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Police Attendance 131444
DIAL 000 to report crime in progress or has just been committed
 CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

REYNELLA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 146

NEXT MEETING: 6.30pm Wed. 18th December 2019

Reynella Sports & Social Club Oval Rd, Old Reynella

CHRISTMAS MEETING



Members: Please bring a small plate of sweets to share

We would like to thank everyone for your support over the year and would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year! Please Drive safely.



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Police Co-ordinator: Probationary Constable Coden South Coast Police

THANK YOU to the members who helped with setting up and serving at the Christmas Sing-along



on 20th November and thanks to those who attended and supported us on the day.
 Hope you all had a good time!




We would love some younger people to join our group as a lot of the members are getting older.

We need help in delivering some newsletters every other month and would love to see you at our meetings if you have the time.

Meetings for 2020 are February 19th, April 15th, June 17th, August 19th, October 21st and December 16th.

Meetings are held at 7pm at The Sports and Social Club, Old Reynella or feel free to contact me on 0400133538 or email reynellanhw@bigpond.com



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BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER: Planning

It is important that you know what to do in the event of disaster. A disaster may be a natural event, such as a fire or earthquake or may be man-made, such as a terrorism incident.

How quickly you are able to recover from such an event may depend on your planning and preparation.

Plan in advance what you and your family will do in a disaster situation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and ensure all family members are aware.

Consider the following emergency preparedness tips.

Establish a meeting place:

Having predetermined meeting places away from your home will save time and avoid confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Have two emergency locations in opposite directions. You won't know, until an actual emergency, which direction you will need to evacuate to.

You may want to make arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters and some hotels will not accept them.

Ask someone to be your key contact:

Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. Plan how you will contact each other and review what you will do in different situations.

Consider a plan where each family member calls/emails the same family member or friend in the event of a disaster.

Consider using a person who resides out of town/state who may be in a better position to communicate and coordinate.

Ensure children have a list of phone numbers/emails in their school diaries.

If the telephones are not working, please be patient and try again. Emails may still work when telephones do not.

Become familiar with school, work, day care and community emergency plans:

When planning ensure you think about the places where your family spends time.

Ensure you talk with your employer and children's school about their emergency plans. Know how they will communicate with you during an emergency.

PREPARE FOR A DISASTER: Your Emergency Kit

Be prepared to survive on your own for at least three days. Consider preparing two kits - one to stay where you are and one smaller, lightweight version to take with you if you have to leave.

Consider the following items:

- Water (four litres per person per day) for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Clothing suitable for your climate.
- Sleeping bags - one for each family member.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit including necessary medication.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Filter mask (available from hardware stores), a cotton t-shirt or towel to help filter the air.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Duct tape and heavy weight garbage bags or plastic sheeting to seal windows and doors to create a barrier between yourself and potential contaminants outside.

- Family documents: passports, birth certificates, driver's licence, health care and bank details.
- Cash, as ATMs may not be working.

Keep a portable battery-operated radio:

Listen to the radio and watch television for official instructions as they become available.

Be prepared to survive without electricity, phone, fuel pumps and ATMs:

If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage to utilities using a flashlight. Do not light matches, candles or turn on electrical switches.

Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Smell for gas leaks, starting at the water heater.

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and ensure everyone leaves the area immediately.

For further information please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au.



What does 'cyberbullying' look like?

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

How do I stop being cyberbullied?

- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend, or contact [Kids Helpline](#)
- don't retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service and get others to as well
- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages, take screen shots and print emails or social networking conversations
- do something you enjoy—catch-up with friends, listen to good music, watch a good show or chat online to people you trust
- remember you didn't ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied and you will get through this.

School support

Most schools have policies in place to address cyberbullying and should be able to provide support to you and other students, no matter whether the bullying is from a student at your school or not. Talk to a teacher or counsellor you like and trust.

Source: [esafety.gov.au](#)

PHONE SECURITY

IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) numbers are used to help mobile phone companies and you keep track of mobile phone usage.

If your phone is lost or stolen, the phone company can enter the IMEI number into the database and permanently deactivate the phone, rendering it useless for any criminal or unauthorized activity.

Even if the SIM card is changed, the mobile phone will not work.

To find the IMEI number on your phone, enter *#06# on your phone's keypad. The IMEI 15 digit number will appear on the screen. (This process should work on most phones).

