



## Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Meeting #41

(Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC))

6pm Tuesday 09 April 2024 @ PCYC, Waitara

Summary Notes

### Present:

David Beale, NHW volunteer, Gordon  
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  
Mick Gallagher, Coordinator, Mount Colah NHW  
Wal Knowles, Coordinator, East Killara Area 25/26  
Zoya D'Souza, NHW St Ives Facebook page

### Apologies:

Anne Ridley, NHW volunteer, Gordon  
Ben Campbell, NHW volunteer, Turramurra  
Fiona Zhou, Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Ku-ring-gai PAC  
Snr Cst Gemma Walker, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Ku-ring-gai PAC  
Helen Booth, NHW volunteer  
Jack Liu, NHW volunteer (Chinese community)  
Jyoti Sukhija, NHW volunteer (website)  
Martin Moelle, NHW volunteer, East Killara  
Mary Walker, NHW volunteer (Ryde area)  
Pasquale Vartuli, Coordinator, Jubilee St eWatch, Wahroonga  
Patrick Winsbury, Gordon NHW Treasurer  
Cllr Simon Lennon, NHW volunteer  
Steven Saunderson, Secretary, NHW Gordon 3/4 (Turramurra)  
Warren Dunn, NHW St Ives, Lynbara

### Kept Informed:

Anthony Broome, NHW Brooklyn Facebook page (non-attendee)  
Bianka Ford, NHW Hornsby Facebook page (non-attendee)  
Dr Bruce McAdam, ex-Roseville NHW (non-attendee)  
Chris de Graaf, NHW Berowra (non-attendee)  
Eva Ford, NHW volunteer, Gordon (non-attendee)  
Evelyn Yeoh, NHW volunteer (non-attendee)  
Jayne Donnelly, NHW Brooklyn Facebook page (non-attendee)  
Kanak Kiran NHW Warrawee Facebook page, translation, driveway stencil  
Kate & Paul Bizannes, NHW St Ives Facebook page (non-attendee)

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

ENGLISH

Liz Surrest, NHW Brooklyn Facebook page (non-attendee)  
Megan Tilley, NHW volunteer (Rotary St Ives) (non-attendee)  
Paul Friend, NHW Berowra Facebook page (non-attendee)  
Peter Wilkinson, NHW volunteer, Killara (non-attendee)  
Stan Wesley, NHW volunteer (non-attendee)  
Sue Dunston, NHW Gordon/Killara volunteer (non-attendee)  
Trevor Chan (non-attendee)

### 1. Introductions

- a. [6:00pm] Julia welcomed everyone.

### 2. Crime Report

- a. Gemma was unable to attend. Julia circulated 2019-23 crime stats taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website (distributed with Summary Notes) with the following 60 month trends:
  - Hornsby LGA had a 17.3% increase in the Sexual assault category
  - Hornsby LGA had decreases in Non-DV assault, Break & Enter (B&E) dwelling, B&E non-dwelling, Steal from motor vehicle, Steal from retail store, Other stealing offences, Malicious damage to property, Fraud, Other theft, Other drug offences, Disorderly conduct – Trespass, Breach bail conditions categories. All other categories are stable.
  - Ku-ring-gai LGA had a 10.1% increase in the Intimidation, stalking & harassment category.
  - Ku-ring-gai LGA had decreases in B&E dwelling, B&E non-dwelling, Steal from dwelling, Steal from motor vehicle, Steal from retail store, Other stealing offences, Malicious damage to property, Other theft, Prohibited & regulated weapons offences, and Transport regulatory offences. All other categories are stable.
- b. Advice to residents - report anything/everything *at the time it is happening*.

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

- a. Crime Prevention table @ Everything for Seniors Expo 10am-2pm on Wed 13 March, at Turramurra Uniting Church. Thanks to Gay, Kerrie, Kanak, Fiona, David, Julia & Simon who popped by.
- b. Crime Prevention stall @ Hornsby Info Expo Mon 19/03/24. Thanks to Gay & Fiona.
- c. Cocooning letterbox drop @ Katina, Turramurra. Thanks Kerrie.
- d. Cocooning letterbox drop @ Evelyn, Turramurra. Thanks Kerry (lives on Evelyn). Julia to follow-up with Kerry to see if she will do more to assist us.
- e. KerbWatch Project (ongoing) Kits currently with Ben & Gay.
- f. 2024 version of NHW K&H Trifold brochure has been translated into Simplified Chinese & is on our website. Thanks to Jack. (distributed with Summary Notes)
- g. NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website (ongoing). Thanks to Jyoti and Gay. Gay has completed a new 'Meetings' page, for the uploaded Volunteer Meeting Summary Notes, as part of our 'Open & Transparent' policy.
- g. Frequently Asked Question FAQ#33 Kids' Commute Safety V2 published.
- h. We have been donated 3 shredders. One of ours is dead – Gay to take a turn trying to fix it.
- i. We have lent our police dress-ups to Fiona for 2 x Korean camps.
- j. Gay has encouraged & accompanied a resident to request a pavement at Gordon East. It is now on the council's plan.
- k. Queries via our website continue to be answered. Recently a NHW group in Oakey, on the Darling Downs, QLD made contact, requesting info about our KerbWatch.

