



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

**eNewsletter #605 - 16 May 2023**

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.

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### **15 May, from NSW Police: National Road Safety Week**

Have you taken the #pledge to be safer on our roads yet?

As part of #NRSW we encourage you to take the pledge to be #safer on the roads to prevent serious injury and death to you, passengers and other users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

Whether you're still working or studying from home or not, we're encouraging everyone to take the #pledge to be safer on the roads this year to prevent fatal and serious injury to you, your passengers and other users of the roads.

When we travel to work, study or accessing services, we need to be safe. Take the pledge, make every journey safer!

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Learn more about how you can be safer on the roads [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

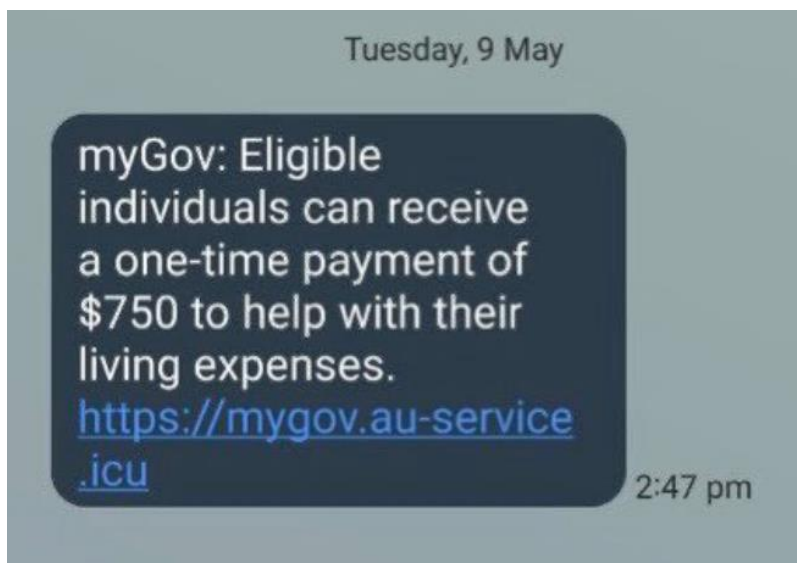
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### 12 May, from NSW Police:

**!!** Be wary of scam messages relating to Federal Budget announcements **!!**

Remember, never click links in messages or share personal information with someone you don't know.

Report scams [here](#).



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### 12 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



Six police motorcycles are set to be deployed onto the M1 Motorway as part of an ongoing high-visibility operation over the next couple of months.

NSW Police will launch Operation Hondo from Sunday (14 May 2023) and will continue throughout May and June, focusing on reducing road fatalities and trauma.

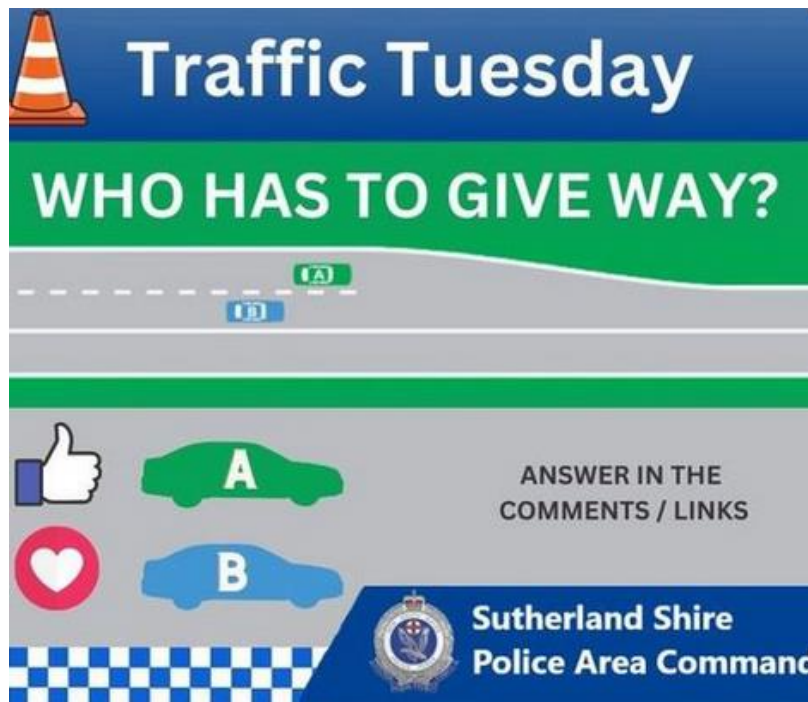
Operation Hondo will specifically target the major factors contributing to road trauma – including speed, mobile phone use, drink and drug driving, and dangerous driving behaviours such as tailgating, unsafe lane changing, and vehicles not keeping to the left.

