

# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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WARRADALE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHAREA 108/280

**NEXT MEETING** 

Wednesday 1st May 2019

7.30pm Ballara Kindy Ormonde Ave, Warradale

## ALL WELCOME!

Area Co-ordinator Bruce Hull Ph: 7420 6484

> Secretary Peter Scrymgour

**Police Co-ordinator** Senior Sgt Kev Carroll

**Report Graffiti Damage Councilowned property** City of Marion Hotline

8375 6600 Privateproperty Sturt Police 8207 4700

Police Attendance 131444

DIAL 000 to report acrimein progress or has just been committed CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

## **SCAM ALERT**

In a recent incident a caller claimed to be a police officer, and told their intended victim there was an outstanding warrant in their name in relation to a tax debt.

They were asked to pay their tax bill using gift cards to avoid going to court.

Fortunately the victim was alerted by a wary shop assistant that is was possible the caller was a fraudster, prompting them to visit a police station and report the matter.

It is important to note that SA Police do not make calls on behalf of the tax department.

Remember, if anyone requests payment by Google Play or iTunes it is most likely a scam. See www.scamwatch.gov.au



## HANDS OFF

Don't make it easy for opportunistic thieves! Thieves are not only targeting vehicles, but also houses to find keys and steal cars.

The 'Hands Off' sticker is available to display on vehicle windows to deter thieves and remind owners to remove valuables and lock up.

Stickers are available from your local police station or contact the State Community Engagement Centre on 7322 4061.

If you see any suspicious behaviour, immediately report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

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## **GRAFFITI: REWARD**

(Authorised by Australia Post as Official Mail)

An increase in the number of graffiti and vandalism attacks across the public transport network is costing an estimated \$800,000 to clean up per year.

An anti-graffiti campaign was rolled out from November 2018 to finish June 2019.

Rewards of up to \$1000 will be paid for information that leads to a conviction.

#### **REPORTING GRAFFITI CRIME**

If you are aware of a crime having been committed report it on 131 444. Even though police may not attend, a pattern may emerge which police can act upon.

If you suspect a crime is in progress you need to phone the police on the emergency number 000.

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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).

## DON'T BECOME A SCAM VICTIM: Useful Tips

- \* Hang up when someone you don't know calls
- Immediately delete emails from people you don't know, and from agencies or businesses that you didn't agree to receive emails from – do not click on links in those emails
- \* Never send money online to someone you haven't met in person
- \* If in doubt contact the government agency from a phone number or website that you have located and were not directed to
- \* Remember the ATO will not request payment of a debt via iTunes or Google Play cards
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- online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source
- \* If you think you have provided your bank account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately
- \* Never give an unsolicited person remote access to your computer. You may compromise the security of your device and your personal information
- \* Ensure your computer is protected with regularly updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software.

Share this information - and discuss the prevalence of these type of scams with people in your circle who may be less savvy about this type of technology or scam activity. To report a scam or for further information visit <u>www.scamwatch.gov.au</u>

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## **SAPOL/NHW** Bin sticker

SAPOL State Community Engagement Section and Neighbourhood Watch have designed a bin sticker as a resource provided to residents to encourage reporting of suspicious behaviour.

The sticker is designed to be placed on the side of the council bin so it can be seen by drivers and pedestrians as they travel along the street.

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

We need your help as a volunteer zone leader to deliver newsletters to letterboxes in your street and/or close-by every three months.Contact Bruce on 8296 5030 if you can offer any help.





# **RAA** Warning: Don't be financially squeezed by a used car lemon

More than one-in-ten used cars checked by RAA's Vehicle Inspection team last financial year were found to have been either stolen, previously written-off, or still had money owing on them.

This has prompted a "buyer beware" warning from RAA spokesman Mark Borlace to potential purchasers of used cars from private sellers.

"If you do unknowingly buy a second-hand car that's been stolen or still has money owing on it, your vehicle could be repossessed, either by law enforcement or debt collectors," he said.

"Unfortunately cars with significant issues are always in circulation, but it's very worrying to think South Australians could find themselves really out of pocket and in a difficult situation just by buying a used car."

Vehicles which have been written-off have to be repaired to an acceptable standard and checked by a state authority to be registered again, which could be costly and can affect its value.

"If you go ahead and just hand over your hard-earned cash to the private seller, what guarantees you that the seller will pay any finance that is outstanding on the car? The answer of course, is nothing," Mr Borlace said.

"That's why it's so important to do a history and mechanical check on any used car you're seriously considering buying – you don't want to be left with a huge repair bill or be out of pocket by paying someone else's debt."

Among mechanical problems found during RAA vehicle inspections this tear were

- A 2012 Ute with a cracked chassis
- · A repaired 2010 hatchback which had been written off
- A four-wheel-drive with a transmission which only provided two-wheel drive

Of the 1874 RAA pre-purchase inspections completed in 2017/18, there were 81 vehicles found to be either written off or stolen and 143 where money was still owed on the vehicle.

More than 100 other cars were found to have serious faults, which helped customers make informed decisions about their potential purchase.

A car's history can be determined using its vehicle identification number (VIN) or chassis number from the vehicle and checking it on the Personal Properties Security Register.

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To book a Vehicle Inspection with RAA, call 08 8202 4688.

## Statewide Facebook Page

A new Statewide Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page has been launched. Find us at https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchSA/





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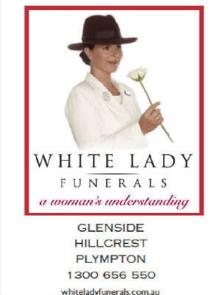


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## Police Incidents 20 February - 3 April 2019

Property Damage

1.	1920hrs 23/2	Eton Ave	Fire to small grassed area in front of premises.
2.	0500hrs 27/2	Ormonde Ave	Bird bath in front yard damaged. Offender spoken to and no action taken.
3.	2000hrs 22/3- 0830hrs 23/3	Ailsa Ave	Car parked in driveway has been keyed, offender unknown.

#### Theft

4.	2000hrs 2/3- 0845hrs 3/3	Lincoln Ave	Motorbike stolen from front porch. Recovered near railway station.
5.	0700hrs 20/3	Eton Ave	Plywood sheets stolen from a construction site by known offender.

#### Motor Vehicle Offences

6. 2130hrs 30/3-0930hrs 31/3 Eucla Ave Entry to unlocked vehicle parked on lawn, \$560 in property stolen.

#### Serious Criminal Trespass

7.	1000hrs 1 /2-	Diagonal Rd	Rear shed broken into, \$1000 in tools stolen.
	1000hrs 15/2	13	20 
8.	2000hrs 1/3- 2030hrs 1/3	Sturt Rd	Attempt made to gain entry through rear window, nil entry gained.
9	1600hrs 30/3- 0800hrs 1 /4	Ormonde Ave	Door forced open, \$1000 in computers and accessories stolen.
10	1700hrs 2/4- 1900hrs 2/4	Sunshine Ave	Entry gained through unlocked front door, vehicle keys taken from bedside table while victim asleep and vehicle stolen.

Senior Sergeant 1st Class K A Carroll, Police Coordinator



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