
2006 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIAN RALLY

ON SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 2006, THE WATCHSA SECTION HOSTED THE FIRST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STATE RALLY AT THE SANFL CONFERENCE CENTRE, AAMI STADIUM, WEST LAKES.



About 120 volunteers, members of the WatchSA Advisory Board of Management and about 35 delegates from interstate and overseas were in attendance. It was an opportunity to showcase Neighbourhood Watch with presentations from every State and Territory of Australia and from Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand. The event was officially opened by Assistant Commissioner Grant Stevens of SAPOL's Operations Support Service and this was followed by the Chairman of the WatchSA Advisory Board of Management, John Dyer.

After their presentations, the States, Territories and New Zealand outlined the programs in their patches.

- Senior Sergeant Dave Wardrop of WatchSA gave an outline of the achievements and future of WatchSA.
- Sergeant Allan Buckler of School Watch introduced a student member of the School Care Youth Council, Leigh Hoffrichter of John Pirie High, who talked about engaging youth through the Youth Council.
- Senior Sergeant Mark Standish then gave an overview of Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria and the recent developments with their programs.
- Mr Neil Stanbury, Director of Media & Public Affairs with the WA Police, gave an outline of their approach including their 'online' system for recruiting supporters in Western Australia.



- Police Commissioner Paul White of the NT Police and Mr Ken Mildred, President of Neighbourhood Watch NT, talked about their methods in the Territory.
- Acting Inspector Gary Groves presented on the state of affairs in New South Wales.
- Ingrid Stonhill, Chairperson of Neighbourhood Support NZ, gave a graphical presentation from the volunteers of New Zealand.

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- Ms Ursula MacDermott, President of Neighbourhood Watch ACT and Detective Sergeant Katherine Murphy of the Australian Federal Police presented on Neighbourhood Watch Australian Capital Territory style.

- Malcolm Grant of Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania spoke about the program in the Apple Isle.
- And last but not least, Sergeant Rodney Bell from Queensland Police spoke about several programs they have implemented in Queensland.

Chief Inspector Bill Prior finished the day with a summary and thanked the interstate and overseas guests. Peter Driver, Vice President of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria, responded and thanked South Australia for an excellent State Rally.

The carpark at AAMI Stadium



2006 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STATE AWARDS

SENIOR SERGEANT DAVID WARDROP

WatchSA State Co-ordinator

THIS YEAR, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT THE CHIFLEY HOTEL, SOUTH TERRACE, ADELAIDE.

Following the business of the Annual General Meeting, Assistant Commissioner Grant Stevens of Operations Support Service presented the 2006 Neighbourhood Watch State Awards. Award presentations ceased several years ago and it has been a priority of the WatchSA Section and the Association Executive to reinstate and indeed expand the Awards System. This year saw the introduction of several new categories of awards and an increase in the number of awards presented. What remained important, and will always be a feature of the Awards System, is the fact that all award recipients are nominated by their peers. This year, awards were presented to volunteers and committees from Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch and Health Watch.

State Watcher of the Year – 2006

The State Watcher of the Year for 2006 was Phil Tavender. Phil is well known to many Watch volunteers and the announcement of his award was well received. The citation of Phil's Award reads:

Phil has been involved in Neighbourhood Watch for 16 years, including 4 years as Deputy Area Co-ordinator and the last 11 years as Area Co-ordinator of his area. Phil is currently the Tea Tree Gully Divisional Chairperson and State Council Representative. He serves on the Holden Hill Local Service Area Awards Committee and organises the yearly LSA Neighbourhood Watch Awards Night. Phil also works in the WatchSA Section where he manages and drives the photo-ID project and manages the Volunteer Parade Marshalls for the Australia Day Parade.

He has successfully undertaken the role of volunteer manager for both the 2003 and 2006 International Police Tattoo, co-ordinating the efforts of over 60 volunteers. Phil works at the Holden Hill Police Station as a Police Volunteer and also freely gives his time to assist in role playing for Detective Training Courses.

Phil's dedication, commitment and contribution to Neighbourhood Watch and WatchSA is a credit to himself and appreciated by his community. Phil is a worthy recipient of the State Watcher of the Year Award for 2006.

Unfortunately, citations by their nature have to be brief and this citation is only a snapshot of Phil's efforts and commitment. Congratulations Phil on an Award well deserved.

