



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #652 - 09 April 2024

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) 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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06 April, from Nepaen Police Area Command

If the road looks like this, don't take the risk and drive through as you have absolutely no idea what is below the flooded surface.

A small car can begin to float in as little as 15cm of water.



03 April, from The Hills Police Area Command

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command have commenced an investigation following a report of an aggravated break and enter at Pennant Hills.

Police have been told that about 12.30am on Sunday 17 March 2024, the residents of a house in Swan Place, Pennant Hills were asleep when two males, one described as wearing a dark coloured hoodie, the other wearing a light-coloured hoodie and a balaclava, gained entry to the house.

The resident reported the incident after reviewing footage from inside the house.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police Force social media pages.



03 April, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify three males who may be able to assist police with their enquiries in relation to the stealing of an electric bicycle which occurred at Hornsby Railway Station bicycle cage around 1:25pm on Saturday the 6th of January 2024. The electric bike was a NCM Paris Match brand. The bike was secured in the bike cage by a combination lock which was cut, and the bicycle removed.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have knowledge of the identity of the person/s depicted to come forward.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages. Reference Case C411110193 Event E95314406.



09 April, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Monday):

Theft alarm. Roseville Area.

Base on the outfit, this definitely is a repeat offender. Every one take care!

And in the comments:

Our house was broken into and car stolen this morning. At least you've got a picture of the offender. We are in Woodlands Road.



08 April, NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit

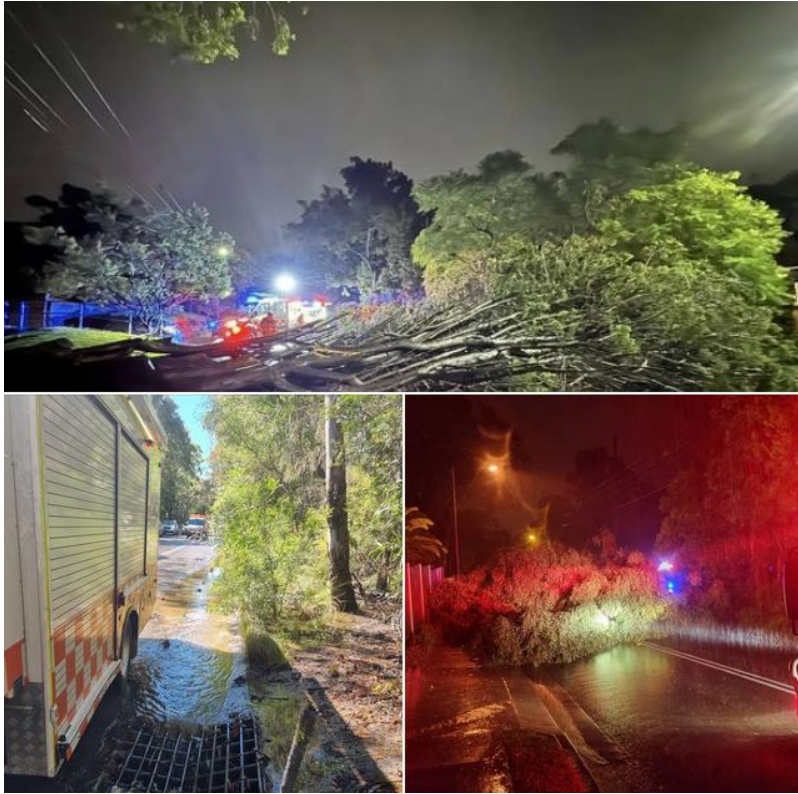
Ku-ring-gai SES Unit Jobs - Recently

Over the last 48 hours the KRG Unit received 118 requests for assistance. 92 of these requests have been completed by KRG crews, 28 are currently being worked on. Please continue to raise requests (ring 132 500) should you need help or report an issue to do with storm damage / flooding.

