



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & 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.

11 September, from NSW Police Force: MATTENTION YEAR 12 STUDENTS



The NSW Police Force is encouraging all Year 12 students and school leavers to think long and hard about their choices as we have become aware of an emerging trend known as 'Scavenger Hunts'.

The list of tasks or items in these hunts shows a number of illegal activities.

BE AWARE: The choices you make now, may well affect the rest of your life!!!!!

The result of being charged by Police and receiving a criminal record could mean;

Future employment X

Overseas Travel X

It's really not worth it!

02 September, from NSW Police Force:

A man has been charged with attempted murder after a police officer was slashed in the head and shoulder, and two others were injured in the Sydney CBD this morning.

Officers from Sydney City Police area Command were contacted after a food delivery rider was allegedly harassed by a man on George Street about 12.20am (Wednesday 2 September 2020).

As a result of inquiries, officers approached a man as he was walking along York Street near Market Street.

Police will allege in court that the man removed a knife from his pocket and attacked the officers, and a struggle ensued.

One officer was slashed across his head and shoulder and another officer was slashed on the hand, before a third officer was bitten on the arm.

The 32-year-old man was then disarmed and arrested, before being taken to St Vincent's Hospital for assessment.

The injured officers were also taken to St Vincent's Hospital, with the 40-year-old male senior constable undergoing treatment for a laceration to the left side of his head and a second laceration to his left upper arm/shoulder a 39-year-old male acting sergeant receiving treatment for a laceration on his finger and a knee injury, while the 20-year-old male probationary constable treated for a bite to his tricep.

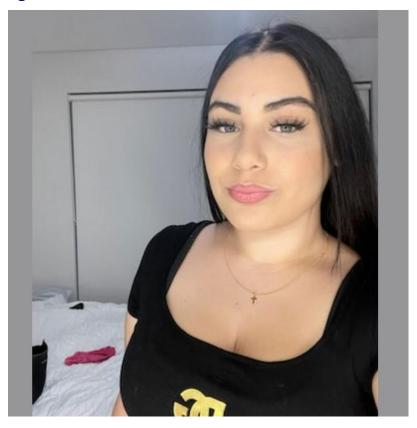
Following his release from hospital, the 32-year-old Lakemba man was taken to Day Street Police Station.

He has now been charged with cause wounding/grievous bodily harm to person with intent to murder, wound person with intent to resist/prevent arrest, assault police officer in execution of duty cause actual bodily harm and resist or hinder police officer in the execution of duty.

The man has been refused bail to appear at Downing Centre Local Court today.



01 September, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find Mia Georgis, aged 15?



She was last seen in Raymond Street, Bankstown, about 3pm yesterday (Thursday 31 August 2023).

When she could not be contacted or located, officers from Bankstown Police Area Command were notified and commenced inquiries to locate her.

Mia is described as being Mediterranean/Middle Eastern appearance, between 155-165cm tall, and with long black hair. She was last seen wearing a black jumper and black tights.

Mia is known to the frequent the Bankstown area and is likely using the public transport network.

Anyone who sees Mia or has any information on her whereabouts is urged to contact Bankstown police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

More information here.



11 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch Gordon/Killara/East Killara have sent their latest newsletters for printing. The main content is the invitation to the end of year AGM and get-together at 7pm on Thursday 30 November 2023 in the Garden Square rooms of the Gordon Baptist Church. Plenty of parking is under the main church building, accessible from Garden Square. Gordon Baptist Church is on Park Avenue, down from the Gordon police station.

We'd love to see you there - you don't have to live in the area to come along. If you haven't been to one of these meetings/get-togethers before, please give it a try. It's always educational. This year we are being visited by the Highway Patrol, as well as an officer from our local Ku-ring-gai Police (based at Hornsby police station). Have a read.

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Sep 2023

ghbourhood Watch (NHW) AGM/get-toget

All residents welcome! New volunteers invited.

