



Somers Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other.

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Meetings for 2020 March 17, July 21, November 17 (AGM)

7pm at the Somers Fire Station

SOMERS CRIME September - December – 2019

DATE	OFFENCE	LOCATION	PARTICULARS
September	16 offences <i>12 on the same evening from UNLOCKED motor vehicles. Some parked in the driveway.</i>	Alexandra Av x2 Miramar Av x 1 Bellvedere Rd x 2 Clifton Court x 2 Lorne Grove x 5 Wills Rd x 3 East Crescent x 1	*Paddle boards & Kayaks - from SYC x 2 *Kayaks from private back yard *Power tools from an unlocked shed *Attempted thefts from UNLOCKED motor vehicles x 12 (One with the keys left inside)
October	One	Bellvedere	Theft from Motor vehicle
November	Nil		
December	3 x thefts from UNOCKED motor vehicles	Bellvedere Rd South Beach Rd Tasman Rd	Wallet left in car Handbag left on seat Nil of value in car ALL 3 UNLOCKED

If you don't want to be a victim of crime it is up to you to ensure that valuables are not left in your vehicle AND VEHICLES ARE LOCKED BEFORE YOU LEAVE. Even in your driveway.

Somers NHW Annual General Meeting - November 2019

Thank you to everyone who once again attended the 2019 AGM. Sadly it seems to be the same residents who are willing to show their support by attending and it is the same few who, for the past 15 years, have actively participated as a team member. Thank you again to these committee members who agreed to continue for another year

Our Somers NHW group was formed over 30 years ago and for many reasons, over this time active support has gradually declined. We are now the only formal NHW group operational on the Mornington Peninsula.

Nowadays we now only meet 3 times a year and publish 3 newsletters, primarily to keep you abreast of any criminal activity in the village. (You may remember that a few years ago it was the information provided to the police by Somers locals that assisted police apprehend some criminals, who were very active in the village. Over 200 residents attended a meeting with the police, facilitated because

of the close relationship between our local Somers NHW and the Hastings police, who responded immediately to our concerns.)

Unlike other NHW groups, we do not need to hand deliver newsletters and we hold very few events which would impact on your time.

We are all getting older and it is time for some new people to step up, if you want the Somers NHW to continue beyond 2020.

If you would like more information or wish to show your support, please contact myself on the number listed in the header. Denise Kempster Area Coordinator.

Water Restrictions in Victoria – Remember Them?

Courtesy: <https://www.yvw.com.au/help-advice/saving-water/permanent-water-use-rules>

Melburnians have adopted a great culture of saving water – using 22 per cent less than ten years ago – but there is more we can do to manage our water efficiently.

The Permanent Water Use Rules were introduced in 2011 and are always in place to help manage our water efficiently. **Victorians are again being asked to limit their water usage to 155 litres per day**



These rules let you know how you can use water around the home. Exemptions apply.

- **Hand watering** - you can water residential or commercial gardens and lawns at any time, on any day, using a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.
- **Watering systems** - you can water gardens and lawns using a watering system (manual, automatic, spray or dripper) only between 6pm and 10am, any day of the week.
- You cannot **hose down hard surfaces** including driveways, paths, concrete, tiles, timber decking and other paved areas except where cleaning is required, or if there is an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency.
- You can **wash windows** with a bucket, high pressure cleaning unit or a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time.
- You can **wash your car**, boat or other vehicle at home using a high pressure cleaning unit, a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or a bucket at any time.
- You can fill or top up **pools and spas**.

You can fill and operate your fountain or water feature as long as it recirculates the water.

The above rules do not apply to the use of recycled, reclaimed, rain or greywater, except where it is supplemented in any way by drinking water

**For emergency - Call 000 or from Mobile 112 (no pin numbers required)
If you want the police but not the sirens - Phone 131 444**

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2019 All Reported Crimes

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January	1	Beach Hill
February	3	Tasman x2. Camphill
March	3	Alexandra. Camphill. Beach Hill
April	0	
May	0	
June	1	Somers store
July	8	Bonview, Parklands, Palm Beach Ct. X 2, Tasman, Ocean View, Campsie x2
August	0	
September	16	Alexandra x 2, Miramar x1, Belvedere x 2, Clifton x 2, Lorne Gv x 5, Wills Rd x3, East Cr x 1
October	1	Belvedere x 1
November	0	
December	3	Belvedere, South Beach, Tasman
TOTAL	36	