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SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEXT MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

St Joseph's Catholic Parish
McAuley Room

**24 Strathmore Tce
Brighton**

Guest Speaker: TBA

Next meeting cancelled due to COVID-19

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

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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,

I hope you are well and coping with the restrictions we are continuing to live under.

We are certainly very well off compared with Victoria and the rest of the world.

Although the Covid-19 restrictions have eased enough for us to hold a meeting participants wise, we cannot recommence until advised by SAPOL to proceed with NHW activities, other than the Newsletter.

CANCELLATIONS

This means that our AGM scheduled for 9th September is cancelled until further notice.

In addition, even if consent was received to hold our Christmas in the Park at Dover Square, we have decided to cancel the event for this year.

Besides consent not yet forthcoming there are several other obstacles and numerous uncertainties in our way. Believe you me this decision was not made without serious consideration. We believe that it is better to be safe than sorry.

Many of our SAPOL friends, Police Band and Sgt Peter Benn (the MC for the Christmas event) are currently on Covid-19 duties. We thank them for what they are doing to keep us safe from infection.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter you can keep in touch with NHW by viewing the Facebook page available at: <https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchsa/>

CRIME TRENDS

You will see on our back page police report that there were 15 reports of graffiti marking, mainly on Brighton Road, Brighton.

In addition to this, SAPOL arrested three teenagers on 11 June after they spray painted graffiti on more than 30 different locations (fences, signs and other property) in the South Brighton area that night.

A fourth suspect managed to elude the patrols. Anyone with information on this graffiti attack is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Residents reported to me that a lot of the graffiti was on both sides of Seacombe Road (part of the southern side being in Seacliff Park NHW area) from Brighton Road heading east.

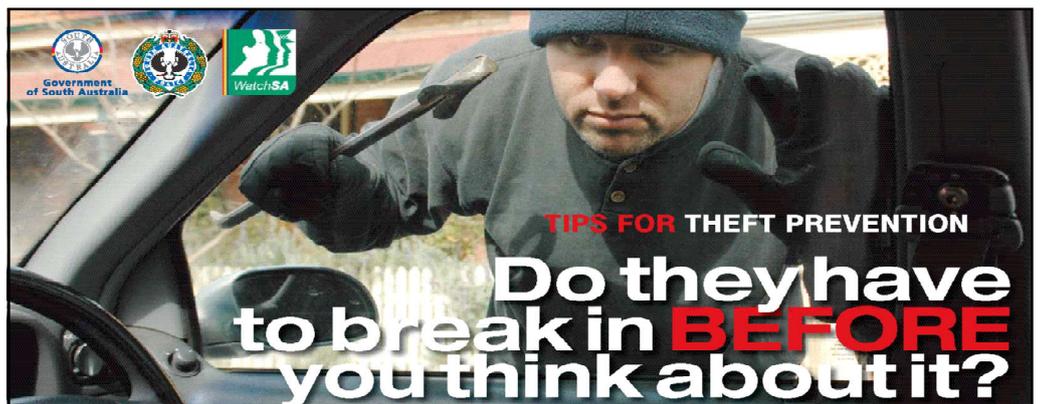
If graffiti appears on your private property you can obtain help from the City of Holdfast Bay (Customer Service) on 8229 9999 in the form of a free graffiti removal kit.

The council will also advise where to report graffiti you notice on public utility property; such as poles and bus shelters- or report the matter on your behalf. We shouldn't give these criminals time to admire their acts of vandalism.

We will let you know when meetings restart and look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime Continue to keep well and keep up the social distancing,

Elizabeth Power

Area Coordinator, phone: 8377 5810



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 Australia Police Government of South Australia

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.

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 an automated '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, iTunes 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.

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Identity Theft

In light of the COVID-19 scams currently circulating, it is timely to address the issue of identity theft and how you can prevent yours from being stolen.

Your identity is one of the most valuable things you have.

Identity theft is a type of fraud that involves a person stealing your name for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services or other benefits.

If your identity is misused a person may access your money and accumulate large debts in your name, which will affect your credit rating.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, please consider the following crime prevention tips:

- Secure your letter box with a lock and empty it on a daily basis. Arrange collection of your mail by a trusted person when on holidays. If you move, remember to re-direct your mail promptly.
- Protect your personal documents at all times. Never throw personal documents in the bin – destroy them using a shredder or a similar method.
- Limit the amount of personal information you publish on social media and online.
- Ensure your computers and mobile phones are protected with regularly updated anti-virus software. Avoid using public computers for personal activities like online banking and shopping.
- Never give your personal details to an unsolicited person.
- Always check your receipt and credit card statements carefully for discrepancies. If you discover unauthorised transactions, contact your financial institution immediately.
- Make enquiries on the arrival of unexpected credit cards or bills for goods and services you did not order.

To report a scam or for further information visit www.cyber.gov.au

SA Police is committed to working with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. To access our full range of crime prevention posters, fact sheets and booklets (including Scams and Cybercrime and Internet Safety and Security) please visit: www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-security-tips

Statewide Website

A Statewide Neighbourhood Watch website has been launched!

Visit www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw

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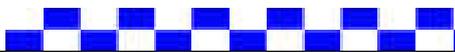
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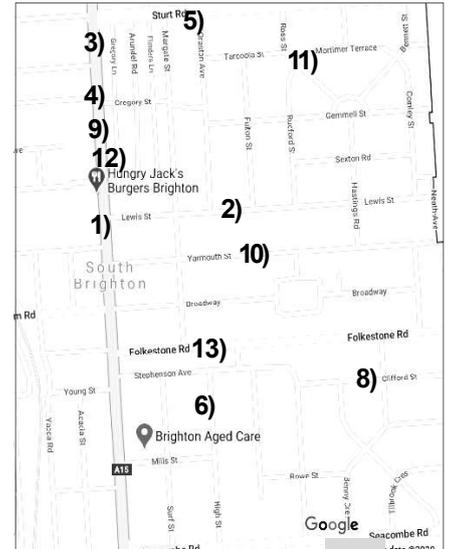
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Police Incidents 5 May - 5 July 2020



Date	Location	Details
PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 19/05	Brighton Rd, SB	Graffiti marked on front fence.
2. 5/06	Lewis St, SB	Letterbox damaged. Value \$200
3. 11/06	Brighton Rd, B	Graffiti on business wall.
4. 22/06	Brighton Rd, B	Graffiti marked on walls at 12 locations. Cost \$1000
5. 2/07	Sturt Rd, Brighton	Graffiti marked on windows of premises.
THEFT		
6. 9/05	High St, SB	Bag with papers stolen from front yard.
7. 11/05	Gulf Pde, SB	Motor bike stolen from front yard. Value \$2000
8. 24/05	Clifford St, SB	Mobile phone and cash stolen. Value \$1600 8.
9. 29/05	Brighton Rd, B	Security camera stolen. Value \$200
10. 31/05	Yarmouth St, SB	Vehicle broken into & tools stolen. Value \$300.
11. 2/06	Mortimer Tce, B	Tools stolen from a vehicle. Value \$995
12. 22/06	Brighton Rd, B	Coffee table stolen from front of premises. Value \$900
SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS		
13. 10/06	Folkestone Rd, SB	Entry gained to rear shed. 2 bicycles stolen. Valued \$100
14. 21/06	Yacca Rd, Seacliff	Entry gained to rear shed, unknown what was stolen.



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