Community Meeting with South Sydney Police Area Command

Meeting to discuss crime in Alexandria, Erskineville, Newtown and surrounds with a representative from NSW Police

Organised by: Alexandria Residents Action Group, with support from other local residents & City of Sydney Council

13 November 2026
Alexandria Town Hall

ARAG
Alexandria Residents Action Group inc.

Welcome

- Senior Constable Wenda Huang, Crime Prevention Officer - South Sydney Police Area Command
- Residents from Alexandria and neighbouring suburbs

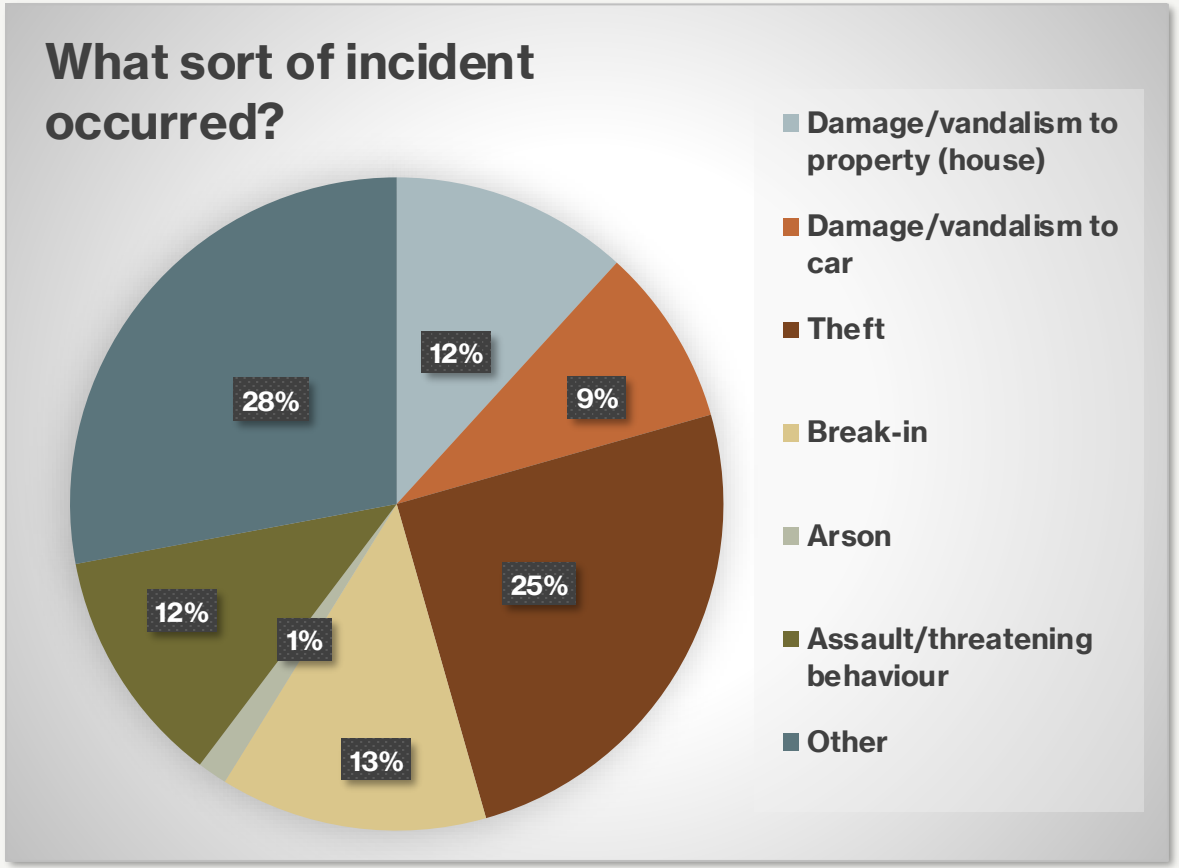
The aim of tonight's meeting is to:

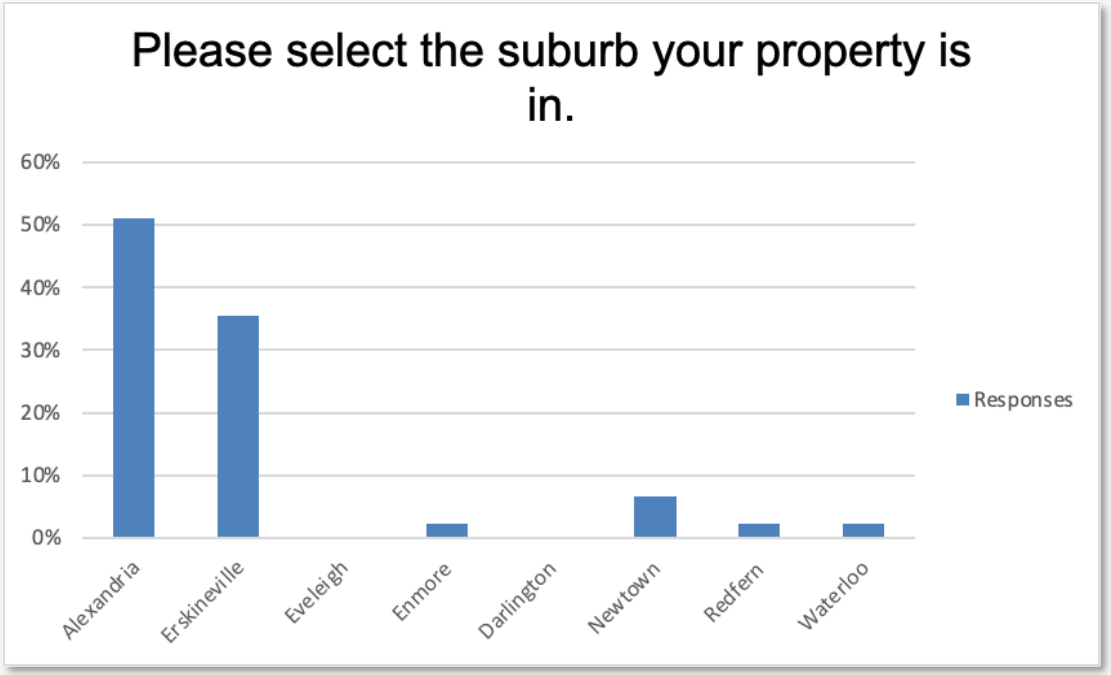
- Talk about what is happening
- Understand that there are people who are feeling anxious, but that's not everyone's experience
- Get a perspective from the NSW Police
- Work out what we as a community can do together
- Work out how we can work more closely with NSW Police