While the police motorcycles will predominantly patrol the M1 Motorway between Beresford and Wahroonga, they will be continuing the enforcement operation on local roads and nearby suburbs.

Officers will also continue regular daily taskings, to ensure the safety of all motorists not just on the M1 but all surrounding roads.



16 May, from Sutherland Shire Command: WHO HAS TO GIVE WAY?



When you're driving on a road and the number of lanes or lines of traffic reduces, and there are no longer any road markings, you must give way to the vehicle that's ahead of you. This is called a zipper merge.

Answer: When two lanes reduce to one lane, the car trailing behind (Car B) must give way to the car ahead (Car A)

Full Answer [here](#).

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**16 May, from NSW Health: COVID-19 PCR testing in NSW has changed**

From today, you'll need  
a pathology referral  
form to get a free PCR  
test for COVID-19



For most people, if you have COVID-19 symptoms, please do a rapid antigen test (RAT). RATs are available for free at Service NSW service centres, mobile service centres and recovery centres.

Some people are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 which means they are more likely to get very sick and may need hospital care.

If you are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, contact your doctor for testing advice.

If you can't contact your doctor, call healthdirect on 1800 022 222 or use healthdirect's online Service Finder to find a GP near you.

If your doctor recommends a COVID-19 PCR test, they will give you a pathology referral form for a free COVID-19 PCR test.

The referral form will have a private pathology provider location to visit so you can get tested.

For more information on COVID-19 testing, click [here](#).

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## 16 May, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

🔊 It's [#NationalVolunteerWeek](#), and we couldn't be prouder to celebrate our incredible Berowra RFB volunteers of the NSW RFS.

Thank you to you and your families for your commitment to the community and each other.





## 15 May, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Reminder to people to lock their cars. Came home late and tired yesterday and forgot. My car has been gone through as well as my mum. Presumably in the wee hours. I had nothing of value in their luckily. In Thornleigh, Hillmont Avenue.

And from the comments:

Also, cars were broken into around Waratah St, Turramurra.

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### 15 May, from Transport for NSW



👋 Welcome to Lost Property! Based at Central Station, this is where lost items go to live – around 6,000 of them a month.

🎧 The item lost most? AirPods! Racking up around 320 every 10 days. And top it off with around seven thousand wallets and phones a year. 📱

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### 15 May, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with us by a resident:

Hi I'd like to report two people who cased our property early in the morning. I've just called the police. I have video footage but it's quite grainy. We live in Hillmont Ave, Thornleigh.

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### 15 May, from North Shore Times

NSW Police has released this statement after a man died in hospital following a fall at a north shore unit yesterday.

About 11pm on Friday (12 May 2023) officers from North Shore Police Area Command attended a unit on Shirley Street, Wollstonecraft, after reports of a

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domestic incident.

Police spoke to the occupants, a 41-year-old woman and a 41-year-old man. As part of inquiries, the man was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station before being released pending further investigation.

Just after 6am yesterday (Saturday 13 May 2023), police were called to the same unit after reports a man was attempting to gain entry to the property. Officers from North Shore Police Area Command attended and after entering the unit, saw a man lying injured on the driveway below.

Officers immediately rendered first aid to the man until the arrival of NSW Ambulance paramedics. He was treated and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition.

A critical incident was declared, and investigators were later notified the 41-year-old man had died in hospital just after 11pm last night.

The critical incident team comprised of officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command will now investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident. That investigation will be subject to independent review.

All information will be provided to the Coroner who will determine the cause of death and make any findings about the events leading to the man's death.

No further details are available at this time.

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**15 May, from Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst**



Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday (Saturday):

Update: We sighted the car and had a car chase caught 1 of the 4 people. The police are out looking for the other 3 who we believe are on foot.

My car got stolen last night between 2:00-6:00am - if anyone has seen anything can you please shoot me a message 😊

Thank you!

Hinemoa Ave

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesday 17 May:** Presented by: Cecilia Castle of Castle Lawyers. FREE Wills, Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianships 1-2pm @ Pennant Hills Community Centre. [Info.](#)

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**Thursday 18 May:** FREE Teaching your Learner Driver – Graduated Licensing System (GLS) Presentation via Zoom. 6-7:30pm. [Info](#).

