



**Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Meeting #36**  
(Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC))  
**6pm Wednesday 01 February 2023 @ PCYC, Waitara**  
Summary Notes

**Present:**

Anne Ridley, Gordon NHW volunteer  
**David Beale, NHW volunteer, Gordon**  
Fiona Zhou, Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Ku-ring-gai PAC  
Gay Balasubramanian, NHW E Killara volunteer, All Areas Jt Coord  
Julia Eagles, Gordon 24 Coord, All Areas Jt Coord  
Kerrie O'Brien, NHW Turramurra Facebook page  
Lesley Tipping, Road Safety Officer, Hornsby Shire Council  
Mick Gallagher, Coordinator, Mount Colah NHW  
Nina Puckeridge, NHW Mt Kuring-gai Facebook page  
Pasquale Vartuli Coordinator, Jubilee St eWatch, Wahroonga  
Wal Knowles, Coordinator, East Killara Area 25/26

**Apologies:**

**Ben Campbell, NHW volunteer**  
**Carroll Howe, Coordinator, NHW Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra)**  
Cst Gemma Walker, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Ku-ring-gai PAC  
**Graham Birch, Wahroonga NHW volunteer**  
Jack Liu, NHW volunteer (Chinese community)  
Kanak Kiran NHW Warrawee Facebook page, translations  
Martin Moelle, NHW volunteer, East Killara  
Mary Walker, NHW volunteer  
Michael Bark, NHW volunteer, re-formatting  
Patrick Winsbury, Gordon NHW Treasurer  
**Peter Heggie, NHW Thornleigh, Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Facebook pages**  
Cllr Simon Lennon, NHW volunteer  
**Zoya D'Souza, NHW St Ives Facebook page**

**1. Introductions**

- a. [6:10pm] Julia and Gay welcomed everyone.
- b. 'Be Truck Aware' campaign – Lesley Tipping, Road Safety Officer, Hornsby Shire Council outlined the campaign and discussion ensued:
  - NHW to continue sharing resources in all languages on Facebook and in weekly eNewsletter and to re-share council Facebook posts. Resources to be distributed with these Notes.
  - Lesley pointed out an increase of construction is predicted in Hornsby, bringing large trucks. Trucks with dog trailers are a particular danger.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1 800 555 727

- Immigrants to Hornsby are unfamiliar with our pedestrian rules.
  - Info is available on the State's Transport for NSW [Be Truck Aware website](#).
  - Truck stopping distances are available on the Internet (eg [Driver Knowledge Test website](#) – included by Julia).
- c. Fiona introduced herself. She listed events she is aware of and where NHW may also like to be involved.
- Welcome BBQ for new TAFE students at Hornsby TAFE on Tuesday, 14 Feb, 12 – 1pm. Fiona to forward the email. NHW would have a crime prevention table.
  - Fri 10 February Fiona has half a table, so no space for NHW.
  - Migrant Expo being planned possibly for 08 – 12 May at Hornsby TAFE.

## 2. Cst Gemma Walker (CPO)

- a. Gemma was unable to attend, but had written a report including crime information that Gay read out (***Number January 2023 Crime Report document distributed with these Summary Notes***). Gay discussed the crime stats provided by Gemma for September 2021 to September 2022 are taken from BOCSAR.
- All crime stats are slowly climbing due to the easing of Covid restrictions.
  - Break & Enters, Mail Theft, Steal from Motor Vehicle and other crimes are being 'cocooned' – Gemma has warning flyers to distribute around each victim's area. Julia is delivering utilising the help of NHW volunteers, and neighbours in the areas where we have no volunteers.
  - Warnings were shared for various scams being seen in the command (***see Crime Report***). Nina commented on a known PayID scam. Julia believes bank cheques can be cancelled – Julia to find details and share (**Post-meeting: [Stated in here.](#)**)
  - Gemma offered to give a talk on several topics at any community groups. Julia & Gay also offered to talk about NHW. Julia to approach contacts in Rotary, Lions etc.
  - Advice was shared as to how residents can avoid being scammed (***see Crime Report***).
  - Gemma had reported on various operations targeting different crimes in the command, eg Break & Enters, repeat missing children, Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (AVO) compliance checks and safe storage inspections (***(see Crime Report)***).
  - Adopt-a-Cop has been introduced across all schools in the command (***see Crime Report***).
  - Three missing persons were reported on (***see Crime Report***).
  - New online Sexual Assault Reporting options.

