



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #410 - 20 August 2019**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

📧 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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**16 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring-gai PAC Week in Review**

On Sunday 11/08/2019, a 24yo male from Plumpton was found hiding outside **Galston Aquatic Centre** after having broken into the premises earlier that morning. He was found with property on him stolen from the swim centre. He was charged with Break & Enter and Goods in Custody and will appear at court next month.

At 10am on Saturday 10/08/2019, police stopped a 35yo male from Glendenning in a vehicle driving south on the **M1, Berowra**. Checks revealed the registration of the vehicle was cancelled. The driver when asked to produce a licence, failed to do so revealing it had been previously suspended. The male was charged with Drive whilst licence cancelled - prior offence, use unregistered vehicle and use uninsured vehicle.

Two males were caught shoplifting from **Dan Murphy's Thornleigh**. A 33 yo male from Carlingford attempted to steal two bottles of spirits by concealing them in his jumper and a 31yo male from Thornleigh attempted to steal a bottle of spirits by concealing it in his pants. Both males were issued a banning notice and will attend court for Shoplifting later in the month.

A 16yo youth from **Mount Colah** was charged with Shoplifting after he was identified stealing alcohol from **Aldi, Thornleigh**. Whilst police attempted to arrest him, the young male has resisted and tried to flee from police. He was subsequently charged with Resist/Hinder police. He was given conditional bail which he breached the following day. He has been bail refused until he appears in court later in the month.

On Thursday night, two 17yo males from **Gordon and Killara** were seen acting strangely after exiting a southbound train at **Roseville** carrying eco bags. They quickly boarded a northbound train before exiting at Lindfield. A search of their bags uncovered a number of spray cans used for graffiti. Checks on their phones revealed they had been involved in previous incidents of graffiti across the rail network. Investigations continuing.

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**15 August, from NSW Police: If you get a call like this, just hang up...**

For more info from the Australian Taxation Office, [click here](#).

# Tax Scam Call Starter Pack

<p><b>'This is the tax office. We're going to arrest you for an outstanding tax debt'</b></p>	<p><b>'We need you to send a scan of your passport and bank details'</b></p>
<p><b>'Pay the fine now with gift cards or bitcoin'</b></p>	<p><b>'We have your tax agent on the other line'</b></p>

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**15 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: After some extremely bright investigative work by our local officers, a male who had stolen several lamps from a local retailer, and had been on the run for a few weeks, was located, arrested and charged for the thefts.**

A brief of evidence was called for and a court date set. At the hearing the male was found guilty but unfortunately, he was given only a light sentence. Have a great night 😊 :)

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**15 August, from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner: CYBER-BULLYING – What can you do if it happens to your child?**

It's a horrible thing for anyone of any age to experience.

It is not acceptable.

It is carried out by cowards.

**Here's a few tips and a link that should answer your questions and help you if you are being cyber-bullied:**

1. DO block! Block the bully so they cannot send you any other messages
2. DO NOT retaliate or reply! The bully thrives on reply and the continuity of conversation – Do not give them that satisfaction
3. DO screenshot / copy evidence of the bullying! Screen shot or copy any

bullying conversation. This way you have any evidence if the bullying continues or gets worse

4. DO report ... report ... report! Report the bully to the administration of the social media site

eSafety is an initiative by the Australian Government. It is a great site where you can report cyber-bullying and educate yourselves on the dangers but know that help is available.

**Some of the complaints that have been acted upon by the esafety commissioner include:**

- Serious name calling, nasty comments, comments that incite suicide, outing or sexually threatening language.
- Fake accounts or impersonations
- Offensive or upsetting pictures or videos
- Hacking of social media accounts (potentially due to password sharing)
- Hate pages

[Here's the link](#)

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**14 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE "Please have this discussion with your child tonight"**

The use of mobile telephones, tablets and personal computers is common in most people's lives. Children are encouraged to use these devices to assist with their studies and stay connected, but this technology can also be used by online predators to target children. A lot of children use mobile devices to keep in contact with friends via social media. Whilst using these sites, there is a chance they could come into contact with online predators.

Here are some simple steps we all can take to help protect our children when they are online.

**CHILDREN - PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE**

- NEVER post personal information, including your name, home address, photograph, phone number or school, anywhere on the internet.
- ALWAYS tell your parents or another adult you know of any contact online that makes you feel uncomfortable.

- NEVER arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you have chatted to online without your parents' or carers' full knowledge. Have a parent/carer accompany you.
- ALWAYS think before sending. Pressing 'send' is definite and final – you can't get it back.
- DO NOT send a picture of yourself to anyone you don't know.

