



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
11th April 2024

Bill Dean Lounge, Burnside Community Centre

GUEST SPEAKER

S/C Merrilyn Millar
SAPOL Road Safety

Neighbours Day BBQ



Warrego Reserve
Sunday April 7th
11.30am - 2pm
Free lunch

All Linden Park residents are invited!

Linden Park NHW

Coordinator

Arth Tiwari
Phone: 0421710889

Police Coordinator

Phillip Moss

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL 000

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

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Linden Park NHW Area News

Residents of Linden Park may be interested to learn that retiring Area Coordinator Andrew Bills was recently honoured at the 2024 Australia Day ceremony at Hazelwood Park on 26th January this year, for his services to the community through his involvement with Neighbourhood Watch.

Andrew has been volunteering in a number of roles within Neighbourhood Watch for over 32 years - ranging from newsletter deliverer, to Treasurer to committee member, and for the last 13 years as Area Coordinator.

He took on the latest role when the area was facing the prospect of closure, as we were not able to form a committee.

Rather than see the area close, he accepted the Coordinator role, and Linden Park is now one of the few Neighbourhood Watch areas still remaining within the Burnside Council district.

Andrew was awarded the Burnside Council Citizen of the Year for 2024. Andrew thanked those involved in the process and said he was "honoured" to receive such public recognition.

Thank you for your service, Andrew. All the best in your retirement.

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

Cybercrime

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

SAPOL: www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch: www.scamwatch.gov.au



Photo: Andrew receiving his award from Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux



**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 lookout. 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.

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 and Criminals

Public Property

City of Burnside Council 8366 4200

Stobie poles or ETSA boxes

SA Power Networks 131 261

Payphones

Telstra 132 203

Public Transport & Private property

Sturt Police 8207 4700

SAPOL 131444

FRIDGE MAGNETS

Neighbourhood Watch Fridge Magnets provide households with important information in an emergency. Get yours FREE from local police stations or at NHW meetings.

Jonathan's bank transactions show exactly where scammers used his details - it sent him down a spiral of confusion and stress for weeks

By Widia Jalal, ABC News 9 January 2024

Horticulturalist Jonathan Garner is always on the lookout for deliveries.

A text message from an unknown number said Mr Garner's parcel delivery had been unsuccessful and prompted him to update his information to resume the delivery.

Desperate to get a hold of his parcel, he clicked on the link in the message and was greeted with a page sporting a logo and brand colours identical to Australia Post.

The layout of the page, as well as the icons and symbols, all looked familiar to him so he skimmed to the end.

The page displayed his shipment details, along with a tracking number and a section for his card details.

It turns out the message had directed him to a fake Australia Post website, and he had unknowingly given scammers access to his bank account by filling out the six-digit authentication code.

Multiple identical transactions to a local business

Later that same day, six transactions were made resulting in a loss of about \$2,700 across multiple identical transactions to a local tobacconist – all using his bank account details.

Mr Garner spotted the transactions a few days later on his account and immediately contacted his bank to alert them and seek compensation.

He said the fraud team at Commonwealth Bank explained he had fallen for a phishing scam and said he was ineligible for compensation because he had authorised the transactions.

After several rounds of intense negotiation, he said he ended up recovering 75 per cent of his losses from the bank which told him to report the case to the police.

Advice from Australia Post:

Australia Post is aware of such phishing scams circulating and has urged people to take these steps to protect themselves.

- Report any suspicious message – whether on text, email or social media – from senders posing as the courier to scams@auspost.com.au

How can you report phishing scams to authorities?

If you've fallen victim to a scam, here are the steps to take – depending on your circumstances.

- Contact your bank or financial institution immediately if you have lost money
- You can also report to police via [ReportCyber](https://www.reportcyber.gov.au)
- Be aware of other scams which may occur after a loss of personal information
- Contact [IDCARE](https://www.idcare.gov.au) on 1800 595 160 if you have provided scammers with your personal identifying information such as drivers licence or passport
- Report scams to [Scamwatch](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

ReportCyber is a national policing initiative which ensures your report will be referred to the right law enforcement agencies.

You may also want to note the unique report reference number to provide to other organisations.

Run by National Anti-Scam Centre, Scamwatch collect reports about scams to help warn others and to take action to stop scams.

Visit your local police station or call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

If you are unable to report the scam to ReportCyber, you can lodge a report at your local police station as an alternative.