We are conscious that:

- Social Media and more people having security cameras which capture incidents and suspicious activity means there is a heightened awareness we have never had before
- Cost of living is adding pressure on more people

Results from our Survey**





Reported to Police?

- Yes – 56%
- No – 44%

Did you get a Police Report Number?

- Yes – 31%
- No – 69%

** Source: Survey developed by ARAG and promoted on Facebook and via the ARAG Website

People's feelings about what they are experiencing (from the survey)

I certainly **feel less safe** and more **hyper aware - as a female it's scary** and I feel less confident to walk around our suburb at night and in the early mornings. especially **having heard of one of our other female neighbours being physically assaulted/mugged in our neighbourhood** in the last 18 months and all of the reports of other crime that has been occurring

Installed a camera, always lock front gate making our house feel less approachable and less friendly.

Since the incident we didn't have an alarm on but since then if anyone steps foot on our porch or front door it will signal our alarm. **This incident made us feel terrified. My son was sleeping under the window the intruder tried to open so now I won't let him sleep downstairs.**

Theft of my bicycle. While trivial in crime standards. Its **happening** all too **frequently** and **no consequences** for this behavior.

I'm more watchful and **feel a little vulnerable.**

Kids are concerned to stay on floors when we aren't present. Have purchased additional cameras and locks. **Don't feel safe at night** anymore

We had a **large decoration** on our shop front window for Halloween. It was **stolen in broad daylight** by an older man and I caught it **on camera**. I decorated the house for the joy of the community and passers by. It **makes me sad that this is a regular occurrence** in the neighbourhood, and the **brazenness of the thief** was shocking - doing it at **9am** and when 2 passers by had walked past. We have also had a **brick thrown into our car window** before. These incidents erode the good parts of being a community and **having young children, it scares me to think that these acts happen in broad daylight** and make me **feel unsafe / worry about my children**. This is a large part of why we had a lot of cameras installed at our home recently and added security with an alarm system that calls back to a base

Installed additional security cameras and always have something to defend ourselves with close to where we sleep. (**These thieves have knives**)

We are now **hypervigilant** about the activity in front of our house. Also - unrelated, **my husband now walks to collect me from the train station at night** because we have sensed things seem "crunchier" in the area.

As a woman who husband works interstate every month I have had **many sleepless nights, many nights with severe anxiety** and spent money to install **cameras as well as security lights (which have been zero deterrent**). **Police have told me that unless they entered my actual property there was no crime.**

My partner is 6ft 3 and was assaulted by someone (presumably on drugs) **in broad daylight**, opposite the metro station. We feel **significantly less safe** in our neighbourhood.

Major source: Survey developed by ARAG and promoted on Facebook and via the ARAG Website

Newtown, Enmore, Erskineville and Alexandria residents have reported frequent incidents of criminal and antisocial behaviour at all hours ***

Incident Types – 2024/2025

- Frequent **Thefts**: Parcels, bicycles, e-bicycle, scooters, e-scooters, motorcycles and road scooters, prams etc. (generally from apartment buildings, front yards and kerbside)
- Some **break ins**
- **Vandalism**

Incident Types – 2026 – more serious and frequent

- Trespassing into premises and **stealing** items (e.g. vehicles / bikes / parcels / shoes / bags / laptops)
- **Trespassing** to scope out houses, shops and yards, including trying locks
- **Breaking into cars**, stealing contents
- **Damaging cars** without entry into them
- **Vandalism**
- **Arson**

*** Source: Facebook Group - Alexandria & Erskineville Crime & Safety Watch (1K members)
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DkFACUJ5Y/

Based on Facebook page many people have been captured on Camera/CCTV ****

- Some easily identifiable - e.g. bright yellow windcheater / helmet, patterned / branded clothing, distinctive shoes
- Some with balaclavas / face masks, but not in all cases
- Usually male (with a few exceptions) and come as:
  - Individuals
  - Pairs
  - Groups of teenagers / young people
- Modes of transport:
  - Groups of young people witnessed arriving by car/s, then roaming streets
  - Pairs and individuals generally ride around on bikes or move about on foot

