



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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**GLENGOWRIE/  
MORPHETTVILLE**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA

282/283/152

**CHRISTMAS**

**GET**

**TOGETHER**

**4th December**

**7.30pm Glengowrie Retirement Village**

(Southern Ave off Hazelmere - next to the dog park)

**ALL**

**WELCOME**



### Names & contacts for your Watch area

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**Police Coordinator:**

P/Constable Patrick Burns

**Nearest Police Station**

333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park

Ph: 8207 4700

7 days 9am-9pm

**Police Attendance:**

Ph 131 444

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

## Area Coordinator's Annual Report 2018/19

The last 12 months has flown by, it seems like it was only yesterday that I penned the annual report. I am pleased to again state that our group numbers have remained steady over the past 12 months with approximately 25 members of the community (both Glengowrie and Morphettville) attending our bi monthly meetings.

**Our meetings** have on average gone for approximately one hour and we have enjoyed these opportunities to catch up with our neighbours to discuss local events and general community matters.

We were extremely fortunate to have some **guest speakers attend our meetings** over the past 12 months even though some attendees didn't realise they were to be a guest speaker! Our meetings are open to all members of the community and often Police cadets attend as part of their induction to the force. We had three cadets attend our August meeting, I took the opportunity to put Elisha, Jack and Kristy on the spot and asked them to give a brief speech on their future aspirations for the police force and what lead them to this career choice. I am happy to report that they all accepted my invitation to do a little talk.

I take this opportunity to wish Elisha, Jack and Kristy a safe future, it certainly would be a challenging career dealing with the unexpected and sometimes violent, difficult and distressing situations but would no doubt present rewarding opportunities as well.

In April Phil Evans from the Metropolitan Fire Service attended our meeting. Phil spoke about fire safety in the home and the most common causes of fire. Phil demonstrated various pieces of home fire safety equipment including smoke alarms and fire blankets.

Last year, Darryl Holland, our police co-ordinator stepped down from this position and I was a bit worried for a while that this position may not be filled. It was vacant for a few months however in April I received an email to advise that

**Probationary Constable Patrick Burns** would fill the position. We have welcomed Patrick to our meetings and are truly thankful for his updates and police reports.

Councillor Jason Veliskou has again been a valued attendee and speaker at our meetings providing updates and answering the many questions our members have.

In addition to Jason's attendance, Kendra Clancy has also attended some of our meetings. Kendra was elected to the Marion Council last year. Kendra is an active member in our community, both her son and mine are members of the Edwardstown Football Club Juniors.

All of our children also attend Glenelg Primary School. We take this opportunity to thank both Jason and Kendra as your updates are always very informative. I have been personally really interested in hearing about the growth of our local football clubs and upgrades to our playgrounds.

Finally I would like to **sincerely thank our volunteers and attendees** that attend meetings and assist in delivering newsletters. Debbie Dean of **Glengowrie Retirement Village** for allowing us to use the facilities for our meetings, Mark Bird of Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters for printing the newsletters and last but certainly not least our **Secretary Liz Earle and Treasurer Jean Stirling**.

*Warm regards, Kelly van Ruth*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**4th March 7.30pm**

**3rd June 7.30pm**

**2nd September 7.30pm - AGM**

**Wednesday 2nd December 7.30pm (Christmas get together, all welcome)**

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## NHW HELPING THE COMMUNITY

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).

## BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER: Planning

It is important that you know what to do in the event of disaster. A disaster may be a natural event, such as a fire or earthquake or may be man-made, such as a terrorism incident.

**How quickly you are able to recover from such an event may depend on your planning and preparation.**

Plan in advance what you and your family will do in a disaster situation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and ensure all family members are aware.

**Consider the following emergency preparedness tips.**

**Establish a meeting place:**

Having predetermined meeting places away from your home will save time and avoid confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Have two emergency locations in opposite directions. You won't know until an actual emergency, which direction you will need to evacuate to.

You may want to make arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters and some hotels will not accept them.

## What does 'cyberbullying' look like?

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

**How do I stop being cyberbullied?**

- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend, or contact [Kids Helpline](#)
- don't retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service and get others to do as well
- collect the evidence—keep mobile

**Ask someone to be your key contact:**

Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. Plan how you will contact each other and review what you will do in different situations.

Consider a plan where each family member calls/emails the same family member or friend in the event of a disaster.

Consider using a person who resides out of town/state who may be in a better position to communicate and coordinate.

Ensure children have a list of phone numbers/emails in their school diaries.

If the telephones are not working, please be patient and try again. Emails may still work when telephones do not.

**Become familiar with school, work, day care and community emergency plans:**

When planning ensure you think about the places where your family spends time.

