



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 084

### NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

45-47 REID AVE  
HECTORVILLE

Hectorville Community Hall renovations are now complete and is now available for use

*TEA / COFFEE SUPPLIED*

### UPCOMING MEETING

7.30pm Tues 24th November

*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 1800018313
- Water Main Burst 82071300
- Dog Catcher 83669227

## 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](http://www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft).

### Remember:

- If your number plate is stolen, report it immediately 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](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/ezyreg).

## Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch website has been launched!

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

## 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 STOPPERS**  
com.au  
1800 333 000  
South Australia



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

# New Online Safety Resources to Support Parents and Carers During COVID-19

Protecting children online continues to be a priority for law enforcement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian Federal Police- led ThinkUKnow program and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) have developed a range of initiatives and resources to address the challenges associated with children spending more time online.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents a number of online safety challenges for children and young people.

Prevention is critical in countering the exploitation of children online, yet ACCCE research published earlier this year revealed that information seeking and discussion about online children sexual exploitation is generally only undertaken in response to a specific event.

### ThinkUKnow at home learning packs

New home learning activity packs have been created for parents, carers and children to undertake and learn about online safety together.

Supported by case studies from the ACCCE Child Protection Triage Unit, the age-appropriate activities address online supervision, personal information and unwanted contact, safer gaming and smart usernames, and safer online interactions.

ThinkUKnow is Australia's only nationally delivered law enforcement-led online child safety program that provides education for parents, carers, teachers, children and young people, to address the issue of online child sexual exploitation.

It is a partnership between the AFP and industry (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Datacom and Microsoft) and delivered in collaboration with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The ACCCE brings together resources from Government and Commonwealth agencies, law enforcement agencies, non-government organisations, and other partners to prevent and disrupt online sexual exploitation of children.

You can find out more about online safety by following ThinkUKnow and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation on social media.

**Facebook:** @ThinkUKnowAustralia

**Twitter:** @ThinkUKnow\_Aus

**Facebook:** ACCCEaus

**Twitter:** ACCCE\_AUS

**For further information, or to download visit** [thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers](http://thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers) **and** [accce.gov.au/covid19](http://accce.gov.au/covid19)

### 7 Day Family Online Safety Challenge

The 7 Day Online Safety Challenge aims to provide simple daily online safety tasks for parents and carers to complete over a week, to help keep their children safe online.

The daily tasks include reviewing privacy settings, creating a Family Online Safety Contract and helping children identify a support network.



#7DAYONLINESAFETYCHALLENGE

- DAY 1: Create a Family Online Safety Contract
- DAY 2: Review location, privacy settings and parental controls
- DAY 3: Talk to your child about sharing personal information online
- DAY 4: Find out what apps and games your child uses
- DAY 5: Check DM or chat functions on your child's apps and games
- DAY 6: Talk about suspicious online behaviour and what it looks like
- DAY 7: Help your child identify a support network



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# Don't be Fooled: Beware of Scammers

## Government impersonation scams on the rise

At this time of the year there is an increase in taxation scams.

Victims receive an automated 'robocall' pretending to be from a government department such as the Tax Office or Home Affairs.

The scammer will claim something illegal - such as tax fraud or money laundering- has been committed in the victim's name and they should dial 1 to speak to an operator.

The scammer then tries to scare people into handing over money and may threaten arrest if they refuse.

Government departments will never threaten you with immediate arrest, or ask for payment by **unusual methods such as gift cards, iTunes vouchers** or bank transfers.

## Pet Scam

SAPOL wish to remind everyone to be cautious when purchasing items online, even pets.

A large number of Australians are purchasing pets from an online website and falling victim to an elaborate puppy scam.

Scammers play on emotions as the pictures of puppies are cute and are said to need re homing but, in reality, were never for sale to begin with.

Act with caution when buying online, especially if the seller makes it hard to see the animal in person.

A common tactic is to portray they are based in a remote location, which is too far for people to reasonably travel.

SAPOL recommend that you do your homework when buying anything online and don't rely on reviews or testimonials on the site itself.

Instead, run the website's address through a search engine and look further than the first page of results. Scammers can be very convincing, so if something does not feel right, do not be pressured into making a decision on the spot.