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7:00-9:00pm Thursday 30 November 2023 Gordon Baptist Church, Park Av, Gordon

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GUEST SPEAKER

DEAN LA GRECA, NSWPF Highway Patrol, Ryde PAC will be talking about Random Br Testing (RBT) and Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT). Bring your questions!

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POLICE REPORT

CST GEOFF MOELLER, Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (F based at Hornsby police station will give an update on crime in the command, as well as advice on how not to become a victim of crime.

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CRIME PREVENTION STALL

FREE personal goodie bags to attendees, containing:

- Car rego plate locking screws (specific to car model/make)
- NHW window/garbage bin stickers and/or letterbox plaque
 - Little Black Book of Scams
 - Crime prevention tips and literature
 - Colouring-in and word search for the kids... and more.

General community very welcome? Please bring a plate. We'd love to meet you.

ER: Thanks to Tim Brown of Personal Strength, Gordon, for a replacement NHW rope I perfinent message, "If I don't see you, my neighbour will!" and acts as a deterrent. II well for its ten years, Thank you, Tim! Email NHWGordon@gmail.com to request to bor

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OT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)
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NEW TO YOUR HOME? Consider having the locks changed/updated/re-keyed. Renew alarm codes for any burglar alarm. Have the alarm system checked. Clean the Check batteries. Consider new attachments. Please read the Neighbourhood Wateleaflet, 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours'. It can be done besite: au NEWXuringgaiPlornsbu.org/Tips/

ITS: All offences are listed on the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research (BOCS) is accessed via their 'crime tool': <u>Crimetool BOCSAR new.gov.au/BOCSAR</u>. This allows res for a particular suburb or Local Government Area, by type of crime, ranging touch as murder, robbery, sexual assault) to property offences (such as break & eft, stealing). For more up-to-date info, please come to our Thursday 30 November get-

k Your local Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) committee members are: Julia, Bruce, P ren and Eva. You can contact your team via an email to <u>NHWGordon@gmail.ox</u> inquiries, questions, suggestions, as well as new volunteers. Why not come to the nd introduce yourself? We can help you can find out how to better protect your st.

inteers assist with NFW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. See their eNewsletter to get a health, going on around you: <u>aurnhokuringgailhornsby.org</u> (police warnings, requests for vents, laws, etc.). And/or follow NFW on Facebook/NFWKuringgailHornsby and yo book page: <u>Gordon. Killara. East Killara. Pumble& West Pumble & St. Ives.</u>

NHW Ku-ring-gai S Hornsby are Introducing DIY Kerb Numbering - "KerbWatch". Resid row a complete Kerb Number Stencil Kit, including all the necessary equipment, stenc is 6 reflective paints. An Information sheet, "How to Achieve the Best Result for your more information can be accessed on the NHW Ku-ring-gai S Hornsby website: gay gail-lornsby.org/kerb/. Although it is FREE, NHW is suggesting a Pay-it-Forward of se who can contribute. Request a kit: NHWKuringgail-lornsby@gmail.com.

5 BEEN GOING ON? ✓ Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai S Hornsby have assisted a with suggestions to help the traffic congestion at drop-oft/pick-up times outside 28 pupils). Suggestions have been shared with the Principal, Ku-ring-gai Council iS), Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command 6 our local Member of Parliament, Matt Crosnsport for NSW to supply a School Crossing Supervisor/or Signalised Crossing/c the meantime, could parents dropping-off children please utilise the roundabout to rine autaide the High School west of the pedestrian crossing? This will reduce the numbeross. Residents are encouraged to by-pass Koola Av, using Bligh/Wentworth/Churchi β Reserve, Gordon and Warrimoo Oval, Stives - In response to alleged problems, NHV ith a letterbox drop of the 'Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai' leaflet to surrounding.

