



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #554 - 24 May 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.
- 🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- 🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

24 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the public's assistance to identify the male shown in the image below.

He may be able to assist with inquiries into an incident that occurred at Chemist Warehouse, Hornsby about 3pm on Thursday the 21st of April 2022. If you can assist, please call **Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** and quote **event number E89882516**.



DO YOU RECOGNISE ME?
 If you do, please contact
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 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and quote E89882516

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

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 To provide crime information, it can be anonymous.

KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND

24 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: What a sup-herb outcome

Well done to our Proactive officers from at Kuring Gai PAC. A ‘budding’ criminal has been arrested and charged with cultivate prohibited plants and possess prohibited drug, after a search warrant was executed at his Thornleigh property. He did not see that cumin!

What a sup-herb outcome!



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20 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that the Kuring Gai Police Area Command's Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) conducts presentations to interest groups such as Neighbourhood Watch groups, Dog training clubs (puppy scams), Probus clubs, women's groups, church groups, Facebook community groups, residential and retirement groups on scams, personal and property safety, senior safety?

If you are a member of a group and wish for the Crime Prevention Officer to come along and speak to your group about these very important and current issues, please give Hornsby Police Station a call on 9476 9799 and ask to speak with the CPO. The cost to you is ... FREE !!! It is part of the service provided to our community to help make our community safer.



20 May, from Transport for NSW: Rehabilitating Slopes - Galston Gorge

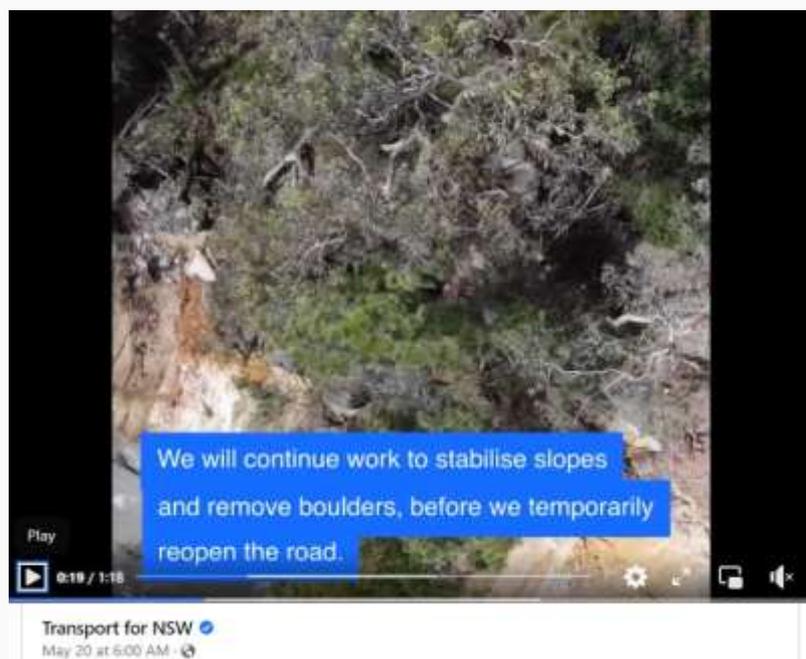
🚗 Galston Road is set to temporarily reopen in early June. The heavy rainfall that hit NSW caused the road and surrounding slopes to become extremely unstable.

🚧 You can see from this footage there's been a number of sites of concern which needed repairing, including Tunks Creek bridge.

🚧 There is more stabilisation work to do, Galston Gorge will close again later in the year. We know this is inconvenient, but it will improve safety and reduce the chances of future road

closures.

Latest updates: nswroads.work/GalstonRd



18 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: ICE - YOUR CALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The supply and manufacture of ice in our communities is a growing problem. Ice is an especially pure form of methylamphetamine, a stimulant drug. It is highly addictive and can cause serious mental and physical problems, especially if used frequently or over a long period of time. Ice has been known to ravage lives. Regular ice use can lead to the disruption of careers, family breakdown and dysfunction, and isolate users from their family, friends, and community. There is also, a link between ice and other types of crime.

