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SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 10th February
St Joseph's Catholic Parish
McAuley Room
24 Strathmore Tce Brighton

Guest Speaker:

Rae Campbell, the "Koala Lady". Refreshments will be provided but no shared food.

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

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Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

News from the Area Coordinator *by Elizabeth Power*

Dear Neighbours,

Christmas and the start of the New Year have well and truly gone and we are about to start our Neighbourhood Watch programme commencing with the first meeting on Wednesday, 10th February.

Further meetings are scheduled for April 14th, June 9th, September 8th (AGM) and November 10th. All being well, they will be held in our usual abode at St Joseph's Catholic Parish, 24 Strathmore Tce Brighton.

Despite the world's problems we did manage to hold our AGM in September 2020 but had to cancel the November meeting at the last minute due to the Covid-19 cluster. We shall see what happens this year.

SAPOL'S "Operation Safe Holidays Christmas 2020" concluded for another year but Police will continue their road safety efforts as many motorists do not heed the warnings and continue to speed.

Over the two week period 1,931 speed offences were detected. For all of their huffing, puffing, constant lane changes and over taking, we law-abiding citizens usually catch up to the offenders at the next set of traffic lights.

Part of the "Operation" included thousands of alcotests of which 0.62% were detected as drink drivers. There is not any excuse for readings of 0.200 (legal limit is 0.05), 0.173, 0.135 and 0.143.

Shockingly, of 1596 drug tests conducted, 237 (14%) drivers returned positive results with THC (cannabis), methylamphetamine and/or MDMA (ecstasy) in their systems.

As drivers, we all need to not speed, not be distracted (mobile phone use), plan our journey early, allow extra time so that there is not a need to rush to our destination, take ample breaks and wear seatbelts. We need to be responsible for our own actions and not become complacent.

Our SAPOL friends need to be commended for their commitment to keeping COVID-19 out of our state. We need to maintain the high level of cooperation with authorities that has been evident in reducing the spread of COVID-19 so far. Apparently there was only one breach over the New Year celebrations, with one party host fined at Christies Beach for exceeding the 50 person limit.

Did you know that jet skis have recently joined SAPOL'S Water Operations? They are to be used for search and rescue and deployed in inland waterways, rivers and near coastal areas to monitor improper use of waterways, particularly in relation to the misuse of jet skis on rivers.

It is important that we try and keep our NHW group active. Please come along to our meetings and meet other residents. There will be a light supper as per COVID-19 regulations. Kindly do not bring any food to be shared.

At our first meeting for 2021 our guest speaker will be Rae Campbell, known as the "Koala Lady/Koalas Mum". Find out about Rae's mission to rescue koalas and her devotion to the rescued koalas.

I hope you have a good 2021, at least better than 2020 and that we will see you on February 10.

TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME
Don't Forget to Lock Up
Your House
Your Car
Your Valuables




TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION
Do they have to break in BEFORE you think about it?

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

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE
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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Don't give thieves a chance

- Park in well-lit areas
- Close all windows
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle
- Conceal valuables before you park – if they cannot be removed
- Do not leave personal documents in your vehicle.
- Always lock your vehicle if leaving it unattended.
- Carry your keys with you at all times.



Limit the opportunities for offenders to target your vehicle or belongings.

HOME AND BUSINESS FIRE PREVENTION

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people who deliberately light fires or engage in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Lock your property and vehicle at all times.
- Keep rubbish bins in a secure area and remove rubbish regularly.
- Secure all combustible materials and flammable fuels away from your property.
- External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside the property.
- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Maintain fencing and install external security lighting.
- Conduct regular inspections outside your property. Repair damage to fences and remove graffiti regularly.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Business Watch program to help keep the community safe.

For further information contact your local police station or www.police.sa.gov.au If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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We continue to serve the community because of two groups of people. The first being our dedicated volunteers who deliver the 2600 newsletters throughout Seacliff, Brighton and South Brighton. 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.

