



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Quarterly Neighbourhood Newsletter of Panorama 1 NHW Area 64

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PANORAMA 1

NHW AREA 64

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Trinity Church Hall,
Pasadena

Monday 3rd June

ALL WELCOME

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

2019 MEETINGS

2 September

2 December (AGM)

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Reporting Graffiti

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Private property 131 444

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Does Neighbourhood Watch Work?

In a Nutshell, Yes! UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FEATURE

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Journal, May 2019, pages 6-7

by Lorraine Mazerolle, Professor of Criminology, University of Queensland and Rebecca Wickes, Associate Professor, Monash University.

The question in the crime and justice arena is whether or not Neighbourhood Watch is an effective approach for reducing crime and disorder problems in communities.

Using systematic review techniques, researchers have found that **Neighbourhood Watch is associated with a reduction in crime of between 16 and 26 per cent.**

More recent research using the Australian Community Capacity Study (ACCS, see <https://accs.project.uq.edu.au/>) explores community actions, often undertaken in the context of Neighbourhood Watch, and sometimes outside of any programmatic intervention. From the ACCS, we can explore 'who acts?' 'what encourages actions?' 'what actions are undertaken in response to crime?' And, most importantly, 'do actions lead to lower perceptions of crime and reductions in crime rates?'

In this study, "actors" are defined as community residents who have actively responded to an identified problem in their local community and "actions" are defined as

behaviours undertaken by actors that occur as a direct response to a community problem.

What we find from the ACCS is that the people who are taking most action in communities are people in higher income households, middle-aged people, men, married fathers and single mothers and people who have been previously victims of crime.

Few residents actually engage in action when faced with a neighbourhood problem. The common community problems faced include dangerous driving, drinking in public and suspected drug problems.

When community members decide to intervene, the most common action taken is to call the police. For graffiti problems, people are more likely to contact local or state government agencies. Overall, the ACCS finds that when residents act, their approach differs depending on the type of problem they are dealing with.

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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.

NHW Works! (cont'd from p.1)

Problem severity and residents' own circumstances are most important for predicting action and the neighbourhood context is important for shaping the actions that residents take to address common problems.

In conclusion, we know that Neighbourhood Watch is an important, long lasting crime prevention program that is not "just" a feel-good program but rather a program that can help to reduce crime and disorder problems in communities across Australia.

But there is still room for improvement. One of the future challenges for Neighbourhood Watch is moving beyond simply calling the police and starting to focus on actions that foster strong, pro-social ties in all different types of communities.

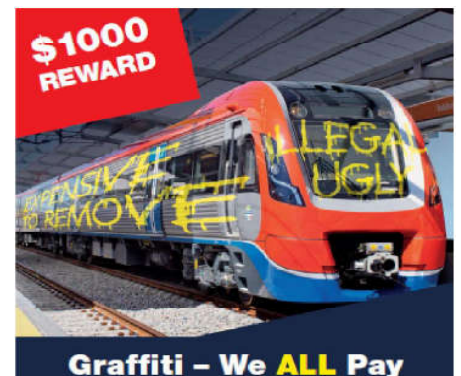
Actions that promote strong networks will help to prevent and control local problems. A goal that is close to the original mission of Neighbourhood Watch.

GRAFFITI

An anti-graffiti campaign on metropolitan train lines commenced until June 2019. Rewards of up to \$1000 will be paid for information leading to conviction.

REPORTING GRAFFITI

If you are aware of a crime having been committed report it on 131 444. Even though police may not attend, a pattern may emerge which police can act upon. If you suspect a crime is in progress you need to phone the police on the emergency number 000.



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



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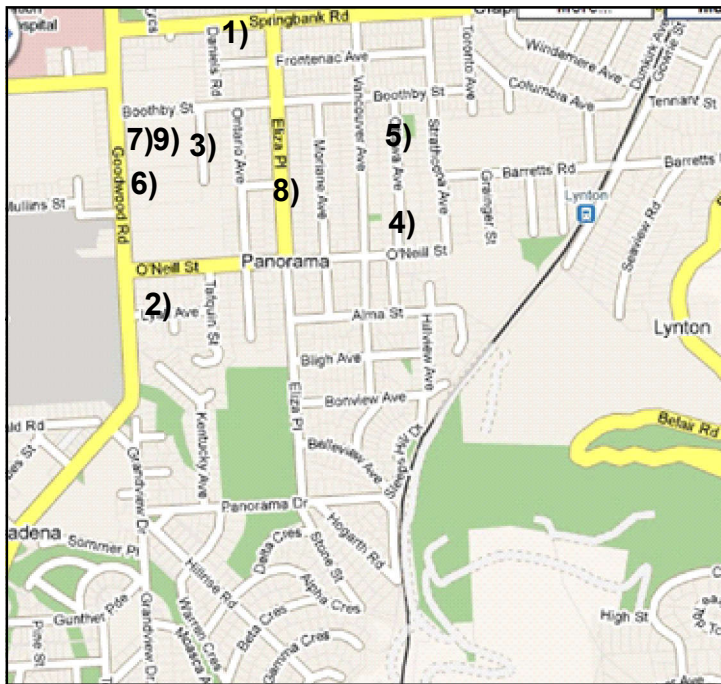
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or post a report at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 2/3/19 Springbank Rd CLAPHAM Graffiti marked on rear wall.
- 22/4/19 Lyall Ave PANORAMA Male seen in 4WD reversing into a parked vehicle in driveway of units then forward into another vehicle and reversing into a fence. Value \$2000.

THEFT

- 15/2/19 Shepley Ave PANORAMA Number plate stolen from vehicle while parked in front yard. Value \$40
- 17/02/19 Ontario Ave PANORAMA Various tools taken from tool box affixed to tray of utility. Value \$2000
- 25/2/19 Ontario Ave PANORAMA Copper piping stolen from rental property.
- 3/5/19 Goodwood Rd PANORAMA Lock forced to enter external cage on business premises. Garden tools stolen. Value \$2650.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

- 2/3/19 Goodwood Rd PANORAMA Entry gained to secured complex. Storage lockers forced open. Damage Value \$600
- 1/4/19 Eliza Place PANORAMA Male entered rear yard for unknown reason and decamped before police arrival.
- 4/4/19 Goodwood Rd PANORAMA 2 males entered business premises and stole items from secure storage units.

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