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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday,
19th June 2019 Flagstaff Hill
Golf Club, Memford Way

GUEST SPEAKER

(to be announced)

ALL WELCOME

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crime in progress
or has just been committed

Does Neighbourhood Watch Work? In a Nutshell, Yes!

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FEATURE

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Journal, May 2019, pages 6-7

by *Lorraine Mazerolle, Professor of Criminology, University of Queensland*
and *Rebecca Wickes, Associate Professor, Monash University.*

The question in the crime and justice arena is whether or not Neighbourhood Watch is an effective approach for reducing crime and disorder problems in communities.

Using systematic review techniques, researchers have found that **Neighbourhood Watch is associated with a reduction in crime of between 16 and 26 per cent.**

More recent research using the Australian Community Capacity Study (ACCS, see <https://accs.project.uq.edu.au/>) explores community actions, often undertaken in the context of Neighbourhood Watch, and sometimes outside of any programmatic intervention.

From the ACCS, we can explore ‘who acts?’ ‘what encourages actions?’ ‘what actions are undertaken in response to crime?’ And, most importantly, ‘do actions lead to lower perceptions of crime and reductions in crime rates?’

In this study, “actors” are defined as community residents who have actively responded to an identified problem in their local community and “actions” are defined as behaviours undertaken by actors that occur as a direct response to a community problem.

What we find from the ACCS is that the people who are taking most action in communities are people in higher income households, middle-aged people, men, married fathers and single mothers and people who have been previously victims of crime.

Few residents actually engage in action when faced with a neighbourhood problem. The common community problems faced include

dangerous driving, drinking in public and suspected drug problems.

When community members decide to intervene, the most common action taken is to call the police. For graffiti

problems, people are more likely to contact local or state government agencies. Overall, the ACCS finds that when residents act, their approach differs depending on the type of problem they are dealing with.

Problem severity and residents’ own circumstances are most important for predicting action and the neighbourhood context is important for shaping the actions that residents take to address common problems.

In conclusion, we know that Neighbourhood Watch is an important, long lasting crime prevention program that is not “just” a feel-good program but rather a program that can help to reduce crime and disorder problems in communities across Australia.

But there is still room for improvement. One of the future challenges for Neighbourhood Watch is moving beyond simply calling the police and starting to focus on actions that foster strong, pro-social ties in all different types of communities.

Actions that promote strong networks will help to prevent and control local problems - goal that is close to the original mission of Neighbourhood Watch.

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- robberies and house break-ins.

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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.

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RAA Friday is the favourite day for car thieves to strike

Thieves prefer Fridays when it comes to stealing your car, according to latest figures obtained by RAA Insurance.

RAA Insurance is urging drivers to be vigilant to avoid becoming a victim of car crime and has released a list of safety tips to minimise the risks to their vehicles.

According to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, of which RAA is a member, a total of 527 vehicles were stolen on a Friday - more than any other day of the week - in the 12 months to the end of September 2018.

That's an average of around 10 cars each Friday over this period. Friday thieves were most active between 4pm-8pm when a total of 155 vehicles were stolen.

It was also revealed more vehicles were stolen in March (319) than any other month during this period.

"Having your car stolen is a major inconvenience and, if you're not insured, a serious financial setback," RAA Insurance Claims Manager Hayley Cain said.

"That's why we encourage all motorists to take precautions to reduce their chance of having their car stolen or broken into."

Ms Cain said the figures showed about two thirds of the 3002 vehicles stolen in this period were for "short term use" – or joy riding – and the rest for "financial gain" such as accessing spare parts.

"It's about opportunities and there are many more people parking in public while out and about on a Friday evening.

"This might also explain why March – with all its associated events like the festival and supercar race – is the most common month for stealing cars."

The total theft figures for SA in the 12 months to September were consistent with the annual average reported to police during the past four years, Ms Cain said.

Here's what you can do to reduce the chances of having your car stolen or broken into:

- Park in a garage or carport whenever possible.
- If you must park on the road, leave your car in a well-lit area and preferably have an alarm fitted.
- Install sensor lights in your driveway as a deterrent.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Remove items of value from sight.
- If you don't have a car alarm, use a steering wheel lock.
- Don't put all your valuables in the boot, most trunks are easily accessible.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers




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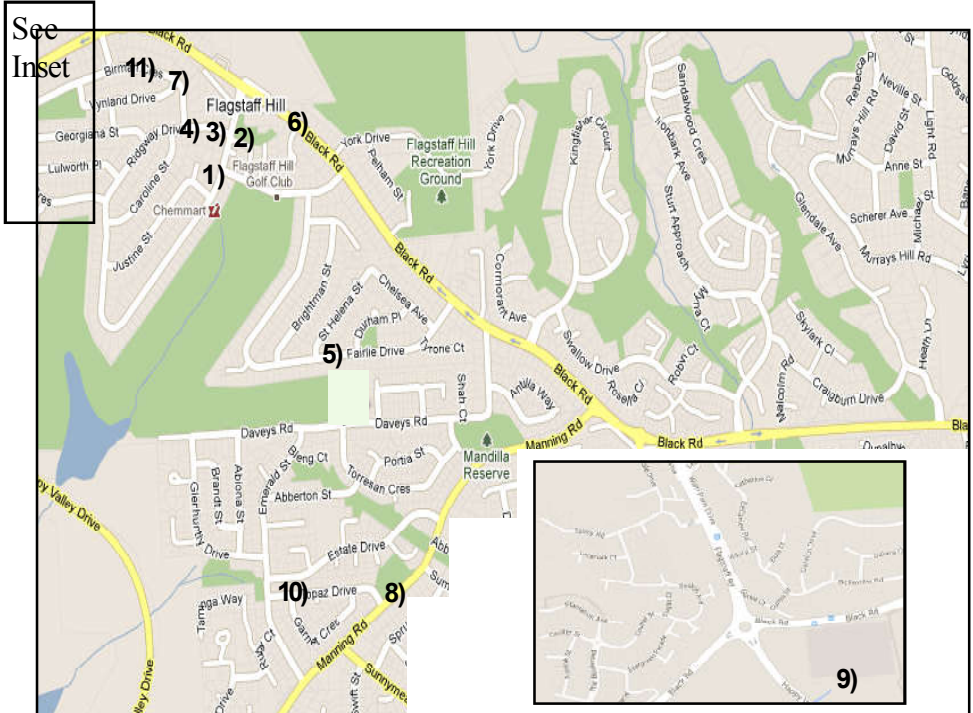
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Police Incidents 16 March - 8 May 2019



Date	Location	Details
Property Damage		
1. 15/4/19	Ridgeway Drive	Vehicle damaged overnight.
2. 01/5/19	Ridgeway Drive	ATM damaged by fire.
Theft from Motor Vehicle		
3. 30/3/19	Ridgeway Drive	Property stolen from the vehicle overnight.
4. 30/3/19	Ridgeway Drive	Property stolen from the vehicle overnight.
5. 05/4/19	Fairlie Drive	Front and rear number plates stolen from vehicle.
6. 05/4/19	Black Road	Property stolen from the vehicle overnight.
7. 09/4/19	Birman Cr	Property stolen from the vehicle overnight.
Serious Criminal Trespass (Break-in)		
8. 09-17/4/19	Manning Rd	Home broken into while occupants on holiday. Items stolen.
9. 28-30/4/19	Reservoir Dr	Home broken into and property stolen.
10. 01/5/19	Topaz Drive	Home broken into and property stolen.
11. 30/4/19	Birman Cres	Attempted break-in. Nil stolen.

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