The sale and use of ice occur in towns, suburbs and cities across NSW, and its harms are also felt across the state. Police need your help to tackle the supply and manufacture of ice. If you think you've seen something suspicious, please let us know.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

- INFORM police of suspicious drug activity by contacting your local police station or calling Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
- RECORD suspicious behaviour including descriptions and vehicle registration numbers.
- REPORT suspicious chemicals, smells and premises. Learn what signs to look for by visiting: police.nsw.gov.au/crime/drugs_and_alcohol/drugs
- PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- INFORM yourself and educate your children about the risks associated with using ice and other drugs. Stay involved in your kids' lives.

- REMEMBER that a person's ice use can affect their children and partner. Support these people to stay safe.
- SEEK professional help early if someone you care about has a drug problem. Don't wait until they hit 'rock bottom'. Effective treatments are available, and intervening early helps harms to be minimised.

WHERE TO GET HELP

CALL the **Alcohol & Drug Information Service (ADIS)** on **1800 422 599** or **(02) 9361 8000** for information and support about drugs.



UNHAPPY WITH YOUR DRUG DEALER?
Give us a call we can help

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Spotlight on a suburb - BEROWRA



Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is alive in Berowra *in the background*. We are online, using the internet and providing information to the residents, via this weekly eNewsletter the [NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website](#), and [Social Media](#). Our volunteers help admin a [Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra Facebook page](#). This page reached 466 people last week, with 187 people regularly following our page (we can read the stats that Facebook provides).

NHW participated in the past with a crime prevention stall at the Berowra Woodchop in 2016 and 2017 meeting the community face-to-face. In 2014 we helped organise a successful Berowra Community Day along with Hornsby Council and other community groups. Not sure whether covid will allow anything like that again soon?

If you would like Neighbourhood Watch to do more in Berowra, please [contact us](#). We are especially looking for help to grow the Facebook page, however, we appreciate any offer of your time.

Crime isn't as visible as it used to be - the fastest and biggest crime category in the command is Fraud, which encompasses scams, spam emails and texts, leading to Identity Theft and a subsequent huge upset for victims. So NHW is trying to educate residents about the current online issues, where to go for information and help, and how to protect themselves from becoming a victim. If you learn of a new scam, please share that knowledge with the socially isolated and vulnerable people in our community who aren't necessarily as computer-savvy as you.

You can download "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect your Identity" from [our website here](#).

There are plenty of good links on our [WatchOut.org.au website here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.

24 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Potential Burglars in the Pymble Area

We had something unusual happen this evening at our home at around 5.30pm. A woman and child parked out the front and after getting out of the car walked along the outside of our property before coming back and looking over our front driveway gate. They then proceeded to walk down the front stairs and path, looking at us through the window standing in our kitchen before then going up to the front door (we could not see anything outside as it was dark) She did not ring the doorbell but was at the front door for an extended period of time. She walked away from the door with her phone active. They then left the property, passing one of our daughters coming home, on the stairs. They both turned their heads so they were looking the opposite direction from her as she passed them. (Our daughter thought they were just dropping something off so she didn't think much of it until she came inside and told us) This all took place over nearly 10 minutes.

This may have been purely innocent but it just feels very unusual. Our home has an obvious house number, the door bell was not rung, they were both wearing black clothing, the child wearing an adults hoodie with the hood on.

We have security cameras which has recorded the entire event. However only the fact that our daughter came home while they were here and asked us who they were, prompted us to check the camera footage. I have since reported this to the police. If nothing else please be aware of people entering your property for no reason and keep your properties as safe as you can. If anyone knows who this is and it was all an innocent mistake please let admin know via private message (pm).



23 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday (Sunday): Hi Everyone

I live in Greenway Drive and just had the police knock on my door. The house across the road had their Audi stolen from their garage at 3 am this morning. This is a targeted crime and the police suspect it is a gang of youths from Mt Druitt who on sell the vehicles to organised crime groups. I just wanted to let everyone know to lock their cars and be vigilant.