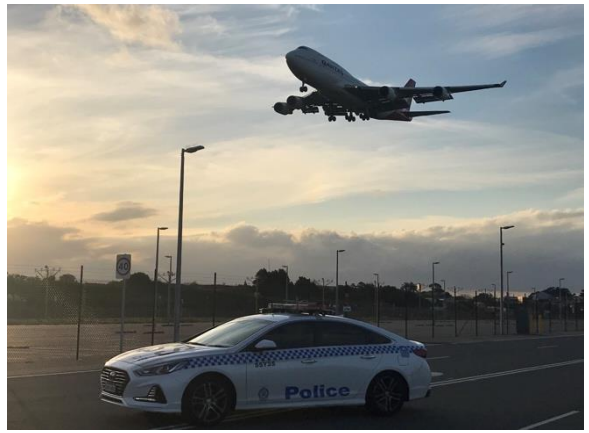
**** Source: Facebook Group - Alexandria & Erskineville Crime & Safety Watch (1K members)
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DkFACUJ5Y/

South Sydney Police Area Command
Alexandria Crime Review

SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE AREA COMMAND



NSW Police Force

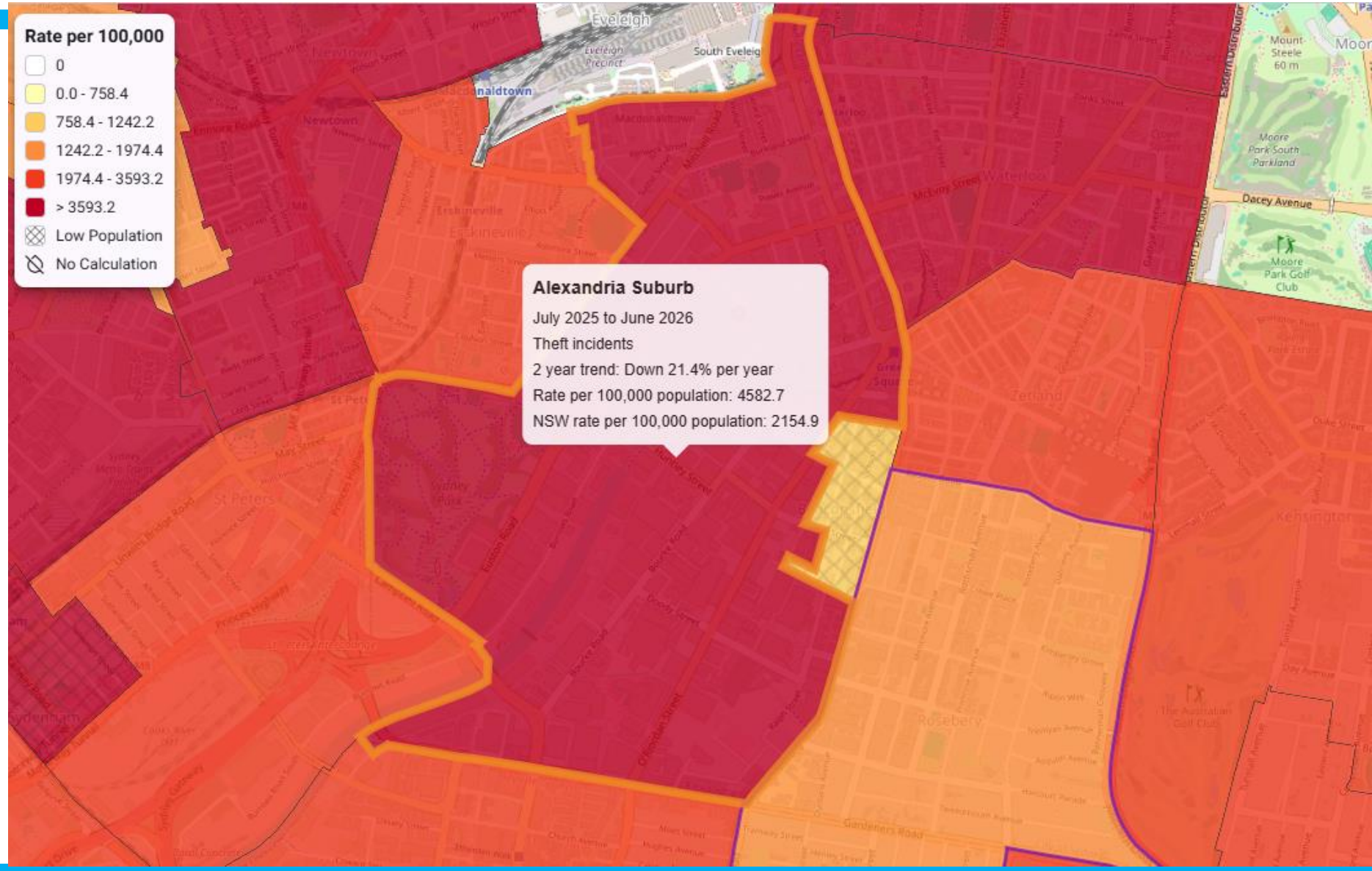


CAVEAT: NSW POLICE – *This document is the property of the Commander, SSY Police Area Command and is for dissemination only to authorised persons. This document and/or any of its contents is not to be disseminated to entities outside of the NSWPF without the authorisation of the Commander, SSY Police Area Command.*