## **PARENTS - PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE**

- ALWAYS educate your children about the dangers associated with online conversations.
- ENSURE that you discuss age-appropriate sites with your children.
- TALK to your child about what they do online and their favourite sites to visit.
- CHECK with your child's school, public library, and other places they frequent to find out what internet sites they're accessing.
- ALWAYS monitor the status of safety settings on devices used by your child.

## **PROTECT YOUR HOME DEVICES**

- DEACTIVATE settings like GPS from social media sites used by your child.
- ENSURE you and your family use strong passwords to secure your devices.
- ALWAYS use secure web browsers and active parental control restrictions on your home computer and devices.

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**14 August, from NSW Police: One hundred and forty young people have been referred into workplace opportunities one year after the NSW Police Commissioner launched the RISEUP strategy targeting disengaged youth across the state.**

**RISEUP** was officially launched on Wednesday 8 August 2018 by NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller APM to prioritise youth engagement. As part of the Commissioner's strategy, RISEUP incorporates job ready programs, mentoring and vocational training for at risk youth aged between 15 and 18, to reengage young people with family and community, and in some cases divert them from criminal activity. Since the program was launched last year, 140 young people

have secured workplace opportunities, with 110 successfully retaining employment. Of the 110 young people who have retained employment, 29 are female and 81 are male. Employment opportunities range from full-time, part-time and casual work, to apprenticeships and traineeships. Industries where employment opportunities have been secured include retail, hospitality, fitness/sport and recreation, office management and administration, local council, fast-food, various trades and entertainment.

Video and [full Media Release here](#).

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**Neighbourhood Watch is back in business! Thanks also to [Wayne Deaner](#) (not pictured).**

**15 August, from the Daily Telegraph: Neighbourhood Watch NSW receives \$9500 grant for public liability insurance**

EXCLUSIVE: Neighbourhood Watch NSW will receive \$9500 from the state government for public liability insurance in a win for 120 besieged groups that were forced to suspend fundraising activities.

The Daily Telegraph can reveal Police Minister David Elliott on Thursday agreed to provide a one-off grant — which will safeguard the future of the organisation — after members of his office met with NHW representatives earlier this week. The groups have been not been able to facilitate letterbox drops, host stalls or even hold barbecues since their public liability insurance was suspended on June 30. They have been locked in a stalemate with the state government, with neither party willing to fold and pay thousands of dollars for the insurance. NHW said changes to the Treasury Managed Fund, a self-insurance scheme created by the NSW government, left them with no cover but NSW Police denied there had been a restructure.

Police Minister David Elliott on Thursday agreed to provide a one-off grant for this financial year, which will enable the groups to resume their

activities. “Neighbourhood Watch is a community group that supports police in crime prevention and engaging with the public,” Mr Elliott said. “Since this matter has come to the NSW Government’s attention, we have taken proactive steps to clarify the matter at hand.” “Today (NHW) president Bill Hackney was informed that I will be providing the organisation with a \$9500 grant to cover their insurance.”

Mr Hackney it was “business as usual” for NHW groups thanks to the grant. “We could have been facing a whole situation if this didn’t come through and it’s certainly instilled the security of all the groups across NSW,” he said. However, Mr Hackney flagged that the organisation will eventually seek more funding to ensure its longevity. “Most of our groups already exist and have existed for decades without backing but with backing this will help develop Neighbourhood Watch into the future,” he said.

Labor’s police spokeswoman Lynda Voltz said the solution was “good for this year but what’s happening next year?” “They need insurance every year going on and the government has got to come up with more than a short term solution,” she said.

While the group’s lobbying was a success, they still have not received an explanation regarding who is at fault over the insurance bungle. A NSW Police spokesman previously said Neighbourhood Watch members were only ever covered when they participated in a police activity. “On 5 April 2019 Neighbourhood Watch organisations were re-advised of this longstanding position,” he said.



Neighbourhood Watch NSW Inc members (from left) Bill Hackney, Julia Eagles, Philip Brown and David Watmore met with the NSW government. Picture: Toby

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Thursday 29 August:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) [Email us any issue you'd like discussed.](#)

**Friday 30 August:** Wear it Purple Day

**Thursday 05 September:** Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers. 6:30-8:30pm @ council chambers. **Bookings essential.** [Info.](#)

**Saturday 14 September:** Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade Open Day 10am-2pm 'Let's Get Ready!' @ 127x Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

**Monday 30 September:** TBC Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turrumurra) meeting. 7:30PM in the lounge area, Turrumurra Uniting Church, Turrumurra Ave. All welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

**Sunday 27 October:** Graffiti Removal Day

**Wednesday 13 - 20 November:** TBC Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week - Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall

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**20 August, from NHW VIC: Where should I keep my car keys?**

Around 70% of cars made after 2001 are stolen with their own keys. Our CEO Bambi Gordon takes a look of car key burglaries and whether people should be hiding their keys.