## 3. What have we achieved since the last meeting?

- a. Gordon/Killara/E Killara/some Pymble/some St Ives AGM & crime prevention table held on Wednesday 30 November 2022. 18 attended. Julia to distribute the AGM Summary Notes with these Summary Notes so volunteers can read the advice from Viraf Hathiram. Julia to share [SkimGuard](#) as an example of credit card protection.
- b. Julia speaker @ Ryde NHW AGM on 7 Nov 2022, plus crime prevention table.
- c. Women's Shed, say 'No' to Domestic Violence, Walk the Talk, 30 November 2022. Thanks Gay.
- d. Xmas Market at Bunnings, Pymble on 8 December 2022 – only photo booth provided.
- e. Presentation to Mt Colah PROBUS group @ Asquith Golf Club on 20 January 2023, plus table. Approx 30 attendees. Thanks to Gay & Julia. NHW happy to present at any organisation's meeting, eg PROBUS, Lions, etc. Volunteers to contact organisations they know of.
- f. Conduit between St Ives High School & Police Transport re: Yr7 kids commute. Julia had spoken with SIHS and documented suggestions in email to Gemma for her to liaise with Transport command. Too late for Orientation Day. Snr Cst Lynda Hart was scheduled to speak at SIHS, uncertain due to illness. (**Post-meeting: Transport command would attempt to be at Gordon at appropriate times in First week of Term 1.**)
- g. Helping CPO with 'Cocooning' in Hornsby Heights, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, W. Pymble and St Ives. Thanks to Peter and Julia and various residents in those streets.
- h. New Our Favourite 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Safer Drivers
- i. NHWA Journal article submitted – 'From Launch to Landing...' Thanks to Pasquale.

- j. Insurance via NHW NSW assured from 31 January 2023 to 31 January 2024. Julia & Gay have signed the NHW NSW Affiliation Charter as Joint Coordinators of NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. Julia to forward soft copy to Pasquale for perusal. Julia & Gay took the opportunity to allow anyone else the role of Coordinator, as the arrangement is informal. Everyone present supports Gay & Julia's work and the open & transparent approach for all volunteers to feel included. (Post-meeting: Please contact Gay or Julia if you weren't present and are interested.) Julia emphasised that for Gordon or any other group to be covered by insurance, the Coordinator would have to sign the NHW NSW Affiliation Charter, ie it is not transferable.
- k. Assisted with crime prevention table with NSWPF at Coffee with a Cop @ Bunnings, Pymble on Friday 11 Nov 2022. Thanks Kerrie, Mick, Graham. Discussions with Bunnings on the day resulted in their donation of 14 stencil packs towards our Kerb Numbering project, and offered a table at the store when needed. Julia to formally thank Bunnings. Include event/photo on our website.
- l. Reformatting of documents as per NHW NSW guidelines - ongoing. Logo still needed – Julia to progress. Thanks to Michael, Gay & Julia.
- m. Bush Tele interested. Congratulations to the Editor for the OA. Julia still to identify info for article on the Kerb Numbering project for Pasquale. Julia to intro Pasquale to Bush Tele and Sydney Observer editors & Simon.
- n. Improved website is now published. More to be done.
- o. Summary of correspondence in/out via websites. Mostly borrowing of driveway line-marking stencil and shredder, and feedback to eNewsletter.