President's Award for Conspicuous Service to the Community

The President's Award is a new award introduced this year. The award is presented to a volunteer and member of the community for Conspicuous Service. This year President Al Thomson bestowed the President's Award to Mr Craig Maxwell of Warradale. Craig is a resident of Warradale 2 Neighbourhood Watch and was nominated by the Area Committee. His citation reads:

Craig is a resident of Warradale Neighbourhood Watch area and was nominated by the area after rescuing an elderly neighbour from her burning Unit. Friday, March 11, 2005, Mrs Joan Bone was asleep in her unit when a fire started. Craig was alerted by the calls of another elderly neighbour, Mr George Boddington, who saw the fire but was unable to assist Mrs Bone. Craig did not hesitate in entering the Unit but was beaten back by the heat. He then went to the rear of the house where he located Mrs Bone and carried her to safety. Craig's selfless act is deserving of the President's Award for Conspicuous Service to the Community.

Congratulations Craig for your well deserved award, your actions epitomise the meaning of community.

The 2006 State Awards (Regional)

Another new category of Awards is the regional "State Awards for Service to WatchSA". Four Awards were presented for outstanding service to a volunteer from the northern and southern metropolitan areas and from the northern and southern country regions.



Assistant Commissioner Grant Stevens and Allisdair Thomson present Phil Tavender with the State Watcher of the Year Award

The Awardees and their citations follow:

Annual State Award for Service to WatchSA-Metropolitan North

This year's award was presented to Phyllis Crossley of Salisbury North Neighbourhood Watch, Area 002. Her citation reads:

Phyllis has been Area Co-ordinator of Salisbury North Area 002 for 5 years and carried the area through a significant period of turmoil as the suburb of Salisbury North underwent a suburban renewal project. Salisbury North was SA's second ever Neighbourhood Watch group and kept going through this crisis almost exclusively because of Phyllis's dedication and inspiration.

Annual State Award for Service to WatchSA-Metropolitan South

This year's award was presented to Reg Pietsch of Hackham West Neighbourhood Watch, Area 321. His citation reads:

Reg has been a member of Hackham West Neighbourhood Watch for over 10 years and is currently the Area Co-ordinator, South Coast Divisional Representative and Divisional Chairperson. Reg is an active promoter of Neighbourhood Watch and a regular visitor to group meetings within the South Coast Local Service Area. Reg works as a graffiti removal volunteer with the Onkaparinga Council and is a regular volunteer at the WatchSA Section assisting with Neighbourhood Watch duties.

Annual State Award for Service to WatchSA-Country North

This year's award was presented to Mollie Smale of Whyalla Neighbourhood Watch Area 264. Her citation reads:

Mollie is a tireless worker in Whyalla, promoting Neighbourhood Watch and currently holds the role of Area Co-ordinator within her group. Mollie is the principal driver behind the upgrade of the McGee Family Park (see SA Watcher Vol1, Issue 2) which resulted not only in significant improvements aesthetically but by making the park more usable for the wider community, saw a drop in crime.



Clockwise from left: Craig Maxwell receiving the President's Award for Conspicuous Service to the Community; Judy Croucher accepting the Metropolitan North Award for Service on behalf of Phyllis Crossley; Reg Pietsch receiving the Metropolitan South Award for Service; Mollie Smale receiving the Country North Award for Service; Ian Smith accepting the Country South Award for Service.



Annual State Award for Service to WatchSA-Country South

This year's award was presented to Ian Smith of Mount Barker Neighbourhood Watch, Area 251. His citation reads:

Ian was the main driver behind the establishment of Mount Barker 251 on 9/1/1990. Since then he has worked to promote Neighbourhood Watch throughout Mount Barker and is currently the Area Co-ordinator of all four Mount Barker Neighbourhood Watch Areas (244/245/251/252). Ian also serves as the Adelaide Hills Divisional Chairperson and State Council Representative.

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Congratulations to all the regional State Award winners.

State Certificates of Merit

State Certificates of Merit are awarded to volunteers whose commitment and efforts are worthy of distinction. Four State Certificates of Merit were awarded this year to:

- Shirley Brenen, who has served 18 years with the Findon Neighbourhood Watch, Area 74, including 11 years as Area Co-ordinator.
- Max Hall, who has served 15 years with the Netley Neighbourhood Watch, Area 355, and Plympton Divisional Representative on State Council.
- Hazel Crawford, who has served for 16 years with the Penola & District Neighbourhood Watch Area and fulfilled the role of Treasurer during that time.
- Kathleen Stonham, who has served for 17 years with the Paringa Neighbourhood Watch, Area 133, and fulfilled the role of Secretary for that whole period.