Before you transfer money or share your bank details, discuss it with someone you trust or check [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au) to see if you are involved in a scam. If possible use secure payment options such as Paypal or credit card.

## Gen Z the fastest growing victims of scams

Australians under 25 lost over \$5 million in 2019. Scam reports from this age group are increasing faster than for older generations.

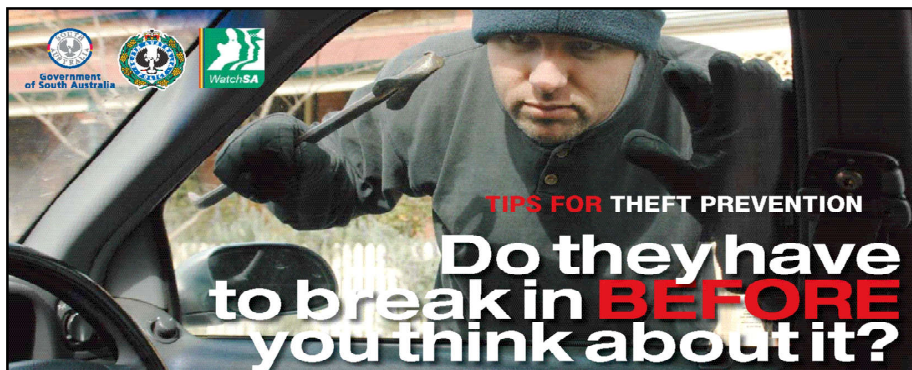
Although young people are tech savvy, scammers are adapting. Scamwatch expects to see more scams on platforms such as Snapchat and Tik Tok.

Meanwhile Facebook and Instagram were the most common platforms for losses by those under 25.

Typical scams involve fake online stores or fake tickets to events. Almost half of the losses occurred through bank transfer.

Please be wary of sellers asking for payment through unusual methods such as gift cards or bitcoin.

Purchase tickets from authorised sellers and be aware that many links on social media may not be legitimate.



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.

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## 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.**

**John Kennedy JP**  
Councillor  
Campbelltown City Council



**Action on  
Local Issues**

*I will see you on  
any issue  
any time*

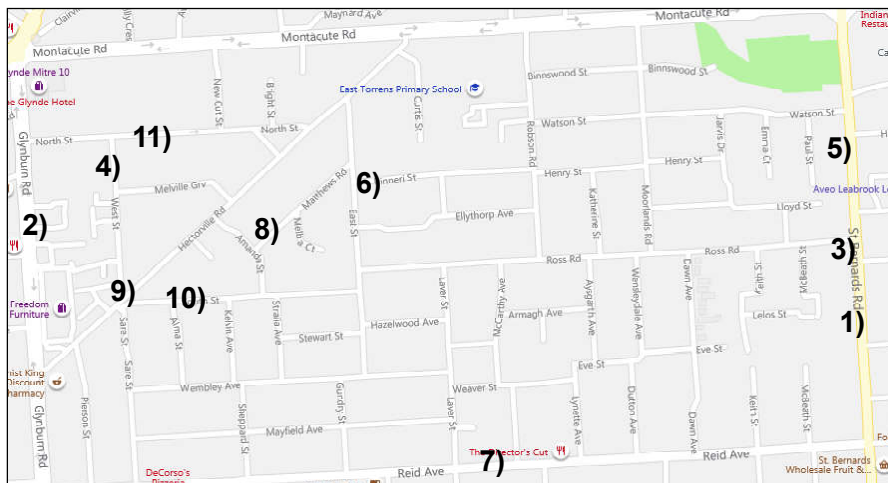
Contact:

3 Sheppard St Hectorville

emails: johnfk5@bigpond.com

cr.kennedy@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

**P: 83367783 M: 0401 519 258**



## THEFT

- 28/06/20 Lynette Ave Lock cut on gate to gain access to house under construction. Hot water service stolen. Value \$1600.
- 11/08/20 Laver Street Number plates stolen from vehicle in street overnight.

## TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 12/08/20 Wembley Ave Roller door forced open, but nil entry. Nil stolen.
- 24/08/20 Lloyd Street Entry gained to house and shed on vacant property under renovation. Copper piping and tools stolen.

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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).

## Statewide Facebook Page

Find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/>

Find us on  
**Facebook**



**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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