

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.

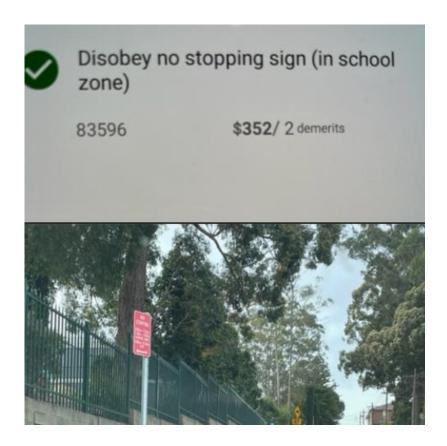
The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a 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.
- A 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.

02 November, from Ku-ring-gai Command

No Stopping (8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm) School Days (8.00am - 12.30pm) Saturday signs have been installed in Unwin Road Waitara between The Avenue and Clarke Road to improve traffic flow along Unwin Road. You cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reasons (including queuing or waiting for a space).

About 2.53pm on 1 November 2021, a White Suzuki Swift was issued a parking infringement for Disobey no stopping sign (in school zone) penalty \$352 / 2 demerit points.



29 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: KU-RING-GAI PAC WEEK IN REVIEW:



15 charges this week in relation to Domestic violence offences, breach AVOs, malicious damage, stalking and intimidation offences

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

11 x Domestic Violence incident

3 x breach AVO

3 x DV assault/malicious damage TRAFFIC: Gordon - Drive whilst suspended Hornsby - Major traffic collision St Ives – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision Hornsby – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision Wahroonga - Fail to stop and exchange details after collision STOLEN VEHICLE: Warrawee – two vehicles stolen North Turramurra – one vehicle stolen STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE: Gordon - Steal from motor vehicle – laptop stolen Berowra Waters – Registration plates stolen MALICIOUS DAMAGE Hornsby - Malicious damage Wahroonga - Malicious damage **DRUGS**: Thornleigh - Drive with illicit drug in system Mt Colah - Drive with illicit drug in system Galston – possess prohibited drugs FRAUD: Mt Kuring Gai – Fraud – fraudulent documents Gordon – Fraud - online crypto currency Turramurra – Fraud – unauthorised access of funds Galston - Fraud - hacking Thornleigh – Fraud – Posing as Service provider Gordon - Fraud - investment scam Pymble - fraud scam Killara – fraud – unauthorised access of credit card FAIL TO PAY FOR FUEL: Turramurra – Fail to pay for fuel **BREAK AND ENTER:** Warrawee – Break and enter – handbag, wallet and contents stolen from kitchen bench Pymble - Attempt break and enter STEALING: Hornsby Heights – Stolen plants **ASSAULT:** Turramurra – Assault

NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE:

Hornsby - Neighbour dispute / harassment

Turramurra - Neighbour dispute

MISSING PERSON:

Mt Colah – Missing person – since located

SURRENDEERED FIREARMS/AMMUNITION:

Hornsby - Surrendered firearms/ammunition

29 October, Ku-ring-gai Command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are driving your car through Galston Gorge when you come up behind a cyclist riding uphill. They are riding very slowly, and the traffic is building up behind you.

What would you do?

- 1. Stay behind them because you believe it to be illegal to cross over the unbroken double centre lines?
- 2. Stay behind the cyclist as you don't mind the Mamil look?
- 3. Drive up close behind them and blast your horn and gesture for them to move over?
- 4. Squeeze past them while there is oncoming traffic expecting the cyclist to move over to the left of the single lane?
- 5. Wait until there is no oncoming traffic and it is safe to overtake them, keeping at least a 1 metre distance between them and your vehicle as you overtake, because the speed limit is 60kph or under.



29 October, from NSW Police Force

Meet 6-year-old Yeprad...

Yeprad is fighting leukaemia and sadly due to repeated noise complaints has been given 10 days to rehome his pet rooster, Jackson.