Congratulations to all the recipients of State Certificates of Merit.

South Australia Police – Community Policing Award

The South Australia Police has its official Rewards and Recognition Awards System.

One of the Awards which can be bestowed is the Community Policing Award which comprises a Certificate and a Badge which can be worn on the member's uniform.

To be eligible for the award, a Police Officer must have given at least ten years conspicuous service in a recognised community policing program. For 2006, those eligible Police Officers who have served Neighbourhood Watch and were nominated by their areas or peers were recognised at the 2006 Awards presentations. These recipients, who included two retired Police Officers, were:

- Sergeant Ian Scott (retired), who had been the Police Co-ordinator of Findon Neighbourhood Watch, Area 74, for 18 years since the area's inception to his retirement in August 2006.
- Sergeant Colin Elson, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of North Haven Neighbourhood Watch, Area 38, and two years with Murray Bridge Neighbourhood Watch, totalling 19 years service.
- Sergeant Allan Trebilcock, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of Athelstone 3 Neighbourhood Watch, Area 371, for 13 years since the area's inception.
- Sergeant Simon Cocks, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of Birkenhead 2 Neighbourhood Watch, Area 269, for 16 years since the area's inception.
- Sergeant Colin Carger, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of Hackham West Neighbourhood Watch, Area 321, for 14 years since the area's inception.
- Senior Sergeant Maris Akermanis, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of Athelstone 1 Neighbourhood Watch, Area 373, for 13 years since the area's inception.
- Senior Sergeant David Wardrop, who has been the Police Co-ordinator of Birkenhead 1 Neighbourhood Watch, Area 268, for 16 years since its inception and Montague Farm Neighbourhood Watch, Area 480, for the last 3 years.
- Chief Inspector Allisdair Thomson (retired), who was recognised for his service to Neighbourhood Watch by heading up two reviews of the program and then continuing his high level of involvement in his retirement.

Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to the following volunteers or groups in recognition of their work in 2006:

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| • Elaine Ashworth | • Peter Bartlett | • Fred Goldstone |
| • D'Arcy Omond | • Helga Jaunzarins | • Gilmour Dahlitz |
- (School Watch) Renmark Education Precinct CPTED project - Steering Committee
 - (Health Watch) Riverland Regional Hospital - Security Working Party

Congratulations to all award recipients. Remember, you might not have joined Neighbourhood Watch to get your name up in lights but it is important to recognise the selfless service of our volunteers. Nominations for the 2007 Awards can be made at any time – if you think someone or a group deserves recognition, send in a nomination form to the WatchSA Section.

PANORAMA 2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE INFORMATION DAY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 193 HELD AN INFORMATION DAY COMPLETE WITH A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2006.

Clapham Primary School was an ideal venue for a combination of sausage sizzle and static displays. Area Co-ordinator Bruce Gallasch had arranged the use of the school's facilities supported by the school's Principal Richard Baxter.

The appetising smell of sausages, sizzled to perfection by Mark Grimshaw and Tom Bradley, wafted through the air, intermingling with music from Pipe Major Des Ross and The 5-piece SAPOL Band. A beautiful spring day, junior soccer game and an environmental weeding bee occurring simultaneously, attracted a number of people interested in the information as well as the food and drink on hand.

The Neighbourhood Watch Information Trailer, set up by members of the Sturt Police Station and supervised by Mr Graham Liebelt, displayed materials supplied by the Community Programs and Crime Prevention Units of the SA Police. Senior Constable Gary Batty, our Police Co-ordinator, provided advice on traffic and other safety issues.

The event hosts, David and Pauline Bowyer, had networked extensively to ensure the event was both entertaining and informative. They invited the Lord Mayor of Mitcham, Mr Ivan Brooks, as the Guest of Honour and he was given the privilege of drawing the raffle prizes.

Displays included two Lynton Station State Emergency Services brigade's fully equipped



The Lynton State Emergency Service display

trucks and display stands with extensive information on what to do in various emergencies such as flood, bushfire or storms. The Lockwood Security stand featured "The Keyless Lock", one of which they donated as a major prize. It is a high security, electronically operated deadlock that works somewhat like a car's remote locking system.