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

- a. Crime Prevention table @ Emergency Services Expo 10:30am-12:30pm on Sun 05 May, Hornsby Park, near Hornsby Aquatic Centre. Gay & Zoya volunteered. Julia to email everyone requesting volunteer assistance.
- b. Online presence, eNewsletter, articles, loan of equipment – continuing.
- c. Continued improvement on website (use of photos to access pages), new 20 Tips & FAQs in the making.
  - FAQ#6 How can I Make my Storage Cage Better? being finalised.
  - Website 'Volunteer?' Page is noted as a priority, as currently we have limited numbers of volunteers that are available to assist. Discussion about advertising for new volunteers on our Facebook page. Julia to ask NHW Ryde how they recruit. Julia to make contact with Mike O'Reilly (who was interested in attending our meetings, but hasn't as yet). A report should be made by attendee when having attended NHW Ryde meeting. Gay to consider attending.
  - Julia mentioned the use of AI to generate 20 Tips. Zoya offered to pursue for new FAQ on crypto-currencies.
  - Farsi translation of Trifold brochure is still to be proof read.
- d. Continued support of Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, eg cocooning.
- e. Presentation to Probus clubs requested – tbc.
- f. Published articles from our volunteers. Julia reported that Ben still hopes to write an article advertising KerbWatch/ driveway stencils.
- g. Action c/f: Ben volunteered his wife Haylie to put poll questions in our NHW K&H Facebook group. Mary & Pasquale to encourage conversation by commenting on the polls. Ben had mentioned that Haylie was happy to do more as a NHW volunteer. Julia to request Haylie's email in order to follow-up.
- h. KerbWatch ongoing.
  - Pay-it-forward (PIF) contributions are slow. \$63.14 deposited since last meeting, including tiny interest payments.
  - We hope Warren can unblock a can of reflective spray paint.
  - Julia to create new catch-all flyer for all items to borrow.
- i. Julia to deliver an engraver/UV pen kit & procedure to Kerrie. Kerrie to advertise on the Turramurra Facebook page that they are available to borrow from her.
- j. Continued support of a graffiti problem in Normanhurst & down Pennant Hills Rd. We have introduced 3 parties who are concerned and have offered advice, plus maybe a NHW garbage bin sticker would help? Julia has suggested cocooning to the CPO, delivering a new Community Alert for graffiti (incl. suggest what/how to report, suggest remove graffiti ASAP & how).

#### 5. Other Meeting Reports:

- a. Treasurer's report: Patrick unable to attend this meeting.
  - Gordon NHW Area 24/12 bank account balance = \$5620.59 = \$462.15 (E Killara) + \$3779.10 (Gordon) + \$1379.34 (K&H)
  - Julia requested repayment of expenses:
    - Julia previously missed claiming \$13.98 tape.
    - Julia previously stated paint was \$5.20 - should have been \$5.45.
    - Agreed reimbursement to Julia of \$14.23 and subsequent transfer.

- The agreed reimbursement of \$89.45 to Julia @ meeting #39 is still to be transferred.
- b. Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) (Organised by NSWPF) – to be held on 09/05/2024. Gay to represent NHW K&H. Kerrie to confirm if she's available.
- c. NHW NSW – Julia reported that the planned NHW NSW AGM 10 April 2024 has been postponed. Julia to request a copy of the Certificate of Currency.
- d. Dementia Alliance – Kerrie reported an Expo is being planned. Julia to share with all volunteers the Dementia survey email.
- e. Julia shared NHW Australasia's latest Journal.

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

- a. Wal has heard no more about Gordon Park. Kerrie suggested better lighting – Julia to discuss with Gay about suggesting at the next CSPC meeting.
- b. Julia confirmed her action points as completed or carried forward.
- c. Julia reported that Steven had failed to get contact with Carroll to discuss the future of NHW Gordon Area 3.4 (Turramurra) & the bank account (Carroll sole signatory). Steve will continue. Julia to ask Gemma's advice.
- d. Julia confirmed that she had had no response to the Black Belt in Thinking analysis that was shared with the previous Summary Notes.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- a. Offer of a table – discussion to ignore, because we are only piggy-backing other organisations' events.
- b. NHW Curl Curl, Freshwater & Queenscliff have folded and have donated their unused NHW materials to us. Julia gave David their box of name labels. David to see if anything could be done similarly for us.
- c. Mick gave information of an upcoming NHW Mt Colah Fairwell event. Julia apologised for misinterpreting several emails about this event as a closure of NHW Mt Colah. Mick confirmed NHW Mt Colah continues.
- d. Discussion whether to meet in future via Zoom. Agreed it has potential, however, we will try first the idea of a meeting followed by a meal. Next meeting we will try Magpies afterwards and see if attendance improves. Plus, it's easier with no catering in the meeting. Other places suggested eg Hornsby RSL. Consider surveying volunteers' opinions.
- e. Discussion whether to have a social evening.
- f. Julia to send 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartments' to Zoya for distribution in her new block(s) of units in Killara.
- g. David to photograph his parcel box for possible inclusion in a Facebook post.
- h. David retold his driveway stencil experience and confirmed the stencil works!
- i. Wal confirmed the congestion at Killara High School, Koola Av still exists, both morning and afternoon. It seems the school isn't cooperating. Sgt Stephen Whalley had organised Highway Patrol to assist. Julia to remind residents in the upcoming Gordon/Killara/E Killara printed newsletter of the back route. Julia to include council rangers' contact number for complaints.
- j. Julia mentioned the Killara Rural Fire Brigade is close to opening. Wal confirmed there is a problem needing the water pipes lowered for access. There may be a

possibility of community groups being able to use the rooms during the day, but not weekends.

8. [Meeting ended 7:30pm.] Thank you to PCYC for use of room. **Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024, followed by meal at approx 7:30pm at Magpies Waitara, 11-37 Alexandria Parade.

**Distributed with these Summary Notes:**

- Crime Stats BOCSAR 2019/2023 Hornsby LGA and Ku-ring-gai LGA (2 x pdfs)
- Updated NHW K&H trifold brochure - Simplified Chinese (pdf)

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within 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/](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/).

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