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

SSY PAC: Property Crime

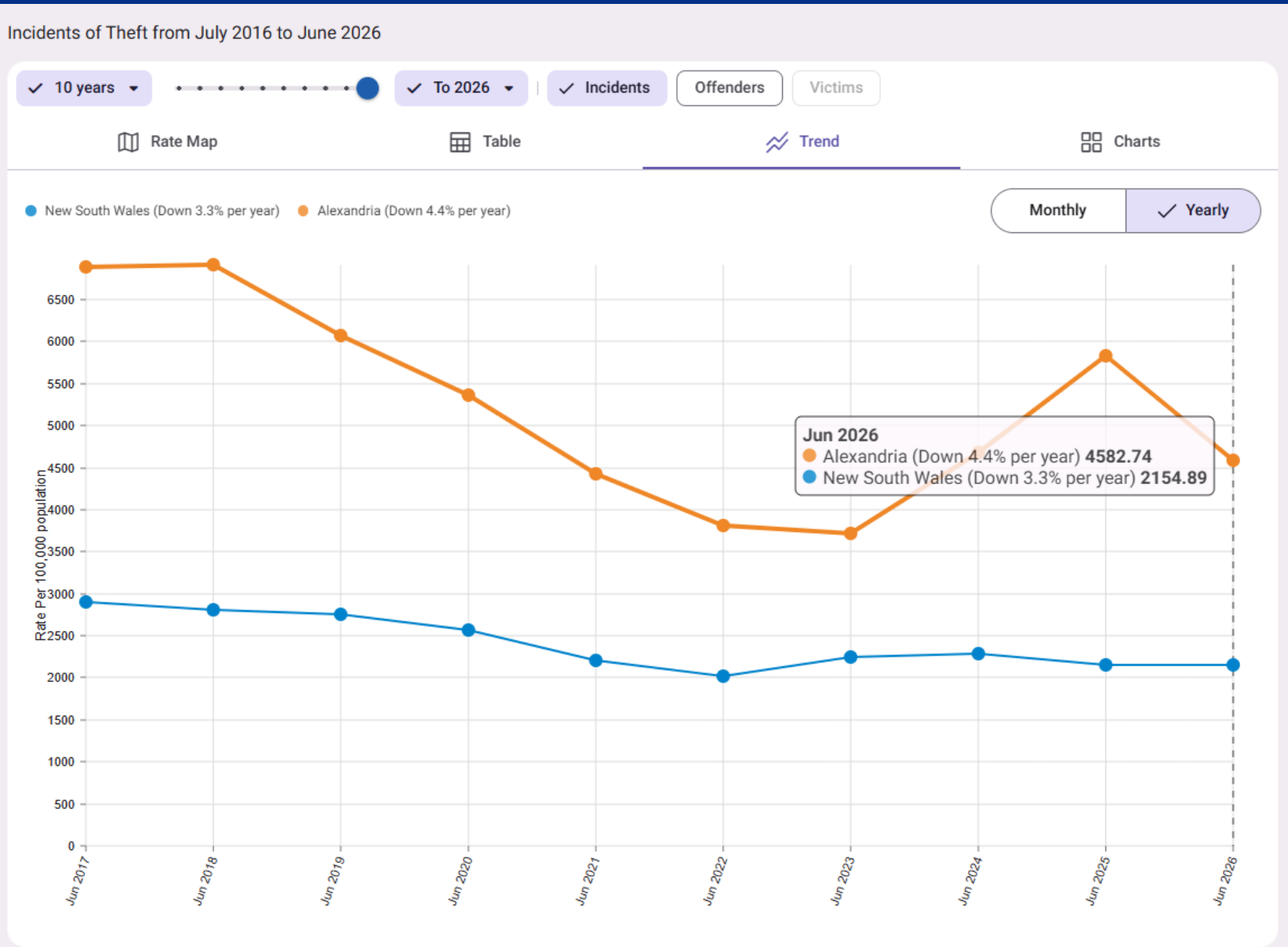
Theft



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

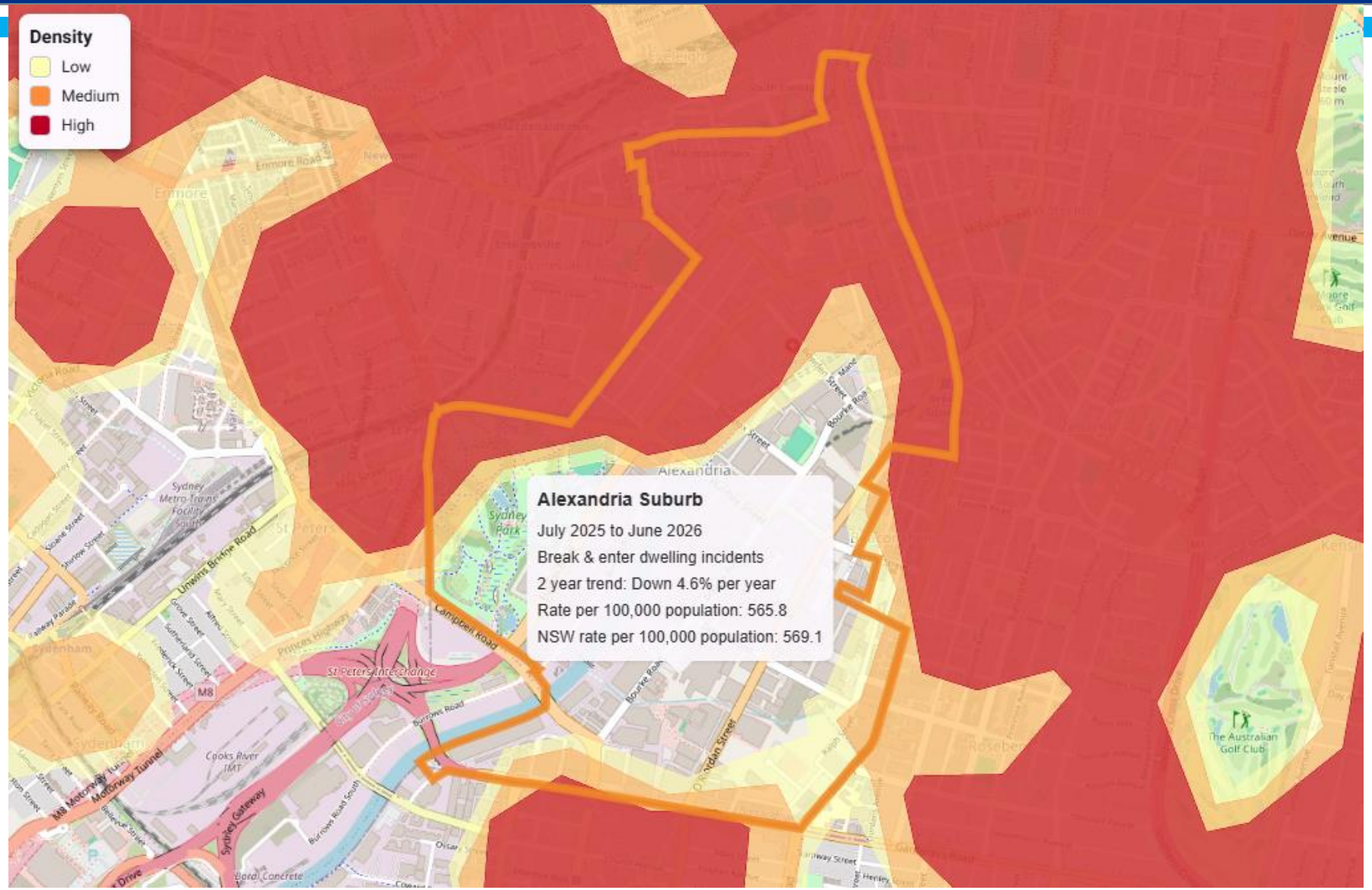
Theft : 10-year trend



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

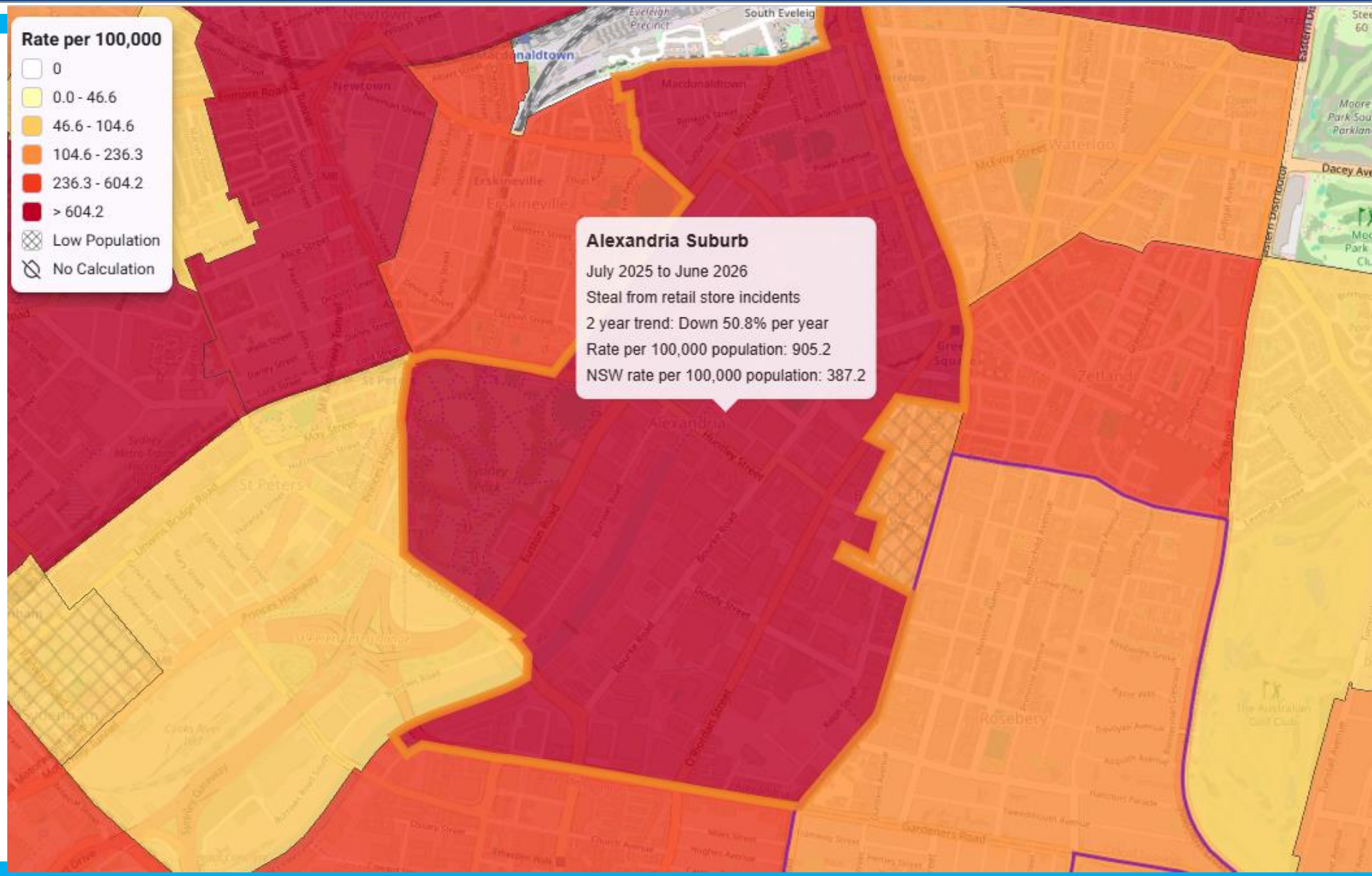
Break & Enter Dwelling



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

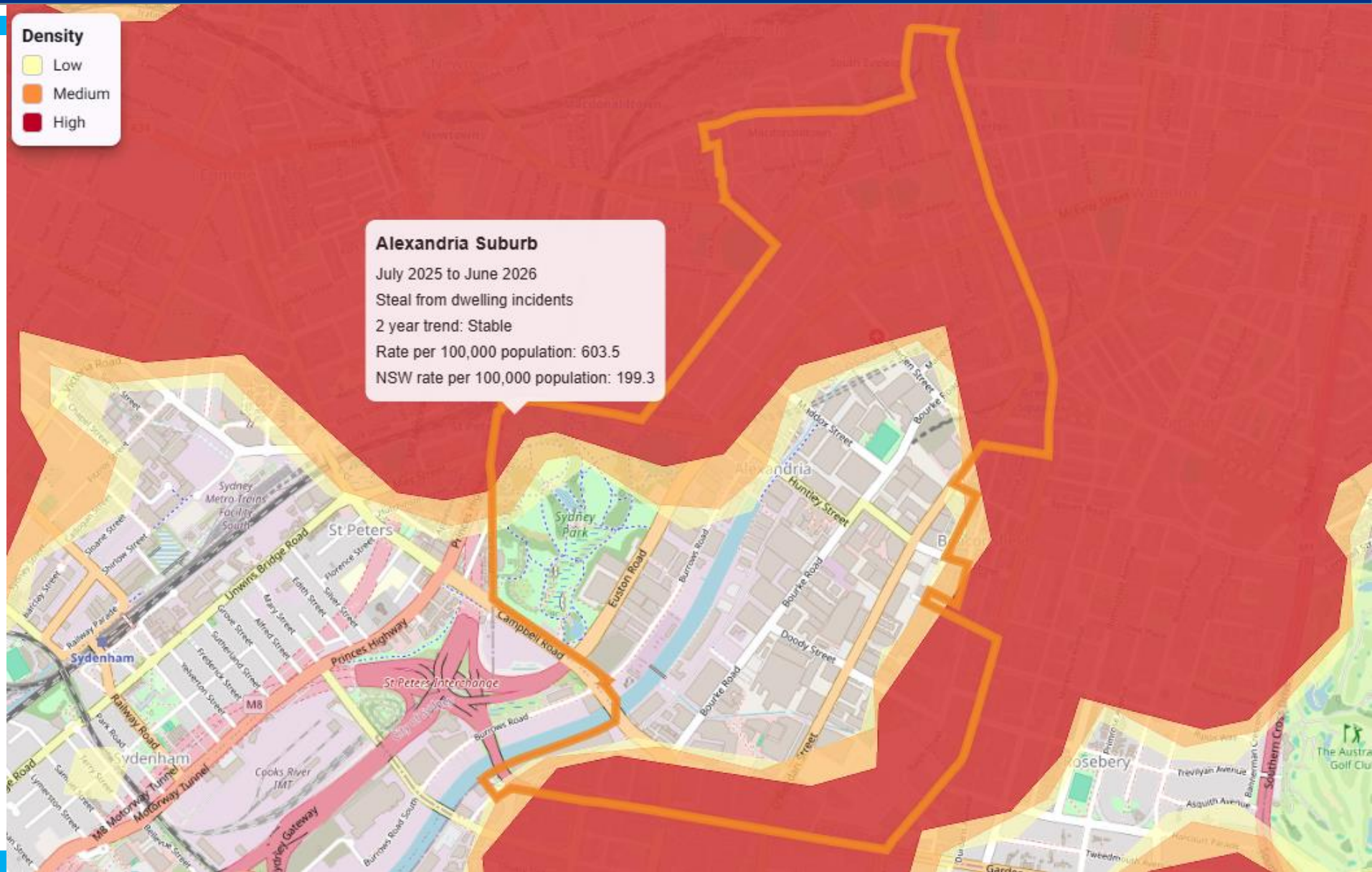
Steal from retail store



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

Steal from dwelling



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

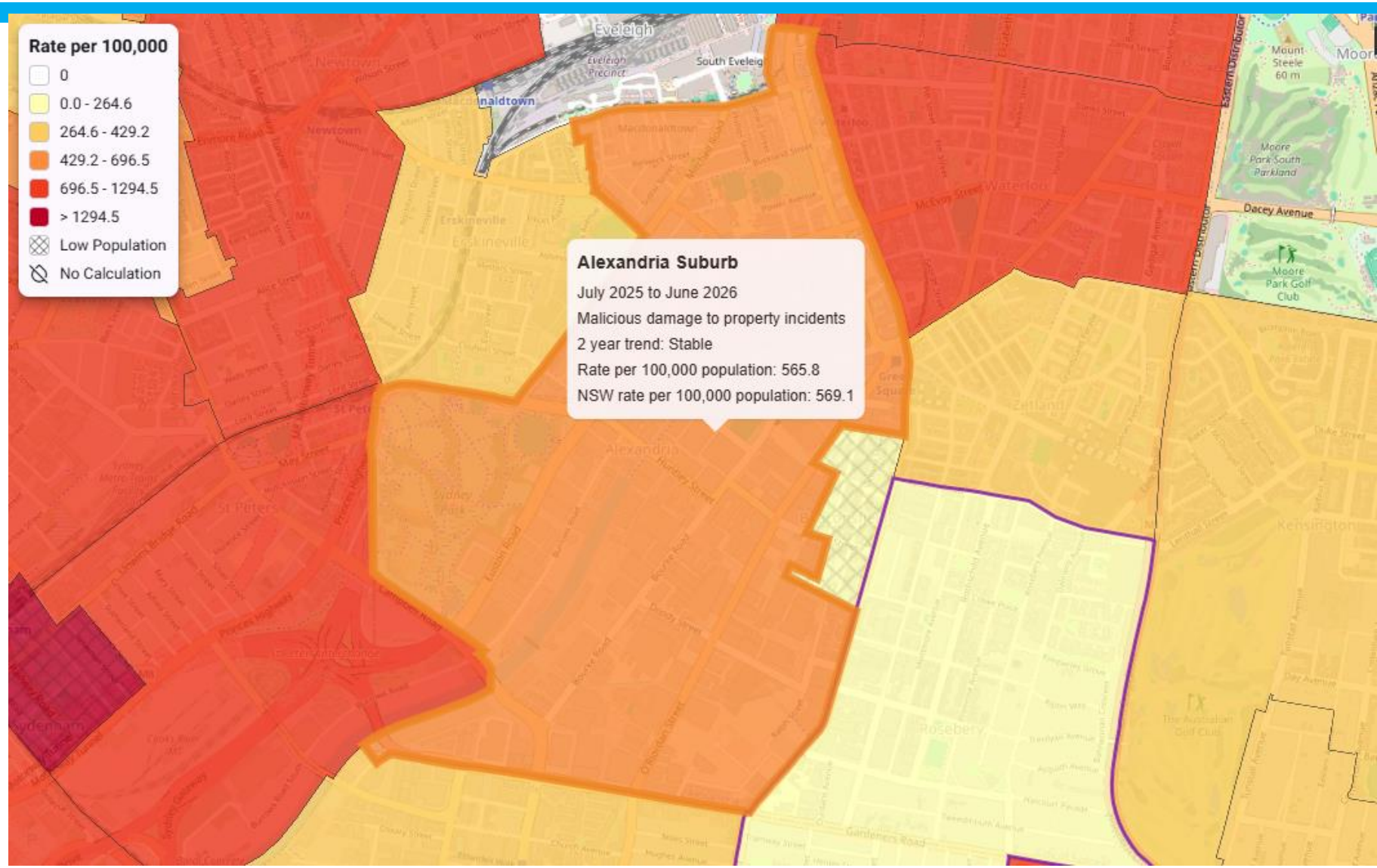
Steal from motor vehicle



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

Malicious Damage

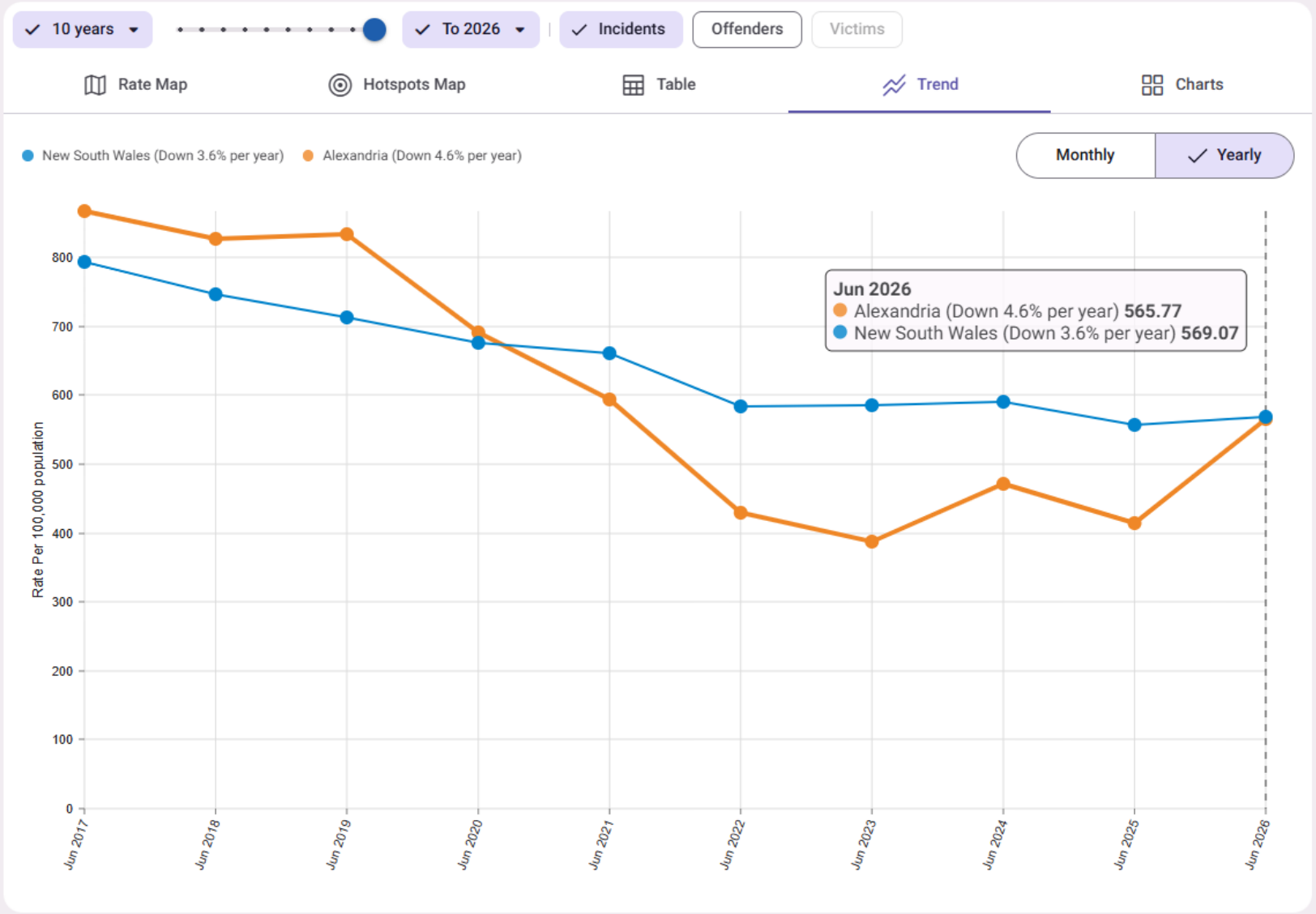


NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

SSY PAC: Property Crime

Malicious Damage:
10-year trend

Incidents of Malicious damage to property from July 2016 to June 2026



NSW Police Force
OFFICIAL

eyewatch

SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE AREA COMMAND

REDFERN POLICE STATION
MASCOT POLICE STATION

MAIL THEFT

- Mail gets stolen all the time.
- You can help reduce this by taking preventative measures to ensure you receive your mail securely.



EXPECTING A DELIVERY?



- Do you receive large volumes of mail?
