



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Quarterly Neighbourhood Newsletter of Hectorville NHW Area 084

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## HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 084

### NEXT MEETING

**7.30pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 2021**

45-47 REID AVE

TEA / COFFEE SUPPLIED

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

7.30pm Tuesday 27th April

7.30pm Tuesday 25th May

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

#### Area Co-ordinator

John Nemcic 0467 621 403

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Crime Prevention Section  
81725824

## PHONE INFO

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

## Keep in touch via Facebook

*If you want to keep up-to-date with what is happening you can use the NHW Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/> where regular updates are posted, as well as crime prevention advice. Feel free to comment, 'like' or forward posts to others.*

**TAKE THE TIME TO  
PREVENT A CRIME**  
**Don't Forget to Lock Up  
Your House  
Your Car  
Your Valuables**



### SECURE YOUR PLATES

A number of RAA Approved Repairers are offering to supply and install tamper-resistant number plate 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](http://www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft)

## Thank You Newsletter Deliverers

We are grateful to those locals who have volunteered their time to assist with newsletter deliveries and continue to do so.

**Thank You!**

## Support Our Supporters

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people.

The first being our dedicated volunteers who deliver the 1950 newsletters throughout Hectorville.

If you wish to join our team please contact John on 0467 621 403.

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.

## REPORT DANGEROUS DRIVING TO POLICE



Traffic Watch  
131 444

## COVID-19

### TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFO

**Check your symptoms**  
[healthdirect.gov.au](http://healthdirect.gov.au)

**National updates**  
[health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)

**Local updates and information**  
[sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019)

**The latest travel advice**  
[smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au)

### For general questions

Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080

## 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.

## Why join us?

*South Australia Police require continual feedback, support and collaboration from members of the community to effectively prevent and respond to crime.*

*By joining **Neighbourhood Watch**, you'll be playing a key part in keeping your street, suburb and South Australia a safer place to live. Whether you want to be a leader for change in your community, build your skills, or simply meet other like-minded locals, **Neighbourhood Watch** is right for you.*

*You can connect with local police while building professional networks and upskilling to improve your CV or employment prospects. Plus you'll be assisting your neighbours, the community, & SA Police along the way.*

*See Something,  
Say Something,  
Call Crime Stoppers*

**CRIME  
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.com.au  
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South Australia

**000** EMERGENCY  
**THINK FIRST THEN DIAL**  
**POLICE ASSISTANCE 131444**

## Scammers to target Australians over vaccine rollout

By George Roberts ABC News Online 22 February 2021

There are thousands of fraudsters preparing to exploit the COVID-19 vaccine program, experts say, warning the scams will look legitimate and the people behind them may even know your name, phone number and email.

Fraud consultant Gavin Levinsohn said scammers were preparing to launch the same cons they already have overseas.

"We know this because the number of vaccine-related domains or website addresses that have been set up over the past few weeks ... are in the thousands, which is a precursor to phishing scams related to the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) confirmed it already had 16 reports of vaccine-related scams.

Michael Connory, a cyber security consultant and CEO of the company Security in Depth, said there was a significant number of scam emails sent in the UK and US relating to vaccination programs.

"[They have] scammed numerous people, tens of thousands of people over in the UK, as well as in the US," he said.

### Perfect ingredients for fraud

Fraud protection consultants said the rollout of vaccinations across Australia this week was giving fraudsters a prime opportunity to pose as health authorities.

"Bad actors will look for opportunities — be it tax time or be it the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

"Timing, urgency and need are perfect ingredients for fraud."

Mr Connory said scams would be very hard to distinguish from genuine communication.

"It will look like a legitimate email coming from a government agency," he said.

He said he expected the scams would convince people to click on a link to give personal information or install malicious software that steals information.

"Cyber-criminals then take that personal information, and use that for things such as identity theft, which is hugely prevalent in Australia," Mr Connory said.

He said people should expect scammers to call or even text them.

"That text will say something like: 'Hi Michael, here is your COVID information' with a link," he said.