The festive atmosphere was enhanced by the food and drink, which was donated by the following sponsors:

Sausages from Cimarosti Bros of Colonel Light Gardens and Butcher Phil Willoughby of St James. The local Bi-Lo supermarket provided bread. Pasadena Foodland provided the food vouchers which were used for all of the extras and sodas.

Many businesses and services were enthusiastically supportive and donated generously to the raffle. Major raffle prizes included security systems and hardware, trips, and services.

Left: The Neighbourhood Watch display; Right: Pauline and Yvonne with the SES Volunteers.



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The general consensus was that as an inaugural function, the day had been a success and would set the trend for future promotional events.



Clockwise from top: Mark, Tom and Graham handing out the food; The SES preparing the display; The Police Band; Enjoying the day.



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BICYCLE SECURITY – LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

We all know that cycling is an excellent way to get around Adelaide. As a result, more and more people are discovering the freedom and convenience cycling brings, not to mention the benefits to your health, your bank balance and the environment.

Therefore, as temperatures continue to rise along with the price of fuel, the number of people cycling to work and for leisure is on the increase. With this in mind it is worth stopping for a moment and considering current trends in bicycle theft as well as some simple strategies to reduce the chances of having your treasured and valuable bike stolen.

Why are bicycles stolen?

- For long term personal use
- As a temporary means of transportation
- As a source of money

Where are bikes stolen from?

Recent analysis indicates that 47% of all bicycles reported stolen were from the 'yard' at home followed by 14% from streets and 13% from sheds.

Current trends show that a bicycle is most likely to be stolen from in and around your home such as driveways, front and back yards etc. This further supports the idea that thefts are generally opportunistic, with an assumption bicycles left out in driveways and yards are less likely to be secured.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the number of bikes stolen in South Australia is significantly under-reported, with many people not reporting because they cannot describe or identify their bikes.

Therefore, it is essential bikes aren't left unsecured in yards of homes. Make sure you secure them in a locked shed or inside your home or office. (Many insurance companies will only cover more expensive bicycles if you store your cycle inside overnight.)

What is being done about bicycle theft?

The South Australian Police (SAPOL) in partnership with the State Government, local councils, bicycle retailers and cycling bodies such as BISA, and BikeSA are working to reduce cycle theft. Measures include promoting increased secure bicycle parking, CCTV cover and bike and foot patrols to discourage thieves.

What you can do?

- **Secure your bicycles in and around home -** Keep your bicycle locked or securely stored in a locked shed or garage. Try to avoid leaving unsecured bicycles in driveways and front yards.
- **Lock your bicycle -** There are many ways you can deter would-be thieves. The simplest and most important is that you have a good quality lock for your bicycle. Above all, never leave your bicycle unlocked in a public place. How you lock your cycle can make a big difference to how easy it is to steal. It is worth taking these simple measures: Always lock your frame and both wheels to an immovable object, take all accessories and easily removable parts with you, and be aware that quick release levers can make seats and wheels very easy to remove.
- **Secure your bicycle correctly -** It is vital that your bike is locked to something that cannot be removed or the bike lifted off and that you put it in a well lit place and is in full view of the public.
- **Record your bike details -** It is also advisable to take a photograph of your bicycle and ensure that you keep a record of the make, colour, size and serial number in a safe place. Your local police or bicycle retailer can assist by providing a 'Help Prevent Bicycle Theft' brochure which has a bicycle particulars form on the reverse side. Simply fill in your bicycle details and keep it in a safe place. In the event that your bicycle is stolen, hand the form in to your local Police Station when reporting.
- **Be able to identify your bike -** Consider identifying your bicycle by engraving or marking it with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia eg. S123456. Also consider marking all your bike accessories, including helmets, lights, pump, saddle etc. with your drivers licence number. As a suggestion, if you do not have a driver's licence number, borrow your parent's or a trusted friend's licence number so that the bicycle can be traced to you.
- **Insurance -** Bicycles can be insured against theft and damage. Enquire about insuring your bicycle as part of your home contents insurance policy.
- **Report all thefts of bicycles -** Police need to know where and when thieves are operating to prevent crime, you can help by reporting any theft or suspicious activity to police.

Chart featuring locations that bikes are stolen from on page 25.

