



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 084

### NEXT MEETING

**7pm Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

45-47 REID AVE

**TEA / COFFEE SUPPLIED  
ALL WELCOME**

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latest news, updates, and crime  
prevention hints & tips visit:*

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*Check out the NHW SA website!  
For the latest news, information  
on what NHW SA does and how to  
join, go to the NHW SA website:*  
[www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw)

#### Area Co-ordinator

John Nemcic 0467 621 403

**SAPOL Eastern Adelaide  
Crime Prevention Section**  
8172 5824

## VEHICLE SECURITY

To help prevent thieves targeting your vehicle and property, consider implementing these security tips:

- Lock your vehicle doors and close all windows.
- Install an alarm or immobiliser and activate it every time you leave your vehicle.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Park off the road and if possible in a locked garage.
- Use secure car parking facilities where available.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. If you can't, then conceal them in the boot before arriving at your destination.
- Avoid leaving your property in the glove box or centre console – this is the first place thieves look. • Mark or engrave your property with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia.
- Record the make, model and serial number of electronic equipment, such as GPS devices, laptops and mobile phones.
- Remove registration papers from your vehicle to prevent thieves identifying your home and easily disposing of your vehicle.
- Do not place hand bags, wallets or other valuable items on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.
- Remove your keys from the ignition even if you are gone for a short time.



- At home, don't leave your keys on the kitchen bench or where they can be easily seen by thieves. Keep them in a safe place out of view.
- Mark key tags with your phone number.

Never include your name and address.

- Do not hide a spare set of keys on or in your vehicle. If you have any questions please contact your local police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

## Dealing with Graffiti

**Rapid and Continual Removal** of graffiti is one of the best deterrents to stop graffiti returning to the site.

**Painting over the graffiti** is most effective way to remove the graffiti.

When the graffiti is removed by the "paint out method" be sure to match the colour of paint being used - as close as possible to the existing colour of the fence prior to the graffiti damaged.

Be sure to paint the graffiti over in a "block" formation and DO NOT follow the lines of the tag.

### Report Graffiti Crimes & Criminals

#### Public Property

Campbelltown City Council 4645 4000

#### Stobie poles or ETSA boxes

SA Power Networks 131 261

#### Payphones

Telstra 132 203

#### Public Transport & Private property

Sturt Police 8207 4700

SAPOL 131444

## PHONE INFO

**EMERGENCY 000**

**Police Attendance 131444**

Graffiti Hotline 83653147

Street Light Repair 131366

Traffic Light Out 1800018313

Water Main Burst 82071300

Dog Catcher 83669227



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**NEIGHBOURHOOD  
Newsletters**

## Join as a NHW SA volunteer now!

NHW SA has plenty of volunteer opportunities, whether you're looking to volunteer regularly, or only once a year, there's something to suit everyone.

You could just turn up to our next meeting, you could become a supporter (enabling you to help with the delivery of these newsletters), or you could become a registered police volunteer.

Let us know if you'd like to join and we can help you get your registration started. Find out more on the NHW SA website: [www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/get-involved](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/get-involved)

## Benefits of joining as a NHW SA volunteer

Joining can benefit your local community and provide you with many valuable opportunities.

Whether you want to be a leader for change, develop new skills or simply get to know your neighbours.

There are different volunteer options you can do, each with different benefits.

Find out more on the NHW SA website: [www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/why-join](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/why-join).

## Online sellers beware



SAPOL has received reports of robberies after victims have listed items for sale on popular buying/selling websites and social media.

Items commonly targeted are Apple products, jewellery, designer shoes/clothes, and vehicles.

**If you are selling items online then please follow this safety advice:**

- Always meet in a public space that you are familiar with, ideally in an area with CCTV cameras, during daylight hours.
- Gather details about the potential buyer before meeting — their name, phone number and email address.
- Tell at least one person where you are going and who you are with, consider bringing someone else along.
- Ask for identification from the buyer e.g. a driver's licence, if they request a 'test drive'.
- Take note of the person's appearance and their vehicle and registration number.
- Be conscious that fake internet banking records can be created. Do not hand over items until you see the funds arrive in your account.
- If the buyer wishes to pay with cash, confirm they have money to pay. Sometimes the offenders are hoping to grab the items quickly and run: reducing their exposure and minimising the chance of being identified.