And in the comments:

- We had the same thing happen to us three weeks ago, BMW 5 series stolen from our house in Orinoco St (carport under the house and down a shared driveway). Car found later that day in a secure car park under block of apartments neat Mt Druitt police station, Beams Ave. Hope you get it back.
- We had someone try to break into our Landrover last weekend but the alarm went off and spooked them. We were parked in the driveway.. they had tried to break into our neighbours as well.. possibly couldn't do it?

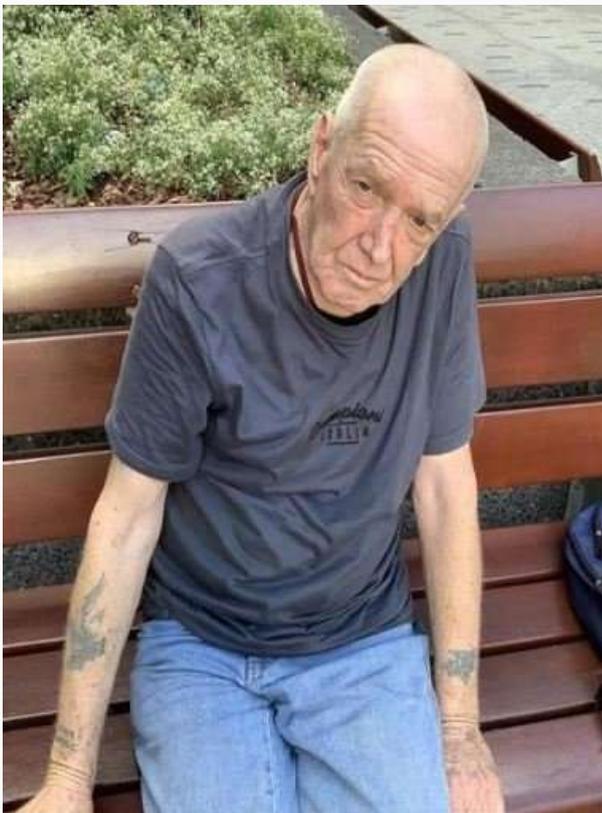
22 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Have you seen Andrew?

78-year-old Andrew Craig was last seen leaving a nursing home on Morrison Road at Ryde yesterday afternoon (Friday 20 May 2022).

Andrew is described as being of Caucasian appearance, thin build, with blue eyes and short grey hair. He uses a blue four-wheeled walking aid. Concerns are held for Andrew's welfare as he has medical conditions requiring treatment.

If you see Andrew, contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

More info [here](#).



22 May, from NHW Ryde District: Winners of the City of Ryde 2022 Volunteer Recognition Awards [edited]

The winners of the 2022 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards – including the first ever Community Hero recipients – were announced at a ceremony at Curzon Hall in Marsfield on Thursday 19 May 2022.



Congratulations to our neighbouring coordinator at Ryde District Neighbourhood Watch, Philip Brown ! 🍀 Well deserved.

21 May, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: This morning Gordon firefighters attended a serious accident between two trucks on Mona Vale road.

The driver and passenger of the truck shown in the photos were taken to hospital in a serious condition. What's even more miraculous is that one wasn't wearing a seat belt. Whilst the cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Please Please always wear a seat belt when you travel anywhere. Also if you see a motor vehicle crash and there are people trapped in the vehicle only attempt to extricate them if it's safe for you and for them. Often there can be hidden dangers and often it's better to leave a person inside the wreckage where they can be stabilised and carefully removed. Just call **000** and wait for the experts to arrive.



21 May, from NSW Police: An elderly man missing from the North Shore area has been located safe and well.

The 80-year-old man was last seen when he left his home in Roseville about 5.40pm yesterday (Friday 20 May 2022). When he failed to return home, officers from North Shore Police Area Command were notified and commenced inquiries into his whereabouts. Following an appeal for public assistance and a geo-targeting message, the man was found in Pymble, safe and well, about 9.20am today (Saturday 21 May 2022).

Police would like to thank the public and the media for their assistance.

21 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Congratulations to one of our more active

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers!

