



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of City South East NHW Area 153/154

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## DIARY NOTES

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 153/4

**NEXT MEETING**  
~~6.10 CANCELLED~~ 10th September

**CANCELLED DUE TO  
COVID-19  
RESTRICTIONS**

*Once resumed our future  
meetings will commence at 6pm  
and continue to be held at the  
Box Factory Community Centre*

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

*Note: Newsletters will still be delivered.*

### Area Coordinator:

Tim Young

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**Secretary:** Lorraine Young

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### Police Coordinators:

Philip Clague and  
Kym Anthony

## Neighbourhood Watch City South East Area 153/154 News

Unfortunately, we are still unable to hold a meeting. SAPOL have directed us to continue to refrain from meeting due to the ongoing concerns with the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

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

**At this stage we have decided to cancel the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

### Annual General Meeting

We are hopeful that the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will go ahead as planned and intend to conduct the previously postponed AGM 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](mailto:nhwadelaide@gmail.com) to discuss how you can help keep City South East a safe place to work and live.

### Thank You

We continue to support the community through willing volunteers who attend meetings to discuss and resolve issues and the 15 people that deliver the 2600 quarterly newsletters across our community.

The other important contributors are the businesses that advertise in this newsletter. It is the advertising that pays for its production and printing. Therefore we ask

that you support these local businesses whenever possible.

### Automatic External Defibrillators

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in Australia. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) can dramatically increase the chance of survival. The City of Adelaide, supported by SA Ambulance and the Heart Foundation, has installed 11 AEDs for public use in 24/7 locations throughout the city and North Adelaide.

Three of these locations are in our NHW area; near the Box Factory, the Hutt Street Library and in Hurtle Square. Recently, a few, including the one located in front of the Box Factory have needed replacing due to theft and vandalism.

These recent incidents of alleged theft and/or vandalism have been flagged with SAPOL and SA Ambulance.

There has been a request from council to publish this information in an effort to establish a more effective community-driven approach to minimising theft or vandalism of the AEDs.

To achieve this we are asking community members to keep an eye out for the AEDs while out walking in the neighbourhood and report any instances of theft or vandalism to help ensure we keep these important health and safety devices readily available for anyone in the community to use. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

*If you observe theft or vandalism in progress, please call 131444 for police attendance, if the theft or vandalism has already occurred call Council on 82037203 to report that the device is missing or damaged.*

Regards,

Tim Young, Area Coordinator

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**PROTECT YOURSELF  
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.

## Don't be Fooled: Beware of Scammers

### Government impersonation scams on the rise

At this time of the year there is an increase in taxation scams.

Victims receive an automated 'robocall' pretending to be from a government department such as the Tax Office or Home Affairs.

The scammer will claim something illegal - such as tax fraud or money laundering - has been committed in the victim's name and they should dial 1 to speak to an operator.

The scammer then tries to scare people into handing over money and may threaten arrest if they refuse.

Government departments will never threaten you with immediate arrest, or ask for payment by **unusual methods such as gift cards, iTunes vouchers** or bank transfers.

### Pet Scam

SAPOL wish to remind everyone to be cautious when purchasing items online, even pets.

A large number of Australians are purchasing pets from an online website and falling victim to an elaborate puppy scam.

Scammers play on emotions as the pictures of puppies are cute and are said to need rehoming but, in reality, were never for sale to begin with.

Act with caution when buying online, especially if the seller makes it hard to see the animal in person.

A common tactic is to portray they are based in a remote location, which is too far for people to reasonably travel.

SAPOL recommend that you do your **homework when buying anything online** and don't rely on reviews or testimonials on the site itself.

Instead, run the website's address through a search engine and look further than the first page of results. Scammers can be very convincing, so if something does not feel right, do not be pressured into making a decision on the spot.

Before you transfer money or share your bank details, discuss it with someone you trust or check **[www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)** to see if you are involved in a scam. If possible use secure payment options such as Paypal or credit card.

### Gen Z the fastest growing victims of scams

Australians under 25 lost over \$5 million in 2019. Scam reports from this age group are increasing faster than for older generations.

Although young people are tech savvy, scammers are adapting. Scamwatch expects to see more scams on platforms such as Snapchat and Tik Tok.

Meanwhile Facebook and Instagram were the most common platforms for losses by those under 25.

Typical scams involve fake online stores or fake tickets to events. Almost half of the losses occurred through bank transfer.

Please be wary of sellers asking for payment through unusual methods such as gift cards or bitcoin.

Purchase tickets from authorised sellers and be aware that many links on social media may not be legitimate.

## KEEP COVID SAFE

*Please stay safe and remember to follow the COVID-19 advice to ensure personal and community safety.*

All existing directions, frequently asked questions and other information can be found at: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations>

If you require further information you can call the SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787 between the hours of 9am to 5pm 7 days per week or go to the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au) or [www.sa.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19)



# Identity Theft

In light of the COVID-19 scams currently circulating, it is timely to address the issue of identity theft and how you can prevent yours from being stolen.

Your identity is one of the most valuable things you have.

Identity theft is a type of fraud that involves a person stealing your name for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services or other benefits.

If your identity is misused a person may access your money and accumulate large debts in your name, which will affect your credit rating.

**To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, please consider the following crime prevention tips:**

- Secure your letter box with a lock and empty it on a daily basis. Arrange collection of your mail by a trusted person when on holidays. If you move, remember to re-direct your mail promptly.
- Protect your personal documents at all times. Never throw personal documents in the bin – destroy them using a shredder or a similar method.
- Limit the amount of personal information you publish on social media and online.
- Ensure your computers and mobile phones are protected with regularly updated anti-virus software. Avoid using public computers for personal activities like online banking and shopping.
- Never give your personal details to an unsolicited person.
- Always check your receipt and credit card statements carefully for discrepancies. If you discover unauthorised transactions, contact your financial institution immediately.
- Make enquiries on the arrival of unexpected credit cards or bills for goods and services you did not order.

