



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #538 - 01 February 2022

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 our local police at 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 another 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 and thank you for your support.

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01 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Weekend in a Nutshell

STOLEN VEHICLES:

28th January 2022 – vehicle stolen from Galston – Vehicle and tools stolen – Keys left in the unlocked vehicle

30th January 2022 – vehicle stolen from Galston - keys left in the unlocked vehicle - later found burnt out

HINT: KEEP THE DOORS AND WINDOWS OF YOUR VEHICLE LOCKED WHEN PARKING, EVEN WHEN PARKING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY

DRIVER DISQUALIFIED, FAULTY SEATBELT, UNROADWORTHY TYRES, CONSUMPTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

A male is to attend Hornsby Local Court on Thursday the 3rd of March 2022 for the following offences:

- * Drive motor vehicle on road during disqualification period - prior offence
- * Use light vehicle with seatbelt missing or defective
- * Use light vehicle not comply with tyres standard
- * Drive motor vehicle with illicit drug present in blood etc - Prior offence

HINT 1: DON'T DRIVE WHILST DISQUALIFIED – You're disqualified for a reason so just don't drive

HINT 2: ENSURE YOUR SEATBELTS ARE WORKING PROPERLY – Saves you being propelled through your windscreen or hitting your head on the ceiling of your car or the rear vision mirror

HINT 3: ENSURE YOUR TYRES ARE ROADWORTHY – Saves you slipping and sliding all over the road and into people or other vehicles

HINT 4: DON'T DRIVE WITH ILLICIT DRUGS IN YOUR SYSTEM – Drugs aren't good for you and it is illegal

NEAR DROWNING OF A CHILD:

GREAT NEWS – the child survived

A TIMELY REMINDER TO ENSURE YOUR POOL GATE LOCK IS WORKING AS IT SHOULD AND ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN

YOUTHS ARRESTED – STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLES:

Three youths arrested for steal from motor vehicle offences, stealing cash, charging cords, wireless speakers, where they broke into vehicles located from Wahroonga to Hornsby

HINT 1: LOCK YOUR VEHICLES, WINDOWS AND DOORS

HINT 2: KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT.

HINT 3: WHERE POSSIBLE, PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA

STORAGE CAGE THEFTS:

Gordon - had some storage cage thefts over the weekend.

HINT: INSTALL GOOD QUALITY LOCKS AND KEEP YOUR VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT. TALK TO YOUR STRATA COMMITTEE ABOUT REVIEWING CURRENT SAFETY MEASURES IN AND AROUND YOUR UNIT COMPLEX.

If you would like a safety audit on your complex to be conducted, or you wish to ask about our free safety audits, please contact **Hornsby Police Station on**

9476 9799 and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer.



01 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Traffic Tuesday



[Added by Ed] The Road Rules say: Horns and other warning devices

You must not use your horn or any other warning device, unless:

- you need to warn other road users about the position of your vehicle
- you need to warn others that you are approaching
- you need to warn animals to get off the road
- it's part of an anti-theft or alcohol interlock device.

Never use your horn to scare or intimidate other road users, particularly bicycle riders, pedestrians and horse riders.

Read the Road Rules [here](#) (page 184 for use of horns).

01 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Traffic Tuesday



[Added by Ed] The Road Rules say: Drinking alcohol while driving

You must not drink alcohol while in your vehicle and driving, even if your BAC stays below your legal limit.

