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REYNELLA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 146

NEXT MEETING
7pm 17th December

Reynella Sports and
Social Club Rooms

ALL WELCOME

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Reynella
Neighbourhood Watch
Committee and members
wish our residents a
Merry Christmas and a
happy and safe 2026



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Area News Showcase 2025

Our 4th Showcase was held on the 2nd of November.

Unfortunately, we had bad weather so we were unable to hold the event on the oval.

A very sincere thank you to the President of the Hackham footy club, who allowed us to set up inside the club rooms and under the veranda.

Thank you to all the stallholders who participated, and to everyone who attended and helped to save the day.

I would also like to thank our committee and members for their help before, during and after the event.

Newsletters

As another year draws to a close we would like to sincerely thank all those people who continue to deliver our newsletters.

It is only with your help and support that we can keep our community informed, about home and personal security and police incidents in our area.

Joy Rolls, Coordinator
Reynella NHW

Around the House Holiday Safety

It will soon be Holiday Season!

- **Keep your property safe if going away.**
- **Lock up securely and have someone collect your mail and papers.**
- **Don't leave a key in an obvious place.**
- **Install a NHW keylock safe to house a spare key. The combination can be left with a neighbour or friend to access the house if needed i.e. feeding animals, watering plant etc..**

Christmas Recipe Santa's Buttons

Ingredients

150g butter
5 tbsps sugar
½ tsp vanilla essence
1 ¼ cups flour
6 tbsps cornflour
½ cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
2 tbsps strawberry jam



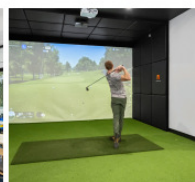
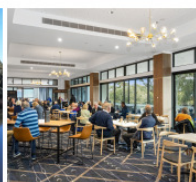
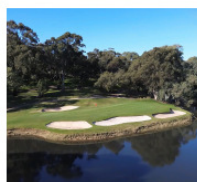
Method

Melt butter in a saucepan large enough to mix all ingredients, remove from heat.
Stir in sugar and vanilla essence.
Sift flour and cornflour in to saucepan.
Mix until well combined.
Roll tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls.
Roll in nuts & place on a greased oven tray.
Make a small dent in centre of each biscuit and fill with a little jam.
Bake at 160 C for 15 to 20 mins or until golden brown.

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**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.

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

The 'Too Good to Be True' Trap: How to Avoid Online Scams This Festive Season

Scammers might be getting sneakier – but you can learn to spot their common tricks and ruses with Be Connected.

In the lead-up to the festive season, scammers are counting on people being busy, distracted, and frantically looking for last-minute deals.

From fake parcel delivery texts to bargain sales on items you love, scammers know how to play on (and manipulate) a sense of urgency, love of a bargain, and trust.

But help is a click away. The Be Connected website offers free and easy-to-follow learning resources to help you build your digital skills and safety online.

November sessions

• **13 November, 3pm AEDT**

Protect yourself against scams 18 November, 3pm AEDT

– Helpful apps for your smart device

• **25 November, 10am AEDT**

Safer online shopping: The festive season edition

Register or find out more at:

beconnected.esafety.gov.au/bookings

Stay safe online with Be Connected

Be Connected has lots of practical resources to help you navigate the online world with confidence, including:

- Spotting scams: Learn how to recognise phishing emails, fake investment schemes, and crypto scams
- Blocking unwanted calls: Reduce nuisance and telemarketing calls with simple tools
- Boosting security: Get tips on strong passwords, antivirus protection, and keeping your devices safe

Explore the full range of free resources at: beconnected.esafety.gov.au/online-safety

Need more than a webpage to feel confident? Join a free online presentation.



Source: SAPOL website

Safe buying and selling online

When buying or selling online, particularly for vehicles, current model phones or expensive items, be aware of online safety advice and plan the exchange.

Follow these tips to stay safe during an exchange.

Check them out

- Look into the buyer/seller before meeting up.
- Google them, look at their marketplace profile. Have they had previous sales? Do they have other items for sale? Any reviews?
- Social media pages that have recently been created or have few followers may indicate they're fake.
- When you do meet, take note of the person's appearance, including their vehicle and the vehicle's registration number.
- If selling a vehicle and the sale progresses to a test drive, ask to see buyer identification, e.g. driver's licence, and consider taking a photograph of it.