- Consider utilising a secure PO BOX or using one of the free parcel lockers available from Australia Post.
- If you're not going to be home why not redirect your mail to a work address, free parcel locker or post office.
- Don't authorise delivery companies to leave your parcels unattended.

BE HOME TO RECEIVE IT. DON'T LET OTHERS STEAL IT!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS REPORT IT TO POLICE!

Triple Zero (000) For emergencies or life threatening situations.

Police Assistance Line (131 444) For non emergencies.

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) To provide crime information, it can be in confidence.

Follow us on https://www.facebook.com/SouthSydneyPAC/

NSW GOVERNMENT | NSW Police Force

PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE



Whether you ride for work, sport or leisure, the loss of your bicycle can be very inconvenient and expensive. By following some simple tips, you can better protect your bicycle from being damaged or stolen.

THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Always engrave or mark your bicycle frame with a UV pen, micro-dot or other permanent means (near the serial number) with your driver's licence number or unique identifier.
- Always record the serial number, brand and model of your bicycle and accessories and take a photo.
- Never leave your bicycle unattended and unsecured.
- Always use a good quality bike lock when parking your bicycle away from home.
- Always lock the wheels and frame to a secure object.
- Always park your bicycle in a well lit and populated area.
- Always secure your bicycle in a locked shed or inside your house when at home.

A MESSAGE FROM NSW POLICE FORCE

Triple Zero (000) | Police Assistance Line (131 444) | Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)

Follow us on facebook.com/nswpoliceforce twitter.com/nswpolice youtube.com/thenswpolice or visit www.police.nsw.gov.au

eyewatch

SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE AREA COMMAND

REDFERN POLICE STATION
MASCOT POLICE STATION

STOP YOUR CAR FROM BEING A TARGET

- Do not make it easy for thieves. They are opportunistic and will be interested in what you have left inside your car.
- Do not leave your car unlocked. Thieves will often try many car doors in a street or parking lot to see if they are unlocked.
- Take everything of value from your car when you leave it parked.



KEEP YOUR VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT!



- Are your valuables visible from outside your car?
- Camera, laptop, sunglasses, wallet, loose change, house keys etc.
- If you leave valuables such as these on car seats, footwells and the dash of your car, this makes it a TARGET!
- Don't become a victim of crime, take your valuables with you.

