



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 8th November

St Joseph's Catholic Parish
McAuley Room

**24 Strathmore Tce
Brighton**

ALL WELCOME

A light supper will be provided

GUEST SPEAKER

SAPOL Water Operations
(Underwater Search and Rescue)



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

26th November

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

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Police Coordinator:

Probationary Constable
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Sturt Police Station

333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA
Ph: 8207 4700 7 days 9am-9pm

Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL 000 to report a crime being
or has just been committed

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

News from the Area Coordinator

Dear Neighbours,

The following committee members were returned at our August AGM:

Area Coordinator – Elizabeth Power

Deputy Area Coordinator – (East of Brighton Road) Brighton & South Brighton – Austin Nevis

Deputy Area Coordinator – (West of Brighton Road) Seacliff and South Brighton – Lynda Yates

Secretary – Trevor Praite

Treasurer – Elizabeth Power

General Committee Member (assisting Secretary) – Helen Praite



HOME SECURITY

As the Christmas season approaches and family life becomes hectic it is important to be vigilant about your home security. In 2021-2022 the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported an increase in national break-ins for the first time in over a decade. Property was stolen in two-thirds of break-ins & there was an increase of break-ins associated with motor vehicle theft, where car keys were stolen from homes.

Simple ways to make your home more secure are:

- Lock doors and windows
- Secure ladders & wheelie bins to help prevent access to windows or upper levels
- Lock gates
- Install motion-sensor lighting and security cameras
- Use security screens on windows & doors
- Do not leave valuables where they can be seen from outside your home. Examples include computers, wallets, handbags, cash, jewellery or vehicle/household keys.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



Christmas in the Park to be held on Sunday 26th November at Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton between 4pm and 7pm.

THE FULL SA POLICE CONCERT BAND will again entertain us. Also performing will be local soloist NAOMI HEDE who has a beautiful voice.

Lions South Brighton will be cooking up their usual yummy sausage sizzle and the Dover Kindy will have their lovely cakes for sale.

The children will be delighted with the BLUEY JUMPING CASTLE we have booked.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, a certain gentleman in a red suit and white beard will arrive in his sleigh.

Remember to BYO chairs, picnic rugs, sunscreen, hats and some cash as not all vendors have electronic payment devices.

NEXT MEETING

Our last meeting for the year is scheduled for 8th November, at which our guest speaker will be from SAPOL Water Operations Unit (Underwater Search and Rescue).

Please come along and hear about a very interesting and different aspect of policing.

Have a happy and safe Christmas break, be vigilant and watch out for your neighbours.

*Elizabeth Power
Area Coordinator*

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WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.

Join as a NHW SA volunteer now!

NHW SA has plenty of volunteer opportunities, whether you're looking to volunteer regularly, or only once a year, there's something to suit everyone.

You could just turn up to our next meeting, you could become a supporter (enabling you to help with the delivery of these newsletters), or you could become a registered police volunteer.

Let us know if you'd like to join and we can help you get your registration started. Find out more on the NHW SA website: www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/get-involved

Benefits of joining as a NHW SA volunteer

Joining can benefit your local community and provide you with many valuable opportunities.

Whether you want to be a leader for change, develop new skills or simply get to know your neighbours.

There are different volunteer options you can do, each with different benefits.

Find out more on the NHW SA website: www.police.sa.gov.au/nhw/home/why-join.

REPORTING CRIME

Emergencies

Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

Non-Emergencies

Call 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance.

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds and scams, visit:

SAPOL: www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch WEBSITE: www.scamwatch.gov.au

Dealing with Graffiti

Rapid and Continual Removal of graffiti is one of the best deterrents to stop graffiti returning to the site.

Painting over graffiti is most effective way to remove the graffiti.

Reporting Graffiti Crime:

Council owned property
City of Holdfast Bay 8229 9999

Stobie poles or ETSA boxes
SA Power Networks 131 261

Public Transport and Private property
Sturt Police 8207 4700
SAPOL 131444

VEHICLE SECURITY

To help prevent thieves targeting your vehicle and property, consider implementing these security tips:



- **Lock your vehicle doors and close all windows.**
- Install an alarm or immobiliser and activate it every time you leave your vehicle.
- **At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.**
- Park off the road and if possible in a locked garage.
- **Use secure car parking facilities where available.**
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. If you can't, then conceal them in the boot before arriving at your destination.
- **Avoid leaving your property in the glove box or centre console – this is the first place thieves look.**
- Mark or engrave your property with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia.
- **Record the make, model and serial number of electronic equipment, such as GPS devices, laptops and mobile phones.**
- Remove registration papers from your vehicle to prevent thieves identifying your home and easily disposing of your vehicle.
- **Do not place hand bags, wallets or other valuable items on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.**
- Remove your keys from the ignition even if you are gone for a short time.
- **At home, don't leave your keys on the kitchen bench or where they can be easily seen by thieves. Keep them in a safe place out of view.**
- Mark key tags with your phone number. Never include your name and address.
- Do not hide a spare set of keys on or in your vehicle.