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

SA Police is committed to working with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. To access our full range of crime prevention posters, fact sheets and booklets (including Scams and Cybercrime and Internet Safety and Security) please visit: [www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-security-tips](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-security-tips)

## Adelaide City Council Update

- We received a copy of every budget submission received as part of the budget consultation process (with the formal summary). Thanks to everyone who made a submission, it was really useful to see your input and feedback (especially given the feedback on the challenge of the process of providing feedback through the online process).
- Community Development Minor Grants (up to \$10000) are currently open, close on 24 August: <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-council/grants-sponsorship-incentives/community-development-grants/>
- The City Access Strategy was due to be delivered early this year, then June, then July. It has not yet been received by council. This is the 20 year transport plan for the city, commissioned jointly by the City of Adelaide and the state government. Conceptually, it was planned to identify key transport routes in and through the city for all modes of travel.
- The Recover + Reimagine team are continuing to work through the 200+ ideas received. Some of the activities have already commenced.

Helen Donovan  
South Ward Councillor



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Your Valuables**

## Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood  
Watch website has been  
launched.

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

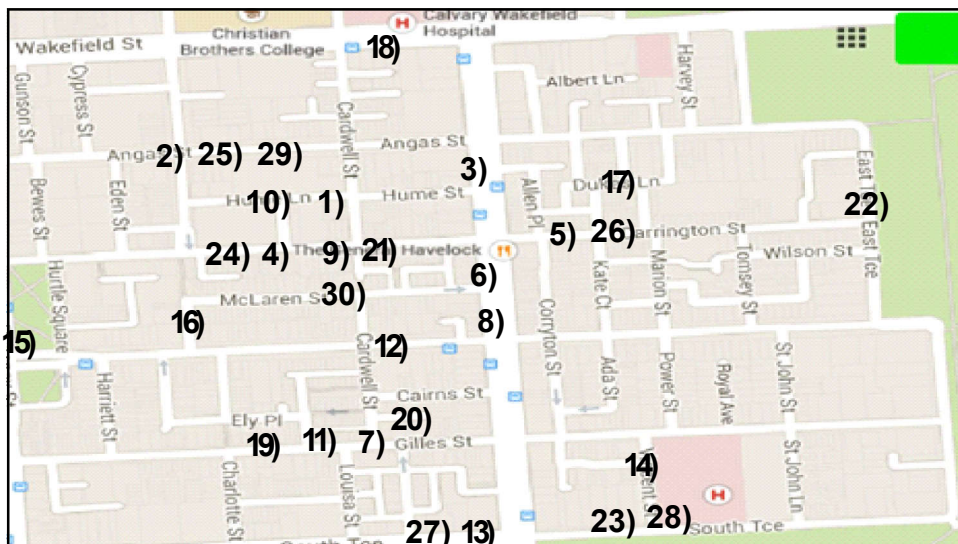
You can find us on Facebook at  
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## Why join us?

*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. 10-12/6/20 Hume Lane Nail placed in tyre while parked.
2. 13/6/20 Angus St Female threw milk carton damaging service station console.
3. 23/6/20 Hutt Street Bike damaged in theft attempt.
4. 27/6/20 Carrington St Male damaged windows with a hammer. Arrested.
5. 27-28/6/20 Carrington St Rear yard entered. tap and pipe damaged.
6. 3/7/20 Hutt Street Disorderly male arrested after damaging shop awning.
7. 3/7/20 Gilles St Wooden frame with advertising bolted above car port door
8. 4/7/20 Hutt St Male seen on CCTV kicking doors and ripping up garden.
9. 19-20/7/20 Carrington St Unit window smashed
10. 22/7/20 Hume Lane Bleach-like substance sprayed on clothing on clothesline.

## THEFT

11. 26-27/6/20 Gilles Street Car stolen from carport.
12. 24/5-5/6/20 Halifax St Defibrillator stolen from church hallway
13. 1/6/20 South Terrace Bag containing medication & ID stolen from tea room
14. 3-4/6/20 Vincent Street Window smashed on car parked on street. Hand tools stolen.
15. 10-19/6/20 Pulteney St Pushbike stolen from gated area of unit complex.
16. 17-22/6/20 Regent St Sth Defibrillator stolen from business
17. 19-20/6/20 Dukes Lane Unlocked pushbike & helmet stolen from side driveway .
18. 23/6/20 Wakefield St Wallet stolen from unlocked car. Credit cards used. 45 year old male offender reported
19. 4-/5/7/20 Gilles Street Window smashed and iPad and clothing stolen from car.
20. 4-5/7/20 Southcott Walk Window smashed & small amount of cash stolen from car.
21. 22/7/20 Carrington Street Unlocked pushbike, helmet & lights stolen from gated area.
22. 24/7/20 East Terrace Tools stolen from rear of premises
23. 27-28/7/20 South Tce Window smashed. Backpack and sports bag stolen from car.
24. 28-29/7/20 Carrington St Locked pushbike stolen from basement car park.
25. 29/7/20 Angus Street Window of car smashed while parked in street. Nil stolen
26. 29/7/20 Carrington St Locked pushbike stolen from front yard.
27. 30/7/20 South Terrace Unlocked mountain bike stolen from business car park.

## TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

28. 1/5-6/8/20 South Terrace Locked vacant/unoccupied building used it as a squat.
29. 4/7/20 Angus Street Unit accessed after keys left in front door. Mobile phone and car stolen. 2 males aged 28 & 16 arrested.
30. 12/7/20 McLaren Street Handbag & bike stolen from home while occupants slept.

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