Copy the IMEI number down, keep it in a safe place, and if your phone gets lost or stolen, contact your provider and they can immediately deactivate your phone.

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.

The sticker is available at our meetings.



It is designed to be placed on the side of the council bin so it can be seen by drivers and pedestrians as they travel along the street.



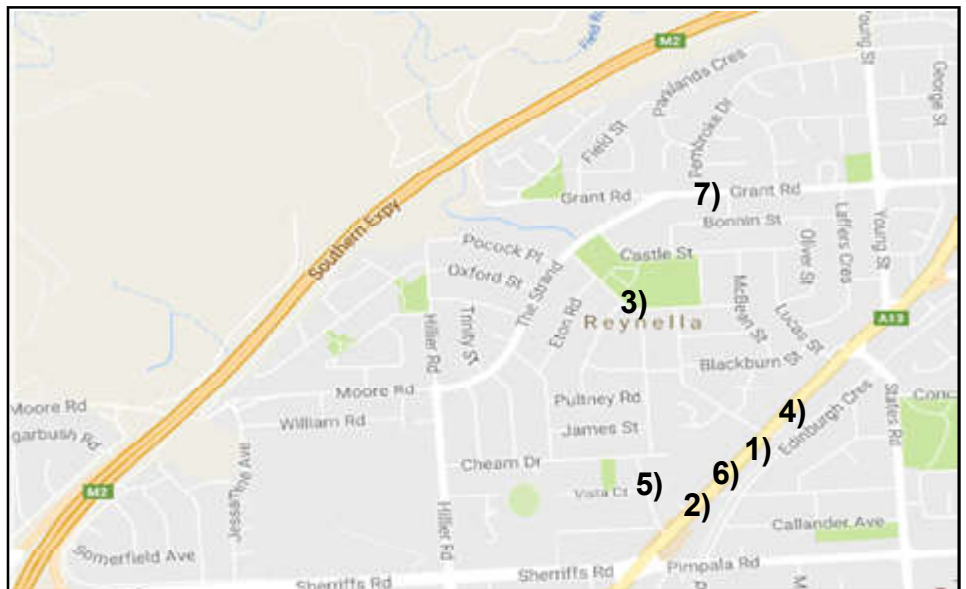
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THEFT

1. 22/9-18/11 Main South Rd 15 instances of fail to pay for fuel. Total \$1333.
2. 21/11/19 Main South Rd Property stolen from vehicle.
3. 07/11/19 Robertson St Property stolen from vehicle.

TRESPASS/BREAK-IN

4. 09/10/19 Main South Rd Premises broken into. Property damaged.
5. 31/10/19 Hutchinson Ave Property damaged during attempt to break in. Nil entry gained.
6. 14/10/19 Main South Rd Business broken into and property stolen.
7. 2/11/19 Grant Rd Items stolen from premises. Suspect known.

Police warn of number plate theft

A spike in the reported theft of vehicle number plates in Adelaide's south has prompted a community warning from police.

Unfortunately number plates are generally stolen to further additional crimes such as petrol theft.

However this crime, which can cause great inconvenience to the victim, can be easily prevented through the use of tamper proof screws.

Detective Chief Inspector Scott Fitzgerald, from Southern Districts CIB, said police had closely examined theft reports in Adelaide's south and found about 150 number plates had been reportedly stolen in the last four months.

"These thefts have occurred across a wide range of suburbs since 1 July, but we know that some areas have been hot spots for this type of crime.

"In particular we experienced a series of thefts from Camden Park, Kurralla Park, Plympton, Morphett Vale and Woodcroft."

He said as a result police are urging motor vehicle owners to consider using Plate Safe screws to attach their number plates and to contact police if they notice anyone acting suspiciously around parked motor vehicles.

"Plate safe screws are a one-way, anti-theft screw which can be fitted with a standard flat bladed screwdriver," he said.

"They are a simple way of preventing this type of theft, although police would also recommend that you park your car in a well-lit spot, or off the street in a garage or carport where possible.

"If you notice anyone acting in a suspicious manner around parked vehicles in your neighbourhood, call police immediately on 131 444 – prompt reporting can assist police in locating offenders and preventing further crimes occurring.

The RAA offers members free, tamper-resistant screws – and a referral to a repairer to fit them free of charge. For more details: <https://www.raa.com.au/motor/safety-and-advice/car-advice>

The Neighbourhood Watch Shop offers Plate Safe security screws on it's website: <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchshop.com.au/>

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