAPOL and NHW promotional flyers posted in the community.

Regards Tim Young

VEHICLE SECURITY – THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

There are a number of valuable items that are a common target for thieves to steal from vehicles because of their value and ability to be sold for quick cash. These include:

- Laptops
- GPS devices
- Mobile phones
- Cameras
- Sporting and fishing goods
- Cash/wallets

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, consider the following security tips.

- Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle or conceal them in the boot before arriving at your destination.
- Lock your vehicle doors & close windows.
- Install an audible alarm.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.

- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number prefixed with 'S' for SA.
- Park your vehicle in a garage at night where possible.
- Avoid hiding a second set of keys in the vehicle - if the vehicle is broken into, they may find the keys and take the car as well as your valuables.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.

Thieves will look into vehicles to see what items can be easily stolen. Even a small amount of cash may be the catalyst for becoming a target. Ensure you conceal or remove all cash and valuable items from your vehicle.

For further information please go to www.carsafe.com.au

If you have any questions please contact the Police Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au.

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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).



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.

Esafety.gov.au

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.

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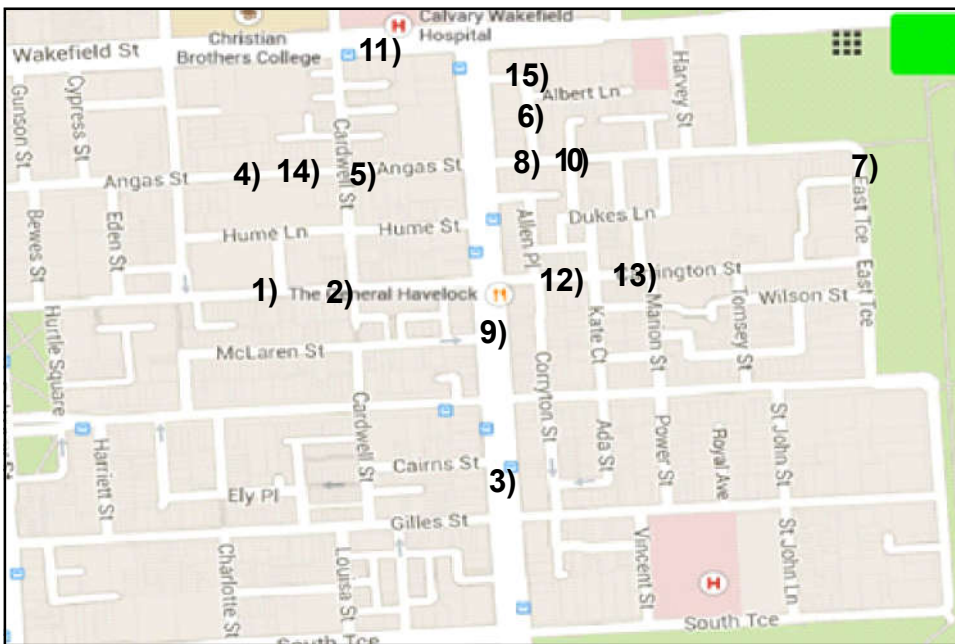
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*By joining **Neighbourhood Watch**, you'll be playing a key part in keeping your street, suburb and South Australia a safer place to live. Whether you want to be a leader for change in your community, build your skills, or simply meet other like-minded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

HANDS OFF



Don't make it easy for opportunistic thieves!

The 'Hands Off' sticker is available to display on vehicle windows to deter thieves and remind owners to remove valuables and lock up. Stickers are available from your local police station or contact the State Community Engagement Centre on 7322 4061.

If you see any suspicious behaviour, immediately report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131444.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 21/6/19 Carrington St scratched door to car whilst parked in the street.

THEFT

2. 31/5/19 Carrington St Chained up pushbike stolen from unit block
3. 1/6/19 Hutt St Mobile phone stolen from shop
4. 3/6/19 Angas St Number plate stolen from motor bike parked in street
5. 4/6/19 Angas St Male entered store and paid for items but did not pay for fuel. Investigation continuing
6. 11/6/19 Frome St Window smashed and items stolen from car in street.
7. 12/6/19 East Tce stole a pushbike from the rear yard
8. 16/6/19 Frome St Number plates stolen from car parked in street.
9. 19/7/19 Hutt St stole items from the rear yard of residential address
10. 20/7/19 Angas St stole items from a shop and put graffiti on outside wall

TRESPASS/SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (BREAK-IN)

11. 10/6/19 Wakefield St Residential break with property stolen
12. 2/7/19 Carrington St Male entered home and left when sighted by occupant.
13. 20/7/19 Carrington St Two males wearing masks, one in possession of a firearm, knocked on door demanding to be let in.

OTHER OFFENCES

14. 6/6/19 Angas St Assault. Victim kissed on shoulder while using ATM.
15. 26/7/19 Frome St Robbery. Victim confronted in street and items stolen.
16. 4/7/19 Angas St Deception. Victim contacted by person purporting to be from Chinese Government. Large amount of cash transferred



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