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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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Police Co-ordinator
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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,

I hope you are well and coping with the restrictions we are all living under.

We are not able to have any meetings for a while yet but we can get newsletters to you.

During this challenging time NHW want to promote their corporate Facebook page available at

<https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchsa/> as a means of keeping in touch. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view NHW's many recent posts. If you have a look and like what you see, sign up to Facebook and engage with NHW.

DON'T LET A THIEF TAP-AND-GO ON YOUR DOLLAR

In an effort to reduce physical contact with payment terminals, certain merchants including major supermarkets have now doubled the limit for tap-and-go purchases from \$100 to \$200 per single transaction.

The new \$200 limit announced 17/4/20 is a temporary measure in response to COVID-19, and will apply for a three month period.

SAPOL believe contactless cards may prove all the more tempting for opportunistic thieves. If you wouldn't leave a large sum of cash in plain sight then secure your debit/credit cards with equal caution.

POLICE TARGET MOBILE PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

SAPOL have requested that we bring the following to your attention:

"Now more than ever people are relying on their phones to connect with family and friends they cannot physically visit. Those chats can wait when you are behind the wheel. Even if you are driving a short distance, there is not any excuse for even just glancing at your phone.

"Drivers are aware of the laws and also aware of the risk of being distracted by apps when their eyes should be on the road. In 2019 there were 46 lives lost in collisions where distraction was a contributing factor. In 2020 we have already seen 24 lives lost due to distraction."

Please do not become statistic number 25.

OUR CRIME REPORT this time showed a number of locked/unlocked vehicles were broken into. Vehicle owners are reminded to:

- Remove valuables from vehicles
 - Lock vehicles when unattended
 - Where possible, secure vehicles off the road and behind locked gates or roller doors
- Credit cards and personal identification can be utilised to commit additional offences if stolen, leading to further impact to the vehicle owner.

If you observe any suspicious behaviour around vehicles or homes, report it immediately by calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

There were also some number plates stolen. Don't forget that you can have the plates secured free of charge through the RAA.

The RAA supply and install tamper-resistant screws free of charge to members and non members. Just phone their Technical Advisory Service on 8202 4689 to obtain the location of your nearest participating repairer.

It takes only a few minutes to have it done. Don't forget to regularly check your vehicle to ensure your plates are still there. For more information visit www.raa.com.au/numberplatetheft.

Graffiti is noticeably increasing, more than what is appearing on the Police Incident Report. Residents need to respond quickly to prevent graffiti criminals having time to admire their illegal acts of vandalism.

Please contact the City of Holdfast Bay (Customer Service) on 8229 9999 for assistance/advice.

If the graffiti is on your private property you may obtain a free removal kit from the council. Unfortunately, at the moment the council cannot provide volunteer assistance if you are unable to remove the graffiti yourselves.

Should you notice graffiti on utilities property, such as bus shelters or poles, please report the matter to them. The council can also report an incident on your behalf if notified.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting, hopefully soon. *Keep well and don't forget to 'socially distance'.*

Elizabeth Power,
Area Coordinator, phone: 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.

Business Security

The following checklist will help you identify the strengths and weaknesses of your business' physical security.

Common vulnerabilities may be identified whenever your response is no.

BUILDING SECURITY

- Are all external doors and windows in good condition and professionally fitted?
- Are there good quality locks on all doors and windows at ground level?
- Are there good quality locks on each accessible door and window above ground level?
- Can internal doors be locked when the building is left unattended for long periods?
- Do you nominate members of staff to check that all doors and windows are closed and locked at the end of the business day?
- Do you have good visibility around the perimeter of your building?

- Do you have adequate lighting around your building during the hours of darkness?

CCTV

- Do you have your CCTV cameras regularly maintained?
- Do your CCTV cameras cover the entrances and exits of your building?
- Do you have CCTV cameras covering critical areas of your business such as server rooms or cash offices?
- Could you positively identify an individual from the recorded images on your CCTV system?

SA Police is committed to working with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime.

Please see our crime prevention booklets, fact sheets and posters at www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-security-tips

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.

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.

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.



Brighton Lions Need You!

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

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Home Security

An effective way of improving the security of your home, from the environment around the boundary to the high-value items contained within its walls, is to consider security measures for three strategic layers.