You deserve the recognition, Kanak. 🥰 Thank you for the time you give to NHW as well as other organisations in the community. 🍌

"Received the Local Achievement Award 2022 today... We don't serve the community for these awards but yes, receiving an award definitely makes you feel good. Absolutely grateful for this 🙏 It was one of those days when the Universe decided to pamper me. A beautiful Arty morning spent with kids in school and an amazing afternoon spent receiving this award."



21 May, from NSW Police: Three teenagers have been arrested following a pursuit with police on the Central Coast yesterday.

About 3pm yesterday (Friday 20 May 2022), police were called to Springfield Road, Springfield, after the occupants of a Mercedes were reportedly seen wearing balaclavas. Officers attached to Brisbane Water Police District responded and located the Mercedes on Donnison Street, Gosford, and attempted to stop the vehicle. The Mercedes - reportedly stolen from Eastwood this week - failed to stop, and a pursuit was initiated, travelling along the M1. During the pursuit the Mercedes collided with a Ford Raptor causing minor damage to both vehicles. The Mercedes failed to stop and continued travelling along the M1. With the assistance of PolAir, the vehicle was monitored travelling through the NorthConnex tunnel and onto the M2 before again heading north back onto the M1. Police stopped the Mercedes on the Hawkesbury River Bridge where the three male occupants - two aged 17 and a 16-year-old - were arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

Full Media Release [here](#).

20 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: ALERT: Be Vigilant - Funnel Web Spider Bite

On Tuesday evening (in West Pymble), my wife was bitten by a male FW when putting on her Ugg boots (which were in our bedroom). Luckily only a small amount of poison was injected. My wife was hospitalised, and after 20 or so hours, released and is now at home. It is unusual for this time of year, BUT don't drop your guard!! Please be vigilant around your home. Check shoes inside and outside, and read up on how to avoid attracting FW spiders into your home. It's also critically important that you know first aid and have a kit in your home, that your children (especially young) know to ring 000 in an emergency and know their address. Spreading the word is important, hopefully another bite is prevented. Oh, and if you can (only when safe to do so), trap the spider and ensure it gets to Australian Reptile Park in Gosford so that they can make anti-venom from it. Please share and be vigilant.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May: FREE Chemical Cleanout. 9am - 3:30pm @ St Ives Showground. Get rid of any unwanted paints, pesticides, gas bottles and other household items. [Info](#).

Thursday 26 May: FREE Domestic Violence Awareness presentation. 7:30pm @ St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra. Speakers: Snr Cst Tash Doggett (DVO) & Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womens Shelter.

Sunday 29 May: Ku-ring-gai Chase & Barry Ease Walk through Wahroonga

Wednesday 08 June: Thank a First Responder day.

Wednesday 20 or 27 July: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #34 @ 6pm online or at PCYC tbc

Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 September: National Child Protection week

Thursday 08 September: RUOK Day

Sunday 18 September: Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

Wednesday 05 October: International Coffee with a Cop Day.

November: Neighbourhood Watch Week.

19 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday (Wednesday): IF YOU LIVE IN WEST PYMBLE PLEASE READ ON AS THIS IS IMPORTANT

My medicine was incorrectly delivered by Australia Post to someone in West Pymble .. and I'm desperately trying to track it down. PLEASE speak to your neighbours and friends in your area in case they have received it. It (should) be in a small brown parcel and the sender's details are: Dr Karen Bridgman. I actually live in Mt Colah (north of Hornsby) .. so how the parcel was delivered to West Pymble is a mystery!! If you locate it .. or if you need any other info from me .. please direct message me on FB. Thanking everyone in advance.

19 May, from Northern Beaches command: Of all the calls we're getting at the moment, scams are close to the top of the list:

- People whose identity has been stolen and used by crooks
- People whose emails have been hacked
- People whose bank accounts have been drained.

Most began with a cold call from someone they don't know. Often they're claiming to be from a well known company saying they need personal information or access to a computer. Others are offering great deals on anything from crypto-currency to shares. Many end with the victim losing money, sometimes lots.

In a recent example, a caller claimed to work for a Canadian bank offering a great deal on shares in a company about to go public.

Our victim sent more than \$23,000 before realising the email address looked wrong. It was only then he called the bank to check. They confirmed he'd been scammed. When you get any call that sounds like this, please don't respond - just hang up.