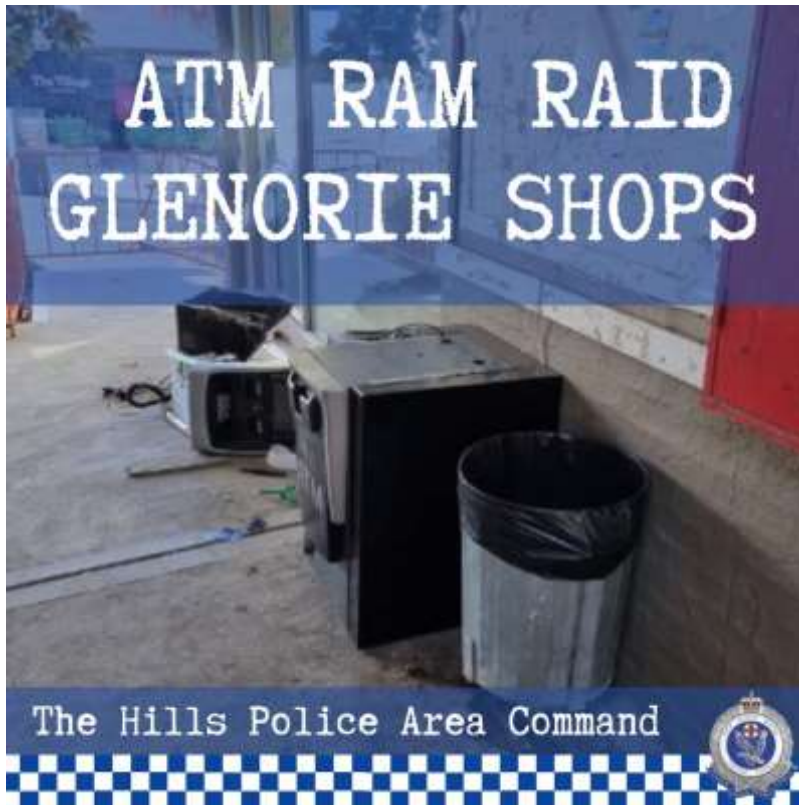
Read the Road Rules [here](#) (page 40 for drinking whilst driving).

31 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: ATM Ram Raid - Glenorie Shops.

Hills Police are investigating the attempted theft of an ATM at Glenorie Shops - Old Northern Road at 11.20pm Sunday the 30th January 2022. Three males driving a white utility were seen leaving the scene.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime**

Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



28 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Antisocial behaviour and reporting it in a timely manner

Patrolled Brooklyn this morning. Spoke with a few people who were out enjoying the beautiful weather and surrounds of Parsley Bay, including McKell Park, both upper and lower. Occasionally, we get reports of antisocial behaviour in the area, but not today. The parks and playground were in pristine order with people swimming in the pool and setting up for lunch and a day out. We really do live and work in a beautiful part of Sydney.

If you see someone engaging in antisocial behaviour, whether in Brooklyn or any location in our Command, please report it at the time to the **Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131444** or to **Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799**.



28 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Do you have dashcam footage?

About 5:15pm on Thursday 27th January 2022, a collision occurred between two vehicles travelling northbound on Mona Vale Rd x Telegraph Rd, St Ives. Police are appealing for anyone with dashcam footage of the incident to make contact with **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799** or **Gordon Police 9418 5399**. Event number **E86741208** relates.



27 January, from NSW Police Force: You know who you are... 40km/h school zones are back tomorrow 🚧 🚓 🚗

Dad: Son, one day you'll be a man.

Son: I'm 27...

Dad: Yeah but you still speed in school zones.



27 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: The NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM has been developed by NSW Police to help people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local police station.

Ku-ring-gai Police are encouraging anyone who can be assisted by this program to complete an application form and hand it into your nearest police station. We will give you a key ring and a sticker with your registered number on it. The information provided to police on our register may assist the ambulance and police in an emergency. The Next of Kin program is a FREE of charge service.

For a NOK Program Registration Form, click [here](#).



NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM

Developed by NSW Police Force

Next of Kin is the person you would like police to contact in case of an emergency.

WHAT IS THE NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM?

The Next of Kin Program helps people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local police station.

The contact details of the Next of Kin, as well as the nominated doctor, dentist and any medical alerts that would help in an emergency situation will be entered onto a register. Any information provided will be securely stored and only accessed by NSW Police.

This information may assist the police and emergency services to contact a relative or other nominated person if needed in an emergency situation.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Contact your local police station and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer about the Next of Kin Program.

The Next of Kin Program is a FREE to join.

