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SEACLIFF PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NO MEETINGS

There will be no meetings in 2021 unless there is a particular reason to hold one.

If you have anything to contribute or articles you would like to see in the newsletter please make contact.

REMEMBER: Any information the public can give Police helps in their investigations.

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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

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

The Future of Holding Seacliff Park NHW Meetings

Your Neighbourhood Watch Committee has decided not to resume face-to-face meetings in 2021.

The NHW group for Seacliff Park traditionally has meetings four times per year (February, May, August, November) at 7:30pm All-Saints Church on the corner of Lamington Avenue and Brighton Road.

Even though the group did not meet after February last year because of Covid-19 restrictions the attendance at NHW meetings had been decreasing prior to that.

In order to make some decisions about the future your NHW committee we would appreciate community input.

Without having sufficient direction from the community, we can't continue to function in our present form.



NHW Signs

We need your help

Some of the Neighbourhood Watch Signs in the Marion Council Area are either faded or in complete disrepair. This not a good look for the neighbourhood or our Neighbourhood Watch program. Therefore we would like to ask you to take note of any signs that need replacing.

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.

We Need Your Help

Although we foreshadowed holding a meeting in February the committee feel it would be helpful to get some feedback before we resume, if we decide to do so.

Please take a moment to respond to the following questions to help give us some guidance as to what you require from your Neighbourhood Watch group this year.

1. What can your committee provide to encourage you to attend a meeting for up to an hour and a half?
2. Are there any guest speakers you would particularly like to hear from?
3. Is the time and date of meetings acceptable? (currently last Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm)?
4. Do you have any concerns which you consider NHW could address?

Please forward your responses via email to: sutters@bigpond.net.au

We also need extra help to deliver newsletters to keep our group going (see notice on page 2).

Thank you very much to those who have offered so far.

Paul Sutcliffe, Area Coordinator

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Support Our Supporters

We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people. The first being our dedicated volunteers who deliver 3690 newsletters throughout Brighton, South Brighton, Seacliff and Seacliff Park. The second important group are the businesses that advertise in this newsletter. Local advertising pays for its production and printing. We ask you to return the goodwill and support these community-minded businesses when shopping. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS WANTED

A number of areas within Seacliff Park require new volunteers 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. Clubhouse Road 2-6, 8 (1-3), 10-22, 24 (1-5), 24-32; Manos Street 2-19: all; Gardenia Street: all
4. Naldera Crescent: 2-32; Mott Terrace: 2a-20; Ocean Vista: 1-17
5. Arthur Street: 2-18; Lamington Avenue: 49; Brighton Road: 668-678; Thomas Street: 1-15, 2-14
6. Thomas Street: 17-49, 18-34
7. 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.

Scammers to target Australians over vaccine rollout

By George Roberts ABC News Online 22 February 2021

There are thousands of fraudsters preparing to exploit the COVID-19 vaccine program, experts say, warning the scams will look legitimate and the people behind them may even know your name, phone number and email.

Fraud consultant Gavin Levinsohn said scammers were preparing to launch the same cons they already have overseas.

"We know this because the number of vaccine-related domains or website addresses that have been set up over the past few weeks ... are in the thousands, which is a precursor to phishing scams related to the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) confirmed it already had 16 reports of vaccine-related scams.

Michael Connory, a cyber security consultant and CEO of the company Security in Depth, said there was a significant number of scam emails sent in the UK and US relating to vaccination programs.

"[They have] scammed numerous people, tens of thousands of people over in the UK, as well as in the US," he said.

Perfect ingredients for fraud

Fraud protection consultants said the rollout of vaccinations across Australia this week was giving fraudsters a prime opportunity to pose as health authorities.

"Bad actors will look for opportunities — be it tax time or be it the imminent distribution of vaccines," Mr Levinsohn said.

"Timing, urgency and need are perfect ingredients for fraud."

Mr Connory said scams would be very hard to distinguish from genuine communication.

"It will look like a legitimate email coming from a government agency," he said.

He said he expected the scams would convince people to click on a link to give personal information or install malicious software that steals information.

