



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Quarterly Neighbourhood Newsletter of Panorama 2 NHW Area 193

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PANORAMA 2

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 193

MEETING

~~7pm Wednesday,
26th August 2020~~

**ABOVE CANCELLED
OWING TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Wednesday,
25th November 2020

at Colonel Light Gardens RSL

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

Meetings are held quarterly at 7pm on 4th Wednesday night

Area Co-ordinator

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Report Graffiti Damage

Council owned property
City of Mitcham 8372 8888
Stobie poles or ETS A boxes
ETSA Utilities 8404 5673

Payphones

Telstra 1802244

Private property

Sturt Police 8207 4700

Police Attendance 131444

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

News from the Area Coordinator

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) State Executive have advised we can resume meetings, but must comply to State requirements in relation to Indoor Public Meetings.

Colonel Light Gardens RSL President, Hank Dirkson, is happy for us to resume our meetings there.

We are holding our AGM at 7.00pm on 25th November 2020 (4th Wednesday)

Because the Covid directions are so fluid, I will liaise with Hank prior to our meeting to ensure we comply with any change in requirements.

Thanks Lance

Lance Roberts, an inaugural 30 year member and newsletter deliverer for Ottawa Ave has decided to retire after 30 years of dedicated service.

We thank him for his commitment and contribution to our Group over that time and wish him all the best.

NUMBER PLATE ANTI-THEFT SCREWS

SAPOL has noticed an increase in the theft of number plates from motor vehicles. Free RAA anti-theft screw installation is available and **you don't have to be an RAA member.**

SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Around 3,000 number plates are stolen in South Australia each year.

RAA is working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Police, the Attorney General's Department and the Motor Trade Association to encourage motorists to have tamper-resistant screws installed on their number plates.

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. Also visit www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft.

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.

30 Year Anniversary

Unfortunately we will not be having our Anniversary Dinner at this year's Sturt NHW's Annual Dinner at the Marion Club, as that function has been cancelled by SA Police because of the Covid Pandemic.

We are looking at possible alternatives and will keep you informed.

SA Police Neighbourhood Watch Bin Stickers

As we have a small number of these stickers left, and we would like to affix them to some of the remaining unmarked blue lidded bins in our Area.

Please contact me if you have any objections to us affixing them to your blue bin.

Thank care and keep healthy.

Regards,

Bruce Gallasch Area Co-ordinator




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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.

Don't be Fooled: Beware of Scammers

Government impersonation scams on the rise

At this time of the year there is an increase in taxation scams.

Victims receive an automated 'robocall' pretending to be from a government department such as the Tax Office or Home Affairs.

The scammer will claim something illegal - such as tax fraud or money laundering- has been committed in the victim's name and they should dial 1 to speak to an operator.

The scammer then tries to scare people into handing over money and may threaten arrest if they refuse.

Government departments will never threaten you with immediate arrest, or ask for payment by **unusual methods such as gift cards, iTunes vouchers** or bank transfers.

Pet Scam

SAPOL wish to remind everyone to be cautious when purchasing items online, even pets.

A large number of Australians are purchasing pets from an online website and falling victim to an elaborate puppy scam.

Scammers play on emotions as the pictures of puppies are cute and are said to need re homing but, in reality, were never for sale to begin with.

Act with caution when buying online, especially if the seller makes it hard to see the animal in person.

A common tactic is to portray they are based in a remote location, which is too far for people to reasonably travel.

SAPOL recommend that you do your homework when buying anything online and don't rely on reviews or testimonials on the site itself.

Instead, run the website's address through a search engine and look further than the first page of results. Scammers can be very convincing, so if something does not feel right, do not be pressured into making a decision on the spot.

Before you transfer money or share your bank details, discuss it with someone you trust or check www.cyber.gov.au to see if you are involved in a scam. If possible use secure payment options such as Paypal or credit card.

Gen Z the fastest growing victims of scams

Australians under 25 lost over \$5 million in 2019. Scam reports from this age group are increasing faster than for older generations.

Although young people are tech savvy, scammers are adapting. Scamwatch expects to see more scams on platforms such as Snapchat and Tik Tok.

Meanwhile Facebook and Instagram were the most common platforms for losses by those under 25.

Typical scams involve fake online stores or fake tickets to events. Almost half of the losses occurred through bank transfer.

Please be wary of sellers asking for payment through unusual methods such as gift cards or bitcoin.

Purchase tickets from authorised sellers and be aware that many links on social media may not be legitimate.



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New Online Safety Resources to Support Parents and Carers During COVID-19

Protecting children online continues to be a priority for law enforcement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian Federal Police- led ThinkUKnow program and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) have developed a range of initiatives and resources to address the challenges associated with children spending more time online.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents a number of online safety challenges for children and young people.

