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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

NEXT MEETING

7pmWednesday, 17th February 2021

at Flagstaff Hill Community Centre Coromandel Street

GUEST SPEAKER (to be announced)

ALL WELCOME

Community looking out for each other

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Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

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

Heatwaves and hot weather

Heatwaves can be dangerous for anyone, but they're especially dangerous for older people, young children and people with a medical condition. However, there are lots of things you can do to help yourself - and your family, friends, neighbours and pets - beat the heat and keep cool this summer.

Drink plenty of water

- Even when you don't feel thirsty, drink plenty of water.
- Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and sugary or fizzy drinks. They make dehydration worse.
- Eat small meals more often, rather than large meals. And eat more cold food like salads and fruit.

Stay cool

- Stay indoors: keep out of the heat if you can.
- If you need to go outside, wear light clothing and a hat, put on sunscreen and take water with you.
- Do daily activities like shopping and gardening early in the day or ask someone to help you.
- Draw blinds early in the day.
- Check that your fan or air-conditioner works well. Have it serviced if necessary.
- Turn your air-conditioner on before the room heats up
- Take cool showers and splash yourself several times a day with cold water, or use a damp cloth.
- Go to an air-conditioned building in your local area to cool off: a shopping mall, community centre, library or swimming pool.

Get connected

- Check the forecast. This will help you prepare ahead for shopping and scheduling appointments.
- Identify your support network. Include people who can help you get things you need during and after a heatwave. This could be family, friends, neighbours or a carer.
- Write down your important numbers.
- Keep in touch with friends, neighbours & relatives, particularly if they're unwell or isolated
- Stock up on food, water and medicines.

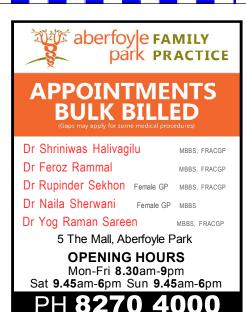
Get organised

- Store medicines safely at the recommended temperature.
- Talk to the doctor about how the heat might affect you.
- Ensure your pets are also well hydrated and have plenty of shade when they are outside.
- Look at the things you can do to make your home cooler such as installing awnings or shade cloths.

Get help

If you or someone you know shows signs of heat stroke (fits, confusion, staggering), call 000 immediately. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency and can cause a person to collapse or fall unconscious. Here are some tips on how to identify the signs and symptoms of heatstroke and heat exhaustion and what you should do.

https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/looking-after-yourself/heatwaves-and-hot-weather





www.aberfoyleparkfp.com.au

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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.



Overpayment scam targets vehicle sellers

WA ScamNet has received a spike in reports about overpayment scams targeting consumers selling goods through online classified adverts with recent incidents involving scammers using false identities, such as a driver's licence and targeting car sellers.

Overpayment scams usually work by getting you to 'refund' a scammer who has sent you too much money for an item you are selling or to forward the additional funds to someone else to cover costs such as shipping.

These scammers are contacting people selling vehicles on websites like Gumtree and carsales.com.au, and then requesting they contact them via email to discuss the sale of the vehicle.

They then ask the seller to accept an additional amount of money from them which is to be forwarded by the seller on their behalf via Western Union or MoneyGram in order to pay for the shipping of the vehicle.

The seller then receives a fake PayPal email stating the funds have been transferred and will be placed into the nominated account once a receipt is provided showing the transfer of the payment to the courier for shipping.

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 KENN THE SCAM visit www.scammertch.gov.su

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

The scammers often make claims like:

"I'm ok with the condition as described on the advert."

"I work on North West Shelf in the Rowley Sub-basin in Perth and the reception here is terrible. We do not have access to phone at the moment, which is why I contacted you with internet messaging facility."

They also claim the car is a surprise and is to be delivered elsewhere such as to Darwin, and then request the following:

"I am more than happy to go ahead with the purchase, that is ok with me, please do provide me with your paypal email address or bank details so that I can go ahead with the transfer to your bank account via my paypal, can you also give me the pickup postcode? so that I can get a definite quote from the carriers. As regards the papers, all I will need is a receipt, the rego will have to be done in NT, so there will be no use for the existing Reg and RWC."

Tips for sellers

- Never pay money via wire transfer to help a customer access the goods or services you are selling;
- Be cautious when dealing with customers only via email or who claim to be overseas or interstate – independently verify who you are dealing with before sending any money or goods. If doubtful, then do not proceed with the sale;
- Be sceptical if normal banking processes are not available; and
- When accepting a payment, check with the bank or PayPal to make sure it is legitimate before proceeding with the sale.



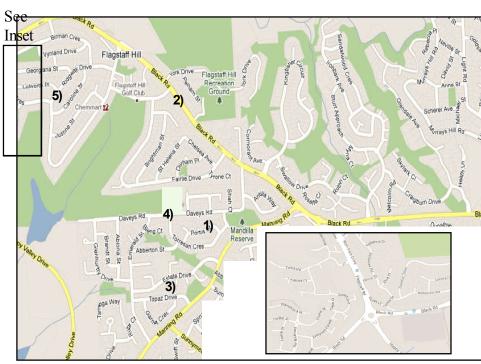




Police Incidents 16 November - 16 January 2021







Date Location Details PropertyDamage

1. 01/12/2020 Portia St Object thrown. Nil damage.

2. 11/01/2021 Black Rd Tyre slashed.

Theft

3. 07/01/2021 Tosca CI Interfered side door of van parked on street forced

lock, theft of tools.

4. 16/12/2020 Daveys Rd Motorcycle stolen from front of property.

Trespass/Break-in

5. 01/12/2020 Ridgway Dr Break-in entry to newly-built unoccupied house.

Statewide Facebook Page

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

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