

# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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### FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

## NO DECEMBER MEETING

#### **MEETINGS RESUME**

7pmWednesday 17th February 2021

at Flagstaff Hill Community Centre Coromandel Street

We wish all residents a safe and happy Christmas.



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#### **Nearest Police Stations**

Sturt Police Station 333 Sturt Rd, Bedford Park Christies Beach Police Station 94 Dyson Rd, Christies Downs

#### Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL **000** to report a crime in progress or has just been committed

### HOME AND BUSINESS FIRE PREVENTION

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people who deliberately light fires or engage in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- · Lock your property and vehicle at all times.
- Keep rubbish bins in a secure area and remove rubbish regularly.
- Secure all combustible materials and flammable fuels away from your property.
- External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside the property.
- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- · Maintain fencing and install external security lighting.
- Conduct regular inspections outside your property. Repair damage to fences and remove graffiti regularly.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Business Watch program to help keep the community safe.

For further information contact your local police station or <a href="https://www.police.sa.gov.au">www.police.sa.gov.au</a>
If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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## COVID-19 TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFO

Check your symptoms healthdirect.gov.au

Local updates and information sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019

National updates health.gov.au

The latest travel advice smartraveller.gov.au

For general questions

Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080







### RURAL FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Erect fences and gates to identify your property boundaries indicating private property.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Ensure security and warning notices are visible to people entering your property.
- Keep fertilisers and other chemicals in a secure location.
- Store petrol, diesel or other flammable fuels in secure areas and locked away when not in use.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Remove hay from fields as soon as possible after harvesting and store it away from fuels, flammable goods and homes.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number and property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

### **Support Our Supporters**

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people.

The first being our dedicated volunteers who deliver the
3450 newsletters throughout Flagstaff Hill.

The second important group are the businesses that advertise in this newsletter.

Local advertising pays for its production and printing.

We ask you to return the goodwill and support these community-minded businesses when shopping. Thank you.



## 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.

# NHW HELPING THECOMMUNITY

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).

"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."



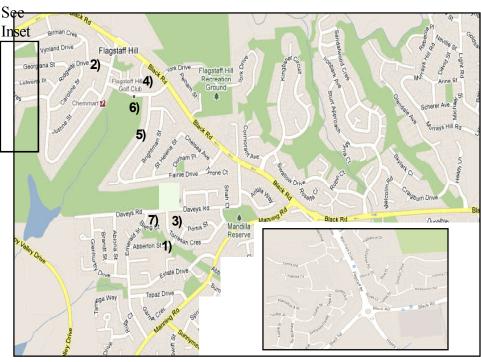




## Police Incidents 1 September - 20 November 2020







Date Location Details PropertyDamage

1. 26/10/2020 Abberton St Property Damage to front fence. Value \$500

Theft

2. 16/09/2020 Ridgway Dr Van broken into and mobile phone stolen.

3. 07/11/2020 Lowry Ct Vehicle broken into.

4. 09/10/2020 Glenarm Ct Work clothes stolen from washing line.

5. 16/10/2020 Fairlie Dr Theft from motor vehicle

Trespass/Break-in

6. 04/11/2020 Memford Way Large storage shed damaged to gain entry. Nil stolen.

Graffiti applied to smaller shed and sign board.

7. 11/11/2020 Bleng Ct Attempted break-in. Nil entry. \$500 damage.

### **Statewide Facebook Page**

A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page has been launched. Find us at

https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/



