

Neighbourhood Watch SA

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ABERFOYLE PARK & HAPPY VALLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 491

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Monday **21st July 2025**

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Brevet Sgt Chantelle Ryder & Winter (the dog) - SAPOL Dog Operations Unit

FUTURE MEETING 15th September 2025

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Sturt Police Station

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 on May 19, we again had the pleasure of hearing from Tony Ey from the RAA with another professional audio-visual presentation, where our attendees were able to lodge answers to 'Right/Wrong' quiz questions in real time by using electronic 'clickers'.

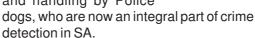
The subject was an upgraded Quiz on road rules in South Australia, and audience reaction confirmed that this update for our locals was possibly overdue!

There was also a delivery from Cr. Geoff Eaton on latest Council happenings including the ongoing Majors Road upgrade for the Southern Motorway.

Next Meeting Monday July 21

OurnextNHW meeting in July will be something "different" — a visit by SAPOL Dog Operations Unit.

Leading dog handler Brevet Sgt Chantelle Ryder is due to provide an interesting presentation on what's involved in training and handling by Police



'Winter', who is trained in drug detection will also be present, so tell your friends, all are welcome to come along and hear, what should be, a fascinating talk.

Welcome

Our relaxed and friendly NHW meetings are held on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is **Monday July 21st** 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.

All community members are welcome at our meetings. You are free to simply take the information given and/or voice your opinion and concerns regarding local issues.

We hope you can all join us for what should be another most informative night. If you can't attend our meeting and have an issue or concern, you can simply email it to contactus@nhw491.com.au. We can raise it at our next meeting, attend to it ourselves or direct it to the appropriate person(s).

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.





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Do you know your numbers?

We want people to watch a commercial aimed at preventing high blood pressure

Why do we need your help?

Our research team at Flinders are looking for participants to watch an animated commercial about high blood pressure

What is involved?

We will ring you on the telephone to complete a survey about your knowledge of high blood pressure and book a time to watch the commercial via Zoom

During the Zoom session:

- Watch the commercial (1 minute)
- Complete the high blood pressure survey again
- Respond to questions regarding your views about the commercial
- Watching the commercial, completing the survey and sharing your feedback will take approximately 30-60 minutes
- ◆ Have your camera turned on during the zoom session

We will reimburse you for your time

Who should I contact ? Katie Nesbitt by email to katie.nesbitt@flinders.edu.au

or scan the QR code below:





This research project has been approved by Flinders University's Human Research Ethics Committee (Project ID 8249). If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this study, you may contact Flinders University's Research Ethics & Compliance Office via telephone on 08 8201 2543 or by email human-researchethics@flinders.edu.au.

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

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

If you receive this Newsletter then you live in our zone. If you can spare about one hour every second month please contact us by email at

newsletter@nhw491.com.au

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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 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.

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:

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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

Knife Law Changes

The South Australian Government has introduced new knife laws banning the possession of swords and machetes (that do not qualify for an exemption) and making it illegal to sell a knife to a minor under the age of 18.



These changes provide police with extra tools to prevent crime, take weapons off our streets, and to keep the community safe.

Knife crime legislation reforms (phase 2) will begin July 1, 2025.

The changes will amend the Summary Offences Act 1953 and include:

- banning the sale of knives to minors (under 18 years old)
- creating a new criminal offence of supplying a knife to a minor
- existing offences involving knives and other offensive weapons at schools and public places to be expanded to also apply at education facilities more broadly (including childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools, and at universities, TAFE campuses and other tertiary education facilities) and places of worship
- classifying machetes and swords, which were previously offensive weapons, as prohibited weapons (meaning that their use, possession, sale, manufacture and other dealings will be more strictly controlled).

What exemptions apply?

The legislation allows you to lawfully surrender swords and machetes. If you are transporting a sword or machete to a police station you will be considered exempt.

What if I have a sword or machete?

