



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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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01 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Road Rules Refresher -

Sharing the road with bicycle riders - *****

Bicycle riders have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers and motorcycle riders. When driving, be on the look out for bicycle riders as they are smaller than cars and harder to see. Drivers who pass a bicycle rider must allow a distance of at least:

- 1 metre when the speed limit is 60km/h or less
- 1.5 metres when the speed limit is more than 60km/h

In order to provide the minimum safe passing distance to a bicycle rider, drivers are exempt from certain road rules. These exemptions allow drivers to drive to the right of the centre of the road, cross or straddle broken and unbroken lines, flat painted islands and flat dividing strips as long as it is safe to do and provided the driver has a clear view of approaching traffic.

[Road Users Handbook here.](#)

31 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command:

1. What is speeding?

If you drive above the maximum speed limit or you drive too fast for the weather, road and/or traffic conditions, even if the posted speed limit is not exceeded – you are speeding! Speeding is one of the most commonly reported factors associated with crashes, yet, few drivers view speeding as an immediate risk to their personal safety.

2. I'm a good driver, so I can speed safely. Can't I?

No. There's no such thing as speeding safely. Speed alone, regardless of any other factors, including how good a car you may be driving or how good a driver you may be, increases both the likelihood and the severity of a crash. Think about it. Any crash with a speeding vehicle could involve you, your passengers, pedestrians and/or

the driver and passengers of one or more other vehicles.

3. The faster you drive - the greater your risk of a crash and severe injury.

As your speed increases, so does the distance traveled while processing and reacting to a hazard. At the same time, the distance needed for you to stop also increases - at a considerable rate. Speeding also contributes to the increased risk of losing vehicle control. At higher speeds, cars become more difficult to manoeuvre - especially on corners or curves or where evasive action is necessary. The forces experienced by the human body in a collision also increase as the speed increases. Driving within the speed limit:

- Allows road users more time to assess hazards and avoid potential crashes.
- Reduces the distance traveled while reacting to hazards.
- Provides a greater opportunity to avoid a collision.
- Makes it less likely that either you or another driver/rider will lose control.
- Reduces the impact forces in the event of a crash, making severe outcomes less likely.

4. The faster you drive - the harder you hit another vehicle, pedestrian or other object in a crash.

Even exceeding the speed limit by a small margin can have a considerable impact. Consider this example: A driver notices a pedestrian crossing the road. If the car is travelling at 50 km/h and the driver brakes when the pedestrian is 29 meters away, there will be enough space in which to stop without hitting the pedestrian.

Increase the vehicle speed by just 10 km/h and the situation changes dramatically. At 60 km/h, with the pedestrian 29 meters away and the driver braking at the same point, the car will be travelling at 44 km/h when it hits the pedestrian.

[Speeding Offence list and fine schedule here.](#)



29 August, from NSW Road Safety NSW: Do you know the difference between children's crossings and pedestrian crossings?

At children's crossings drivers must stop and wait until all people have completely crossed the road before proceeding. #RuralRoadSafetyMonth



28 August, from Road Safety NSW: Check out our top 3 ways to stay safe when driving around trucks.



[Be Truck Aware Campaigns info and video here.](#)

27 August, from NSW Fire & Rescue Station 050 Hornsby: AUSTRALIA POST REALLY DELIVERS!

This morning FRNSW was informed of a house fire 🔥 by a postie doing his rounds who noticed smoke logging on a window of a house in Asquith and alerted 000. Hornsby 050stn pump and tanker, along with Berowra 075stn pump attendend the scene, gained entry and found the kitchen alight. Whilst carrying out search and rescue firefighters located 2 dogs and 2 cats and removed them from the house and provided oxygen therapy. The animals were transported by NSW POLICE to a local vet for treatment.

Thanks again to the local postie who did an excellent job.



Snippets from the Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held on Thursday 29 August.