Prevention is critical in countering the exploitation of children online, yet ACCCE research published earlier this year revealed that information seeking and discussion about online children sexual exploitation is generally only undertaken in response to a specific event.

ThinkUKnow at home learning packs

New home learning activity packs have been created for parents, carers and children to undertake and learn about online safety together.

Supported by case studies from the ACCCE Child Protection Triage Unit, the age-appropriate activities address online supervision, personal information and unwanted contact, safer gaming and smart usernames, and safer online interactions.

ThinkUKnow is Australia's only nationally delivered law enforcement-led online

child safety program that provides education for parents, carers, teachers, children and young people, to address the issue of online child sexual exploitation.

It is a partnership between the AFP and industry (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Datacom and Microsoft) and delivered in collaboration with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The ACCCE brings together resources from Government and Commonwealth agencies, law enforcement agencies, non-government organisations, and other partners to prevent and disrupt online sexual exploitation of children.

You can find out more about online safety by following ThinkUKnow and the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation on social media.

Facebook: @ThinkUKnowAustralia

Twitter: @ThinkUKnow_Aus

Facebook: ACCCEaus

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For further information, or to download visit thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers and acce.gov.au/covid19

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South Australia

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THINK FIRST THEN DIAL
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7 Day Family Online Safety Challenge

The 7 Day Online Safety Challenge aims to provide simple daily online safety tasks for parents and carers to complete over a week, to help keep their children safe online.

The daily tasks include reviewing privacy settings, creating a Family Online Safety Contract and helping children identify a support network.



MEAT YOUR NEEDS

BUTCHER SHOP

0418 621 463

7/98 SPRINGBANK ROAD
CLAPHAM, SA

TUE: 9AM - 6PM

WED: 9AM - 6PM

THU: 9AM - 6PM

FRI: 9AM - 6PM

SAT: 8AM - 5PM

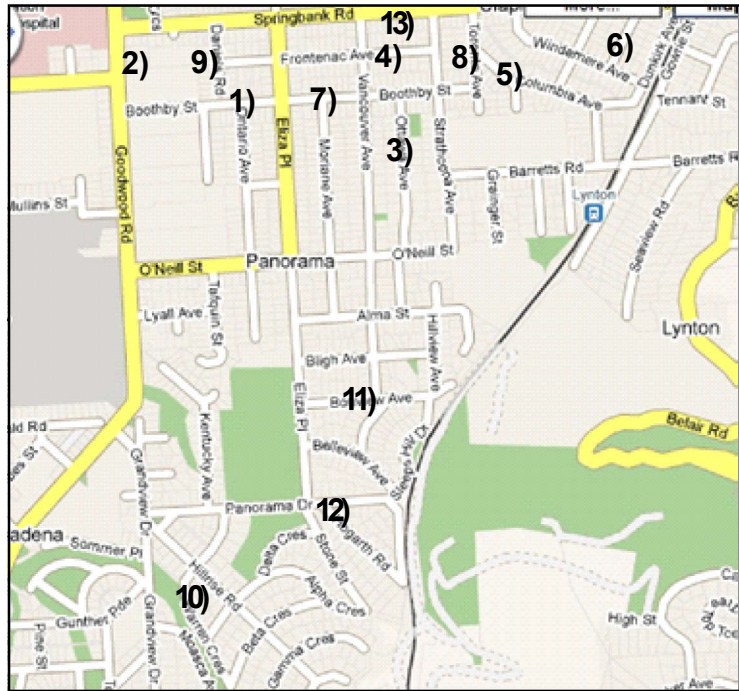
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Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 17/5 Boothby St Business window smashed. No entry gained. Damage \$900.
2. 13/6 Goodwood Rd CCTV camera damaged on side of house.

THEFT

3. 1/5 Ottawa Ave Tradesperson tools taken overnight from rear yard. \$2000 value.
4. 16/5 Frontenac Ave Unlocked vehicle stolen from street. Recovered nearby.
5. 14/6 Columbia Ave CLAPHAM Tools taken from canopy of ute in driveway.
6. 23/6 Alberta Ave CLAPHAM Sunglasses stolen from unlocked vehicle on street. Value \$300.
7. 30/7 Boothby St Cash and phone taken from vehicle. Value \$220.
8. 30/7 Toronto Ave CLAPHAM Wallet taken from unlocked vehicle in driveway.
9. 5/8 Daniels Road Trailer and tools taken from the street. Value \$6500.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

10. 7/6 Warren Cres Male entered garage during day and stole bicycle. Victim chased suspect. Offender apprehended by Police.
11. 17/7 Bonview Ave Multiple windows and side-gate forced open. Nil access.
12. 19/7 Panorama Dr House entered via laundry window, keys, jewellery and wallet stolen.

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