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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491 NEXT MEETING AGM

7.30pm Monday

15th September 2025

Aberfoyle Community Centre
(corner of Sandpiper Cres
and Jessica St)

ALL WELCOME

Supper provided
by Caesar's Pizzeria

**FUTURE MEETING
17th November 2025**

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Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL 000 to report a crime in progress
or has just been committed

Should you require support with issues
within the area that are outside the remit
of our NHW group, your elected Local
Member of Parliament, Erin Thompson, can
be contacted on 8270 5122

Neighbourhood Watch Area 491 News

Previous Meeting

Our meeting on July 21 turned into one of the best our NHW Group has hosted.

We had a huge attendance, with probably the main attraction being PD (or should it be PC 'Police Canine') *Winter* and handler Brevet Sgt Chantelle Ryder.

Chantelle provided a fascinating insight into the workings of the Dog Squad, and amongst other interesting items, we learned that possibly the dogs may need 'de-training' away from detecting marijuana and hemp due to the changed legalities of those substances.

During supper, *Winter* the dog was brought in and people could get acquainted. Thanks are due to our SAPOL Brev Sgt Andrew Patterson for helping the Dog Squad to attend our meeting.

We also had a comprehensive update on local happenings from our MP for Davenport, Erin Thompson.

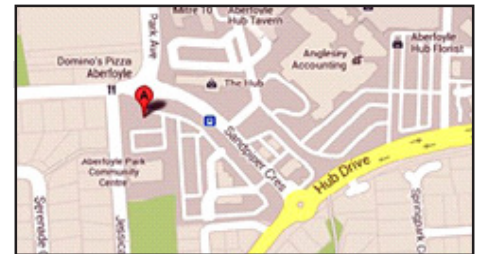
Next Meeting – Monday September 15

The next meeting is set down for Monday September 15, which is our Annual General Meeting.

Don't be shy attending our AGM, as most positions already have nominees. Our AGM is where reports will be tabled, outlining what our NHW491 has been up to over the past year. And of course, election of officers.

An added incentive is the Pizza Supper, kindly provided by Caesar's Pizzeria (8270 4460). They're a local business which deserves your support as they've been supporting us for over two decades.

Our relaxed, friendly and Covid safe NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is **Monday September 15** at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, at 7:30 pm. It is also a great chance to meet fellow residents and time for an informal chat.



Thanks

Special thanks go to our local Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (8322 5000) for their support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.

Local Scam

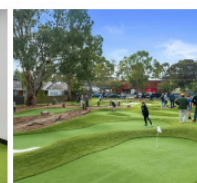
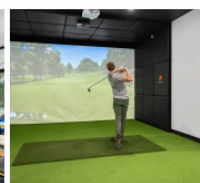
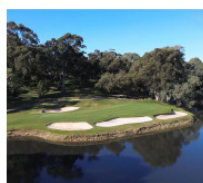
A local resident has had a person at their door asked for someone who doesn't live there. The person visited earlier and left a slip of paper on their door with a 1800 phone number (and a handwritten alternative mobile number).

The local resident has researched the number and found posts saying they are scammers. The male door knocker was apparently recording the conversation. If you have this person at your door, our advice is to not engage and report to scamwatch.gov.au. If you have security cameras, you could supply that too.

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Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

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 & scams, visit:

SAPOL:

www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

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IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au

Scammers are pretending to be the ATO and myGov

ABC News 10 July 2025

What is a tax time scam?

Tax time scams often come in the form of **phishing emails, texts or phone calls** from scammers posing as the ATO or myGov.

"Their goal is to trick people into clicking malicious links or handing over sensitive information," says Tyler McGee, from online protection company McAfee.

"With this information, scammers can commit identify theft, access your myGov account to redirect tax refunds, Centrelink payments or superannuation, or even lodge false tax returns in your name."

This is all done by offering a link in an email or text that leads to a fake website.

Data analysts at Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service, IDCARE, always detect a spike in scams impersonating the ATO in the three months after the EOFY.