[Full blog here.](#)



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**19 August, from NSW Police: Police are investigating an armed robbery on**



## **Sydney's Upper North Shore last week.**

About 2.40pm (Monday 12 August 2019), a man entered a shop on **Peats Ferry Road, Asquith**, armed with a knife. Police have been told the man, wearing a two-toned jumper with a hood and a dark beanie, threatened the shop's owner, before fleeing with an amount of cash. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged between 40 and 45 years, 170cm tall with a large build. Officers from Hornsby Police station arrived a short time later and established a crime scene. Police are urging anyone who may have been in the area at the time to come forward. Officers are particularly interested in speaking to a woman who the armed robber bumped into as he was fleeing.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**18 August, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: Hot off the press, the latest Neighbourhood Watch Australasia journal.**

## Welcome NHW NSW Inc

In 1984 just one year after the formation of Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria the New South Wales Police Force saw the results of that first year as well as the value of community-based policing and had the foresight to form Neighbourhood Watch in New South Wales.

35 years later in 2019 with a brand that is easily recognised state wide and an organisation that has seen 500% growth over the last five years, a meeting was held to decide how to best continue into the next 35 years. On 26th April 2019 after an 8-hour meeting and a great deal of passion and commitment Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Incorporated was formed. The mission of this group is to be a centralised State Body that can bring all the NHW groups in NSW together and work together, share ideas and help each other and the brand to grow.

There was also the election of a formation board to help with the launch of NHW NSW until a State AGM can be held later in 2019.

Congratulations go to the following formation Board Members.

State President: Mr Bill Hackley

Sydney Metropolitan Vice President: Mr Philip Brown

Rural Vice President: Mr Wayne Deane

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr David Watmore

Ordinary Board Member: Mrs Julia Eagles

When asked how Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Incorporated would benefit all NHW groups in NSW State President Mr Bill Hackley responded, "There is a need for NHW groups to work together and support each other and to assist the new groups that are forming."



Left to right Front Row: Philip Brown - NHW NSW Vice President, Linda Watts - Willoughby NHW, Pressale Varak - NHW NSW General Committee, Julia Eagles - NHW NSW General Committee, David Watmore - NHW NSW Secretary Treasurer, Bill Hackley - NHW NSW President. Back Row: David Strickland - Willoughby NHW, Wayne Deane - NHW NSW Vice President

He then went on to say "This will allow us to create a centralised database of all your groups, a strengthening of our existing activities, a centralised communication and promotion strategy over the next 35 years to bring us strong and moving towards the future."

"We are excited by this development and look forward to the coming improvements."

New South Wales is the only state that did not have a state body for Neighbourhood Watch and while the NSW Police Force has been a fantastic caretaker, with more and more demands being placed on their resources, it's time for the state body to invest the time and effort in strengthening and the development of the next phase of NHW in NSW.

When Rural Vice President Mr Wayne Deane was asked about the future of NHW in NSW his response was, "The formation of NHW NSW INC is a step in the right direction and an extremely positive step for NSW."

Another benefit of having a state office is that when we have corporate sponsorship and some state funding, the state office will be able to provide basic promotional materials to all its members at no cost, which will bring NSW in line with all the other states.

State President Bill Hackley spent some time in Victoria observing how NHW VIC INC operates. This has helped with the smooth introduction of NHW NSW INC and he and the board are very appreciative of the assistance and support that has been shown to NHW NSW INC by Victoria especially, as well as other states.

The next step is a roll call of all NHW groups in NSW so that a NHW contact database can be created to bring all groups under the state umbrella. Can all NHW Groups in NSW please contact NHW NSW INC at [nswnhe@outlook.com](mailto:nswnhe@outlook.com) so that we can help your community stay safe?

Remember, being part of NHW puts U in the middle of your community.

[We will share a better image and a link to the online journal as soon as it is available - Ed]

**18 August, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: Please would you help a resident?**

Our bike was stolen from our garage on Burdett St in Hornsby sometime on Thursday night. If anyone sees it could they contact Matt on 0409796955. Thanks for your help 😊 :)



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**17 August, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for the public's help to locate a man wanted on an outstanding warrant from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command.**

**Raymond Elliot**, aged 47, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding arrest warrant for the revocation of parole. He may be travelling via public transport and is known to have ties to the Goulburn area; however, his whereabouts are currently unknown. Raymond is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 160cm tall, with a medium build, and grey hair. He has tattoos on his upper arms, left shoulder, and lower right arm, and left chest. If seen, the public is urged not to approach him but to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/> Information is treated in strict confidence.



