



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## LINDEN PARK

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH AREA 249

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7.30pm  
16th October 2019

Bill Dean Lounge, Burnside  
Community Centre

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Adam Thomson  
Crimestoppers SA

**EVERYONE IS  
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:

Sen Constable Chris Sanders

### Police Attendance 131444

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

CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

## From the Coordinator

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October at the Burnside Community Centre at 7.30pm. **The guest speaker is Adam Thomson from Crime Stoppers SA.** All residents are welcome to attend.

### Crime Stoppers

Many people would have heard about Crime Stoppers which is a national organisation that works in conjunction with the media and Police to provide individuals with an opportunity to report information about criminal activity anonymously.

The program has been running in every state for the last 20 years. Calls and online reports to **Crime Stoppers** have helped identify drug labs and dealers, catch wanted fugitives, solve arsons, thefts and robberies, and catch criminals wanted for violent robberies, assaults and murders.

In the period from September 2018 to April 2019 for example, more than 47000 reports were made nationwide as part of the Dob in a Dealer campaign. Crime Stoppers has been a very successful venture which results in thousands of charges being laid each year.

Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers both share the same vision of creating a safe and involved community. To learn more about the program, some success stories and how you can be a part, come to our meeting on 16 October for what will be a fascinating presentation.

## Crime Stoppers SA

Ask most Australians and chances are they've heard of Crime Stoppers.

But what many people don't know is that Crime Stoppers is a charity which isn't part of police or government. In fact, as an independent not-for-profit, it relies on hard-working volunteers to conduct crime prevention and crime solving campaigns that span cold case murders, bushfire arson, home and personal security, drug dealing and more.

Here in SA, Crime Stoppers South Australia has been part of the community for more than 20 years and during that time it has become the trusted service for collecting information about criminals and their activities from the public.

Crime Stoppers allows people to report crimes and suspicious activity anonymously. Whether people call or make a report online, no personal details have to be provided. Calls aren't recorded or traced and an IP address isn't recorded when making an online report.

During 2018, more than 25,000 phone and web reports were received by Crime Stoppers SA. With every second contact relating to drugs, information received last year stopped an estimated 80,035 cannabis and 12,227 amphetamine street deals in South Australia.

In addition, 82 firearms were seized and a total of 822 apprehensions were made directly as a result of information provided through the successful community engagement program, with a number of serious charges laid for drug, firearm, sexual offences and offences against property.

At times, it might seem that we live in a world dominated by evil deeds and wrongdoing, but behind the scenes, every day of the year, Crime Stoppers offers a way for people to make our State a better and safer place.

For more information about Crime Stoppers, go to [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)

*Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers*





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and prescription  
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## Statewide Facebook Page

A new Statewide  
Neighbourhood  
Watch Facebook  
page has been

launched. Find us at

[https://www.facebook.com/  
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](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw)

You can find us on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/  
NeighbourhoodWatchSA/](http://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/)

**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](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

# VEHICLE SECURITY THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

There are a number of valuable items that are a common target for thieves to steal from vehicles because of their value and ability to be sold for quick cash. These include:

- Laptops
- GPS devices
- Mobile phones
- Cameras
- Sporting and fishing goods
- Cash/wallets

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following security tips.

- Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle or conceal them in the boot of the vehicle before arriving at your destination.
- Lock your vehicle doors and close windows.
- Install an audible alarm.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number prefixed with 'S' for South Australia.
- Park your vehicle in a garage at night where possible.
- Avoid hiding a second set of keys in the vehicle - if the vehicle is broken into, they may find the keys and take the car as well as your valuables.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.

Thieves will look into vehicles to see what items can be easily stolen. Even a small amount of cash may be the catalyst for becoming a target. Ensure you conceal or remove all cash and valuable items from your vehicle.

For further information please go to [www.carsafe.com.au](http://www.carsafe.com.au)

If you have any questions please contact the Police Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au).

