

Neighbourhood Watch SA

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News from the

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SEACLIFF PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NO AUGUST MEETING

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7:30pm

24th November 2020

All Saints Anglican Church Corner Brighton Rd and Lamington Ave, Seacliff Park

ALL WELCOME

Area Co-ordinator: Paul Sutcliffe Ph:0438446064

Police Co-ordinator:

Sen. Constable Jason Barker

USEFUL NUMBERS

POLICE EMERGENCY 000 POLICE ATTENDANCE 131 444 STURT POLICE 8207 4700 CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

State Emergency Service 132 500

Flinders Medical Centre 8204 5511

Cityof Holdfast Bay 8229 9999
City of Marion 8375 6600
Poisons Information Line
131 126

News from the Coordinator by Paul Sutcliffe, Seacliff Park NHW

August Meeting Cancelled

At the time of writing Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has not been given the all clear to conduct face-to-face meetings, due to Covid-19 restrictions. With that in mind, we have taken the decision **not to hold a meeting in August**.

Our **Annual General Meeting**, usually conducted in August, will now be held in November.

Annual Report

Since last August we have had two face-to-face meetings. In November we had a talk **Debbie Mundy** from **Moving Paws Inc**, a not-for-profit small-breed, dog rescue group located in Adelaide, who gave a talk and we had people donate dog leads, blankets, dog food and other useful items that Moving Paws could use.

In February **Richard Glazbrook**, a Life Member and former Chairman and National President of the **Migration Institute of Australia** provided an interesting and entertaining talk about the history of migration and how the process works.

I would like to thank our volunteers who deliver the newsletters four times per year. The newsletter is still being delivered to every household, thanks to volunteers taking extra workloads. If you would like to assist in delivering newsletters **please make contact**.

Thanks also to Christine Solomon who has continued in the role of secretary and treasurer.

We would welcome extra help to keep this groupgoing. Whether it be informal roles Area Coordinator, Deputy Area Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, or just being on our organizing committee.

Paul Sutcliffe, Area Coordinator

Keep in touch via Facebook

If you want to keep up-to-date with what is happening you can use the NHW Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/
NeighbourhoodWatchSA/ where regular COVID-19 updates are posted, as well as crime prevention advice. Feel free to comment, 'like' or forward posts to others.

Gilbertson Gully Vandalism

In the past month or so, youths with bikes have been damaging the Council's Gilbertson Gully Nature Reserve.

They have been transferring soil from slopes, and rocks from the watercourse to build 'jumps', to construct tracks on the slopes, and destroy native vegetation by racing their bikes at speed, while making it unsafe for adults and children walking on pathways provided throughout the Reserve.

Riding bikes in the Reserve is allowed, but they must stay on the formal pathways and at ride at a speed to ensure the safety of other users - particularly children and older residents - and to protect indigenous vegetation.

Failure to comply with these requirements may force Council to prohibit all bikes from entering the Reserve.

Gilbertson Gully Nature Reserve exists for the purpose of encouraging biodiversity.

Holdfast Council has invested considerable time and money - residents money - in planting some 4,000 indigenous species this year and for their ongoing protection.

Your help is needed. If you observe damaging activity in the Nature Reserve please contact Council on 8229 9999 (all hours) to request an Inspector visit the Reserve to stop destructive and dangerous behaviour.

Seacliff Tennis Club Centenary 2021

The Seacliff Tennis Club are compiling a club history, and have found significant gaps between 1940 and the early 1970s. If you have any knowledge, memories, photos, videos, memorabilia or documents of the Club's past, please get in touch by email to info@seaclifftennis.com.au

The Club is hoping to reconnect with past players and members and welcome them to the centenary celebrations next year. Please feel free to join the 'MailChimp' mailing list at http://eepurl.com/q6PyiP.

See https://www.facebook.com/Seacliff-Park-Community-Group-171653226367640? view public_for=171653226367640 for further information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 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.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS WANTED

A number of areas within Seacliff Park require new voluinteers to deliver our newsletters.

The areas we need help with are: 1. Hill Street: 1a-29,2-24; High Street: 27-37, 26-32; Gully Road: 1-13

2. Arthur Street: 1-23; Albert Street: 2-24, 1-19 (end); Ocean Blvd: 2-24

3. Arthur Street: 43-57, 44-46; John St: 2-10, 3-9; Orvieto Rd: 8-18, 9-19

St: 2-10, 3-9; Orvieto Rd: 8-18, 9-19 4. Clubhouse Road 2-6, 8 (1-3), 10-22,

24 (1-5), 24-32; Manos Street 2-19:

all; Gardenia Street: all

5. Naldera Crescent: 2-32; Mott Terrace: 2a-20; Ocean Vista: 1-17

6. Arthur Street: 2-18; Lamington Avenue: 49; Brighton Road: 668-678; Thomas Street: 1-15, 2-14

7. Thomas Street: 17-49, 18-34

8. Davenport Tce: 2-80; Arthur St: 59

9. Seacombe Rd: 294-312; Brighton Rd: 602-612; Seawynd Crt: 1-12

To deliver newsletters you must become a Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Supporter.

The process requires formal verification of your identity. The Volunteer Supporter form can be presented at the Sturt Police Station, or we can arrange for our Police Coordinator to do the check.

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

Twitter: ACCCE_AUS
For further information, or to

downloadvisit thinkuknow.org.au/forparents-and-carers and accce.gov.au/covid19





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 anautomated '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, iTune 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.













David **Speirs** Member for Black



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Police Incidents



1 April - 31 July 2020

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 05/04/20 Manos Ct Damage to sunroof
- 2. 06/04/20 Don Ave Interfere with motor vehicle. Nil damage, nil theft.
- 3. 15/07/20 Davenport Tce Car damaged while parked out front of friend's house.
- 4. 19/07/20 Gilbertson Rd Car damaged in driveway.
- 5. 11/06/20 Seacombe Rd, South Brighton; Brighton Rd,

Seacliff Park; Wangary Tce, Seaview Downs; Osterley Tce, Seacliff Park; Mott Tce 3 males arrested, (charged with Mark Grafitti, Carry Implement and BOB)

THEFT

6. 02/04/20 Brighton Rd Theft of bike from house.

TRESSPASS/BREAK-INS

7. 07/04/20 Brighton Rd Business workshop and garage.

8. 11/04/20 Don Ave Attempt break into house. Nil damage.

9. 19/05/20 Brighton Rd Entered house via unlocked door. Items stolen.

10.15/06/20 Gilbertson Rd Safe stolen with \$1000 cash and other items.

11.02/07/20 Gully Rd Laptop stolen from unlocked unit. Nil signs of

break in.

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