



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of Linden Park NHW Area 249

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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

From the Coordinator

Area News

Our next meeting is set for Wednesday

7th April in the Bill Dean Lounge at the
Burnside Community Centre at 7.30pm.

The guest speaker will be Bradley Wingate
from SA Police, who will explain the new
District Policing arrangements that were set
up last year, and how they will affect crime
investigation in Linden Park.

COVID caused the cancellation of our
meetings last year, so we are pleased to
now have the opportunity to hear about
this new initiative (all things being equal).
Covid protocols will be observed at the
meeting.

REMEMBER: LOCK IT UP

A couple of interesting points from the
crime stats... (see back page)

Pot plants were stolen from 2 properties on
Portrush Road within 11 days of each other
(16/1 and 27/1), and 3 separate break-ins
were reported on properties within a 500
metre radius of each other in the space of
2 months.

This is a reminder to ensure all properties
are locked when out and to check the
security of windows around property.

NEIGHBOURS DAY

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021

WARREGO RESERVE

**An informal lunch and get together
is planned for Sunday 28th March
at Warrego Reserve from 11.30am
to 2pm to celebrate the annual
Neighbours Day.**

One of the objectives of
Neighbourhood Watch is to get
neighbours communicating with each
other, and Neighbours Day reminds
us of the value of meeting our
neighbours and helping to create a
safer and happier community for
everyone to live in.

It also aims to break down the barriers
of loneliness and isolation
experienced by the elderly who live
alone (we have a higher percentage
of residents in this category in Linden
Park than many other suburbs).

**A BBQ of sausages, bread and
onions will be supplied and soft
drinks will be available.** BYO
alcohol, sunscreen (if necessary),
chair and your neighbours.

There are tennis courts, a basketball
court, open grassed areas, a pergola
and a toilet at the Reserve, so you are
encouraged to bring any sporting
equipment you may like to use.

**Local and State Government
officials have been invited to
attend,** giving residents an
opportunity to meet their local
representatives.

New residents are especially invited
where they can meet others from their
street and immediate neighbourhood.

**We look forward to seeing you
there on the 28th March.** Access is
from either Warrego Cres or Keyes
St.

*See Something,
Say Something,
Call Crime Stoppers*

**CRIME
STOPPERS**
.com.au
1800 333 000

South Australia





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PHARMACY

**Free home delivery
and prescription
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8:30-5:30 Monday to Friday
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**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.**

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.

TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION

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

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.

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.

If you wish to join our team please contact Andrew 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.

Thank you.



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

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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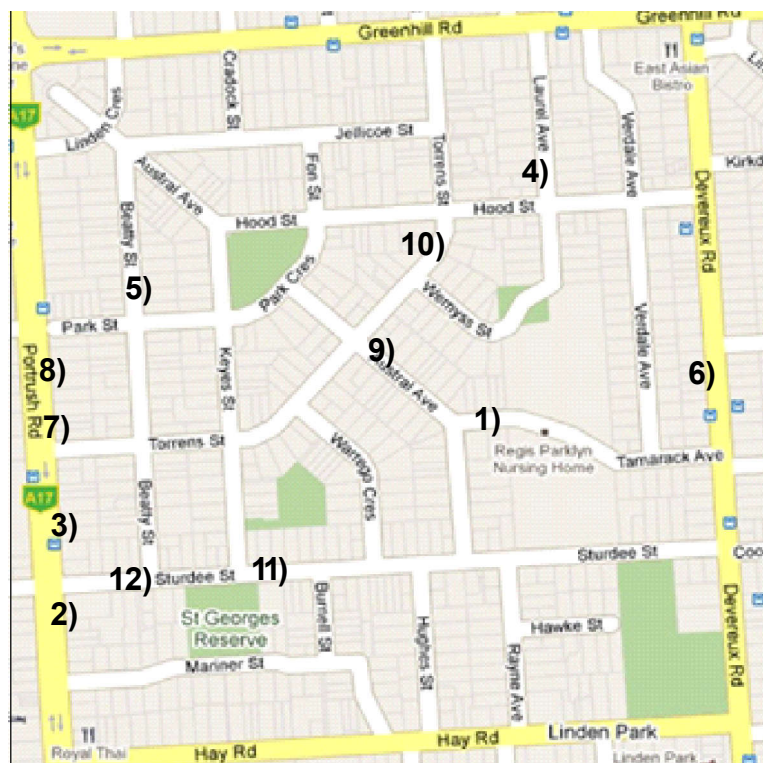
Why join us?

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.

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Date	Location	Details
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THEFT

- 8/10-17/2 Greenhill Rd Fuel Drive Off x 5 instances. Total \$197.52.
- 16/01/21 Portrush Rd Theft of plants, pots & mannequin from front yard .
- 27/01/21 Portrush Rd Theft of 2 pot plants from verandah. Value \$30.
- 30/01/21 Laurel Ave USB stick, glasses & mp3 player stolen from vehicle.
- 15/02/21 Beatty St Illegal interference with a motor vehicle.
- 25/02/21 Devereux Rd Occupant had his vehicle stolen from the street. Spare keys found missing from family's other vehicle.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 10/10/20 Portrush Rd Break-in to back shed/s and attempt to enter house. Many items stolen. Side gate padlock open.
- 02/12/20 Portrush Rd Unit broken into. TV and PS4 stolen.
- 14/12/20 Austral Ave Home broken into .
- 23/01/21 Torrens St Unit broken into. Nil stolen.
- 28/01/21 Sturdee St Unlocked house broken into and handbag stolen.

FRAUD

- 24/10/20 Sturdee St Victim received e mail from "friend" and sent \$300 worth of iTunes cards to offender.



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