Requests, for example, have included assistance due to fallen trees in premises, leaking roofs, flooded basements, fallen trees blocking roads, unblocking road drains, and flood water assistance with other crews across the Metro area.

Please be aware that the recent rain is now causing flooding in some parts of the State. Be careful when travelling and never drive or walk across a flooded

road or path.



08 April, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Ku-ring-gai Families group:

Would like to put a massive shout out to the legends that threw a traffic cone on my car roof and scratched the paint down to the primer at the top of parklands last night. Wondering if anyone has any information on who may have been the

culprit/culprits?



07 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

Our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou (MCLO) at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Kuring Gai Police Area Command, has asked us to make residents aware that this Blessing Scam is still doing the rounds, with thousands of dollars scammed. Most recently, Ryde Police Area Command were hit. Please make sure your Chinese friends, neighbours and colleagues are aware. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District Inc. NSW.

Chinese Blessing Scams Community Warning - 警告：针对华人社区的祈福诈骗	
<p>NSW Police Force would like to raise the awareness again about an ongoing scam targeting elderly, Chinese speaking residents. This scam has been happening in suburbs with high Chinese populations including Cabramatta, City Central, Chatswood, Hornsby, Parramatta and Ryde areas.</p> <p>In the scams which happened recently, the victims were approached by three persons of Chinese descent speaking either Mandarin or Cantonese. They pretended to be strangers but worked together to approach the victims at different time to eventually convince the victim to believe that the evil spirit or serious illness the victim or the victim's family member might have can be cleared or cured by doing a praying ceremony by the local mythical doctor. To do the ceremony, the victim need to give all valuables including cash or jewellery which will be all returned after being cleansed during the ceremony. By praying upon the seniors' superstition and concern of the well-being of their family, the scammers successfully convinced the victim to follow their instructions. The victims either went home or banks to collect cash and jewellery and put into the bag for "cleansing". After the blessing, the bag was handed back to the victim. But they were told not to open it until a certain date otherwise the good wishes won't stay and the evil won't go away. When the victims eventually opened the bag, all the valuables inside were gone, instead there were things with little value such as a bottle of water, packed food, or even just stones and paper.</p> <p>The victims did not know when the valuable was swapped but they lost large amount of cash and jewellery to the scammers.</p> <p>NSWPF requested anyone with information about the scammers, or who believes they are a victim to report to police immediately.</p> <p>Don't be scared and embarrassed, you are not the first and by providing information to the police, the chance of catching these scammers will be largely increased.</p> <p>To report, contact your local police station or Police Assistance Line 131444 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Your Local Police Station: Hornsby Police / 9476 9799</p>	<p>新南威尔士州警察局希望再次提醒人们针对华语老年人的诈骗行为的认识。这种骗局发生在华人口较多的郊区，包括卡布、市中心、牛士活、康士比、巴拉马打和紫德地区。</p> <p>在最近发生的诈骗案中，三名华裔人士以普通话或广东话接近受害人。他们假装陌生人，在不同时间接近受害人，最后令受害人相信，自己或家人身上所附的邪灵或身患的重病可以通过当地的一位神医举行祈福仪式来消除或治愈。为了举行仪式，受害者需要交出所有贵重物品，包括现金或珠宝。这些物品将在仪式期间清洗后全部归还。骗子利用长者的迷信和对家人福祉的关心，成功说服受害者听从他们的指示。受害人要回家，要么去银行拿取现金和珠宝，放进包裹里举行祈福清洗仪式。结束后，袋子被交还给受害人，但被告知在特定日期之前不要打开它，否则祝福不会留下，邪灵也不会消失。当受害者最终打开袋子时，里面所有贵重物品都不见了，取而代之的是一些没什么价值的东西，比如一瓶水、包装食物，甚至只是一些石头和纸。</p> <p>新南威尔士州警察局呼吁任何了解诈骗信息或认为自己是受害者的请立即报警。不要害怕和尴尬，你不是第一个，通过向警方提供信息，抓获这些骗子的机会将大大增加。</p> <p>报警请拨打当地警察局或拨打警方协助热线 131 444 或 罪案举报电话 1800 333 000 联系警方</p> <p>你所在当地警察局: Hornsby 警局 / 9476 9799</p> <div></div>

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 03 April to Wednesday 10 July: Car park on Grandview Street, Pymble will be partially occupied by Sydney Trains for slope remediation works at Pymble Station. [Info](#).