Your local Crime Prevention Officer is:

Senior Constable Melissa Rosevear
Police Station

Riverstone Police Station
Contact Us: 02 9558 2199

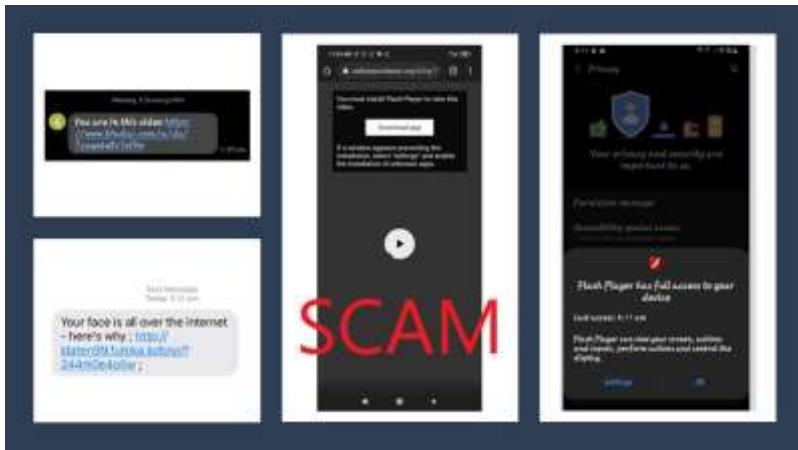
CONFIDENTIAL: Next of Kin Program

REGISTRATION NUMBER		NEXT OF KIN #1 (Please use a family member, neighbour, friend, etc.)	
PERSON'S DETAILS		Name	
Surname		Name	
First Name		Date of Birth	
Date of Birth		Relationship (to you)	
Address		Address	
Phone (H)		Phone (H)	
Phone (M)		Language Spoken	
Language Spoken		NEXT OF KIN #2	
OTHER CONTACT DETAILS		Name	
Name of Doctor		Date of Birth	
Phone		Relationship (to you)	
Name of Dentist		Address	
Phone		Phone (H)	
Additional Information		Phone (M)	
		Language Spoken	
		I give permission for the NSW Police Force to hold my details on the Next of Kin register and contact any persons listed on this form in the case of an emergency.	
		Signature	
		Date	



01 February, from NSW Police Force: WARNING!

Watch out for new flubot phishing texts. This malware scam will not install Flash Player, but will download malicious software to your device. DO NOT CLICK the link! See Scamwatch's website for more info about flubot & how to protect/clean your device [here](#).



Info and image via Scamwatch

01 February, from Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): As the resident who shared these photos on Monday said, "The brain dead graffiti vandals are back!"

Maybe residents could report this kind of graffiti on government property by using the VandalTrak mobile phone App? The App can determine the location from the GPS on the photo. It has a list of types of property, eg Local council, NSW Trains. You input the details, and they contact the appropriate authority for the property.

More information [here](#).

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.



30 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are you receiving an increase of text messages from unknown numbers with links attached?

Our advice: DON'T click on the links. Just ignore and DELETE.

Text Message
Yesterday 8:47 pm

Your order was shipped
-6a8- <http://shampoohuichol.com.mx/b/yl/?2X8.ml&11j-hpl8>

31 January, from Hornsby Shire Council: FLASHING BUS LIGHTS ✨✨



Motorists, school zones are now back in force. Reduced speed limits and additional demerit points apply.