Ensure you talk with your employer and children's school about their emergency plans. Know how they will communicate with you during an emergency.

phone messages, take screen shots and print emails or social networking conversations

- do something you enjoy—catch-up with friends, listen to good music, watch a good show or chat online to people you trust
- remember you didn't ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied and you will get through this.

**School support**

Most schools have policies in place to address cyberbullying and should be able to provide support to you and other students, no matter whether the bullying is from a student at your school or not. Talk to a teacher or counsellor you like and trust.

**Source:** [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au)



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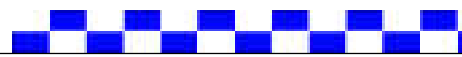
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## ERASE GRAFFITI Vandalism

If you notice graffiti on Marion Council property and public spaces please report the matter to **83756600**.

Graffiti removal products are available from City of Marion, City Services located at **935 Marion Road, Mitchell Park**, weekdays between 8am and 4pm.

Should you notice graffiti on utilities property please report the matter to:

SA Power Networks **13 12 61**

Telstra **180 2244**

TransAdelaide (Train, Tram or Bus)  
**1300 311 108**

Adshel ( Bus Shelters)  
**8364 6000 or 1800 501 402**

Major Roads-Transport Services  
**1800 018 313**

SA Water **1300 883 121**

Australia Post **131 318**

SA Housing Trust (SA Housing)  
**13 12 88**

Contact Police on 131444 if your property has been the target of graffiti.

To help prevent a graffiti attack, ensure existing outside lighting is operating correctly, apply graffiti resistant coatings to protect walls, fences and buildings, keep your property looking neat and tidy (an unkempt property may attract graffiti), keeping trees and shrubs trimmed can reduce concealment opportunities and increases visibility to your home, keep spray paints secured at all times.

**Immediately call police on 131 444 if you are witnessing graffiti. If you have information about graffiti call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

A quick response reduces the time offenders can admire their vandalism.

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Ask most Australians and chances are they've heard of Crime Stoppers.

But what many people don't know is that Crime Stoppers is a charity which isn't part of police or government. In fact, as an independent not-for-profit, it relies on hard-working volunteers to conduct crime prevention and crime solving campaigns that span cold case murders, bushfire arson, home and personal security, drug dealing and more.

Here, Crime Stoppers South Australia has been part of the community for more than 20 years and during that time it has become the trusted service for collecting information about criminals and their activities from the public.

Crime Stoppers allows people to report crimes and suspicious activity anonymously. Whether people call or make a report online, no personal details have to be provided. Calls aren't recorded or traced and an IP address isn't recorded when making an online report.

During 2018, more than 25,000 phone and web reports were received by Crime Stoppers SA. With every second contact relating to drugs, information received last year stopped an estimated 80,035 cannabis and 12,227 amphetamine street deals in SA.

In addition, 82 firearms were seized and a total of 822 apprehensions were made directly as a result of information provided through the successful community engagement program, with a number of serious charges laid for drug, firearm, sexual offences and offences against property.

At times, it might seem that we live in a world dominated by evil deeds and wrongdoing, but behind the scenes, every day of the year, Crime Stoppers offers a way for people to make our State a better and safer place.

For more information about visit [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

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

See Something,  
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23/08/2019	Property damage	GORDON TCE, MORPHETTVILLE	Property damage
13/09/2019	Property damage	DIAGONAL RD, SOMERTON PARK	Etchings on shop front window, no eligible writing, looks like a signature with letters A and O. \$8,000 damage.
24/09/2019	Illegal use	GILMORE CR, MORPHETTVILLE	Theft of motorbike
24/09/2019	Illegal interference	CLAINES AV, MORPHETTVILLE	Vehicle broken into rear driver side window smashed, 5 volleyballs stolen.
24/09/2019	Serious criminal trespass (SCT)	WILCOX AV, MORPHETTVILLE WILCOX AV, MORPHETTVILLE	SCT x 2, items stolen est \$1,000.00, property damage x 2 estimated damage of \$600.00
04/10/2019	Illegal interference	COBHAM AV, MORPHETTVILLE	Vehicle broken into and theft of approx. \$10,000 worth of tools
07/10/2019	Illegal interference	WENDOVER WALK, GLENGOWRIE	Illegal interference and theft from work vehicle while on the street.
27/10/2019	Serious criminal trespass (SCT)	NA BOTTO CT, MORPHETTVILLE	Aggravated SCT to residence
30/10/2019	Property damage	DENHAM AV, MORPHETTVILLE	Vehicle set of fire in driveway.
04/11/2019	Illegal use	WHITELEAF CR, GLENGOWRIE	Vehicle stolen and second vehicle broken into. Nil damage, loose change stolen



**REPORT DANGEROUS DRIVING TO POLICE**  
**Traffic Watch**  
**131 444**

## Statewide Facebook Page

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