"Last year, we saw a 105 per cent increase in the number of scams reported impersonating the ATO in the months after the EOFY to the general closing date for returns," IDCARE's Kathy Sundstrom says.

Why do scammers use tax time to target consumers?

Because most Australians are expecting to hear from the ATO or myGov, making fake messages seem more legitimate.

"There's also a sense of urgency and anxiety around tax deadlines, refunds, and the fear of making mistakes, which makes people more likely to respond without thinking," Mr McGee said.

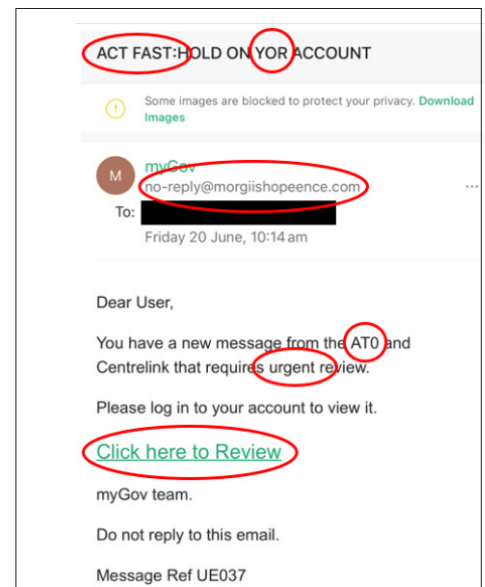
Ms Sundstrom said because scammers send out millions of messages, they only need a **"small number of people to think the message makes sense for their scam to be hugely profitable"**.

What should I do if I receive a scam email or text?

Stop, think and protect yourself.

People fall victim to scams when their guard is down.

When you're expecting a tax refund, it's easy to act on autopilot and click a link in a text message or email when you receive one.



Remember to slow down and question whether it's legitimate.

If you receive suspicious communication from the ATO or myGov, don't give away any information, scan any codes or download any attachments. Delete it immediately.

MyGov emails should always be from noreply@my.gov.au.

Because scammers often make fake websites that mimic myGov, you should always access the website by typing my.gov.au into your browser or use the official myGov app, Ms Sundstrom says.

I've been scammed.

What should I do?

You can call the Services Australia Scams and Identity Theft Helpdesk if you:

- opened a link in an email, text message or QR code
- shared your myGov details or personal information with a scammer
- downloaded a fake myGov app

If you have sent money to a scammer, you should contact your bank or financial institution immediately and ask them to stop any transactions.

They can also help you block or cancel any credit or debit cards if you shared those details with scammers.

IDCARE can also help give advice on securing your online accounts.

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Illegal tobacco products worth \$70,000 seized from stores across SA's Riverland

ABC News, 13 August, 2025

South Australia's illicit tobacco task force is continuing to see "larger volumes of product" seized in regional areas.

It comes as the task force raided six stores in the state's Riverland region last week, following "multiple complaints" to Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

More than 1,000 packets of illegal cigarettes, 500 vapes and 15 kilograms of loose tobacco were seized.

Three stores received 28-day closure orders, while another three stores received 72-hour interim closure orders.

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs Andrea Michaels said about 20 per cent of the task force's raids were in regional areas, "potentially because they think they're not going to get picked up on".

Ms Michaels said some of the raids conducted nationally had involved organised crime gangs.

"It's essentially bkie gangs making their money to fund their other illegal operations," she said.

The minister noted that as CBS conducted more raids, the tactics of the organised crime gangs had changed.

"We [used to] see hundreds of packets of cigarettes being seized in one go, but they've changed their models to keep very low volumes of stock because they're getting more inspectors from CBS," Ms Michaels said.

Toughest laws in the country

The South Australian government invested an additional \$16 million in its last budget to create the illicit tobacco task force, employing 22 staff within CBS.

Ms Michaels said since July 1 last year the task force had removed \$30 million of illegal tobacco products from SA streets.

Reforms to the state's tobacco laws started on June 5, enforcing greater police powers, longer closure orders and harsher penalties for premises suspected of selling illegal tobacco and vapes.



