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PANORAMA

NHW AREA 64/193

NEXT MEETING

Trinity Church Hall,
Pasadena

Monday 7pm
21st September
ALL WELCOME

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

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IMPERSONATION SCAMS

An impersonation scam is when someone pretends to be a trusted person or organisation to trick you into giving them your money or personal information.

They may contact you by phone, text, email or social media, and often try to rush you so you don't stop to check.

Signs this may be a scam

It may be an impersonation scam if someone:

- Contacts you unexpectedly claiming to be from a bank, government agency, police or another trusted organisation
- Creates urgency by saying there is a problem that needs fixing straight away
- Claims your account, payment or personal details are at risk
- Asks you to move money, make a payment or reverse a transaction
- Requests access to your device or asks you to download software.

How to help protect yourself

- Take your time - scammers rely on pressure
- Contact the organisation directly using details you trust
- Use the official website or app instead of links in messages
- Never share your passwords, PINs and Secure Codes, we'll never ask for them.

Source: BankSA

CAN YOU HELP?

We have had some of our newsletter delivery volunteers leave our zone and thus need replacements.

*We need someone to **deliver to homes from 18-45 Strathcona Av.***

If you can spare an hour or so every quarter please contact Sesh on 0403486065 or email to 'panoramaneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com'

For a small amount of your time every 3rd month you can help Panorama be a better place - while getting some healthy exercise.

REPORTING GRAFFITI

Council property

City of Mitcham 1300 133 466

Stobie poles / ETSA boxes

SA Power Networks 131 261

Payphones 132203

Public Transport /

Private property

Sturt Police 8207 4700

SAPOL 131444

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

- Park in well-lit areas
- Remove all valuables
- Lock your vehicle

SECURITY REMINDER

Do not park your car in the street unless absolutely necessary.

If you leave your car in your drive way make sure it is locked and there are no valuables left in plain sight.

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THINK FIRST THEN DIAL



POLICE ASSISTANCE 131 444

CRIME STOPPERS

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities on 1800 333 000

HERE'S SOME TIPS

from Neighbourhood Watch on how to secure your home.

THIEVES HATE ROSES!

Plant prickly bushes under your windows to deter thieves from breaking in.



TIDY UP YOUR TOOLS!

Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools can help thieves enter your house.



CHANGE YOUR HABITS!

Complete our home security habits quiz to find free and easy ways to improve your home security.



Complete the Quiz!



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REMOTE ACCESS SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

A remote access scam is when someone contacts you and as part of their conversation, requests you download software or an app that shares remote access to your device.

Remote access scammers are after access to your computer or mobile, which will enable them to see the information on your device. Once access is shared, scammers often coerce you to sign into internet banking and perform transactions.

They may also use this access to steal your personal data or gain access to your friends and family's information.

Signs this may be a scam

- Someone contacts you needing assistance to catch hackers, fix NBN or computer issues, help with secretive tasks or to provide a refund - **Hang up**. Legitimate organisations will not require your assistance with any of these scenarios.
- An unexpected caller is asking to access your device by downloading software (e.g. Team Viewer, Any Desk or Quick Support). They may ask you not to tell anyone - Do not follow their directions. **Just hang up**.
- A caller is asking you to logon to Internet Banking or share your Secure codes - **Hang up**. Never logon to Internet Banking if you are sharing access to your device. Never share your Secure codes with anyone.
- A caller asks you to make transactions, or 'refund' a deposit you see in your account and coaches you what to say to the bank - **Do not make any payments or action any refunds**. Always be honest with the bank so they can help protect your money.

Tips

- Never provide remote access to an unsolicited caller.
- Verify the call is genuine by calling the company on a publicly advertised number, not on a number provided by the caller or in an SMS or pop-up window.
- **Never share your Internet Banking passwords or Secure codes with anyone.**

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



INVESTMENT SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

An investment scam is where scammers convince you to invest in **high return** investments.

The investments vary widely and may be in shares, real estate, bonds, mortgages, options or foreign currency trading, bitcoin, even betting syndicates and foolproof prediction software.

Scammers may claim to be bankers, stockbrokers, financial planners or other investment professionals, they may seem knowledgeable on investment matters and even send you links to legitimate looking fake websites and prospectus documents.

Often the account name you are directed to pay differs to that of the investment company.

Online investment scams have been known to use celebrities' names and pictures (without them knowing) to endorse their schemes.

Signs this may be a scam

• The return on an investment sounds too good to be true -

Always research before any investment, fully understand the risks. Get independent financial advice from your accountant or financial adviser.

• **You are told you can access your Super before you retire** - It is illegal to access your super early under normal circumstances and the taxation office can apply penalties if you do.

• **You are put under time pressure to invest or subscribe now** - Do not act immediately. Check financial advisors are registered via the ASIC website.

• **You are offered software that can predict sports or racing**



events or financial markets for high returns - Caution! No person or computer software can predict the future reliably.

• **You are offered support to help you invest via remote access to your device** - Do not download software or an app that shares remote access to your device.

Scammers use this to access your personal and financial information.

Remember

• If it seems too good to be true, it probably is! Be suspicious of investment opportunities that promise a high return with little or no risk.

• Do not give your personal or financial details to unsolicited callers or reply to emails, SMS or advertisements offering financial advice or investment opportunities.

• Always do thorough research on apps, investment companies or advisors, and check for a valid Australian Financial Services Licence. Always look up the organisation's official information or website yourself, do not use any links you may receive via emails, pop ups, or advertisements. You can visit moneysmart.gov.au to check the list of 'Companies you should not deal with'.

• Do not let anyone pressure you into making decisions about your money or investments. Always seek a trusted second opinion.

• Install and keep security software up to date on all devices. Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails – just delete them.

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WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



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.

**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.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

- 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.

Police Incidents 1 May - 31 July 2026



Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 18/5/26 Boothby Street Three vehicles belonging to same victim parked in street had tyres slashed. Value \$1440
2. 4/7/26 O'Neil Street Vehicle parked on street had window smashed. Value \$1000
3. 6/7/26 Lyall Avenue Vehicle parked in street had external mirror damaged.
4. 7/7/26 Goodwood Rd Letterbox damaged. Value \$100
5. 8/7/26 Goodwood Rd Vehicle parked in driveway had various panels damaged and scratched.

THEFT

6. 24/06/26 Goodwood Rd Vehicle parked at business premises had rear number plate stolen. Value \$34
7. 27/5/26 Eliza Place Bicycle stolen from carport area. Value \$500

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

8. 10/5/26 Bonview Av House broken into. Door lock damaged, keys to vehicle stolen and vehicle taken. Value \$20,400
9. 4/6/26 Columbia Av CLAPHAM House broken into by smashing window. Photographic equipment & cash stolen. Value \$540
10. 16/7/26 Boothby St CLAPHAM Entry gained into house. Jewellery and electronic items stolen. Value \$51,800

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