Current cyber attacks were shared:

- Shared a fraud involving the interception of emails, with subsequent altered invoices with the incorrect banking details. Paul recommended bank details be checked as legit prior to any payment.
- Shared a sophisticated JB Hi-Fi 'spoofing' SMS scam involving a customer survey to be completed for an entry into a draw, subsequently notifying of a winning entry, then a request for \$10 to be sent prior to receiving the prize of a mobile phone. The SMS phone number was hidden. The SMS was received following a purchase, and so seemed very legit.
- Shared a scam also with JB Hi-Fi, following a visit to a JB Hi-Fi store. This involved the prize of a free iPad/ 3mths free Stan access, requiring simply the entry of credit card details.
- Shared a cyberattack affecting the Jewish Board of Deputies. It generated fake invoices from them, with incorrect banking details.
- Mentioned the YMCA computer system had been out of action for 2 weeks, affected by ransomware.

Fraud should always be reported to the government. Before June 2019 it was reported to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN); It is now replaced by reporting using the **Cyber Issue Reporting System:** <https://www.cyber.gov.au/> at the **Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC).**

For advice and help after fraud, use **IDCare:** <https://www.idcare.org/>.

Recommended the Neighbourhood Watch **WatchOut.org.au website** which has pages with links for Scams, ID Theft and Fraud: <https://watchout.org.au/>. Also available is "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity**" available to download from the **local NHW website:** <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/>.

For more information from the CSPC, or for crime stats for your suburb (limited stats were able to be scribbled down at the time), [email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com).

Dates for the Diary:

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 16 - Saturday 22 September: Responsible Gambling Awareness Week

Saturday 22 September: Responsible Gambling Awareness Week community event - 'Family Harmony & Health Day', 12-4pm @ St Ives Community Hall, Memorial Av. **Registration: 0488 330 820**

Monday 30 September: **Due to ill health, new date TBA** 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: Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week

Sunday 10 November: Hornsby Shire Council's Party at Park @ Asquith Park" community event 10-12noon @ Asquith Park - NHW will have a crime prevention stall, colouring-in and photo booth etc.

Thursday 14 November: Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command at 10-2pm in Bunning's car park.

From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 29 August [[Link here](#)]

Street Watch [Page 9]

HORNSBY A 32-year-old man has been charged with break and enter with intent following an incident at Westfield Hornsby on Thursday, August 22. Police will allege the man jumped the counter of the KFC in the Westfield food court and accessed a computer at the back of the premises to commit a lewd act before proceeding to rummage in the safe of the restaurant about 6.15am. A staff member arriving for work then confronted the man before he left the premises. The man was arrested following a police investigation and charged with four offences.

WAHROONGA Police are investigating an attempted break and enter following an incident early Wednesday morning. A 23-year-old woman was woken by the sound of someone banging on her bedroom window about 3.35am. The woman told police she saw a light come on on the first level at the rear of the house as someone was removing the fly screen to her bedroom window. She then knocked

on the window which caused the offender to run from the scene. No CCTV footage is available and no witnesses have come forward so far.

HORNSBY A thief has stolen approximately \$2500 worth of items from a property on Victoria Pde on Monday. After jimmying a door frame on the groundfloor to gain access to the residence, the thief made off with multiple items including a television, Xbox console, camera and laptop along with an unknown quantity of cash. Police investigations are ongoing.

ST IVES An 86-year-old woman has returned to her Dorset Drive home after spending the week with her son to find her property had been robbed while she was away. Sometime between Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, August 24, someone forced their way into the property via the kitchen window and ransacked the house. Among the stolen items were multiple pieces of jewellery, including two pearl necklaces, one gold ring and one gold ring with a sapphire, as well as a Honda Civic. Police are continuing their investigations.

MT KURING-GAI A 20-year-old man from Artarmon has been charged with driving with a suspended licence at Mt Kuring-gai. The man was driving along the M1 Motorway when he was stopped by police, who confirmed that his license had been suspended. He is scheduled to face Hornsby Local Court on Thursday, September 19.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS A 61-year-old Hornsby Heights woman will face court in October after allegedly returning a positive breath test on Friday, August 23. The woman was driving on Galston Rd near Ryan Ave, Hornsby Heights, when she was stopped by police about 11pm for a random breath test. A breath analysis allegedly showed a positive reading and the woman was charged with lowrange drink driving. She is set to face court on Friday, October 11.