**Thursday 18 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council FREE online Teen Disengagement Forum will discuss practical ways for parents to tackle common problems such as school refusal and drug & alcohol use. 6.30-8pm. [Info](#).

**Sunday 21 May:** FREE Party @ Wallarobba. 10:30AM to 12:30pm. Come and meet your neighbours at Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, Willow Park, Hornsby. NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Crime Prevention Stall.

**June (dates tbc):** Rollout of KerbWatch into Turramurra suburb.

**Wednesday 02 August:** Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #38 @ PCYC, Waitara.

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### 15 May, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Saturday, video unable to be shared):

Our security camera recorded this around 11:50pm last night (Friday 12 May).

No sign of him after the incident but gave us a scare. Please be careful and lock all your doors and windows at night.

[A side street off Bobbin Head Rd, south of Boomerang/Pentacost. Didn't get in or cause damage, but scared us a lot.]

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### 15 May, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

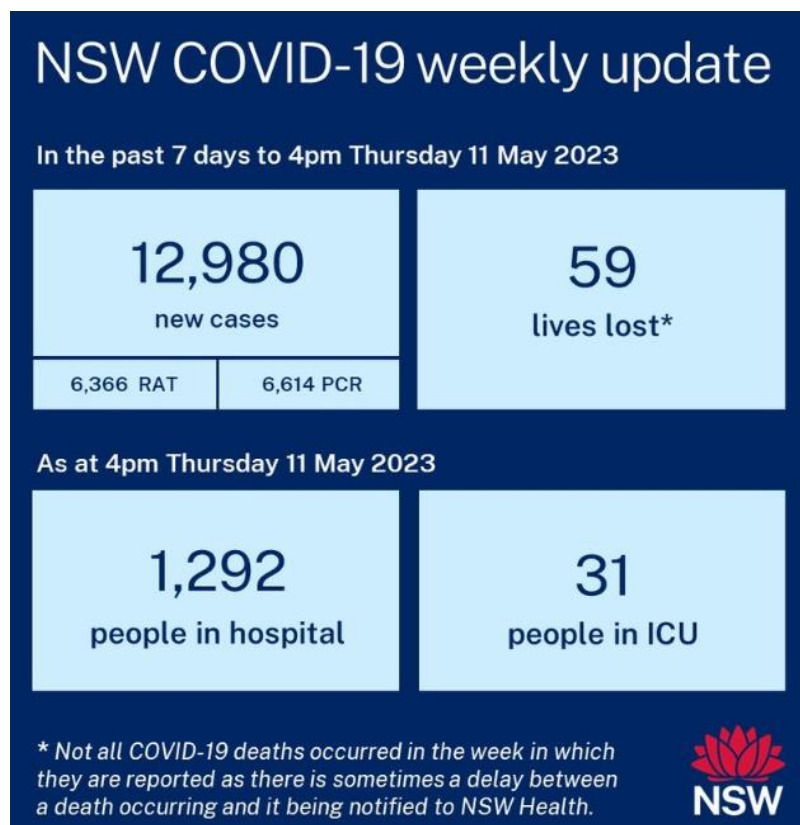
Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group yesterday (Saturday):

Our 5 year old Granddaughter yesterday discovered the deliberate poisoning of our fishpond. Her distress was heartrending! We cannot imagine who committed this or why, given the pond is at the back of our block, and not disturbing anyone. She is heartbroken, and contended with an oil slick across the whole surface of the pond, and the bodies of all of them floating in the black foul mess.

If anyone has any ideas, we would be delighted to hear about it.

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### 13 May, from NSW Health: COVID-19 weekly update – Friday 12 May 2023



In the 7 days to 4pm Thursday 11 May:

- 12,980 new cases of COVID-19 have been recorded: 6,366 rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 6,614 PCR tests
  - 59 lives lost
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As at 4pm Thursday 11 May:

- 1,292 people with COVID-19 in hospital

- 31 people with COVID-19 in ICU

More info [here](#).

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### **13 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group: Break-Enter-and Eat...**

The Wise Monkey Story.

Heading out of Berowra this morning at 5am, I noticed there were Police outside the Wise Monkey Cafe, and the front window was smashed in.

Presuming the obvious had occurred last night with a few misguided youth, I continued to work feeling quite angry that some stupid half-wit(s) would do that to such a hard working little business.

However...as luck would have it, Amy-the Proprietor gave me a call and told me what happened.

