



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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## REYNELLA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 146

**NEXT MEETING**  
7pm 17th September

Reynella Sports and  
Social Club Rooms

**ALL WELCOME**

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

## FUTURE MEETING

Wednesday 17th December



### Area Co-ordinator:

Joy Rolls Ph: 0418 839 046

### Email:

joyrolls11@gmail.com

### Secretary:

Stefanie

### Newsletter Co-ordinator:

Dawn Ph: 0410 538 122

### Police Co-ordinator:

Constable Ashleigh Peralta

## SOUTHERN COMMUNITY SHOWCASE 2025

**DATE:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**VENUE:** The Hackham Football Club Oval

**WHERE:** Cnr of States & Doctors Rd Hackham

### FREE ENTRY

### COMMUNITY STALLS & CRAFT STALLS

#### ATTRACTIONS:



SA Scouts Climbing Wall  
Rainbow Animal Farm  
Inflatable Games (Softball, Basket  
Ball, Axe Throwing, and Soccer)  
Face Painter  
Coffee, Doughnuts,  
Ice Cream, Fairy Floss  
BBQ by the Football Club  
Bar Open

## Newsletter Deliverers Needed

### YOUR HELP IS WANTED

This may be the last time you receive this Newsletter. At least 5 of our valued volunteers can no longer deliver newsletters due to age or ill health. This leaves many streets in our area not covered by our distribution. We desperately need more volunteers to cover these areas. Your effort would be greatly appreciated.

If you could and would, walk at least the length of your own street 4 times a year **please contact** Dawn on 0410 538 122 or Joy on 0418 839 046.

*Walking is good for your health and can be good for your neighbourhood too!*

## ATO and myGov Scams

ABC News 10 July 2025

### Tax time Scams

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.

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

Stop, think and protect yourself.

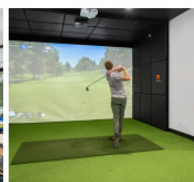
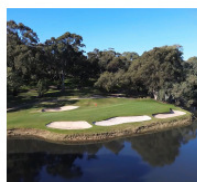
Remember to slow down and question whether it's legitimate.

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.

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## 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](http://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](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/scams)

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org)

SCAMwatch:

[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

## 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





# 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.

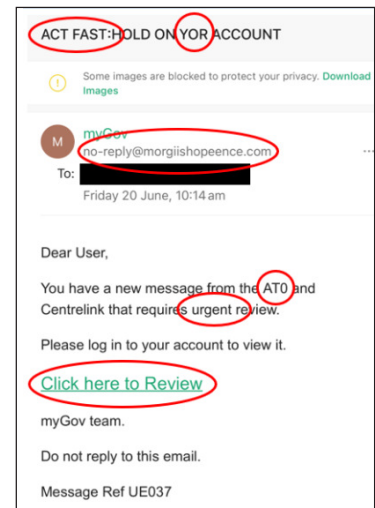
After the three-month surrender period, swords and machetes may still be surrendered at a police station, however, personal details will then be required.

## 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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Left: A typical scam email showing tell-tale traits; 1. urgency, 2. errors, 3. fake email address, and 4. fake link