NOW? The pin tumbler mortice lock was patented in 1865. This is still the most comma is used today. You are probably religing on this technology in your home. Time for an

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ommunity's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: <u>WatchOut.org.au</u>. <u>acebook, Twitter</u> or at our <u>website</u>. Contact us at: NHWKuringgalHornsby@gmail.cor

11 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall at this event. Come and make your own goodie bag full of information and freebies.

10am - 1pm Community Emergency Expo on Saturday 16 September 2023 at South Turramurra (between the South Turramurra shops and Kissing Point Road).

PLUS.... Neighbourhood Watch are bringing along everything for the kids:

- * the police dress-ups,
- * 'catch-a-crim' photo booth and
- * colouring-in for the kids.
- * there's also a prize for the best entry in the 'Name our new roo' contest meet the new member of our team •

FREE community event - Join us for a FREE family BBQ run by Ku-Ring-Gai Rotary and talk to your community partners in safety including your local Ku-Ring-Gai and Hornsby:

- ω RFS ω SES ω Council ω Police ω NSW Fire & Rescue ω Red Cross ω
- ω Community Fire Unit ω Neighbourhood Watch ω

Complete the activities in the 'Emergency Passport' and go in the draw to win one of three 5 GB external portable hard drives.

Keep an eye out for the NSW Fire & Rescue and SES Trucks!

Make sure you're prepared for any emergencies this summer at our Community Emergency Expo.



11 September, from Daniel Morecombe Foundation



If you have children under five years old, you know they're already tech-savvy and can teach us a thing or two about technology. In the latest Keeping Kids Safe podcast, Greg Gebhart from the eSafety Commissioner shares ways to teach our young children how to stay safe online.

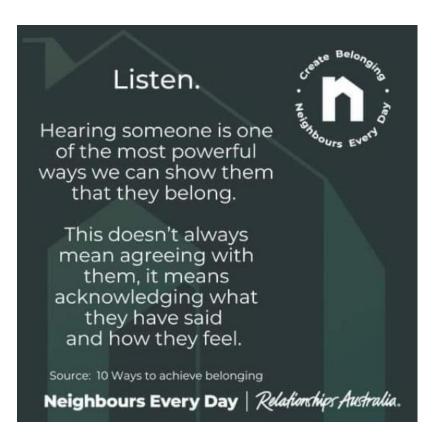
Listen here or on SoundCloud, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts!

09 September, from Lane Cove Council

Did you know there is an Adult Change Place at The Canopy? Located on P1, the facility includes an adult change table, hoist, shower and peninsula door. This changing place allows people with high support needs to fully participate in the community, and is the only one available in a public space on the North Shore.







08 September, from 7news Sydney

A body has been found in the search for a missing bushwalker north of Sydney. Crews launched a search for Emmanuelle Dayes back in July after holding concerns for her welfare.

08 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Pymble & West Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

BEWARE: Today my mum was sitting out the front of her house with an elderly friend and was approached by 2 men wearing work gear. They said to her 'remember me?' She said 'no' they said 'we did work on your house a while back'. Mum called Dad out, as they were getting closer. They said the same thing to Dad. When he told them in no uncertain terms that he didn't know who they were/they hadn't done work on the house, they suggested to him that they come inside to assess what repair work needs to be done on the house. Good job Dad is savy, as he said, 'No, this is a scam'. They quickly hopped in their vehicle and sped off so fast he couldn't get their number plate. Also, couldn't get any images on the security camera as they didn't get close enough. It was a white work vehicle. One was tall and thin build and the other one shorter. Location: Boronga Ave.

08 September, from police.nsw.gov.au: Man charged with murder - Berowra Heights

A man will appear in court today charged with murder following the death of a man in Sydney's north yesterday.

About 4.20pm (Thursday 7 September 2023), emergency services were called to a home on Kita Road, Berowra Heights, following reports of a domestic violence incident.

On arrival, officers from Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command found a man suffering serious injuries.

The 69-year-old man was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics; however, died at the scene.

A 38-year-old man – known to him - was arrested at the home and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with murder.

He has been refused bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court today (Friday 8 September 2023).

