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2019 MEETINGS

Tuesday	23 July	
Tuesday	27 August	
Tuesday	24 September	
Tuesday	22 October	<i>Meetings 7:30pm</i>
Tuesday	26 November	<i>Hectorville Community Hall 47 Reid Ave (Bus Stop 19).</i>



REPORT DANGEROUS DRIVING TO POLICE

Traffic Watch
131 444

Does Neighbourhood Watch Work?

In a Nutshell, Yes! UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FEATURE

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

HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 084

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 23rd July
7.30pm**

45-47 REID AVE
HECTORVILLE

ALL WELCOME

TEA / COFFEE SUPPLIED

UPCOMING MEETING:

27th August 2019

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

EMERGENCY	000
Police Attendance	131444
Graffiti Hotline	83653147
Street Light Repair	131366
Traffic Light Out	18000181313
Water Main Burst	82071300
Dog Catcher	83669227

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.

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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.

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 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.

NHW Works! (cont'd from p.1)

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. A goal that is close to the original mission of Neighbourhood Watch.

**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).

Esafety.gov.au



The eSafety Commissioner is responsible for promoting online safety for all Australians.

We are committed to helping all Australians have safer, positive experiences online—just as they would offline.

The Office co-ordinates and leads the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for profit community. It has a broad remit which includes providing:

- a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying
- identifying and removing illegal online content
- tackling image-based abuse.

The Office also provides audience-specific content to help educate all Australians about online safety including young people, women, teachers, parents, seniors and community groups.

Our goal is to empower all Australians to explore the online world—safely.

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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PROPERTY DAMAGE


- 19/5/19 Reid Ave Front door damaged. Suspect reported.

THEFT

- 11-14/4/19 Moorlands Rd Mobile phone stolen from unlocked house.
- 14-18/5/19 Moorlands Rd FLYSCREEN stolen from side of house.


TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 3/4/19 Robson Rd Shed entered by bending bottom corner of door overnight. Unknown if anything stolen.
- 24/4/19 East St Entry gained into house by forcing sliding door. 9:00am - 12:00pm. Damage \$1000. Nil stolen.
- 23/5/19 Reid Ave Attempt to gain entry to house by manipulating lock. 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Damage \$200.




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