

Thieves strike towns, cars

BALAKLAVA

• Police have warned locals not to leave valuables unattended after a spate of thefts within the town. In the last fortnight, about a dozen wallets have been stolen from cars, homes, licensed premises, and even sporting grounds.

and do not leave valuables next to sporting fields or anywhere they may have thought in the past was safe," said Balaklava officer-in-charge, brevet sergeant Steve Harwood.

• Electrical equipment has been stolen from farming equipment over the weekend.

The thefts occurred at Hoy-

leton and Watchman on Friday night, and included CB radios, DVD players and other electrical goods. Police said a vehicle was seen driving towards Auburn and Saddleworth with no lights on in the early hours of Saturday morning. Anyone with information should call police on 8862 1144.

HAMLEY BRIDGE

• Railway iron used as fencing struts have been stolen from a property at Hamley Bridge over the past two weeks.

Police said six pieces of railway iron, together weighing about a tonne, had been stolen.

Similar thefts have occurred at Freeling.

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Highway drivers feel police heat

PORT WAKEFIELD

• Police from Balaklava and Port Wakefield combined forces in a traffic blitz with alarming results.

Three drivers were detected drink driving on Friday night, including a man who recorded a blood alcohol reading of 0.248 after he was involved in a collision 15 kilometres south of Port Wakefield on Port Wakefield road.

In addition to the three drink drivers charged, three vehicles were issued with defect notices, and 12 fines were issued for various offences.

During the blitz, several drivers were also cautioned about inappropriate use of fog lights.

Fog lights are now only allowed to be used during adverse weather conditions such as fog, heavy rain, smoke and dust.

Drivers can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$160 for using fog lights inappropriately.

TWO WELLS

Intruder discovered

• A vigilant neighbour disturbed an intruder in a shed on Womma road, Virginia.

The break-in occurred last Wednesday, but it appears a neighbour disturbed the offender shortly after they entered the shed.

A small blue coloured hatch was seen parked at the front of the property, but the offender fled when neighbours became suspicious.

Police have urged people, especially market gardeners, be vigilant at all hours and report anything suspicious, no matter how minor it appears.

• An 18-year-old Two Wells man was charged with aggravated assault last Wednesday.

Police allege the assault occurred in Two Wells last month, and the victim was fortunate his injuries were not more severe.

Police will speak with another two suspects in the next week.

• About \$10,000 damage was caused to a shed on Old Port Wakefield road, Two Wells, on Tuesday last week.

Police said it appeared the occupant had burnt some rubbish near the shed, and thinking the fire was out, left the property but returned home to find the shed on fire.

• A 38-year-old Penfield man was reported for driving an unregistered motor vehicle on Penfield road, Virginia, on Saturday.

• A Davoren Park woman was arrested for an outstanding warrant after attending Two Wells police station in relation to another enquiry.

Police allege the 39-year-old was issued the warrant in 2007. She was bailed to appear in court.

CLARE

• Police have reminded people who walk or jog to be safety conscious and wear light or reflective clothing when on the streets.

With fewer daylight hours, police said it could be dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers particularly on dark, unlit streets.

Cameras check rego

ROAD traffic cameras across South Australia will begin detecting unregistered and uninsured vehicles from Monday, June 1.

Road Safety Minister, Michael O'Brien, said all cameras on the network, including speed and red light cameras, could now be used to detect illegal vehicles on SA roads after legislative amendments were passed by State parliament last year.

And along with the increased detection capability comes tougher penalties for owners who fail to register and insure their vehicles.

for failing to register a vehicle will jump from \$750 to \$2500, while failure to insure will attract a maximum fine of \$5000, up from \$2500," Mr O'Brien said.

He said the number of unregistered and uninsured vehicles on roads was believed to have risen by 30 per cent in recent years.

"The vast majority of South Australian drivers are doing the right thing by paying their premiums," Mr O'Brien said.

"This measure is aimed at catching those who deliberately flout our road laws by driving unregistered and uninsured vehicles."