For more, or to report a scam, head to: scamwatch.gov.au/

If your identity has been compromised, head to: idcare.org/

Please, Please, Please
PLEASE...



**Hang up
on
anyone**

you don't know who's
asking for personal details



Northern Beaches
Police Area Command

18 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: FRAUD AWARENESS | Counterfeit/skimming

'Skimming' is a means of capturing the data stored on the magnetic stripe of your debit or credit card. A skimming attack occurs when an illegal magnetic stripe reader is placed over the card insert slot of an ATM or EFTPOS machine. Your PIN is then captured by a false keypad or via a tiny camera mounted on the ATM, EFTPOS terminal, or simply by someone standing near you.

If you know of someone who is card skimming, report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au/home or call us on **1800 333 000**.



CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

WHAT IS CARD SKIMMING?

Have info about those with access to skimming devices? Contact Crime Stoppers.

1800 333 000
<https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

18 May, from Ryde command: 🚔🚔🚔 **Can you Identify this person** 🚔🚔🚔

Ryde Police are seeking to identify the person depicted in the below images. Police believe the person can assist with enquiries regarding a \$20,000 Fraud from an elderly couple in Gladesville on Saturday the 14th of May 2022. We ask you not place prejudicial comments on our posts. The person depicted may not be directly involved in a crime. We just need to establish their identity to further our enquiries. Anyone with information that may help identify them is asked to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** quoting reference number **Police Report E88335072** . Alternatively information can be provided confidentially via the Crime Stoppers online reporting or contact us at Gladesville, Eastwood or Ryde Police Station.



18 May, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Attention Ku-ring-gai dog owners

A reminder to keep your pet on a leash when you're out and about, unless it's an off leash dog park. Keeping your dog on a leash means your dog is safe - and so are other people or animals. You can be fined if your dog's off leash in a public place. You can also be fined if your dog is threatening or attacking other people or animals.

If you need advice call the Ku-ring-gai Council's Companion Animals Officer on 9424 0000.

Off leash parks in Ku-ring-gai [here](#).

Off leash parks in Hornsby Shire Council [here](#).

Extract from HSC Off-Leash Dog Park Strategy: By law, a dog that is in a public place

must be under the effective control of some competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to the dog and that is being held by (or secured to) the person. Dogs are also prohibited from some public places including within 10m of a children's playground, other recreation, public bathing and wildlife protection areas where these have been declared by public authorities.

Local Councils are authorised under the Act to declare a public place to be an off-leash area and all Councils are required to provide at least one off-leash area where dogs can be exercised. The requirement for dogs to be under the effective control of a competent person when in public places, still applies to areas declared off-leash.

Within Hornsby Shire, dogs are permitted in bushland and natural areas, including areas identified as Wildlife Protection Areas, provided they are kept on a leash. Council provides more than thirty (30) trails where dogs can be walked on-leash. Dogs are not permitted in National Parks.

18 May, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Illegal dumping incidents are unfortunately on the rise in Ku-ring-gai.

Under the cover of darkness, offenders are randomly tipping waste onto roads and public spaces. Help protect your local area and report the kind of illegal dumping that you see here. You can do this anonymously if you wish by calling **Council on 9424 0000**.

More info on illegal dumping [here](#).



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

- **Tip #1.** Limit what you carry with you. If you carry a bag, keep it close to your body

and keep a firm grip. Carry any wallet in your front pocket. If someone does attempt to take your property, do not resist. Throw it away from you.

- **Tip #10.** Never leave keys in a hiding spot outside the home. Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.
- **Tip #19.** When driving, lock doors and windows and do not leave valuables in view, especially on the front passenger seat. Where possible, park rear to the curb, giving you a better view of a situation.
- **Tip #20.** Keep emergency numbers as easy dial/memory on your phone (See end of this email). Keep the phone by the bed, and torch for emergencies. Keep your car keys by the bed – be aware they can include a panic alarm. Report anything suspicious.

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](#).



Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia

Being a cop is essentially dealing with people being mad at you for decisions they made.

Thanks to Support New Zealand Police.

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.

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](#)
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](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)
[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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