Thursday 11 April: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Useful Tips for Using your Android Phone".

[Info/Register](#)

Saturday 05 May: Emergency Expo. Crime Prevention stall TBC.

Tuesday 23 April: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Apps for Smarter Travel". [Info/Register](#)

Tuesday 25 June: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Useful Tips for Using your Android Phone". [Info/Register](#)

Thursday 11 July: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Government websites". [Info/Register](#)

Thursday 25 July: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". [Info/Register](#)

**07 April, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/
Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday:**

Just came back to my car in Bent Street, Lindfield and it appears someone has hit my car.

I am pretty forgiving a simple note saying sorry would be nice 🙄

Did someone witness this by any chance?



06 April , NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit

SES Ku-ring-gai SES - Sandbags for Home Use

Residents, the local SES unit has made available sandbagging facilities in the unit compound. This is to help prevent flooding around your home. Further rain is expected over the next 24 hrs.

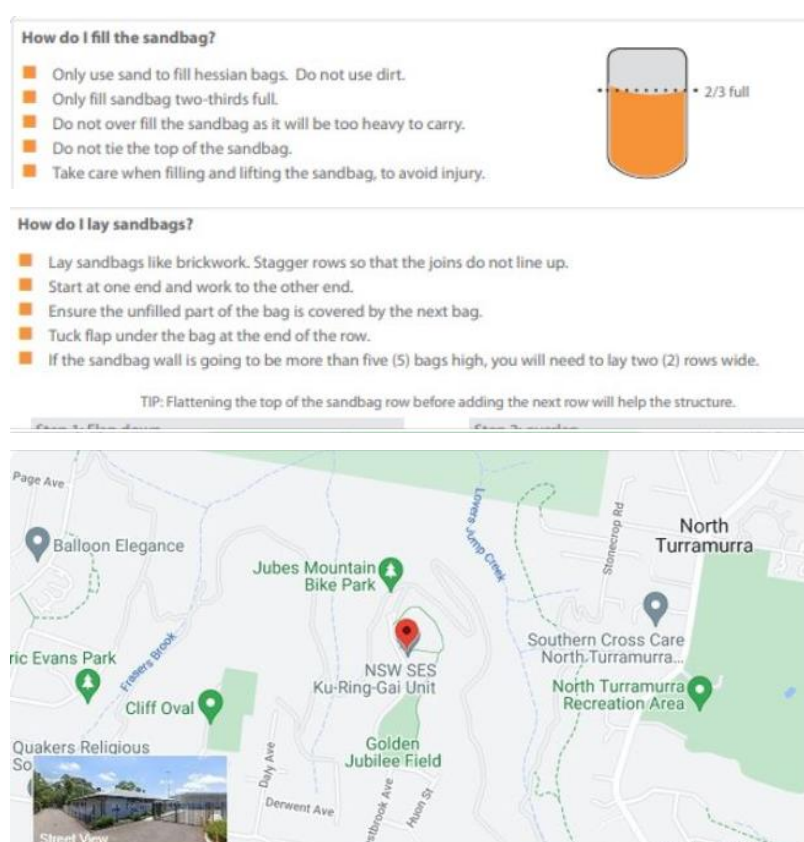
Address: 7 Esk St, Wahroonga NSW 2074. See map below.

Please wear your home waterproof / protection and bring gloves, wear enclosed shoes, and bring your shovel. Standby SES staff may be able to help you fill your sandbags for home use. Hours of opening are 1:30pm to 7:00pm.

How to fill a sandbag for maximum effect ?