IF WE CAN SEE IT, SO CAN THIEVES!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS REPORT IT TO POLICE!

Triple Zero (000) For emergencies or life threatening situations.

Police Assistance Line (131 444) For non emergencies.

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) To provide crime information, it can be in confidence.

Follow us on https://www.facebook.com/SouthSydneyPAC/

Our questions to NSW Police

- The NSW Police Statistics reflect information up to June 2026. Do you have any more recent stats?
- Is it important to get a COPS event number registered on the system (COPS = Computerised Operational Policing System)?
- Do the COPS event numbers contribute to decisions around police budgets and resourcing?
- What is the best way to report a crime?
    - Call 000?
    - Ring the Police Station?
    - Online through the Police Portal https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au?
- What can we do if we see suspicious activity? Is CrimeStoppers the nest method?
- What additional resources/preventative strategies could be implemented to identify and disrupt crime?
- Can additional targeted patrols and/or a dedicated operation be allocated to the area?
- What can residents do to ensure their reports contribute to a coordinated response?

What can we as individuals do?

- Get to know your neighbours – there is power in our community!
- Increase your home's security where possible
- Ensure that house and car keys are left out of sight
- Install motion-activated LED security lighting around the property
- Illuminate front and rear entrances, side passages and garage access
- Install visible CCTV cameras as a deterrent
- Ensure fences, gates and side access points are secure
- Trim vegetation that provides concealment around doors and windows
- Consider a video doorbell with two-way audio
- Consider alternative home delivery locations e.g. Parcel lockers at Australia Post
- Make sure house numbers are clearly visible for emergency services
- Lock car and property doors and windows
- Do not leave valuables visible in cars or easily accessible parts of your property

Questions?

Response Requested



Alexandria Residents Action Group will share relevant email addresses with the Police after this meeting to enable a response or updates.

We also request that this forms the start of a continuous dialogue between the community and the Police. We believe this is important to ensure the community is informed of any improvements made and ways the community may be able to support any Police efforts.

Further briefing can be provided to Police in writing or in a focused meeting.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING US

Alexandria Residents Action Group and residents from Alexandria and neighbouring suburbs