Luckily one of the kind officers from <u>Fairfield City Police Area Command</u>, Constable Frankie, heard about Yeprad and his rooster, and has stepped in to relocate Jackson the rooster to his own home – and the best part is, Yeprad can visit anytime he wants.

Cock-a-doodle-PHEW!

Watch video here.

28 October, from Ku-ring-gai Command: DO NOT BE PRESSURED INTO ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF HOME MAINTENANCE SCAMMERS! GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO SAY "NO"

With the warmer months just around the corner, be alert for any unsolicited offers to conduct home improvement work, driveways, roofs, gardening, tree lopping at your home.

Scenarios we've come across in the past are, starting work on recoating/painting driveways then stopping and demanding more payment to complete the work or they would leave it incomplete.

Telling the victim their roof tiles require re-bedding, repointing, or replacing, then not completing the job, or charging ridiculous amounts of money.

Cutting or trimming trees on the property, saying they've seen from the street that urgent maintenance work is required. A small amount of work is done, large amount of money paid then they return saying more work has to be done to complete the job and requesting more money as the job was bigger than first realised.

Some victims have even been escorted to an ATM where they withdraw the cash for the scammer, if they didn't have sufficient cash at home.

The insidious thing here is that often it is our elderly, most vulnerable residents who get approached.

They feel pressured into accepting work from these scammers.

Sometimes they don't think to seek advice from family members.

Sometimes they don't understand what the scammer is actually doing.

Sometimes the victim does not have the courage to say "No" and at times, the victim may be suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or dementia.

Yes, this low life type of criminal actively seeks out our most vulnerable. They do not care from whom they scam.

Not everyone who does door to door soliciting is a scammer of course, but as a general safety and protection rule, do NOT accept offers to work on your property if you haven't solicited the work yourself.

PLEASE WARN YOUR ELDERLY AND/OR VULNERABLE PARENTS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE STILL LIVING AT HOME ALONE and keep an eye on them.

If you are ever suspicious about anything like this, please call your nearest Police Station at the time and let us know what is occurring.

Help us protect your loved ones

Hornsby Police 9476 9799

Gordon Police 9418 5399

In an emergency, call triple zero '000'



27 October, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Is it illegal to eat or drink when driving?

Can I get a fine for eating a pie, a hamburger or drinking a coffee while driving?

While there is no specific fine for eating or drinking (non-alcoholic drinks) when driving, there is however an offense of, 'Drive without proper control of vehicle'.

Some examples of this may be, controlling the vehicle's steering wheel with your knees. Holding food in one hand while driving with the other. Holding a coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the other while driving with a couple of fingers on the wheel.

If found that the driver's eating or drinking while driving caused distraction to the driver resulting in them having a collision, the offense of Negligent Drive could be imposed.

An example here could be the driver dropping their coffee or food with the driver being distracted while bending down to pick it up, resulting in a collision.

Penalties are:

* Drive without proper control of vehicle - \$469 and 3 demerit points

* Drive without proper control of vehicle (in school zone) - \$587 and 4 demerit points



27 October, from Ku-ring-gai Command

Over \$211,000,000 scammed out of Australians this year to date, 2021.

The Command has taken nearly 60 individual reports of victims being scammed this month alone If you receive a text message or call from one of these scammers,

Please do NOT click on any link provided or follow any instructions given by them

If you 'Click' they will 'Collect'

Don't Click!



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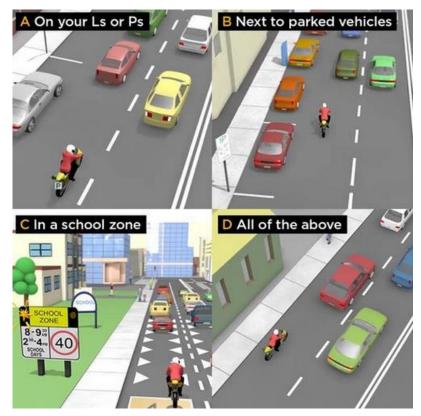
You are out walking your dog and you see a female walking on the opposite side of the road. You see her looking through car windows, appearing to have a quick look and then moves on to the next vehicle.