ST IVES Police are looking for a man of Middle Eastern/ Mediterranean appearance following a robbery that occurred between 9.10am and 9.30am on Pildra Ave on Thursday, August 22. A 58-yearold woman returned from taking her daughter to school to find numerous items of jewellery had been stolen. Someone attempted to gain access to the property by jimmying the exterior doors before smashing a window which activated the house alarm. The man was then seen by a neighbour running down the street. He is described as being clean shaven, between 35 and 38-years-old and 172cm tall. Investigations are ongoing.

03 September, from Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW: Do you check your Facebook regularly? Are you looking for a volunteer role to help the community? Then have we a role for you!

Neighbourhood Watch is looking for assistance with Facebook pages where our volunteers have had to move on. 😞

Do you live in the Pennant Hills area?

Or Normanhurst? ☐

We would love your help as admin for the Neighbourhood Watch pages for these two suburbs:

<https://www.facebook.com/NHWPennantHills/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NHWNormanhurst/>

Please email us for more information. It's not a big role - 10 minutes? If you are cruising Facebook 🗉 and see something about crime or crime prevention that would be of use to the local community, we ask you to share it. How easy is that?! And there will be some very grateful people out there, for what you do. ❤️☐👉

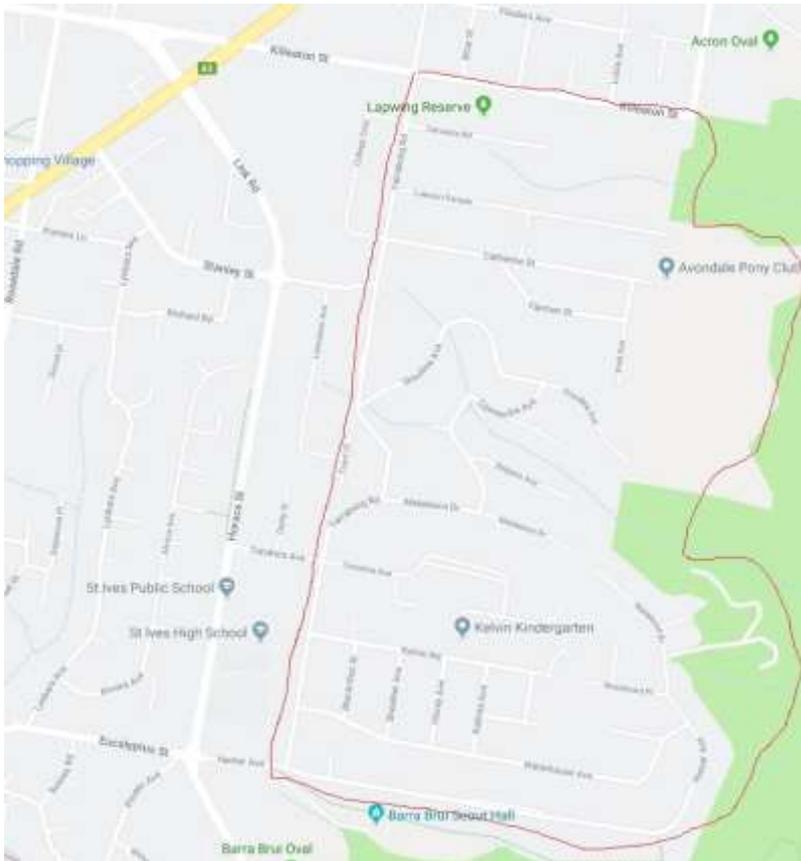
03 September, from Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW: Do you live in ST IVES between the area defined by Hunter, Horace, Killeaton, and Garigal National Park?

We have a Neighbourhood Watch group in St Ives (known as NHW Area 9), bounded by Hunter Av, Horace St east side, Stanley St, Yarrabung to Killeaton St south side, through to the Garigal National Park. A few years ago it lost all the committee except the Area Coordinator.

After 35 years, Neighbourhood Watch is in a new era, with its own organisation (NHW NSW Inc), its own governance and insurance, etc, the coordinator is looking for someone to resurrect this St Ives NHW group. Is that you? We have none of the original information, no bank account, no membership... just the advice of the coordinator.