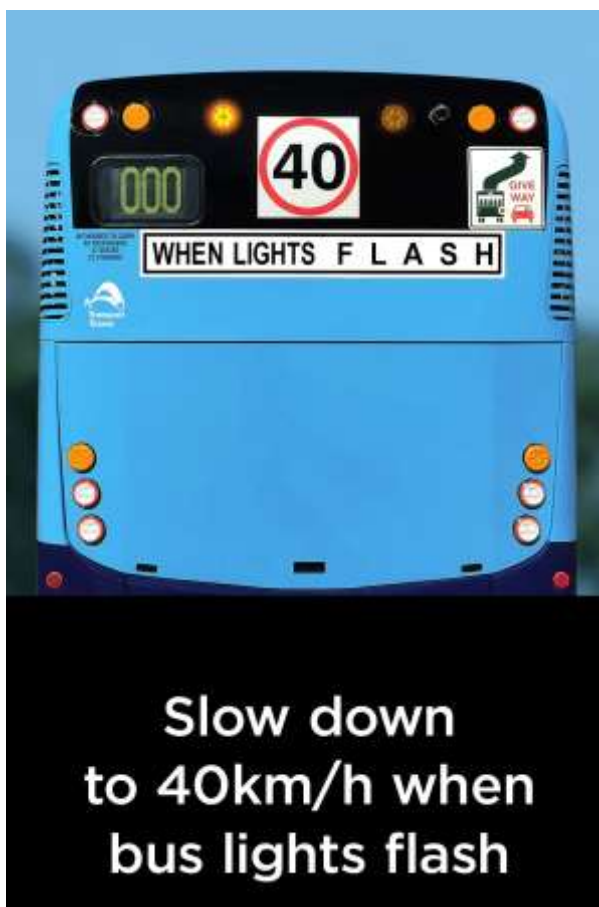
You must also slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash:

- Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children. 🧒🧒🧒
- You must slow down to 40km/h when overtaking or passing a bus displaying flashing lights.

You can help keep children safe by:

- Sticking to the speed limit and following the road rules in school zones
- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing ✨
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes 🚶🚰
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

For more information visit Centre for Road Safety 'Be Bus Aware' [here](#).



📷 image credit: Transport for NSW

31 January, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Together with the teams at Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation and ThinkUKnow Australia, we are urging parents to lock down their social media privacy settings and limit the information they share about children online, including posting pictures of students in their school uniforms.

The AFP wishes all students are happy and safe 2022 but is reminding parents to take a few simple steps to protect their children:

- ➡ Keep your child's personal information including full name and age private;
- ➡ Ensure the background of photos or videos doesn't give away your address or location, and don't post your location;
- ➡ Avoid posting photos in school uniform;
- ➡ Only share images of your children with people you know and trust;
- ➡ For community accounts, consider having a closed group with approved members and ensure you have strong privacy settings in place;
- ➡ Avoid posting images of students at the front of homes that can identify a street or street number.

School or community social media pages featuring children are also being urged to consider the types of images being shared and who can view them. Child protection investigators regularly seize images of children in the collections of online child sex offenders. The more information available about a child online, the easier it can be for offenders to build a profile to groom them, or even to groom parents in a bid to access information about their children.



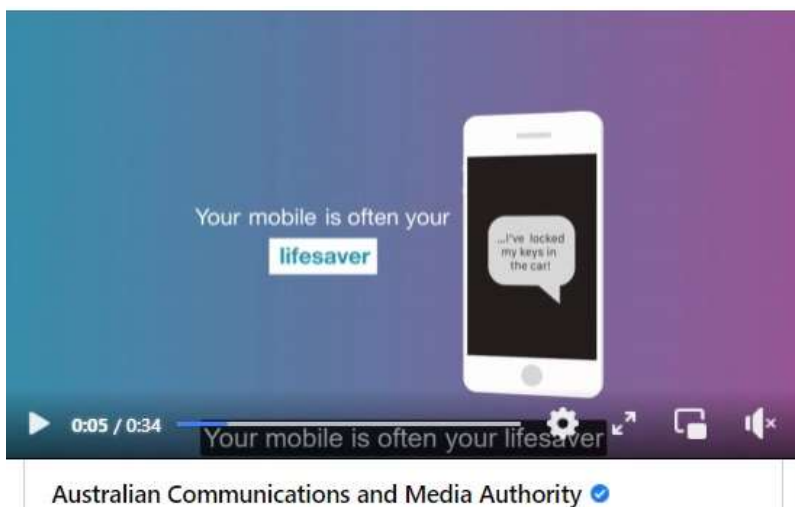
29 January, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group yesterday (Friday):

Someone broke into our apartment's undercover parking last week and stole my garage remote. They also got into lots of storage cages and other cars. Apartment is in MacIntyre Street.. Be aware!