Location

- Your personal safety is your priority when arranging to meet up.
- Don't meet up in isolated locations.
- Consider meeting in a public area during daylight hours where CCTV is in use and people are around.
- If you must meet at your house, try to avoid allowing entry into your home.
- Have the item ready by the front door or outside.

Don't be alone

- If possible, choose a time when someone trusted can go with you or be present at home.

Instinct

- Consider the surroundings and trust your instincts.
- If you feel uncomfortable with any aspect of the sale or purchase, cancel the meet up. It's OK to cancel! You don't have to continue.
- Remember that if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Australia's critical infrastructure under fire

by Olivia Caisley, ABC News, 14 October 2025

Australia's cyber intelligence agency has warned state-sponsored cyber groups are increasingly targeting the nation's most vital systems amid a 111 per cent spike in malicious activity on critical infrastructure over the past year.

The Australian Signals Directorate's annual cyber threat report shows the body notified operators of critical services — things like energy, food, water, transport, communications, health and banking — of cyber interference more than 190 times over the past financial year, up from 90 the year before.

"Critical infrastructure is, and will continue to be, an attractive target for state sponsored actors, cyber criminals, and hackers, largely due to large sensitive data holdings and the critical services that support Australia's economy," the report says.

Two federal government agencies also met the threshold of being "extensively compromised" during this time period.

"State-sponsored cyber actors pose a serious and growing threat," the report warns, noting they "may seek to degrade and disrupt Australia's critical services and undermine our ability to communicate at a time of strategic advantage".

ASD director-general Abigail Bradshaw said the agency was now receiving one report of a cyber attack every six minutes.

"Cybercriminals are leveraging new and emerging technology to increase the speed and scale of their attacks, and continue to target Australians," she said.



AI fuelling the next wave of cyber threats

Artificial intelligence is amplifying the cyber threat landscape, enabling attackers to operate faster and at greater scale, according to Australia's federal cyber agency.

"The prevalence of artificial intelligence almost certainly enable[s] malicious cyber actors, cybercriminals and hackers to execute attacks on a larger scale and at a faster rate," the ASD's Annual Cyber Threat Report says.

"The potential opportunities open to malicious cyber actors continue to grow in line with Australia's increasing uptake of and reliance on internet-connected technology."

ASD recorded more than 1,700 notifications of potential malicious cyber activity last year — an 83 per cent increase from the previous period — with critical infrastructure again a major target.

ASD director-general Abigail Bradshaw said the financial toll of cybercrime continued to climb.

"The average self-reported cost of a cybercrime showed a significant increase for medium and large business of \$97,200 (up 55 per cent) and \$202,700 (up 219 per cent)," she said.

The ASD warns that as organisations integrate AI systems, they must do so with security in mind.

"Businesses must ensure that in order to harness the full benefits and productivity associated with AI, a safe and secure approach is taken to the integration of AI technologies," the report says.

ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL.

The Current National Terrorism Threat Level remains at **PROBABLE** with basic weapons, including hostile vehicles, used in a crowded place, being the most likely form of attack in Australia.

National safety advice centres on three simple words that are easy to remember and act on in a moment of crisis: **ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL.**

- **Escape** – move quickly and quietly away from danger, but only if it is safe to do so.
- **Hide** – stay out of sight and silence your mobile phone.
- **Tell** – call the police by dialling Triple Zero (000) when it is safe.

While many people instinctively know to move away from danger, fewer are aware of other critical actions, such as silencing their phone or calling Triple (000) when safe.

ESCAPE HIDE TELL messaging can significantly improve awareness and ensure people remember the steps they can take to protect themselves and those around them.

This advice is being provided so the public is prepared if there is an incident, not because one is expected.

Preparedness is not about creating alarm. It is about ensuring people have confidence in their ability to respond if an attack occurs.

For more information visit the National Security website: <https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/what-can-i-do/what-to-do-in-an-attack> Source: SAPOL

Help protect your car and property from thieves!



Remove all your valuables from your vehicle.



Keep vehicle interior tidy, even shopping bags can entice thieves!