Otherwise, we will formally close the group and communicate with residents through our St Ives Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NHWStIves/> and weekly eNewsletter.

If you are interested in chatting with us about what's involved, please email us. Thank you to BILL. ❤️☐☐👉



03 September, from Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW: Do you live in ST IVES CHASE?

We have a Neighbourhood Watch group in St Ives Chase, which used to meet regularly at St Ives North Public School. A few years ago it reverted to being an eWatch - a group connected only via email (ChaseTeam).

After 35 years, Neighbourhood Watch is in a new era, with its own organisation (NHW NSW Inc), its own governance and insurance, etc, the coordinator is looking for someone to run this St Ives Chase NHW eWatch, or even resurrect it as a NHW group. Is that you? It has currently 49 members.

Otherwise, we will formally close the group and communicate with residents only through our St Ives Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NHWStIves/> and weekly eNewsletter.

If you are interested in chatting with us about what's involved, **please email us**. Thank you to FIONA. ♥☐☐🐾



02 September, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Our research shows 25% of children 8-13 years old have used the internet to chat to someone they didn't know.

Start a conversation with your child before a stranger does. Talk to them about how they can tell whether someone is safe to talk to – whether they know them or not. As parents you have the life skills to teach your child to recognise the warning signs here.

For more practical strategies head to eSafety Parents here.

Play Your Part National Child Protection Week here.

02 September, from Aussie Pumps: **JETTER CRIME WAVE UPDATE**

Aussie pumps is offering a \$25K reward for information leading to conviction and return of stolen Jetters. Please contact Aussie Pumps or the Castle Hill Police with any information you may have.

28 August, from Aussie Pumps: Aussie Pumps is Located in the Castle Hill Business Park Area. The equipment that was taken was done through fraudulent payment.

Our main concern at the moment is finding our equipment and making sure NO ONE (plumber, tradesman or business) fall victim to these thieves. We believe they might be trying to resell these items at a lower cost to make profits. The reason I am reaching out is that we are concerned that these thieves will travel across the Western Suburbs and throughout NSW. We do have the Castle Hill Police involved in this matter as well, so authorities are definitely aware and working on this situation with us, BUT we want the public to be aware!

REWARD

\$25,000

JETTER CRIME WAVE

Payable for information leading to a conviction of thieves & return of stolen goods



Aussie Pumps

Call us with info
02 8865 3500

02 September, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural Areas: WARNING to all locals

My mum's house was broken into between 1pm & 4.30pm today (Tuesday 30 August) in Middle Dural Road... They turned the power off at the power box and smashed the glass in at the back door.. She has an alarm... many things taken, so... pissed off 😊

01 September, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a 16-year-old girl missing from Ryde.

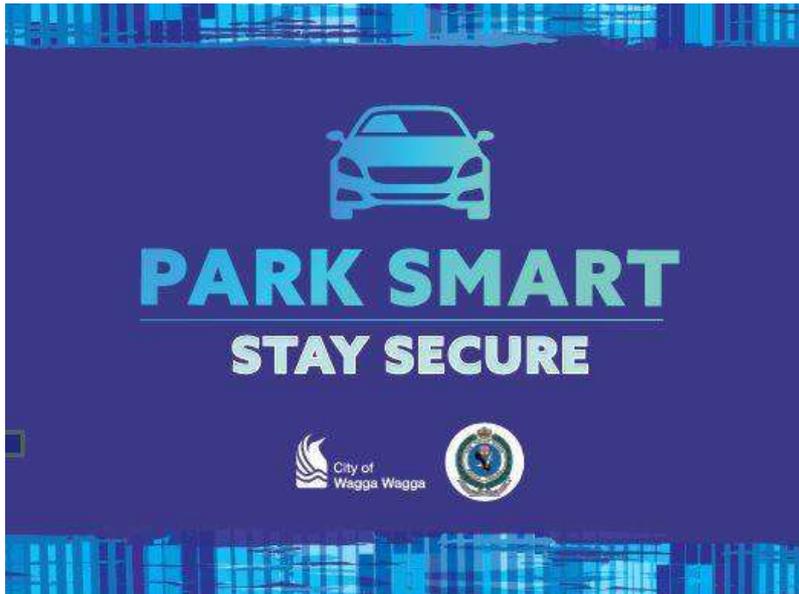
Madeline Rodway, aged 16, was last seen around midday on Thursday 29 August 2019 outside a school on the Pacific Highway, Crows Nest. Family and police hold concerns for her welfare due to her age and a condition that requires medication. Police are appealing for public assistance to locate Madeline who is described as being of Caucasian appearance, with a slim build, about 160cm tall, with long red hair and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a black dress, black boots, black opaque tights, black mesh top and glasses. She was also carrying a yellow and black backpack. Officers from Ryde Police Area Command urge anyone who sees Madeline to contact police immediately.

