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LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 249

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm
16th October 2019

Bill Dean Lounge, Burnside
Community Centre

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME**

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

**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:

Sen Constable Chris Sanders

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL **000** to report a crime in
progress or has
just been committed

CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

Local News from the Area Coordinator

A Strange Game

Over the past month or so residents may have seen unopened boxes of a game called 'Hydro Lord' lying around the suburb on verges and house driveways.

This game looks similar to a game of Monopoly and basically follows the same format with cards like Chance and Community Chest.

However, the main objective is to accumulate money by investing in drug cultivation and then selling the crop.

Strong themes of crime, violence and drug use abound. The game is marked for adults only and is definitely not for children.

It is not known who is responsible for putting the game on the streets or why. Suffice to say that if you see a copy of this game in your area, do not let your children play it.

In 2009 it was the subject of an attempt to ban it by State parliamentarian Anne Bressington and was featured in a report on 'Today Tonight' – Google it to see the report.

SAPOL/NHW Bin sticker

SAPOL State Community Engagement Section and Neighbourhood Watch have designed a bin sticker as a resource provided to residents to encourage reporting of suspicious behaviour. If you would like a free bin or house sticker contact Andrew on 8379 3788.

Crime Spike

You may notice that the crime stats for this edition contain many breakins, especially from one group of youths from our neighbouring area.

Eventually members of this group were apprehended after a number of break and enter offences at Beaumont and Glenunga tennis clubs during which some property was set on fire and cash stolen.

If you notice any unsocial or criminal activity, report it to the Police on 131444.

Eastern District Christmas Dinner

The annual Eastern District Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 20 November. Details of the venue will be advised at a later stage.



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NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

Find us on
Facebook

Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood
Watch website has been
launched.

Visit www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw

You can find us on Facebook at
[www.facebook.com/
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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.



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.



HANDS OFF

The issue of vehicle safety is important. Thieves are not only targeting vehicles, but also houses to find keys and steal cars. Local service areas are engaging in activities to address these issues.

The 'Hands Off' sticker has been produced to display on vehicle windows to deter thieves and remind owners to remove valuables and lock up.

Stickers are available from your local police station or contact the State Community Engagement Centre on 7322 4061.

Don't make it easy for opportunistic thieves! If you see any suspicious behaviour, immediately report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131444.

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



Autumn/Winter Social Lawn Bowls Three Bowl Triples

Wednesdays & Saturdays
12.00pm for 12.15pm start

- ✓ Only \$8 per player
- ✓ Casual dress & relaxed atmosphere
- ✓ Singles or Teams welcome
- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ Free issue of club bowls

For more information contact Leonie on 0412 177 621

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).

PROTECT your Credit Cards

RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION BLOCKING SLEEVE

RFID Sleeves \$1.00 each

For more information:- NHW Volunteers Association of SA
Contact: Andrew Bills tel: 8379 3788 Email: mandabills@hotmail.com

RFID Sleeves

Neighbourhood Watch has produced Radio Frequency Identification blocking sleeves (left) to protect your credit and ID cards from unauthorised access.

The sleeve can hold two cards, cost is just \$1 ea and will be available at our meetings.

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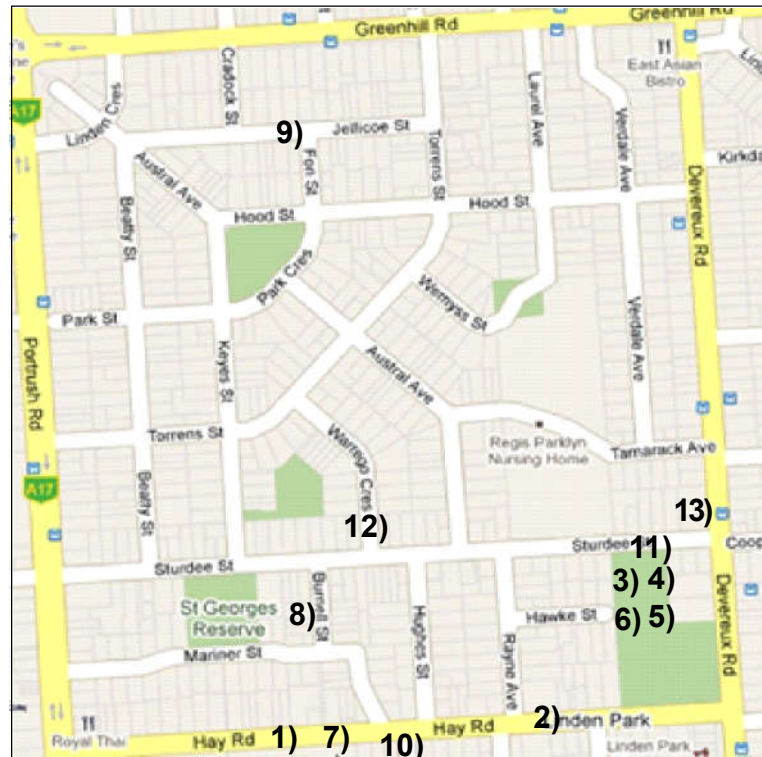
HILLSIDE
CARPET COURT
FLOORING CENTRE

Please support our supporters

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people. The first being the volunteers who deliver the 1000 newsletters throughout Linden Park. If you wish to join our team please contact us by calling Andrew Bills on 8379 3788.

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.

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PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 22/3/19 HayRoad School toilets glass door smashed. Nil entry gained.
2. 27/3/19 HayRoad Brush fence set alight.
3. 27/3/19 Sturdee St Vending machine outside sports club damaged in attempt to gain entry. Plastic chairs also set alight.

THEFT

4. 9/3/19 DevereuxRd Items stolen from vending machine outside sports club.
5. 17/4/19 DevereuxRd Vending machine smashed outside sports club. Goods stolen.
6. 17/4/19 Sturdee St CCTV camera stolen from outside sports club.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

7. 13/3/19 HayRoad Window smashed to gain entry to classroom. Nil stolen.
8. 11/4/19 Burnell St Entry to unlocked garage. Pushbike stolen.
9. 17/4/19 Jellicoe St Entry to a garage by forcing a door. Nil stolen
10. 24/4 Baulderstone Pl Entry to house via an unlocked rear door. Jewellery stolen.
11. 24/4/19 Sturdee St 4 male youths broke into the local Tennis Club and stole items. Police attended and apprehended offenders.
12. 3/5/19 Warrego Cr Entry to house by damaging rear door & window. Items stolen.
13. 13/5/19 DevereuxRd Entry to home via smashing window. Bag & jewellery stolen.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

The arrest of 4 local youths breaking into the sports club was a great result. However, someone is still breaking into homes and targeting jewellery. Report any suspicious behaviour on 131 444.

 **LJ Hooker**

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