## 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.

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# HOME SECURITY

To reduce the opportunity for thieves to gain entry into your home, consider the following crime prevention security tips:

- Ensure appropriate keyed locks are fitted to all doors and windows.
- Even when you are outside, be sure to lock all doors and windows.
- Lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use.
- House keys, car keys and garage remote controls should be kept in a safe location. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car.
- Install and activate an alarm system.
- Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.
- Lock all garden tools and ladders away securely so they cannot be used to break into your home.
- Don't leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers & other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.
- Break down packaging of expensive items and place it in your bin. Don't leave it next to your bin on the street.
- Lock your meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply (contact your local electricity provider for more information).

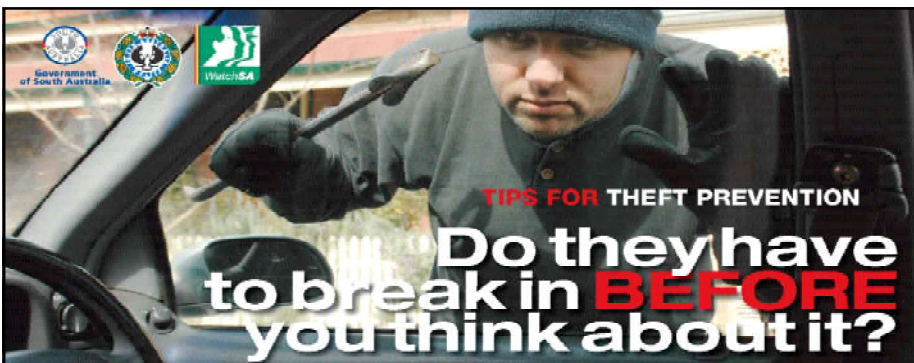
## Mark Valuable Property

- Use an engraver, ultra violet (UV) pen or microdots to mark property.
- UV pens are best used for items that cannot be engraved e.g. ceramics, antiques etc.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.
- Photograph jewellery with a ruler beside it to give an indication of the actual size.
- Record all details on a property record and keep this in a safe place.

For further home security crime prevention information please visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au) or contact your local police station.

## Support our supporters

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**Lawn Bowls Night Owls**  
2019-20 Season

**Tuesdays from October to March**  
Teams of 4 from 6.30pm

- ✓ Individuals / Pairs / Teams all welcome
- ✓ Only \$8.00 per person – includes use of Club bowls
- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ Free coaching available to all
- ✓ Casual dress & relaxed atmosphere
- ✓ BBQ and bar open at 6.30 pm

Contact Leonie on 0412 177 621  
**Come roll with us!**  
71 Devereux Road, Linden Park, 5065



**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**



Neighbourhood Watch RFID Blocking Sleeves

When using your credit card:

- be aware of your surroundings
- conceal keypad when entering PIN
- do not leave unattended
- if lost, report it immediately to your financial institution
- if stolen, report it immediately to your financial institution and Police

**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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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.

## 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.



### PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 9/7/19 Portrush Road Large rock thrown through front glass doors to business overnight. Nil entry gained.

### THEFT

2. 1/6-31/8 Greenhill Road 4 petrol drive offs from service station. Investigations continuing.
3. 7am 29/6/19 Portrush Road Panel forced from front of laundromat machine and coins stolen. CCTV available. Investigation continuing.
4. 11am-1pm 8/7/19 Booth Ave Number plates stolen from car in car park.
5. 12/7/19 Keyes Street Keys stolen from unlocked parked in driveway.
6. 8.15pm-11pm 15/7/19 Beatty Street Purse and soft toy stolen from unlocked car in driveway.
7. 3pm 11/8/19 Keyes Street Tools and electrical items stolen from unlocked car parked in street

### TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

8. 15/5-18/6/19 Portrush Rd Offender/s climbed onto roof of business and stole lead flashing.
9. 10-11pm 4/6/19 Verdale Avenue House entered by forcing back door. Jewellery & electrical items stolen. 32 y.o. male arrested.
10. 7.30am-10.45pm 27/6/19 Austral Ave House entered by forcing a window. Cash and jewellery stolen.



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