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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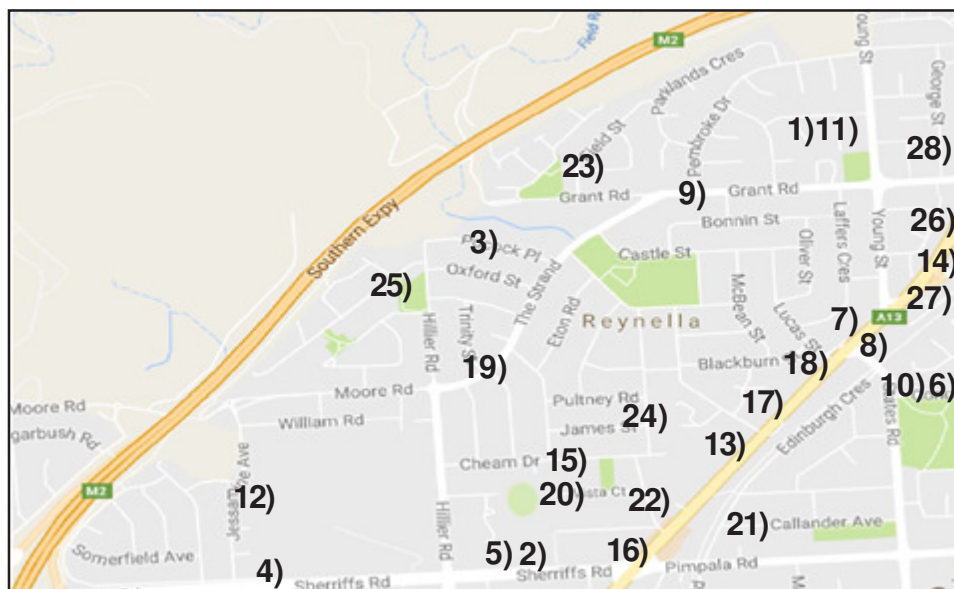
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Date	Location	Details
<b>PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>		
1. 28/05/25	Sarah Cl	Suspect burnt property of victim.
2. 10/06/25	Sherriffs Rd	Graffiti of school oval shed. Damage \$1,000.
3. 14/06/25	Pocock Pl	Property damaged. Value \$600, CCTV available.
4. 18/06/25	Sherriffs Rd	Graffiti to school shed with tag AOUW in green spray paint.
5. 25/06/25	Sherriffs Rd	Graffiti to shed. Damage \$300.
6. 4/07/25	Concord Dr	Damage to windows. Value \$200.
7. 4/07/25	Main South Rd, Old Reynella	Damage to side window. Value \$1300. CCTV.
8. 17/07/25	Main South Rd, Old Reynella	Smashed front window. Value \$1,600. CCTV.
9. 18/07/25	Grant Rd	Group of males attended victim's home demanding money from son. Told to leave. Male smashed front window.
10. 24/07/25	Concord Dr	Graffiti to multiple surfaces around school. Value \$200.
11. 14/08/25	Jersey Ct	Firework placed in external mailbox causing damage
<b>THEFT</b>		
12. 23/03/25	Jessamine Av	Theft of motor bike plate
13. 3/06/25	Main South Rd	Alloy wheels stolen from car yard overnight.
14. 29/06/25	Old South Rd	3 offenders stole items from service station. Value \$190.35.
15. 2/07/25	Cheam Dr	Parcel theft. Value \$85.
16. 7/08/25	Main South Rd	4 offenders stole items from service station. CCTV available.
<b>ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE</b>		
17. 25/06/25	Main South Rd	Theft of car registration plates from car yard.
18. 26/06/25	Main South Rd	Number plates stolen from vehicle.
19. 3/08/25	Moore Rd	Theft of bank card from vehicle parked in front yard.
20. 17/08/25	Vista Ct	Vehicle damaged while parked. Value \$4,000.
21. 18/08/25	Callander Av	Items stolen from vehicle parked in driveway. CCTV available.
22. 18/08/25	Hutchinson Av	Theft from motor vehicle. Value \$8334.
<b>TRESPASS/BREAK-IN</b>		
23. 17/05/25	Field St	Numerous tools and generator stolen from shed.
24. 31/05/25	Thames Dr	Entry by smashing back window appears. Nil stolen.
25. 12/6/25	Chardonnay Bvd	Theft of dirt bike. Bike recovered.
26. 6/07/25	Old South Rd	200kg of electronic wiring stolen from shed at business. Value \$2500.
27. 13/08/25	Old South Rd	Person/s entered property, attempt to gain entry to shed by peeling back sheet metal. Spooked by alarm. Nil stolen.
28. 15/08/25	George St	Break-in to residential property.

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