

# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Quarterly Neighbourhood Newsletter of Panorama 2 NHW Area 193

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PANORAMA 2 NEIGHBOURHOOD

WATCHAREA 193

### MEETING

7pm Wednesday, 27th May 2020

# CANCELLED OWING TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Once resumed our future meetings will commence at 7pm and continue to held at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Colonel Light Gardens Note: Newsletters will still be delivered.

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

Our meetings are held quarterly at **7pm 4th Wednesday night** of August and November **Area Co-ordinator** 

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or has just been committed

## News from the Area Coordinator

We had our last quarterly meeting in February . We also postponed our May Annual General Meeting because of the Covid-19 pandemic and recommendation of the State Government. We are awaiting our Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) State Executive and Colonel Light Gardens RSL directives, before we recommence meetings.

I am optimistic that we will be able to conduct our **next meeting in August**, or at the latest, November, when we'll have our AGM. We will continue delivering our quarterly newsletter will keep you informed.

#### Thanks Ronda

Our long serving and original Panorama NHW member and newsletter deliverer Ronda Wallace is retiring from delivery duties to residents in 3-37 Ottowa Ave.

Ronda is an inaugural 30 year member and with a friend in her area was instrumental in extensively door knocking and preparing submissions on the formation of our Group.

We thank her for commitment and contribution to the Group over the last 30 years and wish her all the best.

#### Can You Help?

With the support of our existing 12 Zone Leaders/Newsletter deliverers, we cover 39 Zones in our Area.

However we have 16 unmanned Zones covering 42-66 Springbank Rd, 100-134 Springbank Rd, 1-30 Frontenac Ave, 31-46 Frontenac Ave, 1-6 Calgary Ave, 1-20 Windermere Ave, 18-34 Columbia Ave, 2-11 Cole St, 3-28 Boothby St, 1-17 Eliza Pl, 3-16 Ontario Rd, 1-20 Morianne Ave, 2-17 Ottowa Ave, 21-35 Morianne Aveand 31-35 O'Neil St, and 17-37 Ontario Ave. We would appreciate any help that residents in these areas can offer in delivering our quarterly newsletter.

If you are fit and able, we would love to hear from you. You will be required to complete a police clearance which is done by SA Police at no cost to you. Please contact me on 8276 8608 if you are interested.

#### 30 Year Anniversary

This year is our 30 Year anniversary and subject to the lifting of the Covid 19 restrictions - we are hoping to arrange a celebratory dinner.

Over the last 4 years one of the Area Coordinators in our old Sturt Local Service Area has organised an annual Dinner at the Marion Club where Service Awards are presented, and she has offered us this venue.

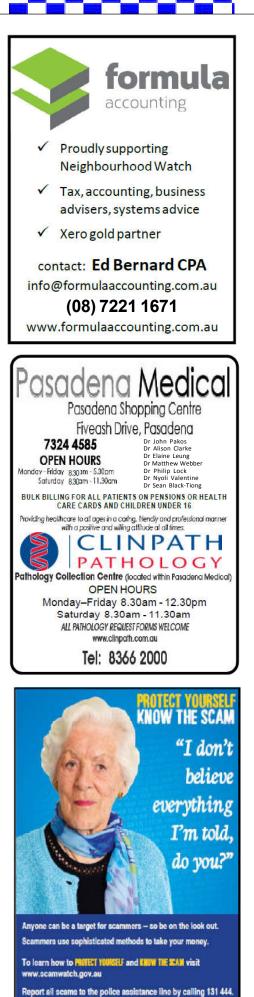
We have six current volunteer members who are eligible to receive their 30-year service award, plus three each who are eligible for 15-year and 5-year service awards, including our Police Co-ordinator who has been with us for 15 years. Availability to attend is limited, let me know if you would like to attend.

Now is an opportunity for a range of bad intentioned people/organisations to contact you though unsolicited emails, calls, online messages and by post, to ficticious services. A flyer in our area offering such services has been reported to SA Police, who advise that residents should exercise commonsense and caution before following any instructions or offers which seem too good to be true.

Keep a look-out, wash your hands, practise social distancing and stay safe.

Regards, Bruce Gallasch Area Co-ordinator





# **Business Security**

The following checklist will help you identify the strengths and weaknesses of your business' physical security.

Common vulnerabilities may be identified whenever your response is no.

#### **BUILDING SECURITY**

- Are all external doors and windows in good condition and professionally fitted?
- Are there good quality locks on all doors and windows at ground level?
- Are there good quality locks on each accessible door and window above ground level?
- Can internal doors be locked when the building is left unattended for long periods?
- Do you nominate members of staff to check that all doors and windows are closed and locked at the end of the business day?
- Do you have good visibility around the perimeter of your building?



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.

• Do you have adequate lighting around your building during the hours of darkness?