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



31 August, from Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW: A lot of theft in the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command is from vehicles that are left unlocked in the street.

At the Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting this week, we heard of youths walking down a street in St Ives in the early hours of the morning, trying car doors until they found an open one. Several thefts from cars were recorded that morning. Be warned! This post may not be from Ku-ring-gai, but just as well could be.



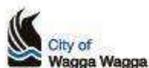
Tips to keep your vehicle secure

Always

- Lock your vehicle
- Remove all devices
- Remove any personal information
- Remove handbags, wallets etc

Never

- Leave loose coins in the console
- Leave tools unattended
- Leave your vehicle unlocked
- Leave your windows open



PARK SMART
STAY SECURE

This is an initiative of Wagga Wagga City Council and Wagga Wagga Police

31 August, from 9News.com.au: 'Lesson' for parents after dad arrested for smashing daughter's phone.

A dad who found himself in a police cell after smashing his daughter's phone wants his story to serve as an instructional lesson to other parents.

[Full story here.](#)

30 August, from SnapSendSolve: An update from the App, SnapSendSolve

Exciting Changes

Snap Send Solve has made it easier for you to find the correct incident type for a report by introducing top level categories. Top level categories are groupings of incident types. These changes provide an extra layer of detail and assist us in ensuring your reports are being sent to the relevant Local Council or Authority. Be sure to update your app to check it out!

We're Tyred

Did you know that approximately 25 million used tyres are generated in Australia each year? The majority of these tyres are disposed of in a manner that is damaging to the environment. That's why Snap Send Solve has partnered with Tyre Stewardship Australia to make reporting dumped tyres as efficient as possible, resulting in old tyres being reused and recycled. If you see illegally dumped tyres, simply start a report with Snap Send Solve and select 'Dumped Tyres' under the 'Rubbish & Bins' Category to send the report to Tyre Stewardship Australia.

All Paws on Board

We are pleased to announce that the launch of Wildlife Victoria on the Snap Send Solve platform has been an absolute success. With over 100 reports in a few short weeks, it's safe to say that Victorians love their native furry friends. Thank you to everyone who has reported sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife and is assisting Wildlife Victoria in managing their ever increasing demand efficiently.



From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners"

Tip #1. WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED (even short periods), CLOSE ALL WINDOWS, REMOVE KEY FROM IGNITION & LOCK ALL DOORS.

Remember, it's

an offence under the Aussie Road Rules to leave your car unlocked.

Tip #2. DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

Tip #3. ENSURE YOU HAVE REMOVED ALL PROPERTY FROM VIEW [mobile phone, sunglasses, CDs (burn copies?), bag, wallet, loose change, clothing, laptop,

iPod]. EITHER TAKE IT WITH YOU, OR LOCK IT IN THE BOOT. REMOVE ALL SIGNS THAT PROPERTY MAY BE IN THE CAR. eg no blankets covering tempting

lumps on the back seat, no carrier bags.

Tip #6. PARK IN WELL-LIT, HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREAS, PREFERABLY WITH CCTV. AVOID CAR PARKS WITH A HISTORY OF BREAK-INS.

Tip #7. STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO

THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR BEFORE GETTING IN.

For more tips, see [our local NHW website, Tips page here.](#)



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



[NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group](#)



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Email 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 Glaston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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



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