Tradies! Ensure tools and trade equipment are secure and out of sight.



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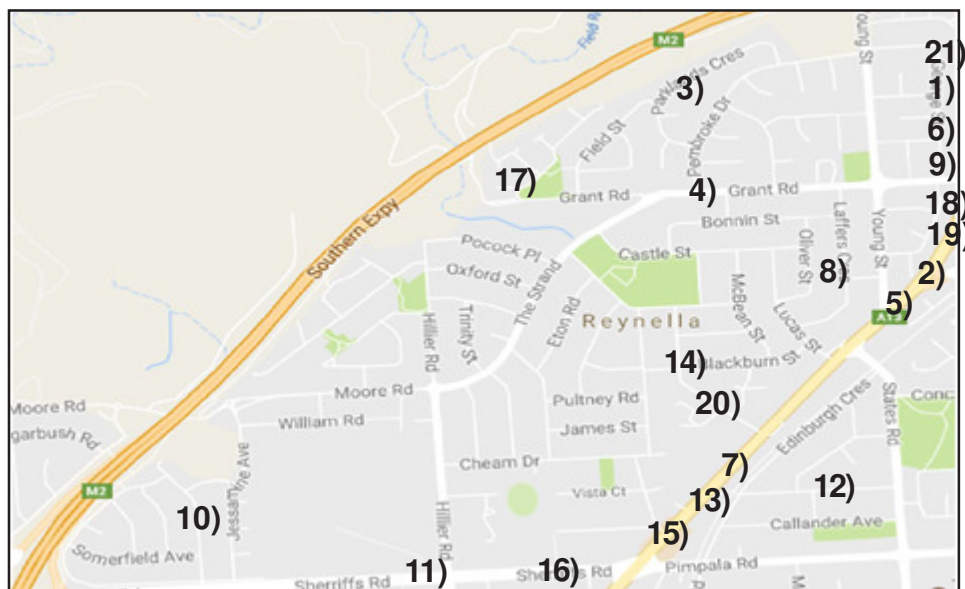
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Date	Location	Details
PROPERTY DAMAGE		
1. 30/08/25	Old South Rd	Graffiti using black marker. Damage \$500.
2. 15/9/25	Main South Rd	Window damaged. Value \$2,000. CCTV available
THEFT		
3. 22/08/25	Parklands Cr	Theft of items. Value \$2,000. Plus property damage worth \$2,000.
4. 1/09/25	Grant Rd	Theft from home.
5. 12/09/25	Main South Rd	Items stolen.
6. 15/09/25	Old South Rd	Shop theft. Value \$280. CCTV available
7. 15/09/25	Main South Rd	Property stolen from work trailer
8. 16/09/25	Laffers Cr	Attempted theft.
9. 21/09/25	Old South Rd	Theft from shop. Value \$345.80. CCTV available
10. 4/11/25	Bimbadeene Rd	Theft of belongings.
11. 6/11/25	Hillier Rd	Theft of purse from shopping centre containing \$655 cash and 2 bank cards.
12. 11/11/25	Queensferry Rd	Both number plates stolen from vehicle.
13. 13/11/25	Main South Rd	Theft of items from service station. Padlock smashed. Value \$220. CCTV available.
14. 14/11/25	Blackburn St	Theft from property (?). Value \$2700.
15. 16/11/25	Main South Rd	Two items stolen from service station. Value \$700. CCTV available.
TRESPASS/BREAK-IN		
16. 1/10/25	Sherriffs Rd	Break-in (?) and theft from store. Value \$280. CCTV available.
17. 30/10/25	Summerhill Cl	Trespass. CCTV available
FRAUD/COUNTERFEIT NOTES		
18. 3/9/25	Main South Rd	2 counterfeit \$50 notes used in transaction.
19. 15/10/25	Old South Rd	Counterfeit \$20 note passed to purchase item from store. Male suspect in vehicle with 2 occupants.
THREATENING BEHAVIOUR		
20. 5/09/25	Taylor St	Offender smashed window. Then threatened victim with broken glass.
21. 14/9/25	Old South Rd	2 males attended store, presented a knife to staff at the night window. Then damaged window with knife.

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- 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.