SOURCE: [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

## REPORTING CRIME

### Emergencies

**Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.**

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

### Non-Emergencies

**Call 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance.**

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

### Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

### Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds and scams, visit:

SAPOL: [www.police.sa.gov.au/scams](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/scams)

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org)

SCAMwatch WEBSITE: [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

**Tel5** 1300 008 355  
154A Halifax St, Adelaide

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EVALUATION:

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**Stay Cyber Secure**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.TEL5.COM.AU](http://WWW.TEL5.COM.AU)

**PROTECT YOURSELF KNOW THE SCAM**

"I don't believe everything I'm told, do you?"

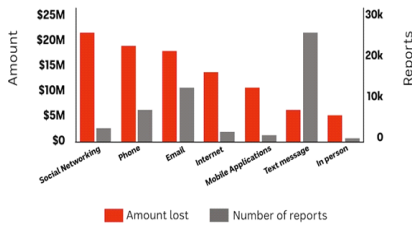
Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

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

## Millions lost to social media scams

ABC News, 21 March 2023



Social media is delivering a healthy return for scammers in Australia.

According to the ACCC's Scamwatch, it is a much better way to make money than scamming on the phone, email or text messaging.

In the past year, Australians have been fleeced more than \$21.5 million from scams on social networking sites.

ACCC Scamwatch data shows the amount of money lost to scams on social networking runs into the millions.

It has prompted the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to call for urgent government action — which could potentially lead to a world-first digital platforms ombudsman.

"Consumers and small businesses find it almost impossible to have their disputes resolved with digital platforms when problems arise," chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb said.

While the ACCC works with social media companies to take content down, the commission has no power to force the company to act.

Now, Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO) Cynthia Gebert has told the government she wants the gig as the country's — and the world's — first digital platforms ombudsman, helping people with problems like dealing with scams and being locked out of their accounts.

The aim is for the new ombudsman to officiate in disputes between platforms and users and, based on the prevalence of smartphone use, there are plenty of areas it could help.

## National anti-scams centre to open in July

ABC News, 15 May 2023

A national anti-scams centre is being established to help combat scams and online fraud, after Australians reported losing billions of dollars to fraudsters last year.

The federal government will spend \$86 million on a national effort to prevent scams, including \$58 million to create the national centre to report scams and distribute information to banks, law enforcement & vulnerable communities.

The government says the new initiative will change the way scams are dealt with by:

- Facilitating **faster responses to scam reports** — when a report is made to police or regulators information will be shared more quickly
- Establishing "fusion shells" — described as a "hit squad" of experts from industry and law enforcement to act on scam trends
- Introducing a "white list" of approved phone numbers, with SMS messages will be blocked unless they're from an authorised agency

Last month, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) reported Australians lost more than \$3.1 billion to scams in 2022 — an 80 per cent increase from 2021.

The ACCC estimates that at least 30 per cent of victims do not report scams, so the true losses are likely to be far higher.

The centre will open in July and sit within the ACCC.

Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones said he anticipated reports of scams would actually go up after the centre was established.

Mr Jones said the anti-scams centre would bring together government and industry to collaborate closely for the first time to target emerging scams.

"We're also going to set up fusion cells, which are like a hit squad, where we're going up to certain types of scams and taking the fight up to the scammers, to ensure that they don't get an even break," he said.

## WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.

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Contact: John Kennedy 0401 519 258

Campbelltown Memorial Oval Hall  
corner Darley Road & Lower NE Rd Paradise  
(Enter from Crowle Rd)



Date Location Details

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 1.20am 08/05 North Street Car alarm activated while parked in a private car parking space. Driver's window smashed.

### THEFT

- 02/03/23 Robson Road Entry gained to unlocked vehicle parked in driveway rummaged through overnight. Nil stolen.
- 03/03/23 Dawn Ave Wallet stolen from vehicle overnight. Cards used to make purchases. Value \$50
- 09/03/23 Hectorville Road Front registration plate was stolen from a vehicle parked in a driveway overnight.
- 18/03/23 Keith Street Handbag, wallet/cards stolen from unlocked vehicle on street overnight. Cards used. Value \$2865
- 08/05/23 New Cut Street Entry gained to vehicle on street by smashing window. Rummaged through but nil stolen.
- 7-8.30pm 17/5 Glynburn Rd ID documents, clothing, cash, tools & electrical items stolen from vehicle in private carpark. Value \$3330.
- 12/06/23 Binnswood St Sunglasses and credit card stolen from locked vehicle in driveway. Two purchases under \$100 made and online attempt for \$2500 transaction was stopped.
- 5-8.30am 20/6 Melville Gr Trailer stolen from front yard of property. Value \$200

### BREAK-IN

10. 18/04/23 St Bernards Road Entry gained by forcing front door overnight. Laptop stolen and TV damaged. Value \$1850.

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