"Cyber-criminals then take that personal information, and use that for things such as identity theft, which is hugely prevalent in Australia," Mr Connory said.

He said people should expect scammers to call or even text them.

"That text will say something like: 'Hi Michael, here is your COVID information' with a link," he said.

"Now because you can't really see the link in detail on the text, it's much more likely that you will click on the link, and it will take you to a compromised website."

"What they're really looking for is your information, the more personal information they have on you, such as your Medicare details, your driver's licence, your date of birth — they can then utilise that information and attack you from an identity theft perspective," he said.

"It happens all the time and it's very difficult for individuals to be able to pick whether or not that's legitimate, or it's fake."

Mr Connory said it was best to treat all communication with caution.

"We would recommend not trusting it, talk to your local doctor, go on to the Australian government's [website], the DHS website, and have a look at what's happening and how things are rolling out," he said.

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Overpayment scam targets vehicle sellers

WA ScamNet has received a spike in reports about overpayment scams targeting consumers selling goods through online classified adverts with recent incidents involving scammers using false identities, such as a driver's licence and targeting car sellers.

Overpayment scams usually work by getting you to 'refund' a scammer who has sent you too much money for an item you are selling or to forward the additional funds to someone else to cover costs such as shipping.

These scammers are contacting people selling vehicles on websites like Gumtree and carsales.com.au, and then requesting they contact them via email to discuss the sale of the vehicle.

They then ask the seller to accept an additional amount of money from them which is to be forwarded by the seller on their behalf via Western Union or MoneyGram in order to pay for the shipping of the vehicle.

The seller then receives a fake PayPal email stating the funds have been transferred and will be placed into the nominated account once a receipt is provided showing the transfer of the payment to the courier for shipping.

The scammers often make claims like: *"I'm ok with the condition as described on the advert."*

"I work on North West Shelf in the Rowley Sub-basin in Perth and the reception here is terrible. We do not have access to phone at the moment, which

is why I contacted you with internet messaging facility."

They also claim the car is a surprise and is to be delivered elsewhere such as to Darwin, and then request the following:

"I am more than happy to go ahead with the purchase, that is ok with me, please do provide me with your paypal email address or bank details so that I can go ahead with the transfer to your bank account via my paypal, can you also give me the pickup postcode? so that I can get a definite quote from the carriers. As regards the papers, all I will need is a receipt, the rego will have to be done in NT, so there will be no use for the existing Reg and RWC."

Tips for sellers

- Never pay money via wire transfer to help a customer access the goods or services you are selling;
- Be cautious when dealing with customers only via email or who claim to be overseas or interstate – independently verify who you are dealing with before sending any money or goods. If doubtful, then do not proceed with the sale;
- Be sceptical if normal banking processes are not available; and
- When accepting a payment, check with the bank or PayPal to make sure it is legitimate before proceeding with the sale.

JUNIPER & PINE
CAFE RESTAURANT

TAKEAWAY SPECIAL

\$35 DEAL

2 LARGE PIZZA, & SMALL GARLIC BREAD
OR
2 PASTA & CAN OF DRINK
OR
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2/450
Brighton Road
8358 2453

*Pick up Only,

**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.

See Something,
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THEFT

- 04/01/21 John St Theft of wheelie bin from front yard.
- 05/01/21 John St Unlocked vehicle entered. Items stolen. Value \$400.
- 01/10/20 Don Ave Number plate stolen from trailer.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 14/11/20 Davenport Tce Damage to house window by ball bearing.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

- 21/12/20 Mann St Commercial shed entered. Lock manipulated and tools stolen. Value \$600.
- 05/01/21 Gilbertson Rd Vehicle stolen from garage.

SECURE YOUR 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. For more information, visit www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft.

Remember:

- If your number plate is stolen, report it immediately by calling the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

On 6 January there was an incident which doesn't appear in this report.

A man is alleged to roam our streets at night looking to find unlocked cars containing valuables. **Make sure valuables are not left in cars** parked on the street or in your carport.

For Your Information...

You may have noticed a small red car comes around when the re-cycling bins are out each fortnight and a man removes cans/bottle. Council have confirmed its not against the law to search through rubbish bins once they have been left at the curb.



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