IN the paddock at Tarama, near Lochiel, Nick Ottens (left) discusses his experiences with biological farming systems, as Burt Naude, of LawrieCo and Major General Michael Jeffery look on.

Farm tour takes a 'bio logical' look

THE BioLogic Farming Systems carbon bus tour visited Lochiel and Snowtown on Monday, with high expectations of finding answers to climate change in carbon sequestration and reduced oxide emissions.

The tour included patron of the tour Major General Michael Jeffery (former Governor General) of Australia, along with scientists from University of Adelaide, Department of Primary Industries Victoria, SARDI and the Waite Institute, as well as business leaders from companies such as Woodside Energy and Australian Agricultural Company.

The bus tour, hosted by SA agricultural company LawrieCo, focused on innovative properties in the district that have been achieving significant outcomes in reducing nitrous oxide emissions and building soil carbon under



SNOWTOWN farmer Brian Krieg discusses his process of brewing beneficial microbes as Dr Graham Lyons (Waite Institute) takes notes.

continuous cropping. At the Ottens' property, Tarama, near Lochiel, the tour participants learnt of improved farming practices that had successfully treated salt affected soils as well as no insecticides or fungicides being required during the season.

It was clear to participants one of the side benefits of biological farming systems (BFS)

was the improved soil health outcomes that were possible without yield loss and quality under reduced fertiliser applications.

The tour moved to 'Kriegfields' near Snowtown to inspect a property run by Brian and Stephanie Krieg that has been utilising BFS for more than four years.

On this property

there was a practical demonstration of microbial brewing for use in foliar applications, as well as the surprising information that nitrogen inputs had been reduced to 15 per cent of that used before the introduction of BFS, with no loss of yield, quality or fungicide applications required for the past three years.

Soil organic carbon

levels appeared to be rising at Kriegfields and the touring group resolved to pass on the information to officials in Canberra as warranting serious consideration and study to ensure agriculture played a vital role in the future answers to climate change.

LawrieCo was also concerned about carbon emissions trading schemes.

The company suggested agriculture should not become the "whipping post" for tax on inputs and schemes and plans should not adversely impact on agriculture without the proper opportunity of showing how agriculture could play an enormous role in positive and beneficial outcomes, particularly with nitrous oxide emissions and carbon dioxide sequestration through soils.

The bus tour has now moved on to Victoria.

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Marie, 75, contacted ARAS because her adult daughter had a gambling addiction and bullied her into giving money which was never repaid.

Another example of a typical ARAS customer is Fred, who was forcefully isolated from his friends.

Experiences such as Marie's and Fred's have led to a radio announcement that aims to raise awareness about preventing abuse of older people.

ARAS, funded through the State Government's 'Improving with Age - Our Ageing Plan for South Australia,' will raise awareness about safeguarding the rights of older people through the radio announcement and a series of brochures. The brochures include a new Financial Safeguards 5 Brochure Kit

and a Pocket Guide that helps people identify what abuse is and how to address it.

Other examples of abuse include using an older person's bank card to access their funds, putting pressure on someone to change their Will or Enduring Power of Attorney and borrowing money that isn't paid back.

People experiencing abuse are encouraged to contact the ARAS Abuse Prevention Program for confidential information and advice to help them regain control of their life.

ARAS also provides confidential information and support to people concerned about aged care services, such as nursing homes, hostels or community services.

To speak to someone at ARAS or to order brochures, please call 8232 5377 or 1800 700 600.



■ Sindi is a four year old female Staffy/Ridgeback cross. I am a lovely girl who loves going for long walks daily and I would really appreciate some positive reinforcement training to help me with my manners. I am a little bit timid so I would be best suited to a family with children over the age of 10. I look forward to seeing you soon. Please give me a second chance of a loving home. I

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Older people in our society may be experiencing abuse and not know where to turn. If that's the case, they should contact Aged Right Advocacy Service (ARAS) for help.

Abuse of older people can take many forms, however financial abuse is most common and is usually linked to intimidation. Older people are often hesitant to come forward with their experience of abuse.

"I signed these documents when I was very ill in hospital. I thought that I could trust my own daughter," is a common story heard by people at ARAS.