Dealing with Online Abuse

Australia has strong laws to prevent and deal with harm caused by serious online abuse and illegal and restricted online content.

If you or someone you know experiences online abuse, [eSafety](#) can help – Australia’s regulator for online safety.

How eSafety can help

eSafety can help to remove harmful online content, provided it meets the legal threshold for investigation.

It can investigate:

- **Cyberbullying** - Serious harmful online communication to or about a child or young person under 18. This behaviour can include being mean online, sending hurtful messages, sharing embarrassing photos and creating fake accounts.
- **Adult cyber abuse** - Seriously harmful online communication to or about a person who is 18 or older. This content is menacing, harassing or offensive and intended to cause serious harm. It may include tech abuse, being cyber stalked, threatened online or being doxed (having private or identifying information published typically without consent and/or with malicious intent).
- **Image based abuse** - Sharing or threatening to share nudes or intimate images or videos of a person without their consent - sometimes called ‘revenge porn’ or sexual extortion.
- **Illegal or restricted content** - Content that shows or encourages the sexual abuse or exploitation of children, terrorist acts or other types of violent crimes or extreme violence.

How to make a report

Online abuse can happen on a social media site, game, app or any other

online or electronic platform. it can include posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos and emails.

There are different steps to follow when you make a report - based on the type of abuse:

- **For cyberbullying and adult cyber abuse:** Report to the online service or social platform first. If they don’t remove the content within 48 hours, report to eSafety.
- **For image-based abuse or illegal and restricted content:** Report to eSafety immediately.

Find out more about what eSafety can investigate, how to make a report and how to collect evidence.

Even if eSafety cannot get the material removed, they will check that you are safe and give you support and information to help you protect yourself.

Support and resources

Seek help if this happens to you. It’s not your fault and you are not alone.

eSafety Commissioner - www.esafety.gov.au

Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation - www.accce.gov.au

Lifeline - 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800 or <https://kidshelpline.com.au>

Source: SAPOL website <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/scams-and-cybercrime/cyberbullying>



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Government of South Australia



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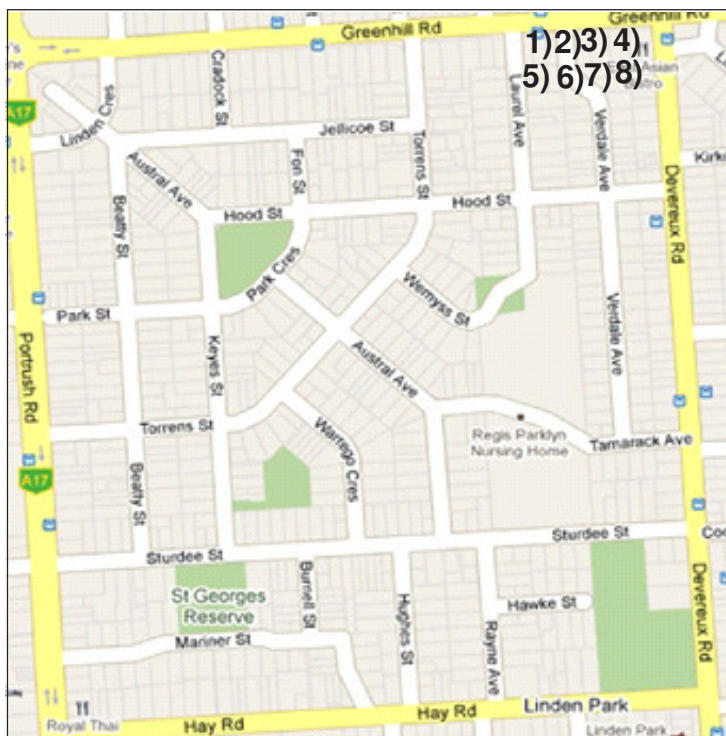
WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



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.

Police Incidents 21 November – 21 February 2024



Date Location Details

THEFT

1. 10/12/23 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$115.98.
2. 10/12/23 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$39.46.
3. 12/12/23 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$60.70.
4. 28/12/23 Greenhill Rd Theft of confectionery from service station.
5. 28/01/24 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$49.89.
6. 11/02/24 Verdale Ave Sports equipment bag stolen from vehicle parked in driveway.
7. 15/02/24 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$178.45.
8. 21/02/24 Greenhill Rd Drive off without paying for fuel. Value \$83.48.

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POLICE ASSISTANCE
131 444

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