If you have any questions, please contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

MY BUSHFIRE PLAN

This bushfire season, remember to be prepared, make a plan and stay informed. Here's what you can do to keep you and your loved ones safe:

- **PREPARE NOW**

Clear around your property, **pack an emergency kit** and know your closest **Bushfire Safer Place**.

- **PLAN AHEAD**

Do your **5-minute bushfire plan** and **share it** with loved ones today, and **plan for all your pets and livestock**.

- **STAY INFORMED**

Check the **fire danger rating** each day and **stay informed** using more than one source of information in case a fire starts near you.

Why risk it? Act now to be bushfire ready.

CREATE YOUR OWN BUSHFIRE PLAN, IN 3 EASY STEPS

Would you remember a plan that's just in your head if you're surrounded by smoke, heat and flames?

Making a choice when a bushfire threatens is too late. Your safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make, and a written plan will take the pressure off you and avoid arguments and delays.

So don't wait - create your 5 Minute Bushfire Plan now at:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/make-a-plan/5-minute-bushfire-plan/>

Think about who your Bushfire Plan will protect:

- Me
- Other Adults
- Children
- People who need assistance
- Pets and livestock

Consider what you will do if:

- You're at work
- The pets run away
- The children are home alone
- You have guests over
- Your escape route is blocked

Discuss key decisions with your household:

- Is everyone going to leave early?
- Where will you go?
- What will you do with your pets?
- What will you take with you?
- Who do you need to keep informed of your movements?

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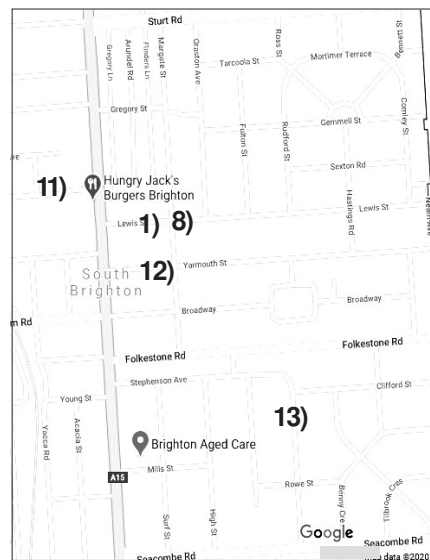
Police Incidents July - September 2023



LARRY COLLIN
YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENT
CENTURY 21.



0412 477 993



Date	Location	Detail
PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 04/07/23	Lewis St, SB	Damage to front dividing fence. Value \$200
2. 26/8/23	Wheatland St, Seacliff	Vehicle damaged whilst parked at Train station.
THEFT		
3. 07/07/23	Acacia St, Seacliff	Vehicle broken into. Nil damage or theft.
4. 07/07/23	Acacia St, Seacliff	Vehicle broken into. Items stolen. Front and rear number plates also stolen.
5. 12/07/23	Esplanade, Seacliff	Vehicle broken into. Front/rear number plates also stolen.
6. 06/09/23	Wheatland St, Seacliff	Front registration plate stolen from vehicle
7. 06/09/23	Marine Pde, Seacliff	Theft of bicycle from back yard. Value \$60. Different bicycle left behind.
8. 09/09/23	Lewis St, SB	Copper pipes stolen from outside vacant house. Value \$500. Damage \$2000.
TRESPASS/BREAK-IN		
9. 29/06/23	Maitland Tce, Seacliff	Drop saw stolen from building site. Value \$400.
10. 30/06/23	Maitland Tce, Seacliff	Bolt cutters used to access building site. 2nd-hand pool pump stolen. Value \$150.
11. 19/07/23	Edwards St, Brighton	Vacant property broken into. Copper stolen. Value \$3000. Damage \$50.
12. 08/08/23	Yarmouth St, SB	Copper pipe stolen from unoccupied rental premises. Value \$1,552
13. 25/09/23	Stewart St, SB	Garage entered and items removed.

Please note the number of vehicle number plates stolen. *Offenders attach the stolen number plates to other vehicles in order to commit crimes such as petrol theft, house break-ins, robberies and joyriding. If the crime is witnessed, it will only lead the police back to the original victim. The car can't be driven, or even parked in the street, until new plates are fitted. If you wish to avoid this happening to you, avail yourself of the free RAA installation of a set of anti-theft number plate screws. To find out the address of your nearest RAA fitting depot phone them on 8202 4689.*

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Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers




THINK FIRST THEN DIAL