DO NOT OVERFILL A SANDBAG ...

See [here](#).



06 April, from NSW SES Hornsby Unit

With the possibility of large amounts of rain expected in the next 24 hours, #Hornsby [NSW SES](#) have provided a free sandbagging site located at:

👉 Headen Park Carpark

📍 6 Sinclair Ave, Thornleigh

Please bring a shovel and be prepared to fill sandbags.

We ask the community to be mindful in its use and reserve it for those that have concerns of flooding or are located in flood prone areas.

If you are using #sandbags to protect your home, learn more on how to fill them [here](#) 🙌

DO NOT REMOVE THE SANDBAGS SURROUNDING THE COLLECTION POINT - FILL THE EMPTY BAGS



Other sites may be established at a later time if we feel there is a requirement.

☁️ For further weather updates visit site [here](#).

!! If you need SES assistance call us on 132 500, if the situation is life threatening call Triple Zero (000)



05 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby



TUNING IN TO KIDS

A 5 week course for parents of primary school aged children




ONLINE
Tuesdays
14 May - 11 June 2024
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Children who develop emotional intelligence often do better emotionally and socially and have better health and fewer behavioural difficulties. Learn skills to assist your child in understanding and managing their emotions. Explore how to deal with frustrations and conflict and how to develop good social skills and positive behaviours.

Please note: this program is funded for parents residing in these LGAs only - Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches.

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MORE INFO & BOOKINGS
P: 1800 324 924
E: info@catholiccareddb.org.au
W: www.catholiccareddb.org.au



TUNING IN TO TEENS

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A 5 week course for parents of teenagers

ARTARMON FAMILY CENTRE
Suite 404, Level 4, 44 Hampden Road
Friday 10 May - 7 June 2024
10.00am - 12.00pm




FREE

Tuning in to Teens will provide you with skills in emotion coaching and help you recognise, understand and regulate, to work through your young person's emotions. The program focuses on the development needs of teenagers and how to respond to their needs when being rejected or pushed away.

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1-2-3 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM

A 3 week course for parents of 2 - 12 year olds


FRIDAYS
ONLINE
24 May - 7 June 2024
10.00pm - 1.00pm

Learn how to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting and discover methods to stop unwanted behaviours, increase co-operation and enhance your relationship with your children. We're here to help parents raise well behaved, happy, competent children and put the fun back into parenting!

Please note: this program is funded for parents residing in these LGAs only - Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches.

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05 April, from NSW Food Authority

Recall: Patties Food Group - On The Menu Entree products

Product information: Patties Food Group is conducting a recall of On The Menu Entrée products. The products have been available for sale at Coles, Woolworths, independent retailers including IGA and No Waste Australia nationally.

Date markings:

- On the Menu Entrée 3 Cheese Macaroni (260g) - Best before date: 27/03/26 & 14/03/26
- On The Menu Entrée Beef Lasagne (260g) - Best before date: 12/03/26 & 20/03/26
- On The Menu Entrée Spaghetti & Meatballs (260g) - Best before date: 19/03/26

Problem: The recall is due to an error on the packaging, oven cooking instructions are not compatible with product tray.

Food safety hazard: Tray may melt if oven cooking instructions are followed.

What to do: Customers should return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Patties Food Group state that the product is safe to consume if microwave instructions on pack are followed.

For further information please contact:

Patties Food Group

1800650069

info@patties.com.au



03 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

Thank you to Josie for sharing this warning, particularly linked to couches/sofas/lounges:

Current Marketplace Scam:

People will list an item, usually it's not super expensive and seems like a great deal.

When you contact them, they will say there is a lot of interest and ask you for a deposit to hold the item for you.

They collect multiple deposits then block you.

And from the comments (thanks Cecilia):

There are scams on most faith related social media pages that purport to give away surplus books or religious objects (some with tear jerker stories). The scammer asks to be PM'd and then asks for a shipping fee or some other payment due to an unexpected level of interest. After you pay, the items are never sent. These scammers are now deleting the Comment button so as to avoid exposure from people that have been caught up in the scam. @ everyone: please do not hand over money on social media groups. They are mostly scams.