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SEKONDA

SA Police issue scam warning after fraudster impersonating NBN calls cybercrime unit

By Charles Brice, ABC News, 5 November 2020

South Australian police have issued a warning about a new scam targeting Adelaide locals, after the force's own cybercrime unit was among the recipients of one of the deceptive phone calls.

SA Police said scammers were ringing Adelaide landlines, advising recipients that their computers had been hacked and directing them to a website imitating the National Broadband Network (NBN).

"There is an NBN scam currently cycling through Adelaide landline numbers, and the Financial and Cybercrime Investigation Branch (FCIB), who investigate such scams, were one of the numbers to receive a call," police said in a statement.

To better understand the fraudulent operation, a member of the FCIB using secure software followed the caller's instructions and was led to a "poorly designed" website.

"The obvious indicator that this website is not affiliated with the NBN is that the text preceding the '.com' is weebly — a webhosting site," police said.

The officer was then told to carry out steps which resulted in remote

access software being downloaded.

"The caller tried to reassure us that the software would help fix our internet problem," police said.

"We informed the caller that we couldn't open the program, so he had us click on [other] buttons, which attempted to download further executable programs.

"After we kept experiencing problems, the caller terminated the call."

Police suspect the scammer was attempting to gain access to personal information, including passwords for online banking.

They urged the public not to engage with scammers, and said the incident demonstrated that "no-one is safe from receiving scam robocalls, not even the police".

"Our advice to the community is to not download software that you are not familiar with, and never at the direction of someone over the phone," police said.

"If you receive a call and cannot be certain who you are speaking to, hang up the phone and call the organisation back on a known, reputable number."

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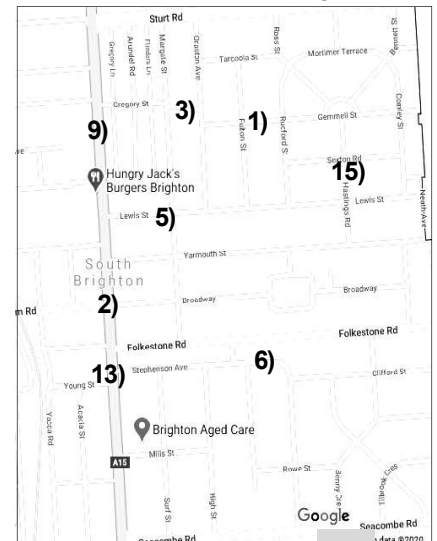
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Police Incidents November 2020 - January 2021



Date	Location	Details
PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 17/12	Gemmell St, B	Graffiti etched wall causing damage.
2. 18/12	Sturt Rd, B	Graffiti marked on fence.
3. 24/12	Oraston Av, B	Graffiti marked on fence.
4. 3/01	Esplanade, S	House front door kicked. Frame damaged.
THEFT		
5. 12/11	Lewis St, B	Items stolen from car. Value \$300.
6. 22/11	Stephenson Av, SB	Car broken into. Nil stolen.
7. 27/11	Esplanade, S	Items stolen by house renters. Value \$9851.
8. 10/12	Acacia St, S	Push bike stolen from front yard. Value \$50
9. 19/12	James Pl, SB	Push bike stolen from front yard. Value \$600.
10. 21/12	Yacca Rd, S	Vehicle broken into. Nil stolen.
11. 27/12	Harberton Rd, SB	Wallet containing cards stolen from car.
12. 27/12	Myrtle Rd, S	Items stolen from unlocked vehicle. Value \$260.
SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS		
13. 13/11	Brighton Rd, B	Entry gained to business. Tools stolen. Value \$80.
14. 16/11	Oleander St, SB	Entry gained, damaging fly screen. Value \$300
15. 22/12	Hastings Rd, B	Entry gained through unlocked roller door. Items stolen from vehicles. Valued \$50

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