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SEACLIFF/SOUTH **BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD** WATCH

NEXT MEETING 7.30pm Wednesday 12th June 2019

St Joseph's Catholic Parish McAuley Room

24 Strathmore Tce **Brighton**

Guest Speaker: SAPOL - "Graffiti"

Refreshments provided

Meet your neighbours ALL WELCOME

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

Dear Neighbours,

At our last meeting Shani Wood from the City of Holdfast Bay was very informative on the subject of recycling.

Most of us did not know what to do with no longer needed X-rays. We found out that they can be recycled through the Red Cross Super Stores. Just take them along without any packaging, old correspondence or anything that can identify the owner.

The nearest Red Cross Super Stores for us are at: 1267-1269 South Road St Mary's and 3/320 Grange Road Kidman Park.

GRAFFITI is not art. It is a criminal offence that involves offenders vandalizing the property of others, without consent, by the use of spray paint, marking pens or similar items.

We have a speaker from SAPOL on this subject at our next meeting on 12th June.

RFID SLEEVES & BIN STICKERS are still available. The sleeves to protect your credit cards are \$1 each & you can fit

2 cards in one sleeve. The supply of free bin stickers, to be affixed to the side of your red lidded bin, is getting low. Please phone me on 8377 5810 if you would like either or both.

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NEXT MEETING

Please come along to our meeting on 12th June and get to know your neighbours.

Neighbourhood Watch is about knowing your neighbours, knowing what is happening around you and keeping your neighbourhood safe.

> Elizabeth Power Area Coordinator



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READER OFFER: Buy 2kg of BBQ sausages for \$15. Offer valid until 31/7/19



Can you spare 2-4 hours
a month helping
The Brighton Lions
at their Shed and
other Fund Raising Events?

For more information on how to Volunteer or Join

Contact Ian on 8298 2901

SCAMS: Beware tricks to get your money

SCAMS are once again featuring in the headlines. Huge losses incurred by Australians in 2018 amounted to about half a billion dollars - \$149 million more than 2017.

These losses are likely to be just the tip of the iceberg. Out of embarrassment not everyone who suffers a loss to a scammer reports it to a government agency. Investment scams are the most financially devastating and, at \$86 million in 2018, increased by more than 34 percent when compared with 2017.

SCAM activity is continually becoming more sophisticated with many phone and email scams now appearing quite legitimate.

Most scams will either involve a request for payment or information leading to loss of funds for which you would remain liable. You may end up having your identity stolen too which would be devastating.

Scammers use pressure and fear tactics combined with technology to trick people

into parting with their money. EXAMPLES of possible scams:

Computer or internet problems

"This is Microsoft Support calling to let you know we've detected several viruses on your computer...." or "We need you to log onto your computer so that we can fix a problem"

A fake offer of money or prizes

"This is Centrelink calling to advise you are owed \$6,500 in unpaid benefits...."

A fee to obtain money or prizes

"In order to receive money you are owed we just need you to transfer \$100 to our account to cover some fees. This must be actioned immediately or your account access will be suspended and all payments forfeited".

A request for personal information

"Our customer records for you appear to be incomplete. Would you mind taking the time to answer a few identity questions?

SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Approximately 3,000 number plates are stolen in South Australia each year. RAA is working with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Police, the Attorney General's Department and the Motor Trade Association to encourage motorists to have tamper-resistant screws installed on their vehicle's 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.

Number plates are stolen from vehicles to commit crimes such as:

- petrol theft
- avoiding speeding fines and other traffic offences, or
- robberies and house break-ins.

The use of stolen number plates makes it harder for police to detect and investigate crimes in a timely manner.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of number plate theft, please consider the following security tips:

- Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws. The screws lock in place to prevent number plates from being removed easily.
- Check your vehicle regularly to ensure the number plates are secure.
- Secure your vehicle in a locked garage where possible.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas.

Remember:

- If your number plate is stolen, report it immediately to police by calling the Police Assistance line on 131 444.
- To order new plates, contact Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure or visit www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/ezyreg.



RAA Friday is the favourite day for car thieves to strike

Thieves prefer Fridays when it comes to stealing your car, according to latest figures obtained by RAA Insurance.

RAA Insurance is urging drivers to be vigilant to avoid becoming a victim of car crime and has released a list of safety tips to minimise the risks to their vehicles.

According to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, of which RAA is a member, a total of 527 vehicles were stolen on a Friday - more than any other day of the week - in the 12 months to the end of September 2018.

That's an average of around 10 cars each Friday over this period. Friday thieves were most active between 4pm-8pm when a total of 155 vehicles were stolen.

It was also revealed more vehicles were stolen in March (319) than any other month during this period.

"Having your car stolen is a major inconvenience and, if you're not insured, a serious financial setback," RAA Insurance Claims Manager Hayley Cain said.

"That's why we encourage all motorists to take precautions to reduce their chance of having their car stolen or broken into."

Ms Cain said the figures showed about two thirds of the 3002 vehicles stolen in this period were for "short term use" – or joy riding – and the rest for "financial gain" such as accessing spare parts.

"It's about opportunities and there are many more people parking in public while out and about on a Friday evening.

"This might also explain why March – with all its associated events like the festival and supercar race – is the most common month for stealing cars."

The total theft figures for SA in the 12 months to September were consistent with the annual average reported to police during the past four years, Ms Cain said.

Here's what you can do to reduce the chances of having your car stolen or broken into:

- Park in a garage or carport whenever possible.
- If you must park on the road, leave your car in a well-lit area and preferably have an alarm fitted.
- Install sensor lights in your driveway as a deterrent.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Remove items of value from sight.
- If you don't have a car alarm, use a steering wheel lock.
- Don't put all your valuables in the boot, most trunks are easily accessible.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers

CRIME
STOPPERS
1800 333 000

EMERGENCY

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers

THINK
POLICE
ASSISTANCE
131 4444



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.

Come to a meeting, see what we do and show support for your NHW area (details on front page).



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Police Incidents 5 February - 27 April 2019











PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 13/03/19 Benny Cr, STH BRIGHTON Graffiti to sign on temporary front fence.

2. 17/03/19 Sturt Rd, BRIGHTON Vehicle scratched. Damage \$100.

3. 19/04/19 Acacia St. SEACLIFF Substance thrown at house causing damage

4. 19/04/19 Benny Cr, STH BRIGHTON Graffiti to wall of property. Damage \$100.

THEFT

5. 18/02/19 Mortimer Tce, BRIGHTON

6. 29/03/19 Margate St, BRIGHTON

7. 3/04/19 Waratah St, SEACLIFF

8. 8/4/19 Oleander St, STH BRIGHTON

Car keys stolen from unlocked running car.

Theft of planter boxes valued at \$250

Wallet & headphones stolen from vehicle. Paddle board stolen from locked shed.

INTERFERENCE WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE/THEFT

Rudford St, BRIGHTON Vehicle broken into & rummaged. Nil stolen. 9. 16/02/19

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break-in)

10.5/02/19 Waratah St, SEACLIFF House broken into. Gaming console,

jewellery and tools stolen.

11. 13/3/19 Tucker St, STH BRIGHTON House broken into, copper piping &

tapware stolen.

12.8/4/19 Stephenson Ave, STH BRIGHTON House broken into and vehicle stolen.

13.11/04/19 Sturt Rd, BRIGHTON House broken into via window. Crockery

and food stolen. Value \$450. 14.17/04/19 Attempt to break into residence. Nil entry. Waratah St. SEACLIFF

Damage to rear door value \$1000.

15.27/04/19 Brighton Rd, SEACLIFF Copper piping stolen from hot water service.