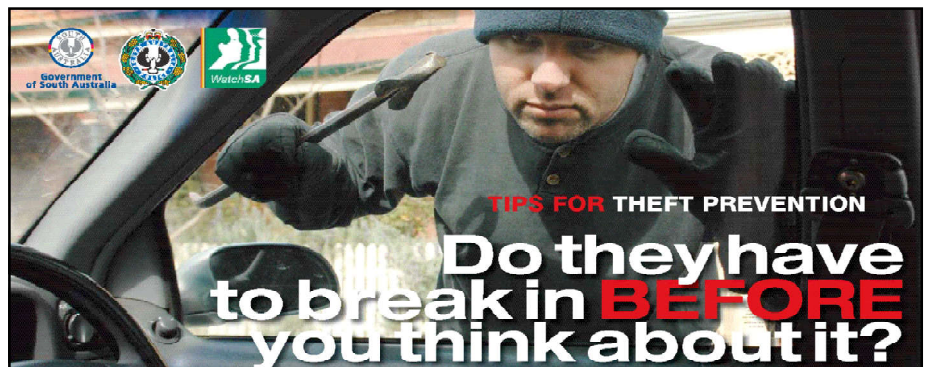
"Now because you can't really see the link in detail on the text, it's much more likely that you will click on the link, and it will take you to a compromised website."

"What they're really looking for is your information, the more personal information they have on you, such as your Medicare details, your driver's licence, your date of birth — they can then utilise that information and attack you from an identity theft perspective," he said.

"It happens all the time and it's very difficult for individuals to be able to pick whether or not that's legitimate, or it's fake."

Mr Connory said it was best to treat all communication with caution.

"We would recommend not trusting it, talk to your local doctor, go on to the Australian government's [website], the DHS website, and have a look at what's happening and how things are rolling out," he said.



# 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.

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,

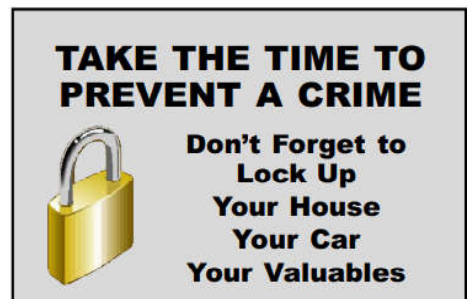
*which is why I contacted you with internet messaging facility."*

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.

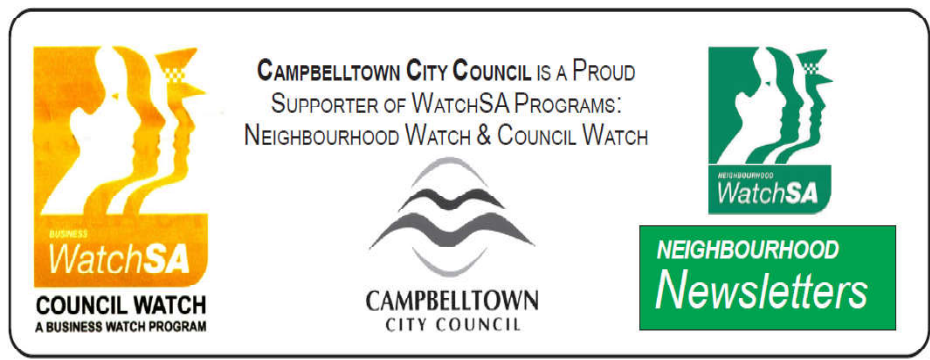



**Statewide Website**  
A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch website has been launched.  
Visit [www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw)  
You can find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

**LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!**

- Park in well-lit areas
- Close all windows
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle
- Conceal valuables before you park – if they cannot be removed
- Do not leave personal documents in your vehicle.
- Always lock your vehicle if leaving it unattended.
- Carry your keys with you at all times.

**Limit the opportunities for offenders to target your vehicle or belongings.**



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**John Kennedy JP**  
Councillor  
Campbelltown City Council



**Action on  
Local Issues**

*I will see you on  
any issue  
any time*

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cr.kennedy@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

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# Police Incidents December 2020 - February 2021



## PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 30/12-11/01 Robson Road Roof tiling damaged by someone on roof.
- 14/01/21 Robson Road Two windows damaged overnight
- 27/01/21 East Street Locks and flaps on letterboxes prised open damaging metal and brickwork. Damage \$2000.

## THEFT

- 30/11/20 St Bernards Rd Credit cards stolen from car & used for purchases.
- 21/12-13/01 Ross Road Car battery, car jack and phone charger stolen from vehicle parked in public parking area.
- 28/01/21 Montacute Road Tyre stolen from trailer in public area overnight.

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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).



**Hon Vincent TARZIA MP**

Member for Hartley

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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

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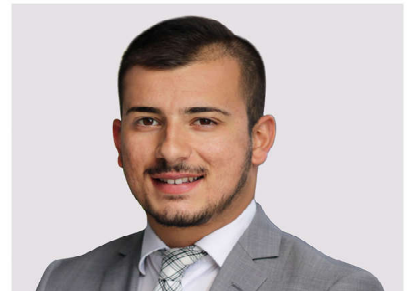
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