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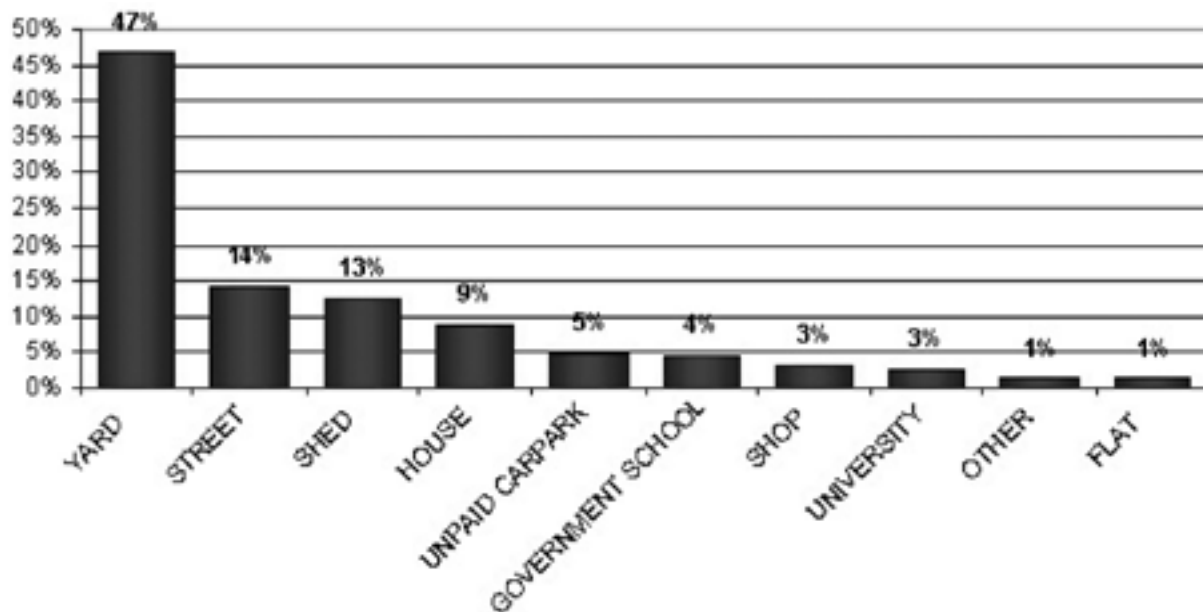


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CHART: 2006 LOCATION BICYCLE STOLEN FROM TRENDS



THE MAYONNAISE JAR AND 2 CUPS OF COFFEE

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite

passions - and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

"If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a "couple of cups of coffee with a friend"."

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Bushfire

Action Plan

Whether your decision is to go early or stay and defend your home, you will need a Bushfire Action Plan. The following checklist will help you prepare your family's plan.



Planning to go early

- Monitor the radio for bushfire warnings
- Relocate to a safe location
- Ensure valuables are safe
- Take your evacuation kit
- Notify friends and family
- Make arrangements for pets

Planning to stay and actively defend your home

AS THE FIRE APPROACHES

In the garden

- Fill rubbish bins, drums and buckets with water
- Remove flammable blinds or roll them up
- Move flammable furniture, door mats etc away from the home
- Hose down the side of the house facing direction of fire
- Block drain pipes and fill gutters with water
- Turn on garden/roof sprinkler system for 20 minutes
- Check portable pump
- Extinguish spot fires

In the house

- Contact all family members
- Dress in protective clothing
- Secure pets inside
- Close doors and windows
- Move furniture away from windows
- Take down curtains

- Fill sinks, baths and buckets with water
- Prepare water bottles for drinking
- Soak towels and place under external doors
- Place ladder near roof access
- Stay close to the house

AS FIRE FRONT ARRIVES

- Turn on roof sprinklers
- Move inside the house
- Stay in a room with water, close to an exit
- Monitor the fire but keep away from windows

AFTER FIRE HAS PASSED

- Extinguish spot fires in and around the house
- Continue checking for fires, particularly in ceiling space
- Continue to drink water

Important phone numbers

Emergency 000

Regional CFS _____

Police _____

Ambulance _____

School _____

Family/friends _____

Total fire ban days

- Pack evacuation kit
- Water garden
- Clean gutters
- Check water level in tanks
- Check water pump
- Monitor radio for bushfire warnings

**CFS bushfire
hotline 1300 362 361**

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