03 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

Apologies to our volunteer, Gay, but we forgot to share her report from the Hornsby Info Expo that was held at Hornsby Library last Monday 25 March 2024. Gay said the day was very busy indeed, with a lot of the Korean versions of Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai flyer being shared. It was a very crowded, busy and non-stop day. "I would say the expo was a great success, disseminating information to mainly non-English speaking locals". Thank you also to our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona for being part of the group arranging this event.

Pictured: Gay shows a resident one of the many Frequently Asked Questions we have researched.



03 April, from Animal Welfare League, NSW

Since its launch 3 weeks ago, FindMyOwner has helped 41 lost pets successfully return to their owner without entering a pound 🎉

If you know someone who scans lost pets for microchips, let them know we can look up the microchip and help find the owner 8am-10pm EVERY day and to

visit site [here](#) for more info.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Festive Season' (Simplified Chinese): 我们的 20

个最常用的犯罪预防提示 节假日

Tip #6. 的衣服挂在晾衣杆上、开启电视（注意：使用一个定时发光插头来模拟电视）、使用定时器开启广播等。保持正常在家时的电话留言。

Tip #10. 家中聚会时，请将入户门锁好。考虑指定专人监视进出的客人。不要想当然地认为小偷不会光临满屋是人的房间！

Tip #12. 请考虑对您家中的安全系统和照明进行评估。虚假或有缺陷的安全系统

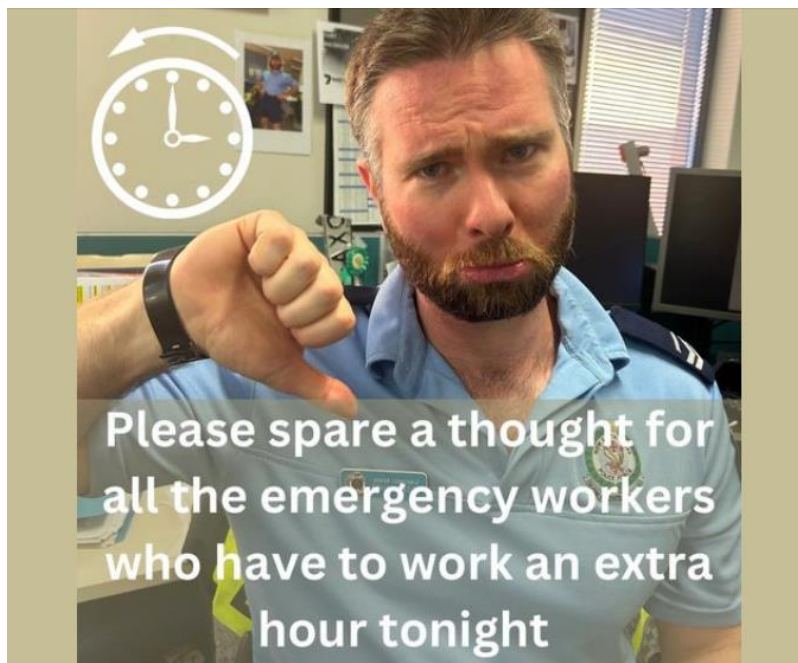
不会对窃贼产生威慑。每次离家时都请
设置警报。

Tip #13. 请勿在社交媒体上分享任何有关您正在外出度假的信息。如果可能，请
避免使用电子邮件自动回复。（请继续

阅读“我们的 20 个最常用的犯罪预防提示：旅行 (Our 20 Favourite Crime
Prevention Tips for Travel),以
及访问网页：watchout.org.au/Travel/

For more FAQs, 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](#). Other languages are
available.

6 April, from the Hills Area Command



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.
The Police are here to help you.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000
Report crime anonymously
Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:
Website [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](#)
Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
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.