#### 4. What are we hoping to achieve?

- a. Online presence, eNewsletter, loan of equipment – continuing.
- b. More 'Cocooning' work expected.
- c. Community events – Ku-ring-gai Council's Seniors Expo on Wed 08 February – volunteers needed. See also Fiona's in 1c above.
- d. More articles to be published. (See 3i and 3m above)
- e. Kerb Numbering Project.
  - The request at NHW Gordon/E Killara AGM to purchase stencils from Melbourne was unnecessary due to donation of stencil packs from Bunnings – see 3k above.
  - Discussion on Kerb Numbering. Unfortunately Bunnings' stencil packs aren't the preferred size and font. It was agreed that we use them until any preferred were sourced (Melbourne Stencils or Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop 'The Shed'? Post-meeting: Shed cannot assist us). Julia to thank Bunnings formally.
  - Bunnings stock matt black & white spray paint which doesn't need primer for kerb number background. Auto One also gave advice to Gay re: paint/varnish. Reflective paint may be difficult to source locally. Julia to source. Wal agreed E Killara money could pay for it. Subsequently it was agreed we should offer the black paint in the kits too, ie everything necessary to do the job. Julia/Gay to approach Bunnings for a good price on black paint.
  - Discussion on Nina's suggestion that Scouts should again be approached. It was agreed that Kerb Numbering was a good visible project for NHW to promote itself & we had the packs already donated.
  - Option for donation to pay forward. We should suggest \$10. Refundable deposit to be considered in case of loss/damage to stencils.
  - Kerrie suggested she could hold a kit for Turrumurra residents. Tackle one suburb at a time, Turrumurra as pilot, as soon as able. No formal launch needed. Then further kits to be held by other volunteers.
  - David suggested metal stencils could be an option. David to approach a company to make them. Julia to send necessary info to David.

- Nina still available to make a video explaining Kerb Numbering. Julia & Gay to create a procedure for borrowing kerb numbering stencil kits and for the volunteer to lend the kits. Julia to send Nina NHW Logo.
- Investigate possibility of an acrylic background stencil and/or holder.
- f. Continued improvement on website - Kerb Numbering to be included. More documents created/translated/reformatted. New FAQ #32 Insurance, #33 Kids Commute, #34 Slippery footpath. New 20 Tips Boating and new grand/parents being researched.

#### 5. Other Meeting Reports:

- a. Treasurer's report: Julia confirmed with Patrick that there has been no activity since last meeting. Julia to organise reimbursement for WordPress domain hosting \$129 on 27 July 2022.
- b. Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) – Gay taking three issues on behalf of residents to next meeting on Tue 28 Feb 2023:
  - Request for ped crossing across Warrawee Ave, Warrawee station
  - Request for prompt access of CCTV by police after incident at a station and/or maintaining cctv after an event has occurred to eliminate it being overwritten.
  - (Remembered post-meeting: Query at PROBUS talk - whether it is legal to completely cover a parked car and hence have no rear reflectors on show – and if so, why? Consider writing to RMS suggesting road rule changed as it is unsafe. )
- c. NHW Australasia – article submitted – see 3i above.

#### 6. Action points from previous meetings:

- a. 10% Laser Signs agreement not utilised by any residents. Julia to approach locksmith in Gordon re: NHW discount.
- b. Julia has had no response from her efforts to contact Carroll Howe about Turramurra.

#### 7. Any Other Business:

- a. Julia to make for Mick 10 x goodie bags for delivery to new migrants in his street. Mick to pick up from Hornsby police station.
- b. Pasquale suggested we re-connect with Triple H re inclusion in a program. Kerrie agreed to speak about NHW on radio if needed.
- c. Nina offered to write an article about Dementia. Julia to forward email re: Dementia Alliance and to introduce Nina and Peter.
- d. David shared his story about the use of the Driveway white line marking kit, his neighbours action and how road was re-painted by council. Julia to share online.
- e. Stan has been in hospital and is now out and a new man!

8.[Meeting ended 7:30pm.] Thank you to the PCYC for use of their room.

**Date of Next Meeting (DONM):** Wed 03 May 2023.

#### Distributed with these Summary Notes:

- 'Be Truck Aware' resources from Lesley Tipping
- Cst Gemma Walker's crime report (**Number January 2023 Crime Report**).
- Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/St Ives/some Pymble NHW AGM Summary Notes.
- Photo from meeting. Pictured: Lesley Tipping, Julia Eagles, Nina Puckeridge, Wal Knowles, Fiona Zhou, Mick Gallagher. Not pictured: Anne Ridley, David Beale, Gay Balasubramanian, Kerrie O'Brien, Pasquale Vartuli.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799. Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/](https://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/). See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: [WatchOut.org.au](https://WatchOut.org.au). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or at our [website](#). Contact us at: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com).