What would you do?

1. Nothing, because someone looking through car windows isn't breaking any law?

- 2. Take a sneaky photo and put it on social media when you get home warning your community there was a female looking through car windows?
- 3. Call out to her and ask what she is doing?
- 4. Call police when you get home with the details of the time and place?
- 5. Call police immediately so they can attend and speak with the female?





ANSWER: D) All of the above. A motorbike rider can legally lane filter, which is to ride between other stopped or slowly moving vehicles that are being driven in two adjacent marked lanes (broken or continuous) in the same direction as the rider, as long as the below criteria are fulfilled:

- the motorbike is being ridden at a speed not exceeding 30km/h
- the motorcyclist holds a full licence
- the motorcyclist isn't riding next to the kerb, next to parked vehicles or in a school zone
- it's safe to do so

Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and bicycle riders, and are warned not to lane filter around trucks and buses. Find out more <u>here.</u>



02 November, Brought to you by Northern Beaches Council, Hornsby Council Sector Support & Development, the NSW Police Crime Prevention Unit, and supported by the Councils of the Northern Sydney Region.

Please add this to your diary dates.

Scams and Fraud Awareness Webinar for Seniors | Wednesday, 10 November 2021 - 10:30am to 11:30am

Scams have been increasing during the COVID pandemic and scammers are constantly evolving the methods they use to gain access to our personal details and our money.

For Scams Awareness Week (8 to 12 November), we have engaged a guest speaker from the Northern Beaches Police Crime Prevention Unit to:

- Increase our awareness of what types of scams are operating in our community;
- · Help us understand how scammers operate so we can protect ourselves against them; and
- Know what to do if we experience a scam.

Seniors, their families and carers, aged care providers are welcome to join the webinar.

Register

Please register to receive the Zoom link before the webinar here.



02 November: Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Incorporated is now an official Registered Charity



02 November, from Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation



Trigger Warning: contains content that may be distressing to some people.

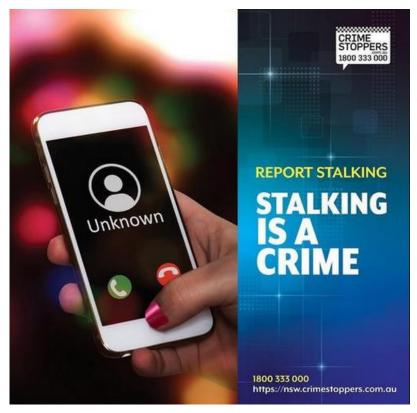
Do you have any information on where this cushion is sold in Australia?

Take a closer look at all the images on our website and make a report if you have any information.

We are convinced that more eyes will provide more leads and help <u>#StopChildAbuse</u>.

** Out of respect for victims, we urge you not to share any personal information (recognisable pictures, names, etc.) on social media or anywhere online.**

02 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW



If you are a victim of stalking, you need to understand that you are not responsible for the behaviour of the stalker and that you should not be blamed in any way. If you are a victim of stalking, you should report it to the police so that there can be an investigation.

If you have recently left an abusive relationship, you may be at risk of being stalked and you need to make sure you are aware of what to do if this occurs.

You may be a victim of stalking if someone is:

- Repeatedly following or spying on you
- Repeatedly calling your home and/or work
- Repeatedly sending you unwanted or offensive emails, letters, text messages etc.
- Leaving unwanted gifts or items for you
- Vandalising or damaging your property

Stalking is a crime. It needs to be reported to the police to prevent the offender from committing a more serious crime.

ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Speak to your local police station if you need to report a stalker.

