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HECTORVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD

WATCH AREA 084

We wish all residents a safe and joyous Christmas.



Enjoy the break and we will be back in 2020.

2020 MEETINGS

7.30pm

45-47 REID AVE

HECTORVILLE

Tuesday 25 February

Tuesday 24 March

Tuesday 28 April

Tuesday 26 May

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

Area Co-ordinator

John Nemcic 0467 621 403

SAPOL Eastern Adelaide Crime Prevention Section 8172 5824

PHONE INFO

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| EMERGENCY | 000 |
| Police Attendance | 131444 |
| Graffiti Hotline | 83653147 |
| Street Light Repair | 131366 |
| Traffic Light Out | 1800018313 |
| Water Main Burst | 82071300 |
| Dog Catcher | 83669227 |

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.

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.



REPORT
DANGEROUS
DRIVING
TO POLICE

Traffic Watch
131 444

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TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION

Do they have to break in BEFORE you think about it?



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are seeking more helpers to letter-box our Newsletters every three months. Whether you would like to deliver to 20 dwellings or 200, we welcome your help.

The Newsletters would be delivered to your door for you to distribute. Walking is excellent exercise and most of us need to do more, if we are fit enough to be able to walk in the first place. If you can help, please ring John on 0467 621 403.

**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

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

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).

SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Approximately 3,000 number plates are stolen in South Australia each year.

RAA is working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Police, the Attorney General's Department and the Motor Trade Association to encourage motorists to have tamper-resistant screws installed on their vehicle's number plates.

A number of RAA Approved Repairers are offering to supply and install tamper-resistant screws free of charge.

To take up this offer, please contact RAA on 8202 4689 to find your nearest participating RAA Approved Repairers. For more information, visit www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft.

Number plates are stolen from vehicles to commit crimes such as:

- petrol theft
- avoiding speeding fines and other traffic offences, or
- robberies and house break-ins.

The use of stolen number plates makes it harder for police to detect and

investigate crimes in a timely manner.

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 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.

Be Prepared for a Disaster: Assemble an Emergency Kit

Be prepared to survive on your own for at least three days. Consider preparing two kits - one to stay where you are and one smaller, lightweight version to take with you if you have to leave.

Consider the following items:

- Water (four litres per person per day) for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Clothing suitable for your climate.
- Sleeping bags - one for each family member.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit including necessary medication.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Filter mask (available from hardware stores), a cotton t-shirt or towel to help filter the air.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Duct tape and heavy weight garbage bags or plastic sheeting to seal windows and doors to create a barrier between yourself and potential contaminants outside.

- Family documents: passports, birth certificates, driver's licence, health care and bank details.
- Cash, as ATMs may not be working.

Keep a portable battery-operated radio:

Listen to the radio and watch television for official instructions as they become available.

Be prepared to survive without electricity, phone, fuel pumps and ATMs:

If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage to utilities using a flashlight. Do not light matches, candles or turn on electrical switches.

Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Smell for gas leaks, starting at the water heater.

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and ensure everyone leaves the area immediately.

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

Helping your child deal with online threats

There are many benefits to socialising and playing games online — it can be entertaining and educational, while helping to build digital intelligence skills. However, games or apps with a chat function mean your child is likely to be communicating with others online, including strangers.

Our research shows it is more common than you think, with one in four young people being contacted by someone they don't know online.

Contact from strangers can make children feel uncomfortable or lead to dangerous situations like harassment or "grooming" — where a young person is lured into trusting a sexual predator online.

So just as we help guide young people to identify unsafe behaviour in the physical world, we need to do the same in their online world — for example, helping them to understand when it's not appropriate to chat to an adult without a parent around.

Conversation starters

Talking with your children about their 'online friends' can be a great way to help develop their skills around identifying and dealing with unwanted contact.

1. What do you think makes a good online friend?

Parents and carers can help young people recognise respectful, safe online relationships. Talk to your child about what good friends do, personal boundaries and safe behaviour. For example, a good online friend:

- would never send anything to shock you or make you feel icky
- would never ask you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable
- understands when you need time away
- speaks to you with respect
- respects your feelings and is kind
- would never threaten you or ask you not to tell your parents
- listens when you say no or ask them not to do something.

Extend the conversation by talking about games and social media and what safe behaviour looks like in those spaces.

More advice at: www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/good-habits-start-young

2. How do you know if an online friendship has taken an unsafe turn?

Talk to your child about the signs that show an online friendship isn't safe. If anyone online — a friend or stranger — tries to develop a very close relationship quickly or asks for private photos or videos, they may intend to sexually abuse the young person. Some other warning signs to look out for include:

- asking lots of personal questions
- giving excessive compliments
- wanting to keep the relationship secret
- sending gifts or money
- asking for nude photos or videos.

By helping your child recognise these typical grooming behaviours they can better protect themselves online. More advice at: www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact#warning-signs

Report unwanted contact online

It is important for parents to understand that the grooming and procuring children over the internet are crimes investigated by the police. If your child has encountered this kind of activity online, contact your local police station. If your child is in immediate danger call Triple Zero (000).

If your child receives suggestive comments, requests for explicit images or messages of a sexual nature on a social media site, app or game, it should be reported to the service. It is important to collect evidence first and then report the account even if you have blocked them — this helps makes the internet safer for everyone.

If an intimate or nude image of your child has been shared or is threatened to be shared online, report it to eSafety and we can help take it down: www.esafety.gov.au/IBA

Your child may need your assistance to report a user. Use our [games, apps and social networking](#) guide to problem-solve together. Help them gather evidence, report the contact and block the user. Let your child lead the way and help them develop the skills to manage online challenges in the future.

Source: esafety.gov.au

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Police Incidents September - October 2019

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PREVENT A CRIME**
Don't Forget to Lock Up
Your House
Your Car
Your Valuables



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Time/Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 15-25/09/19 Montacute Rd Black paint sprayed over walls of vacant premises.
2. 17/10/19 McCarthy Ave Sign board sprayed with tags in white spray paint.

THEFT

3. 13/09/19 Laver Street Black oil sprayed on to building and fence.
4. 30/08/19 Katherine Street Wallet stolen from worksite. Cards used.
5. 03/10/19 Wensleydale Ave Mountain bike stolen from carport. Value \$2500.

ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE

6. 1am 18/10/19 Stewart St Entry attempted to six vehicles. Scratches to panels, and windows smashed. Tools and cash stolen. Value \$7446. Captured on CCTV.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

7. 1-6/10/19 Armagh Ave Entry via garage and window. House rummaged. Large amount of jewellery & electrical items stolen.
8. 03/10/19 Pinneri Street Garage door padlock removed. Garden tool stolen.
9. 25/08/19 St Bernards Road Garage broken into, car rummaged. Items stolen.
10. 31/08/19 Lynette Ave Access gained to property. Nil items stolen.
11. 31/08/19 Tandanya Ave Access gained to property. Nil items stolen.
12. 3/09/19 Robson Road Attempted access to shed. Nil items stolen.



Hon Vincent TARZIA MP
Member for Hartley
The Speaker of the House of Assembly



Please don't hesitate to call my office for information on community grants and other assistance we may provide.

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