



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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### SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEXT MEETING

**7.30pm 14th April**

St Joseph's Catholic Parish  
McAuley Room  
**24 Strathmore Tce Brighton**

#### Guest Speaker:

Metropolitan Fire Service

Light Supper & Refreshments  
will be provided  
but no shared food.

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

#### Area Co-ordinator

Elizabeth Power Ph: 8377 5810

#### Police Co-ordinator

Constable Samantha Mooney

**Police Ph: 131444**

**Sturt Police Ph: 8207 4700**

**Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

### TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME

**Don't Forget to Lock Up**



**Your House**

**Your Car**

**Your Valuables**

## News from the Area Coordinator *by Elizabeth Power*

Dear Neighbours,

The guest speaker at our last meeting was Rae Campbell with her hand-reared koala 'Honey'.

Rae is the only person in Australia with a licence to keep a koala permanently outside of a zoo or park. Rae was the original coordinator of Koala Rescue with Fauna Rescue of SA. In that role she trained more than 30 people in the rescue and care of our precious koalas and passed that role on when she founded the Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Hospital Incorporated.

Having left the hospital in other hands she is currently concentrating on the development of the Glenthorne National Park where she wants to open a 'Centre for Koala Conservation and Education'.

Rae will always tell you that although we are the koalas' greatest enemy, we are also their only hope of survival.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> April** at which the guest speaker will be from the Metropolitan Fire Service.

Winter is not too far away and we need to brush up on fire prevention in the home. House fires are life threatening to your family and can cause significant financial loss.

Did you know that phone chargers can overheat and cause fires if not correctly used and not watched?

I certainly hadn't thought about it.

**Jaywalking** – This time of the year Adelaide's CBD is very busy due to the many events available for all to enjoy despite Covid-19 restrictions. Even though most of us spent more time at home at this time last year (January to June) 336 pedestrians were caught in the city disobeying red lights/jaywalking.

This offence incurs a \$52 fine plus \$90 Victims of Crime Levy. To avoid putting yourself at risk of injury it is very important to respect the road rules whether in your car or on foot.

**A Reminder about Home Security** – Whether going away at Easter or any other time please consider the following security tips:

- Ensure keyed locks are fitted to all doors & windows.
- Lock gates, garages and sheds and lock away garden tools and ladders.

• Keep trees/bushes in front of doors and windows pruned to avoid hiding places.

• Install and activate an alarm system.

• Don't leave a house key in obvious places such as under the door mat or pot plant or in a letterbox.

• Don't leave/hide valuables in obvious places such as under the mattress or in bedside drawers.

• Keep a detailed inventory of valuables (serial numbers and engravings). Take detailed photographs.

• Lock your meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply.

**Reporting Crimes** – We would like to remind residents that Neighbourhood Watch is not the place to report a crime.

Any criminal or suspicious behaviour should be reported to SA Police as soon possible on one of the following numbers: **Triple Zero for Police, Fire or Ambulance in an emergency or 131 444 (Police Assistance Line) for non-urgent police assistance.**

Reporting to the police of something you think is minor, such as the theft of a letterbox, may assist patrols if similar items have been stolen and a pattern is developing. The crime will also then appear in the crime statistics, as supplied by SAPOL, on our newsletters.

**Graffiti** is again present on our crime report. Don't forget to report the matter to SAPOL if on your private property and that you can obtain a free graffiti removal kit from the City of Holdfast Bay at 24 Jetty Road Brighton.

If you notice graffiti on utilities' property you can personally report the matter to: SA Power Networks 13 12 61, Telstra 180 2244, Trans Adelaide 1300 311 108, bus shelters 8364 6000 or 1800 501 402. The council can also report the incident on your behalf.

**DO** come along to the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April. You are always welcome. The speaker from the Metropolitan Fire Service should be very interesting.

There will be a light supper provided as per Covid-19 regulations. Whilst the thought is appreciated, kindly do not bring any food to be shared.

