



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of Linden Park NHW Area 249

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From the Coordinator

Area News

Thankfully 2020 is coming to an end.

All our hopes and dreams at this time last year have been dashed by bushfires, floods, drought and Covid.

The impact of the virus has been dramatic around the world, and locally our way of life has been severely disrupted, but we have made it this far, and can hopefully look for things to improve in 2021.

Over this Christmas/New Year period, cherish your family and loved ones, respect your neighbours and your community, report suspicious activity or crime to the Police on 131444 and enjoy the break. Here's to a better, more normal 2021!

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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 900 newsletters throughout Linden Park.

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The second important group are the businesses that advertise in this newsletter. Local advertising pays for its production and printing.

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REPORT DANGEROUS DRIVING TO POLICE



Traffic Watch
131 444

LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 249

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm

7th April 2021

Bill Dean Lounge, Burnside
Community Centre

GUEST SPEAKER

Bradley Wingate, OIC
SAPOL Eastern District
Policing Team

ALL WELCOME

TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME

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



Coordinator:

Andrew Bills Phone: 8379 3788

Police Coordinator:

Bradley Wingate

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL 000

(to report a crime in progress or
has just been committed)

CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

COVID-19

TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFO

Check your symptoms
healthdirect.gov.au

National updates
health.gov.au

Local updates and information
sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019

The latest travel advice
smartraveller.gov.au

For general questions

Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080



LINDEN PARK
PHARMACY

**Free home delivery
and prescription
service**

8:30-5:30 Monday to Friday
9:00-12 noon Saturday

Tim & Charlotte Hutchesson

93 Devereux Rd Linden Park SA 5065
Tel 08 8379 1754 Fax 08 8379 3900

**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.

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.

SA Police issue scam warning after fraudster impersonating NBN calls cybercrime unit

By Charles Brice, ABC News, 5 November 2020

South Australian police have issued a warning about a new scam targeting Adelaide locals, after the force's own cybercrime unit was among the recipients of one of the deceptive phone calls.

SA Police said scammers were ringing Adelaide landlines, advising recipients that their computers had been hacked and directing them to a website imitating the National Broadband Network (NBN).

"There is an NBN scam currently cycling through Adelaide landline numbers, and the Financial and Cybercrime Investigation Branch (FCIB), who investigate such scams, were one of the numbers to receive a call," police said in a statement.

To better understand the fraudulent operation, a member of the FCIB using secure software followed the caller's instructions and was led to a "poorly designed" website.

"The obvious indicator that this website is not affiliated with the NBN is that the text preceding the '.com' is weebly — a webhosting site," police said.

The officer was then told to carry out steps which resulted in remote

access software being downloaded.

"The caller tried to reassure us that the software would help fix our internet problem," police said.

"We informed the caller that we couldn't open the program, so he had us click on [other] buttons, which attempted to download further executable programs.

"After we kept experiencing problems, the caller terminated the call."

Police suspect the scammer was attempting to gain access to personal information, including passwords for online banking.

They urged the public not to engage with scammers, and said the incident demonstrated that "no-one is safe from receiving scam robocalls, not even the police".

"Our advice to the community is to not download software that you are not familiar with, and never at the direction of someone over the phone," police said.

"If you receive a call and cannot be certain who you are speaking to, hang up the phone and call the organisation back on a known, reputable number."

TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION

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

HOME AND BUSINESS FIRE PREVENTION

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people who deliberately light fires or engage in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Lock your property and vehicle at all times.
- Keep rubbish bins in a secure area and remove rubbish regularly.
- Secure all combustible materials and flammable fuels away from your property.
- External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside the property.
- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Maintain fencing and install external security lighting.
- Conduct regular inspections outside your property. Repair damage to fences and remove graffiti regularly.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Business Watch program to help keep the community safe.

For further information contact your local police station or www.police.sa.gov.au If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

See Something,
Say Something,
Call Crime Stoppers



CRIME STOPPERS
com.au
1800 333 000
South Australia



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.



Beaumont Bowling Club
Thursday Night
Bistro

- ✓ No meals over \$20
- ✓ Children's meals \$8
- ✓ Cheap drinks
- ✓ Menu changes every month



Bookings are essential - book online or ring Leonie 0412177621
Re-opening January 21
See website for full details

*Our bistro has been a huge success!
Why not come and try it.*

71 Devereaux Road, Linden Park

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 COVID-19 updates are posted, as well as crime prevention advice.

Feel free to comment, 'like' or forward posts to others.



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).



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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.

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.

RURAL FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Erect fences and gates to identify your property boundaries – indicating private property.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Ensure security and warning notices are visible to people entering your property.
- Keep fertilisers and other chemicals in a secure location.
- Store petrol, diesel or other flammable fuels in secure areas and locked away when not in use.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Remove hay from fields as soon as possible after harvesting and store it away from fuels, flammable goods and homes.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number and property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

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LJ Hooker

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LJ Hooker Kensington Unley wishes everyone in our community a safe and happy Christmas

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