



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10 June 2026
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Flagstaff Hill Golf Centre
Memford Way

Ample off-street Parking
Free Door prize raffle:
6 Schott Zwiesel
champagne flutes

Guest Speaker:

Kirrilee West, Wills and Estate Planning

2026 MEETINGS

Wednesday 14 October

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Sturt Police Station

333 Sturt Rd, Bedford Park
Christies Beach Police Station
94 Dyson Rd, Christies Downs

AREA NEWS

Previous Meeting

Attendees enjoyed an informative presentation by **Heather Stevens** who described the work carried out by the Repair Café, which is a service to the community Heather started in 2022.

Open on the second Saturday of the month, and running from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, visitors to the Aberfoyle Community Centre can bring in appliances, clothing and jewellery for repair. Knife sharpening (including secateurs and saws) is another popular service offered.

Heather described how the Repair Café has several skilled volunteers who provide time and expertise free of charge, though donations are welcome to help cover the cost of volunteer insurance and consumables.

Throughout the year several events are run including mending, rug making, upcycling jewellery and home repairs.

She explained that the service appeals to those not possessing necessary handyman skills, but who would like to avoid having to throw an item away and buy a replacement.

Sometimes that item is a treasured possession: like the slow cooker brought in by a visitor who was delighted to be able to continue using the appliance as a reminder of the father who had recently passed and previously owned it.



Though not all items can be repaired, the volunteers achieve a high rate of success. Eighty percent of items presented for repair last year were fixed - saving more than 1300 kilograms from landfill!

Next Meeting: A Community Conversation on Wills and Estate Planning

Most of us know we should get our Wills and estate planning documents sorted, yet it's one of the easiest things to put off. With a little preparation done now you can spare your loved ones confusion, stress, and unnecessary expense later.

At the upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Flagstaff Golf Course, **Kirrilee West** - a locally-based Wills and Estates lawyer - will give a practical, easy to understand talk on Wills, Powers of Attorney, Advance Care Directives, and the administration of estates.



Left:

Kirrilee West, a Wills and Estate lawyer, will be speaking at our meeting on 10 June.

Come along, bring your questions (big or small), and get clarity on how to protect your wishes and your family's future. Your future self (and family) will thank you!

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from Neighbourhood Watch
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Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools
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www.crimestopperssa.com.au

KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE

Source: www.police.sa.gov.au

You like (or love!) your phone...so do thieves! Follow these tips to help keep your phone safe.

Put it away

- When you're out, don't leave your phoneying on a café table, bar or shop counter. It takes just seconds for someone to grab it.
- Keep it in a pocket or closed bag.
- If you're not using it, don't put it down, put it away.
- Be aware of your surroundings if you're using your phone or carrying it in your hand.
- If you're distracted, it's an easy target for thieves.

Lock it

- Lock the screen. Use biometrics (fingerprint or face) or a strong PIN, password or pattern.
- Consider setting up contact information in case your phone is lost. Usually this displays a mobile number on your locked screen for a trusted person who can be contacted by the finder.
- Set up "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) details that can be accessed with the screen locked. This keeps your phone safe but still allows access to vital information in case of emergencies.
- Educate yourself, know your phone's capabilities and utilise security features to help keep your phone safe
- See further information at Apple help or Android help.

Track it

- Both Apple and Android phones have built-in tools and features you can set up to help you find, lock or erase your phone remotely. Learn how to use these.
- Your phone's 15-digit IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number can help track it if it's lost or stolen.
- Record your phone's IMEI number somewhere other than on your phone.
- You can find the IMEI number of your phone by typing *#06# on the keypad.

If it gets stolen...

- Use tracking apps as soon as possible, before thieves have a chance to disable it.
- Contact your service provider to suspend your service.
- Report the theft to police and provide the IMEI and serial number if you can.
- If you're tracking your phone and believe you know where it is, immediately report this information to police on 131 444.
- Do not attempt to recover it yourself.

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 131444 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:

www.scamwatch.gov.au

SCAM TRICKING AUSTRALIANS INTO DOWNLOADING MALWARE

Source: ABC News 15 Mar 26

Scammers are targeting Australians with advertisements for 'free' tai chi classes to trick them into downloading malware capable of stealing money off their devices.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued a nationwide scam alert after dozens of people reported losing thousands of dollars over the past few months.

The ACCC said scammers were advertising 'free' tai chi classes on fake

The Adelaide-based woman said within minutes more than \$5,000 had been wiped off all her bank accounts.

"It all happened within the span of 15 minutes, so they knew what they were doing," she said.

"It was dreadful, my phone was essentially cloned somehow for them to get access to my accounts, it was just terrible."

National Anti-Scam Centre general manager Jayde Richmond said Scamwatch had received an uptick of



Above: Fake Facebook page

social media pages where people received a call or message after joining, telling them to download an application to register for the sessions.

But once the app was downloaded from a website, malware was immediately installed onto their device, which allowed scammers to access and steal their money.

There were also reports of scammers advertising fraudulent classes for other types of activities, including dancing, walking and hiking.

Pensioner Heather Janine said she was caught up in the scam after she contacted a group called 'Aussie Tai Chi Community' through a sponsored post on Facebook.

Ms Janine said she then received a call from a woman who identified herself as Ivy Lunar who "pressured" her to download an app to view the timetable for local classes.

reports about this type of scam, with people reporting losses of \$5,000 on average.

"That's well above what we would see in average loses for these types of scams, so once they get access it can be particularly damaging," Ms Richmond said.

"Part of this strategy is really targeting the types of activities that some of our older Australians might be interested in."

Ms Richmond warned scammers could be anywhere and advised people that if it seemed too good to be true, it probably was.

"The victims are going to find it incredibly difficult to think there's anything unusual about it," she said.

"If you do happen to have downloaded that link or given any personal information, take quick steps to protect yourself, contact your bank to secure your accounts and report the scam to Scamwatch."

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Flagstaff Hill Shopping Centre, Ridgeway Drive
Phone 8270 1862

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1800 333 000

South Australia

000 EMERGENCY

THINK FIRST THEN DIAL

POLICE ASSISTANCE 131444



Date	Location	Details
THROW MISSILE		
1. 30/3/26	Abberton St	Item thrown into yard over fence. Nil damage.
THEFT		
2. 7/2/26	Ridgway Dr	Vehicle entered. Items stolen from within.
3. 5/4 & 16/4/25	Ridgway Dr	Male attended store on two occasions and stole items from store. Arrested for both incidents.
4. 13/4/26	Black Rd	Vehicle entered and items stolen from within.
TRESPASS/BREAK-IN		
5. 23/3/26	Birman Cr	Garage and car entered into. Items stolen from within.

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TIPS FOR THEFT PREVENTION

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