Apparently, a non-local person had slept through his train stop and ended up in Berowra. Feeling hungry, he went to the Wise Monkey looking for a feed...(as you do at 2.30am) Because the door was locked, the window became the easiest entry point, however this quality window took some breaking, and it took quite a while to enter said premises.

The good news is that our local residents heard the commotion and were straight onto the Police. The even better news was that our Local Police were not going to take a break-in at their local watering hole and made it up there inside 9 minutes !!!

The poor offender only managed to eat a boiled egg and a few tomato slices before being placed under arrest. And in my opinion- he should be arrested... If you cant cook a Big breakfast with poached eggs and extra hash browns inside 9 minutes, you dont deserve to cook in a professional kitchen.

Amy wishes to thank all the "first responders" that called the Police and gave statements. A big shout to the Police for being so fast, as well as Ben from First Class Glass who dropped everything to help out. Those people plus many other

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Locals who have offered assistance to Amy -a massive thank you  
Finally...Amy wishes to look at the event as a highlight to another problem that often seems to get overlooked, and that would be mental health. Its great to see Community watch over each other as was the case last night, but sometimes there are problems that lie beneath the surface that really need to be noticed. Watch over your friends, and dont be shy in asking "are you ok"...

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## 12 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Theft from Cars



Stealing from vehicles is a high-volume crime in NSW.  
The items most commonly stolen from vehicles include:



Number plates



Cash



Wallets (including bank cards and licences)



Electronic devices including mobile phones, tablets and other small items.

Generally, a vehicle is a target because the items stolen are visible from the outside. Unlocked doors also make it easy for curious criminals to enter your vehicle without creating much noise or commotion.

Make sure you remove all valuables from your vehicle and always lock your doors!

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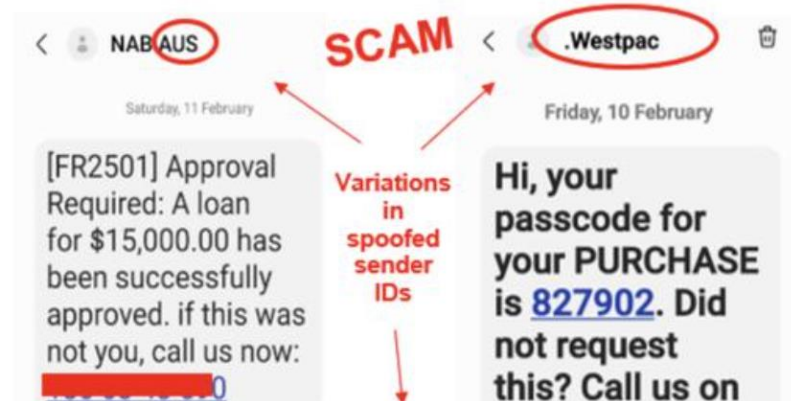
Crime Stoppers solves crimes every 14 minutes, 24x7, somewhere in the world.

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### 11 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: Scams to watch out for

Whether it be via text message, a phone call, email or via social media, scam artists will stop at nothing to try and gain access to your money and personal information.



See more scam info [here](#).

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### 11 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

We were catching up on our long list of 'Things to Do' and saw a note from a conversation with volunteers from Sydney Wildlife Rescue at a seniors event back in March. They asked that we share the fact that their website has several help articles that could be of use to residents. The animals after all, are part of our neighbourhood.

For example:

What should I do if I find an Injured Animal?

What can I Feed the Birds in my Garden?

What should I do if I find a Nestling/Fledgling Bird (that isn't Injured)?

Safe Netting of your Fruit Trees.

These and other informative articles are on their website - look in the top right corner for 'Help Articles'.

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Here's a link to their website:



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**10 May, Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Tuesday):**

If you own this car parked on Millewa, I just saw the truck that hit it and got the number plate.



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**From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities':**

**Tip #2.** . Don't rely on flyscreens as security doors.

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**Tip #6.** Engrave all valuable items with an identifying number. An engraver is available for loan from your crime prevention officer. For delicate items such as phones, use an UltraViolet marker pen.

**Tip #9.** Please always feel you can ask for help! You have probably helped others all your life—it's your turn to be offered assistance, to be comfortable, happy and safe.

**Tip #11.** Use ATMS inside the bank. Take your time. If you are worried about someone nearby, cancel the transaction. Hide that cash! Don't advertise the fact that you have money. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase necessary?

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](#).

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### 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.

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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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

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



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

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

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)

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**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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