07 September, from Nepean Police Area Command

Conversations need to happen every day. Encourage more people to ask R U OK? in your school, workplace or community.

R U OK Day - Thursday 14th September

Staying connected and having meaningful conversations is something we can all do. You don't need to be an expert - just a great mate and a good listener. So, if you notice someone who might be struggling - start a conversation.

Click here.



07 September, from The Hills Police Area Command

Block it or lose it.

Just blocked someone for correcting our spelling and it feelded great
#9pmroutine

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 16 September: 10-1pm. South Turramurra Community Emergency Expo. Between the South Turramurra shops & Kissing Point Rd - NHW Crime Prevention stall, 'catch-a-crim' carnival style photo booth, police dress-ups,

colouring-in.

Sunday 17 September: 10am-2pm Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade Get Ready Weekend BBQ @ Glenorie Woolworths

Monday 18 September: FREE Dementia Community Forum @ Hornsby Library 10am-1pm. Geriatrician and Dementia Specialist, Professor Susan Kurrle shares her research and experience on how to care, support and empower our loved ones. <u>Info.</u>

Saturday 23-Sunday 24 September: NHW Australasia 'Secure Your Home Day'. Info.

Thursday 30 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara NHW AGM & get-together 7-9pm @ Gordon Baptist Church 'Garden Square' rooms, Park Ave. Speaker: Sgt Dean La Greca, NSWPF Highway Patrol - Random Breath Testing (RBT) & Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT). And speaker (hopefully): Snr Cst Geoff Moeller, Crime Prevention Officer with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command based at Hornsby police station - current crime in the command and advice. General public very welcome. Bring a plate. Come and collect a personal goodie bag of literature and freebies.

07 September, Kids and Traffic: A date for your diary



07 September, Ryde Police Area Command



Organised Crime Squad detectives have charged a man over the alleged supply and manufacture of methylamphetamine in Sydney's north.

Last month, detectives from the State Crime Command's Organised Crime Squad established Strike Force Aldred to investigate the alleged manufacture of prohibited drugs, mainly methylamphetamine.

Following extensive inquiries, strike force investigators – with assistance from the Public Order and Riot Squad – executed a search warrant at a Gladesville home about 7.45am yesterday (Wednesday 6 September 2023).

Upon entry, police located an active clandestine laboratory, with specialist police from the Drug and Firearms Squad's Chemical Operations Unit attending to process and dismantle the lab. It's expected this will continue into today (Thursday 7 September 2023).

During the subsequent search of the home, officers located approximately 50kg of crystallised methylamphetamine being extracted from inside metal food tins, and equipment consistent with the manufacture of methylamphetamine. All items were seized for further forensic examination.

Following additional inquiries, officers arrested a 43-year-old man at a home in Pymble about 8.10am. Police executed a search warrant at the home where they seized cash, mobile phones, jewellery, and electronic devices.

Two additional search warrants were executed at storage sheds at Gladesville and Petersham about 3pm, where officers located several boxes of imported food products, also believed to contain methylamphetamine.

Pending further analysis of the items seized, police estimate the amount of methylamphetamine seized to be in excess of 100kg.

The man was taken to Hornsby Police Station and charged with manufacture and supply large commercial quantity prohibited drug.

He was refused bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court today (Thursday 7 September 2023).

Organised Crime Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Peter Faux, said the swift work of detectives over recent weeks has resulted in this prompt arrest and seizure.

"We will allege in court this laboratory was extracting drugs which had been imported via a complex concealment method in cookie tins and soup containers. This is a clear example of the lengths organised criminal networks will go to in an attempt to bring drugs in.

"Our capabilities to identify and detect illicit drugs only continues to improve, with the assistance of our national and international law enforcement partners. "NSW Police is now working with international agencies to identify any other persons potentially involved in this alleged importation."

Investigations under Strike Force Aldred are continuing.