28 January, from the Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA): Can you be found in an emergency?

Your phone can be your lifeline when you call Triple Zero (000). Make sure your address details are up to date with your telco provider so you can be found in an emergency or receive alerts about emergencies in your area.

Watch video [here](#).




28 January, from NHW - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural Areas: Update: police found car but all tools stolen.

Please share

White Toyota Hilux with silver tool boxes and a camper on top, was stolen from Pine Valley Road in Galston last night or early hours of this morning. It had all work tools in it. Theft reported to police. Please lock up your utes

28 January, from NHW - St Ives: Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group 26 Jan 2022:


 ****ALERT**** 

 The Animal Poisons Helpline has recently received a number of calls regarding dogs ingesting COVID-19 rapid antigen test buffer solutions. As millions of these tests are now being dispersed, we anticipate that calls to the Helpline regarding pets ingesting them will continue to rise.

Some TGA approved rapid antigen test buffer solutions contain a chemical known as sodium azide, which is added as a preservative. Whilst sodium azide is highly toxic, the amount contained in each test is very low and therefore unlikely to pose a significant risk in the vast majority of cases.

The actual risk of poisoning in any individual case will depend on the amount of sodium azide ingested and the weight of the animal involved. Very small animals, or those animals that ingest a number of vials of buffer solution could possibly be at risk of poisoning.

Help us deliver this timely message to pet owners in Australia and New Zealand. Share this post now and make it go 'viral' (pun intended).

 If your pet has ingested something they should not have, please phone the **Animal Poisons Helpline on 1300 869 738 (AU)** or 0800 869 738 (NZ) for advice. We can assess your pet's exposure and determine if they will be at risk of poisoning and if they require urgent veterinary assessment.

This post has been made possible by a grant from Animal Welfare Victoria.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 08 February 2022: Safer Internet Day 2022 - Play it safe & fair online. [Info](#).

Saturday 19 March: FREE Rural e-waste drop off day 8am - 2pm @ Rural Sports Facility, 18-20 Bayfield Road, Galston (Entry via Mansfield Road, Galston) [Info](#) or phone **13 70 30**.

Friday 24 March 2022: Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day - crime prevention stall - TBC.

28 January from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: This is a scan of the acknowledgement of Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby made by Matt Kean MP in Parliament on 11 November 2021.

It is the excerpt from Hansard printed on special gold embossed paper. Thank you, Matt! In the accompanying letter, Matt says, "I enjoy reading your newsletters and the valuable information you provide to the community." To all our volunteers - well done everyone! You must be proud! It shows how your time and effort are appreciated by the community. Thank you to one and all who made this possible.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention

Tips for Retirement Communities'

- **Tip #1.** INSTALL A PEEP-HOLE IN YOUR FRONT DOOR & INSTALL THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTBULB IN THE LIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR.
- **Tip #7.** KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone —
 - * FOR **EMERGENCIES** (Including anyone on your property) **000**
 - * TO REPORT ANYTHING **SUSPICIOUS** (Crime Stoppers) **1800 333 000**
 - * TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (**Police Assistance Line**) **131 444**
 - * IF YOU'RE **NOT SURE** (Hornsby Police Station) **9476 9799**
 - * TTY—To ask for Police, type **PPP 106**
 - * SPEAK AND LISTEN **1800 555 727**
- **Tip #17.** GET YOURSELF A COPY OF 'THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS' from www.scamwatch.gov.au.
- **Tip #18.** BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR. 'BUDDY-UP' WITH A NEIGHBOUR. HAVE A SIGNAL THAT YOU ARE OK, such as opening your curtains in the morning.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).



IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000
TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

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.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000
Report crime anonymously
Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:
Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org
Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[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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[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)



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Our mailing address is:

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