The three layers to think about are:

1. Perimeter
2. Exterior
3. Interior

This process can be applied to every type of home, from the bungalow style home with gardens, to town houses, and even single student rooms found in shared houses.

At each layer the aim is to implement good security measures which will deter the offender by making it harder and riskier for them to get in and out of your home.

Each of the following sections will provide you with helpful hints to make it harder for a burglar to penetrate each of these layers.

The preferred answer to all questions is YES. Any question answered with NO indicates a weakness in your home security.

PERIMETER

- Is the area around the house free from items that an offender could use to break in i.e. bricks, ladders, and garden tools?
- Are sheds, garages and outbuildings locked at all times?
- Have you trimmed trees and plantings to provide good surveillance from the road?
- Are vehicles at the premises secured with all belongings removed when not in use?

- If you have a garage, is it used to secure the vehicle(s) inside, instead of being used as a storage space?

EXTERIOR

- Are doors kept locked with keys removed?
- Do you avoid leaving spare keys in accessible places, i.e. under plant pots, door mat or stone?
- When you are outside do you lock all doors and windows?
- Are ground floor and accessible windows closed and locked?
- If you have an alarm fitted, do you always use it?
- Do you have exterior security lighting fitted?

INTERIOR

- Do you use lights with timer switches when leaving the house unoccupied?
- Are items such as cash, car keys, laptops, jewellery and phones kept out of view and in a safe location?
- Do you avoid leaving high value items, including jewellery in obvious places, i.e. in jewellery boxes in the bedroom?
- Have you made a written and photo record of items of value?
- Have you marked valuable items with your driver's license number prefixed with the letter 'S' for South Australia using an engraver or ultra violet pen?

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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.

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South Australia

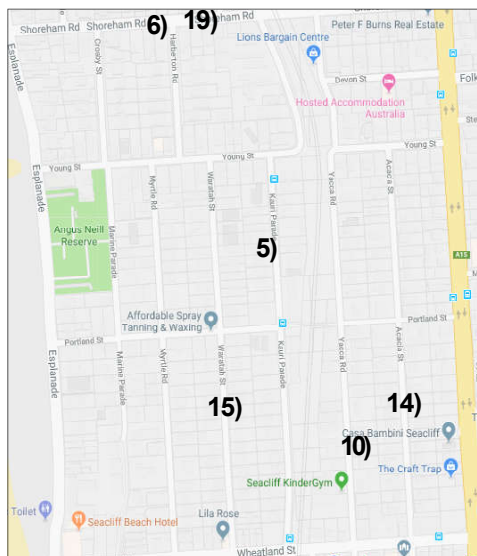
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Police Incidents 19 February- 4 May 2020



PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 7/03 Seacombe Rd, SB Porch sensor light smashed . Value \$100.
2. 19/02 Broadway SB Graffiti
3. 8/03 Brighton Rd, SB Graffiti on fence. Value \$150
4. 24/03 Brighton Rd, SB Graffiti
5. 8/04 Kauri Pde, SEACLIFF Vehicle window smashed overnight. Value \$2000
6. 14/04 Cedar Ave, SB Fence damaged. Value \$40
7. 21/04 Brighton Rd Bottles thrown at house. Front window smashed.

THEFT

8. 2/04 Edwards St, SB Phone and credit card stolen from front porch.
9. 19/04 Comley St Unsecured bike stolen from side of house.
10. 4/05 Yacca Rd, SEACLIFF Frangipani tree stolen from front garden.

ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE WITH VEHICLE

11. 24/04 Mills St, SB Cash & Gift cards stolen from unlocked vehicle .
12. 16/04 Edwards St, SB Number plate stolen from vehicle.
13. 9/04 Crosby St, SB Vehicle broken into. \$6 stolen.
14. 7/04 Acacia St, SEACLIFF Bank cards stolen from vehicle. \$2000 spent on cards.
15. 6/04 Waratah St, SEACLIFF Vehicle broken into and rummaged through.
16. 2/03 Oleander St, SB Number plates stolen from vehicle.
17. 24/04 Mills St, SB Car broken into but nil stolen.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

18. 26/04 Brighton Rd Building site entered. Attempt to steal tools.
19. 13/03 Shoreham Rd, SB House broken into and items stolen, value \$40.



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