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**17 August, shared from Pymble/ West Pymble Community group: Spotted on a walk this morning along Ryde road- at the bus stop before Wyuna**



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**15 August, from Neighbourhood watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural Areas: Another local report of a break-in including drone sighting**

Wednesday morning about 8:30 am I heard a drone from work. It sounded like it was at my house as I live about 300 m from work . Only for about 2 min . As I made my back to the office to get my keys to go and check my property the same looking car, Mazda 3 black/ Charcoal as I reported a week earlier over the nursery was headed back towards Glenorie . I rushed home to find my shed door wide open . Reported to Wisemans Ferry & Windsor police . They were trying to get the D's out to finger print shed doors but nothing yet . Yesterday arvo informed a few neighbors and one of them saw 2 flash lights at 11:30 pm Tuesday night around the back of my property but didn't think too much of it as farming has no set hrs etc . Was reluctant to post until the fingerprinting was done, but out of time . Maroota . Beware they are still about.

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**15 August, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with dashcam vision, as efforts continue to recover a motor vehicle that went over the Old Pacific Highway Bridge at Brooklyn on Monday night.**

Emergency services were called to the location about 9.15pm (Monday 12 August 2019), after reports a dark coloured four-wheel drive had driven through a barrier into the Hawkesbury River. A search operation commenced for the vehicle.

On Tuesday (13 August 2019), the vehicle was located in 22 metres of water. Efforts to salvage the vehicle continued yesterday (Wednesday 14 August 2019). Inquiries to locate and recover the body of a man who was driving the vehicle continue. The incident is not being treated as suspicious.

Officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command are appealing for any witnesses, or anyone with dashcam vision, to come forward. It is understood there are some witnesses who spoke to emergency services on the night, but have not provided their details to police.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

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## **15 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Road Rules Refresher**

### **Q) Speed limit signs tell people;**

- a) The maximum speed they are allowed to drive in good conditions
- b) The minimum speed they are allowed to drive
- c) The recommended speed they should drive

What do you think?

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Speeding is travelling at a speed greater than the speed limit. You can also be speeding if you are travelling too fast for the driving conditions. If road conditions are less than ideal, for example; rain, heavy traffic, night time etc, you may be speeding even if you're driving at or below the posted speed limit.

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There's no such thing as safe speeding!

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Many people consider that exceeding the speed limit by 5 to 10 km/h is

'acceptable' speeding. This is a dangerous way to think. Research has shown that even a small increase in speed can greatly increase the risk of a crash.

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**So there you have it. The answer is A.**

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Resource - [Road Users Handbook](#) - download pdf from [here](#).

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### **15 August, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade: Do you or your kids charge their phone on their bed or under their pillow?**

This can be extremely dangerous with the heat dissipating and causing the charger to heat up and potentially ignite pillows and/or bed linen. Research shows 53% of children are guilty of charging electronics on, or close by, the bed — a practice leaving them vulnerable to fire. When you are using tablets, or other small electrical appliances, make sure that you don't use them in bedding or cover them — they dissipate heat when they're charging.



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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 15 August [\[online edition here\]](#):**

**Street Watch [page 10]**

**GALSTON** A man has been charged after allegedly breaking into Galston Aquatic Leisure Centre and eating ice creams while taking whistles and iPads. Police will

allege the 24-yearold from Plumpton allegedly broke into the centre on Galston Rd about 4.40am on Sunday. It will be alleged the man took a number of items, including safety whistles and iPads, while consuming ice-cream from the centre. The man left the centre after incoming staff saw him, police say. Police will allege the man then tried to flag down passing motorists to catch a lift. Police patrolling nearby found him walking on Galston Rd. He was arrested and charged with break, enter and steal. He is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court at a later date.

**BROOKLYN** A white Cavgiva motorcycle, chained to a tree at McKell car park on Dangar Rd, was stolen between 2pm and 7.45am on Thursday. The motorcycle was parked when someone cut the chains and took off with the vehicle. Another motorcycle at the carpark was reported to have been tampered with, but not stolen.

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**From the draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips - You should know better!"**

**Should-know-better Tip#12:** Don't leave notes on doors saying you are out and when you'll be back. You may as well start with "Dear thieves... "

**Should-know-better Tip#13:** Shut the garage/shed door when you're not in it!

**Should-know-better Tip#14:** If you are home alone, never admit it to an unknown person at your door.

**Should-know-better Tip#15:** Close your curtains at night. It stops you spot-lighting your valuables, art on the walls etc.

Please email us your suggestions for inclusion in the Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips - You should know better! A Neighbourhood Watch goodie bag for any chosen!

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Thanks to Cop Humour Australia: **french police cars be like oui u oui u oui u**

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**IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**



Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723**

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)**

Non-emergency two-way communication

**Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

**Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

**Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**



**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



**WatchOut!** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



**NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group**



**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

**Local Facebook pages:**



**WatchOut!** Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



**Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra** (technical issues)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)



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