#### CCTV

- Do you have your CCTV cameras regularly maintained?
- Do your CCTV cameras cover the entrances and exits of your building?
- Do you have CCTV cameras covering critical areas of your business such as server rooms or cash offices?
- Could you positively identify an individual from the recorded images on your CCTV system?

SA Police is committed to working with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime.

Please see our crime prevention booklets, fact sheets and posters at <u>www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-</u> <u>security-tips</u>

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# **Home Security**

An effective way of improving the security of your home, from the environment around the boundary to the high-value items contained within its walls, is to consider security measures for three strategic layers. The three layers to think about are:

- 1. Perimeter
- 2. Exterior
- 3. Interior

This process can be applied to every type of home, from the bungalow style home with gardens, to town houses, and even single student rooms found in shared houses.

At each layer the aim is to implement good security measures which will deter the offender by making it harder and riskier for them to get in and out of your home.

Each of the following sections will provide you with helpful hints to make it harder for a burglar to penetrate each of these layers.

The preferred answer to all questions is YES. Any question answered with NO indicates a weakness in your home security.

#### PERIMETER

- Is the area around the house free from items that an offender could use to break in i.e. bricks, ladders, and garden tools?
- Are sheds, garages and outbuildings locked at all times?
- Have you trimmed trees and plantings to provide good surveillance from the road?
- Are vehicles at the premises secured with all belongings removed when not in use?

• If you have a garage, is it used to secure the vehicle(s) inside, instead of being used as a storage space?

#### EXTERIOR

- Are doors kept locked with keys removed?
- Do you avoid leaving spare keys in accessible places, i.e. under plant pots, door mat or stone?
- When you are outside do you lock all doors and windows?
- Are ground floor and accessible windows closed and locked?
- If you have an alarm fitted, do you always use it?
- Do you have exterior security lighting fitted?

#### INTERIOR

- Do you use lights with timer switches when leaving the house unoccupied?
- Are items such as cash, car keys, laptops, jewellery and phones kept out of view and in a safe location?
- Do you avoid leaving high value items, including jewellery in obvious places, i.e. in jewellery boxes in the bedroom?
- Have you made a written and photo record of items of value?
- Have you marked valuable items with your driver's license number prefixed with the letter 'S' for South Australia using an engraver or ultra violet pen?

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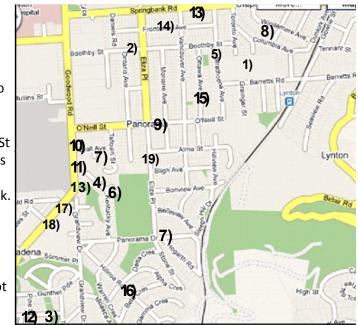


#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1.14–21/2 Clapham Primary School Damage caused to soccer goals. Value \$1000
- 2.17–19/5 Boothby St Business premises has had window smashed with rock. Value \$900

#### THEFT

3.23/2 Quinlan Av Vehicle parked in driveway had boot lock forced. \$700 drill stolen.



- 4.23/2 Kentucky Ct Remote to garage door taken from unlocked vehicle in driveway. Garage door opened. Items worth \$100 stolen from 2nd unlocked vehicle.
- 5.25/2-4/4 Strathcona Ave Cash stolen from resident of address. Value \$595
- 6.27/2 Kentucky Av Rear window of vehicle parked on street smashed.
  - Items taken to value of \$400.
- 7.2/3 Panorama Dr Rear tray of vehicle in driveway accessed via unlocked cover. Items to value of \$1200 stolen.
- 8.20/3 Windermere Ave Rocks from front stone wall taken. \$50 value.
- 9. 5/3 O'Neil St Garden items taken from front yard. \$70 value.
- 10. 12/4 Lyall Av Vehicle left unlocked in driveway. \$20 cash taken.
- 11.15/4Goodwood RdPortable gazebo taken from front yard. \$100 value.
- 12. 17/4 Quinlan Av Number plates stolen from vehicle parked in car port.
- 13. 22/4 Goodwood Rd Items stolen from unlocked vehicle parked in driveway. Value \$200.
- 14. 16/5 Frontenac Ave Vehicle stolen from street outside home. Located nearby with wallet and \$50 cash missing from inside the car.

#### **TRESPASS/BREAK-IN**

- 15. 29/4 Ottawa Av Contactor had tools stolen from rear yard. Value \$2000.
- 16.3/4 Hillrise Rd Vacant house under renovation entered. Tools stolen. Value \$3000.
- 17.27/3 Springbank Rd Business premises under demolition entered. Spray cans, copper piping and masks taken. Security patrol located suspects who fled and left items behind.
- 18. 8-17/5 Springbank Rd Unknown offender entered premises and stole laptop computer. Value \$200

#### DECEPTION

19. 19/3 Eliza Place 2 unauthorised online transactions reported. Value \$162

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