The minister now has the power to shut illegal tobacco stores for up to 28 days and enforce closure orders of up to 12 months through a magistrate.

Under these amendments, SA now has the toughest penalties in the nation for those caught selling illicit tobacco and vapes, with fines of up to \$6.6 million.

Organised Crime

Australian Association of Convenience Stores (AACS) chief executive Theo Foukkare said organised crime gangs continued to flood the market, with about 4,000 illegal stores suspected across the country.

Mr Foukkare said SA has the "gold standard model" for combating the illicit tobacco trade and it should be applied on a federal level.

"In Australia today we have the Commonwealth set of laws and we also have different laws in each state. We need uniform enforcement and [the recognition of] a criminal association wrapped up into one to combat this," he said.

"We really need a different approach, otherwise within three to five years the entire nicotine market in Australia will be run by organised crime groups."

Mr Foukkare said the AACS would continue to advocate for national law change and crack down on organised crime gangs.

"If you're participating in selling illegal tobacco or vapes, you're effectively supporting organised criminals," he said.

Remember: See Something, Say something, Call Crime Stoppers



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Dr Deepak Janardhan MBBS, FRACGP
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Monday 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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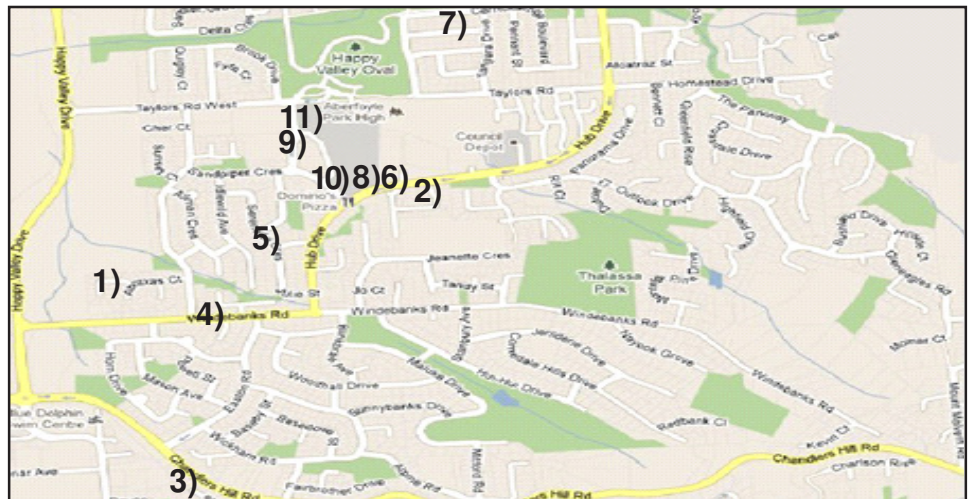


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PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 01/09/24- Abraxas Ct Malicious damage to rental property. Value \$58,000. 21/03/25
- 05/07/25 Hub Dr Liquor store window repeatedly hit with a large rock. Damage \$200. CCTV available.
- 11/7/25 Wickham Rd, HV Hammer used to crack back window and windscreen of vehicle. Value \$2,000.
- 24/7/25 Windebanks Rd Person kicked fence causing dents in multiple places. Damage \$600.
- 16/08/25 Serenade Cr Vehicle parked in carport had tyres slashed and numerous panels 'keyed'. Damage \$3000.

THEFT

- 29/06/25 Hub Dr 2 males walked into BWS, selected premix cans of liquor and left without paying. Value \$114.
- 11/7/25 Carrickalinga Bvd Theft of medication from vehicle while parked in driveway.
- 30/05/25 Hub Dr Goods stolen from Woolworths. 22yo female from O'Halloran Hill arrested by police. Value \$325.
- 31/07/25 Park Av 3 males entered OTR and stole food items worth \$264. CCTV available.

FRAUD/DECEPTION/DISHONESTY

- 10.04/08/25 Hub Dr Person has paid using counterfeit \$20 note at supermarket checkout.
- 11.18/08/25 Park Av Fraudulent \$50 note used at petrol station.

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Erin Thompson MP

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