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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Monday
16th March 2026

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

Guest Speaker

SA MedicAlert - Porscha Sinoch

ALL WELCOME

FUTURE MEETING

7:30pm 18th May

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333 Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA

Ph: 8207 4700 7 days 9am-9pm

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

At our meeting in January, we had the pleasure of hearing Bernadette from the Australian Red Cross.

"Bernie" spoke on Emergency Redi. The information delivered was about how to be prepared for an emergency evacuation.

The booklet and bag we received are a valuable resource designed to protect what matters the most.

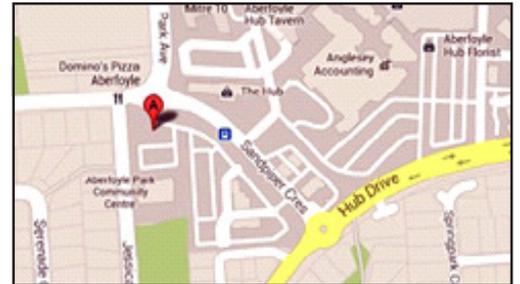
If you missed the meeting and want a RediPlan kit, we have a few extras that will be available at our March meeting.

We once again thank **Cesar's Pizza** (8270 4460) for sponsoring our supper at this meeting. Please keep supporting local businesses, like Cesar's, who continue to help Neighbourhood Watch.

Next Meeting – Monday 16 March

On March 16 we are due to hear from Porscha Sinoch who is a South Australia representative for MedicAlert. These devices we've likely heard of, but we will be enlightened on what is involved in the operation and monitoring of MedicAlert.

Our relaxed, friendly and Covid safe NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is **Monday March 16** at the Aberfoyle Community Centre, at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also a great chance to



meet fellow residents and time for an informal chat as a group.

Thanks

As always, a special thanks to our local Harcourts Tagni Real Estate (8322 5000) for their continued support by funding the hire of the Aberfoyle Community Centre for our meetings.



Kerbside and Bin Numbering

Let NHW paint your house number on the kerbside for \$10 and for only an extra \$3 each, we can do your garbage, green-waste, and recycling bins as well. That's your kerb and 3 bins for a total of only \$19.

We are far less than other providers charge. Our prices are extremely low because our service is run by volunteers. The small fee helps keep our NHW group operating. Call NHW's Bruce on 0449 871 035 or email numbering@nhw491.com.au to get it done.

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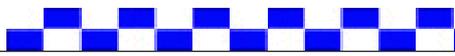
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AGE-RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Source: www.e-safety.gov.au

As of 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms including **Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X** and **YouTube** need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account in order to comply with the social media minimum age (SMMA) obligation.

Under-16s are still allowed to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.

The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged into social media accounts.

These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

More generally, age restrictions will apply to social media platforms that meet three specific conditions, unless they are excluded based on criteria set in out in legislative rules made by the Minister for Communications in July 2025.

The conditions for age restriction are:

- the sole purpose, or a significant purpose, of the service is to enable online social interaction between two or more end-users
- the service allows end-users to link to, or interact with, some or all of the other end-users
- the service allows end-users to post material on the service.

It's not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts.

This means there will be no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers, to prevent Australians under 16 from having accounts on their platforms to comply

with the social media minimum age (SMMA) obligation. However, age-restricted **social media platforms may face penalties** if they don't take reasonable steps to prevent under-16s from having accounts.

Details about how the age restrictions operate and other information that will help Australians deal with the change can be found at eSafety's social media age restrictions hub.

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

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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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.

GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously.

When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following descriptive features:

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishable clothing
- ✓ Haircut and colour
- ✓ Facial hair
- ✓ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ✓ Approximate height
- ✓ Voice / speech / language
- ✓ Body language

DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour it is important to take note of the following:



- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ Vehicle colour, make and model
- ✓ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel Driver / occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks or towbars etc

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ Record date, time and location of the incident Report where and what is happening
- ✓ Stay on the phone
- ✓ If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening
- ✓ Take photos with a camera or mobile device, if it's safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly.

WHAT TO REPORT



Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours. If you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you call and report it to police.

- ✓ A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- ✓ A vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.
- ✓ Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.
- ✓ One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.
- ✓ Transactions being conducted at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis
- ✓ Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence, human trafficking or an abduction.
- ✓ Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.

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- Dr Sudhir Anand MBBS, FRACGP, DCP, PG Dip Diabetes
- Dr Deepak Janardhan MBBS FRACGP
- Dr Anurag Pillai MD FRACGP

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| Monday | 8:30 am - 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursday | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm |
| Friday | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm |
| Sunday | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm |

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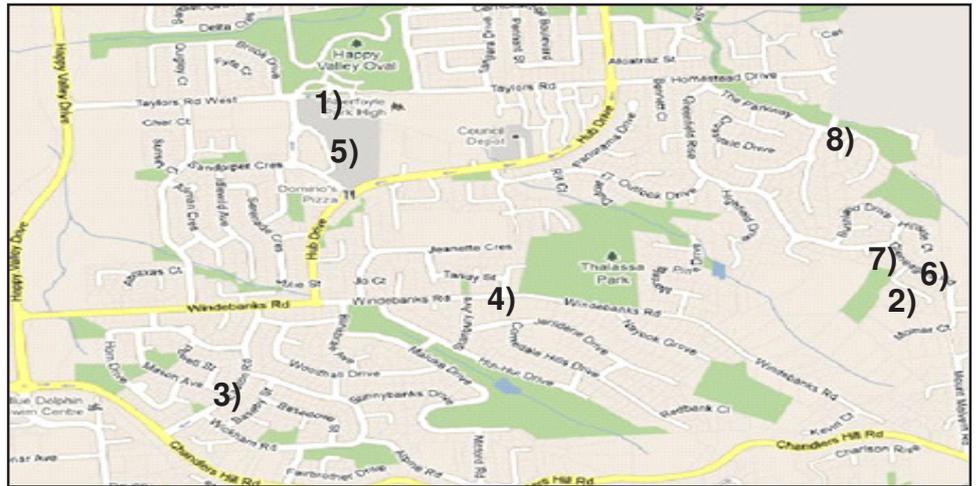
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| Date | Location | Details |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| PROPERTY DAMAGE | | |
| 1. 06/01/26 | Taylor's Rd | Small fire lit inside shipping container in car park of Aberfoyle Park High School. |
| THEFT | | |
| 2. 20/12/25 | Greenville Cl | Trailer stolen from outside home address overnight. Value \$6000. |
| 3. 26/12/25 | Baseby St, HV | Fridge with beer inside stolen from back of ute canopy. Value \$600. |
| 4. 01/02/26 | Windebanks Rd | Reporting person claims his vehicle was stolen from his driveway but returned a couple of days later. Both registration plates, an E-bike, and hand tools missing. |
| 5. 05/02/26 | Hub Dr | Front registration plate stolen from vehicle parked at shopping centre from 8:15am and 2:45pm. |
| TRESPASS/BREAK-IN | | |
| 6. 14/10/25 | Gleneagles Rd | Attempted entry to house by forcing side window. Damage \$200. (Late report) |
| 7. 28/12/25 | Gleneagles Rd | Attempted entry to house by forcing rear laundry window. Damage \$200. |
| 8. 27/12/25 | The Parkway | Attempted entry to house by forcing security screen door. Damage \$2000. |

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