If you have a sword or machete and you are not looking to retain them for the purposes covered by an exemption, you are required to surrender them to police.

How do I surrender a sword or machete?

There will be a three-month surrender period from 1 July 2025. You are encouraged to dispose of your prohibited weapon by taking it to your local police station (except for Hindley or Grenfell Street stations) from Tuesday, 1 July.

When transporting and surrendering your sword or machete you will need to:

- Ensure the weapon is safe by covering the blade with a sheath or thick cardboard and fixed/sticky taped in place.
- Ensure your behaviour is calm with no threatening movements.

You can remain anonymous.

After the three-month surrender period, swords and machetes may still be surrendered at a police station, however, personal details will then be required.

What do I do if I suspect someone of possessing an unlawful sword or machete or is intending to commit an offence with a knife?

You can make a report to Crime Stoppers online or call 1800 333 000.

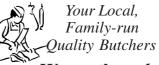
How can I report businesses doing the wrong thing?

You can make a report by calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.



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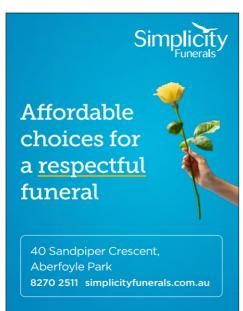


Police Incidents 28 April - 26 June 2025

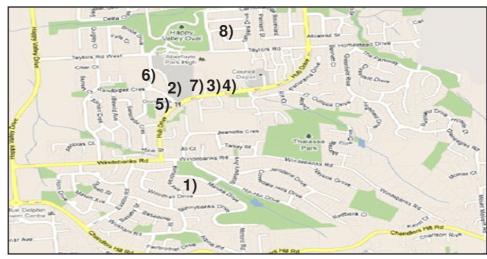


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Date Location **Details**

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. 10/05/25 Beulah Ct, Happy Valley Rocks thrown on roof damaging 2 tiles.
- 2. 29/05/25 Hub Dr Parked vehicle 'keyed' at Hub Shopping Centre. Damage \$5500

THEFT

- 3. 04/05/25 Hub Dr 7 suspects entered store and stole 10 bottles of
- 4. 06/05/25 Hub Dr
- 5. 29/04/25 Sandpiper Cr
- 6. 16/06/25 Park Av
- 7. 22/05/25 Hub Dr

TRESPASS/BREAKIN

8. 22/06/25 Dalpura Gr

bourbon and 3 packs of mixed alcohol. Value \$816. 4 suspects store stole alcohol. Value \$1200. CCTV .

Dominoes sign stolen from top of car. Theft of petrol. Value \$20. CCTV available. Male stole alcohol from store. Value \$644.

Attempted break-in. Window screen cut. Suspect/s scared off by dog.

BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION

9. 09/06/25 Aberfoyle Park Victim coerced into sending intimate images via Snapchat and extorted into sending \$13,000.

CYBER CRIME

10.23/02/24 Aberfoyle Park Victim sent \$1850 in Apple gift cards after speaking online with suspect on Telegram for over 1 year.

HOME SECURITY

Reduce opportunities for thieves to gain entry into your home, by following these crime prevention strategies.

Four simple ways to help keep it secure are by locking all doors and windows, installing a fence around your property, installing a doorbell camera or security camera and by keeping car keys out of sight.

Doors and windows

- Lock external doors. This includes the door between your garage and house, which becomes an external door when your garage is open.
- Keep your garage, shed and gates shut and locked if possible.
- Fit good quality, keyed locks on doors and windows.

- Remove valuables and keys or remotes and keep them out of sight, not in the hallway, bedside drawer or the kitchen counter.
- Keep cars locked at all times, even in the
- Keep bikes out of sight, in a shed, garage or inside the house. Secure with a quality U or D lock.

Outdoors

- Any fence, even a low fence or hedge around your property, acts as a physical barrier to
- Put away garden tools, ladders and wheelie bins. They can help thieves enter your house.

Security cameras

 Consider installing a doorbell camera or security camera.