07 September, from NSW gov.au: Hazards Near Me NSW is now live



NSW.GOV.AU

Hazards Near Me app

You can find current information about local emergencies on Hazards Near Me.

The app shows information provided from emergency services on:

- bush fires
- floods
- tsunamis
- · advice on what to do to stay safe.

The app also provides other warnings and activities in your area:

- fire danger ratings
- total fire bans
- hazard reduction activities.

The app can send you push notifications when there are new incidents or when information changes.

Note: If you were looking for the 'Fires Near Me' App today, then it has changed to 'Hazards Near Me'. Download the new version from: Android <u>here.</u>

Apple here.

07 September, from 7news.com.au: Man charged with murder over alleged domestic violence incident in Berowra Heights

A man is set to face court charged with murder.

A man will face court charged with murder after another man died in an alleged domestic violence incident in <u>Sydney's north</u>.

Police found a man suffering serious injuries when they were called to a home in Berowra Heights at 4.20pm on Thursday.

The man could not be saved by paramedics.

A 38-year-old man was arrested and charged with murder.

He has been refused bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Friday.

It is understood the men were known to each other.

Inquiries are ongoing.



07 September, from 7news.com.au: 'Potentially hazardous material' found at Castle Hill High School in Sydney amid asbestos investigation

The material was found in a sealed box in the science block's storeroom.

A "potentially hazardous material" has been discovered at a high school in Sydney's northwest, amid an investigation into asbestos, which was previously found onsite.

The material was found on August 30 in a sealed box as a storeroom of Castle Hill High School's science block was being searched for potential asbestos, following the discovery of white powder.

The "potentially hazardous material" in the box was initially reported by sources to be yellowcake. Yellowcake is a uranium concentrate previously used in science classes to test for radiation.

Read more here.



06 September, from Australian Federal Police



Your childhood photographs could help save a child from harm.

The AFP and Monash University are calling for Australians to provide photographs of themselves to support a much-needed initiative to help save children from child sexual abuse and bring their perpetrators to justice.

#MyPicturesMatter will develop ethically sourced artificial intelligence (AI) technology to support police investigating child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Please submit your images here and learn more here.

Read more details on our website here.

06 September, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW

Shared with permission as a warning from the Gordon Community group: Whilst walking home on McIntosh St around 5:30pm today (Tue 5 Sep), I passed two ladies walking their two dogs. One of the dogs (small with brown fur) was overexcited and snapped at my leg, causing a gash, bruising and drawing blood.

If you are the owner of the dog, or know the owner, I would really appreciate if you could get in touch. I had to pay to see a doctor and for antibiotics.

05 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby



Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Did anyone see this car get hit last Tuesday (29th Aug) when it was parked on Arilla Rd, Pymble. They smashed the tail light.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime prevention Tips for Protect your Identity:

 Tip #2. Consider using a third-party payment system such as PayPal for Internet transactions, to avoid entering credit card details into websites.
 Consider having another credit card with a low credit limit to be used specifically for internet purchases, or for overseas.

- Tip #3. Never share your card PIN. Beware sharing the 3-4 digit Card Verification Value (CVV), usually on the back of a credit card.
 Immediately sign new cards
- Tip #9. Use a phantom date of birth when you subscribe or register
 online. It may be a compulsory field,
 however, it is NOT legally required. For example use 01/01/ followed by
 your year of birth to keep
 your age demographic intact, but your identity safe
- Tip #15. Avoid using public hotspots (cafes, airports, hotels). Use mobile
 data instead. If you do use a public hotspot, get your device to 'forget' it
 once you are done.
- Tip #18. Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails/attachments – delete them. If unsure, verify the contact through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. Do not use contact details provided in the message sent to 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 <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.

No insurance No problem!

Thanks to Nitro Crew International

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

The Police are here to help you.

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.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u> Facebook <u>@NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>

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 NHW Facebook pages:

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 - Pymble & West Pymble

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives

Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra

Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

*Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara (plus part of Pymble)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.