02 November, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Hi guys, myself and a couple of friends are writing a news piece for University exploring the increased crime levels in West Pymble / Ku Ring Gai during Covid. We've interviewed a couple of shops that were broken into and have a lead with the police, but would love to get a statement/interview with someone who had their house broken into or even someone who was approached by the car theft ring going around.

The interview will only take 5-10 minutes. Let me know if you're able to help out!
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31 October, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Unfortunately a disappointing post...

I had washed my daughters 2 week old air Jordan shoes (which has wanted for so long I could finally afford them) put them out the front on my porch to dry in the sun yesterday.

My daughter went to go and get them today as she had planned to wear them tonight to go out with friends to find they had been stolen!!!

Just devastating and I am so shocked that something like this would happen in this area.. feeling a little unsafe now.

I thought I should share for others to be aware.

30 October, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

Investigators are appealing for the identification of male was allegedly involved in a malicious damage offence at 11:22pm on Monday the 13th September 2021 at Seven Hills Railway Station.

The male has used a black marker to tag the signal box and elevator before leaving the railway station.

The incident was reported to Police from the Police Transport Command, North West sector who have commenced an investigation. Officers are seeking to identify the male who may be able to assist with inquires.

The male depicted in the photographs is of Caucasian appearance, 18-25 years old, medium build, wearing a brown cap, blue Lacoste t-shirt, grey tracksuit pants with small black logo on the left leg, black satchel bag, white shoes.

Anyone who sees this man is urged not to approach him but instead call Police Link 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, immediately. Please quote Case number C83869764.



30 October: The NSW Food Authority has shared its name & shame, with nothing on it new for this area for this week. Which made us look at the register for Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Councils. Here is the current list. If you'd like to find out more information, the Register of Penalty Notices can be accessed here.

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3150629058	LOK LOK DUMPLING BAR	HORNSBY	Hornsby	28 Apr 2021	CHANG LI FOOD PTY LTD
3150629030	GONG CHA	HORNSBY	Hornsby	9 Mar 2021	LV PHAM 2 PTY LTD
3150628700	COSTIS CATCH	CHERRYBROOK	Hornsby	12 Jan 2021	NOEPI PTV LTD
3150628737	PHO NOON VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT	HORNSBY	Hornsby	18 Dec 2020	TRENNBUY PTY LTD
3150363673	SEHAJ POOD AND SWEETS	CHERRYBROOK	Hornsby	24 Nov 2020	RPST GROUP PTY LTD
3150363646	SUSHI SQUARE	BEECROFT	Hornsby	18 Nov 2020	G M CENTRAL PTY LTD
3150363655	SUSHI SQUARE	BEECROFT	Hornsby	18 Nov 2020	G M CENTRAL PTV LTD
3150363664	SEHAJ FOOD AND SWEETS	CHERRYBROOK	Harnsby	9 Nov 2020	RPST GROUP PTY LTD
3148493563	LOK LOK DUMPLING BAR	HORNSBY	Hornsby	30 Jul 2020	CHANG LI FOOD PTY LTD
3148493572	LOK LOK DUMPLING BAR	HORNSBY	Hornsby	30 Jul 2020	CHANG LI FOOD PTY LTD
3148493581	LOK LOK DUMPLING BAR	HORNSBY	Hornsby	30 Jul 2020	CHANG LI FOOD PTY LTD

30 October, from the Sydney Observer magazine, November 2021 edition, page 12.

Neighbourhood Network Program

Simon Lennon

hroughout this pandemic and the recent lockdowns, Neighbourhood Watch has broadened its role from preventing crime to encompass other aspects of providing security to vulnerable people. In that spirit, Neighbourhood Watch NSW has launched its Neighbourhood Network Program.