*Elizabeth Power Ph: 8377 5810*

## 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.



**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](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

## Support Our Supporters

*We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people.*

*The first being our dedicated volunteers who deliver 2600 newsletters throughout Brighton, South Brighton, and Seacliff. 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.*

## 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.



### National Seniors Australia Brighton Branch

**Are you 50 plus** and looking to join an organisation to enjoy new activities with like-minded people? Then Brighton Seniors may interest you.

We have entertainment, guest speakers, lunches and visits to interesting places.

Come to our monthly meeting at 10am held at the Lighthouse Community Church Hall, every 3rd Tuesday of the month (except Dec) on the corner of Jetty Road and The Crescent, Brighton.

Cost is \$5 per meeting.

Enquiries phone Bill on 0418804373

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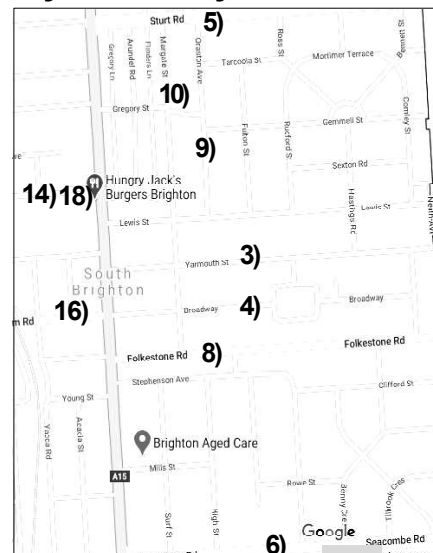
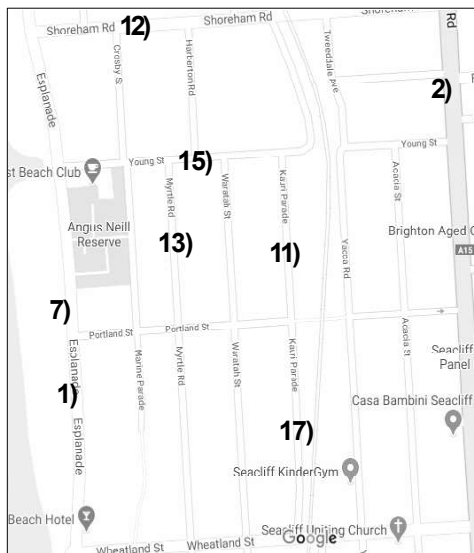
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Date Location Details

## PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 3/01 Esplanade, S House front door kicked. Frame damaged.
2. 10/01 Brighton Rd, B Graffiti marked over mural on wall.
3. 22/01 Yarmouth St, SB Graffiti marked on gas meter cover.
4. 15/01 Broadway, SB Front fence damaged. Value \$100.
5. 29/01 Sturt Rd, B Glass wall damaged. Value \$1000.
6. 7/02 Seacombe Rd, SB Graffiti marked on house.
7. 25/02 Esplanade, S Car damaged while parked on street. Value \$1300.
8. 28/02 Folkstone Rd, SB Vehicle damaged while parked in driveway.

## THEFT

9. 29/01 Oraston Av, B Theft of security camera from front of house.
10. 01/02 Margate St, B 3 pot plants stolen from front yard.
11. 5/02 Kauri Parade, S Plant stole from front yard. Value \$80
12. 21/02 Shoreham Rd, SB Statue stolen from front yard. Value \$100
13. 28/02 Myrtle Rd, S Various tools stolen. Value \$45
14. 15/02 Edwards St, SB Bike stolen from front yard. Value \$200
15. 26/02 Young St, S 8 shrubs stolen from front yard. Value \$30

## SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

16. 24/02 James Pl, SB Entry gained into house through window. Items stolen. Value \$1075.
17. 20/02 Kauri Pde, S Attempt to gain entry into house. Nil stolen.
18. 7/02 Edwards St, SB Entry gained to shed. Door damaged. Value \$200

**For an updated market appraisal of your property**

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