The Program provides information particularly relevant to people supporting their fellow neighbours, including those who might be doing it tough. It's available via – <a href="https://https:

Modern technology is giving most people some sense of connectedness with other people, but some people might not use such technology. Neighbours who are digitally confident can help them by turning to the Neighbourhood Watch NSW website and from there they can download several useful resources for free.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM (WEBSITE)

The Program includes a Fact Sheet on the COVID-19 Check-in Card, which allows people without smart phones to check into businesses and other premises that use QR code-compatible devices. Even with the end of this specific lockdown on the horizon, it's still completely normal to be mourning what you're missing – social connection and our normal way of life. With this in mind, there is a Grief and COVID-19 information sheet available. Neighbour Cards are a great way to reach out to your neighbours, with other suggestions offered via the Neighbourhood Network Fact Sheet. For the musically minded – a committee member for Neighbourhood Watch NSW wrote and composed We are all in this Together, Together, which is heart-warming so have a listen!

For more information about Neighbourhood Watch generally or the Neighbourhood Network Program specifically, please email Julia Eagles or Simon Lennon at nkwktwhaggathornsby@gmail.com, both in Gordon.

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28 October, from KYDS Youth Development Service

A lot of young people face barriers when reaching out for support. Support that is easy to access - FREE and without the need for doctor's referral.

Help us provide early mental health support for young people. They should never have to struggle alone. They should be able to get help right when they need it for as long as they need it.

We need your support: Donate to our Loud and Clear campaign or share our post on your stories to help us spread the word!

Donate <u>here</u>. Watch video <u>here</u>.

27 October, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group:

Just came across this. It's out of the US, so a couple of things are not relevant. I don't know what Stove Top Stuffing is, and it's probably best that I never find out. It's a really handy guide though for those who donate at Christmas - or any time really.

- So, I spent some time at a Food Bank today, and spoke to the people getting food. Here are some things I learned from those in need:
- Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
- 2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
- 3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
- 4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
- 5. Oil is a luxury but needed for rice a roni which they also get a lot of.
- Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
- 7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
- 8. Sugar and flour are treats.
- 9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
- Seeds are cool in spring and summer because growing can be easy for some.
- 11. They rarely get fresh meet.
- 12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
- 13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- 14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
- 15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
- 16. Eggs are a commodity.
- 17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- 18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
- 19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
- 20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted, but have never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more. I does me!

27 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Tips on avoiding driver fatigue:



- Avoid starting a long drive at the end of the day

- Aim to stop for 15 minutes every two hours

- Have light snacks rather than fatty foods
- Avoid too much coffee or sweet soft drinks
- Drink plenty of water dehydration can cause fatigue

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

Tip #5. If you go away, make your home look lived in: Lights on timer, washing on the line, TV (Note: a timer plug is available which emits light to emulate a TV), radio on timer, etc. Leave your normal answerphone message on the phone.

Tip #6. If you go away, ask a neighbour or friend for their help: park on your driveway, put out/take in the bins, empty the letter box, clear the freebie newspapers from in front of the house, mow the council strip, etc. Inform the neighbours and share emergency contact numbers.

Tip #7. If you go away, consider putting a hold on your post. Don't forget to cancel any newspapers. Ensure the letterbox is regularly emptied.

Tip #10. If you have a party, lock the front door. Consider allocating someone to monitor guests coming in/out. Thieves aren't deterred by a house full of people!

Tip #17. If you are going on a road trip, check your car's safety before you travel. Service your vehicle, tyres and trailer. Check the safety of any load or trailer: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/towing.html.

Tip #18. If you are going on a road trip, secure any pet with a dog belt/pet cage/seat belt. Plan entertainment for any children so they are not a distraction to the driver. Stay hydrated and get fresh air. Check your route. Plan frequent rest stops. Swap drivers regularly.

Tip #19. If you are going on a road trip, expect traffic delays especially noon-9pm on the first and last days of school holidays. Beware wildlife at dawn and dusk – do not

swerve to try and avoid them.

Tip #20. If you are leaving vehicles behind, hide the keys, or take them with you.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox here.

Thanks to UK Cop Humour!



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 <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u>
Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby
Facebook Group <u>NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>
Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby

Twitter @MINVRINGITIONISDY

Email NHW Kuringgai Hornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own 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

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)