



Meeting Summary Notes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Gordon/Killara/E Killara
AGM & Get-together
7pm Thursday 30 November 2023
@ Gordon Baptist Church (Thank you!)



Present

Belinda Litster, Bob Petterson, Brendon Hyde, Bruce Edwards, Sgt Dean La Greca, Di Knowles, Diana Tyne, Gay Balasubramanian, Snr Cst Geoff Moeller, Helen Liem, Julia Eagles, Lesley Tinkler, Linton Tinkler, Lois Petterson, Mareen Van Der Broek, Mary Walker, Rob Lang, Rosey Powers, Tom Powers, Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn.

Apologies

Anne Ridley, Anthony & Heather Roberts, Barbara Ward, David Beale, Eva Ford, Jack Liu, Patrick Winsbury, Tim Brown, Yoel Hyman.

Introductions

Welcome, Introductions, Apologies, mingle and goodie bags

- Speaker: Sergeant Dean La Greca**, Highway Patrol, Ryde PAC: Random Breath Testing (RBT) & Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT)
Dean outlined the MDT procedure and the stereotypical person being detected. He gave everyone a drug testing kit to experiment with on themselves. He requested this educational experience be shared with all friends and family. He also spoke at length about drug testing procedures, including many anecdotal stories from his career. He spoke about the equipment in the patrol cars, summarised the law (It detects a substance in your system and the law says it can't be.), as well as answered numerous related questions on driving capability, differences across the states/territories, detecting the use of heroin, and the M1 Freeway. Dean encouraged residents to phone police with any intel.

Dean also spoke about his new project, 'Behind the Blue', where participants from the community have an 'immersive policing experience'. It is an opportunity to see many aspects of the job over a few days, including such as: visits to operational units, staged active armed offender scenarios, aspects concerning DV/mental health, weapons training, building search, skid pan & high speed driving, meeting trainees at the Academy, water police, with various capability displays & equipment. It highlighted the split second decision-making necessary and what cops potentially deal with day-to-day.
- Crime Report from Senior Constable Geoff Moeller**, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO), Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC)
Geoff detailed various crime statistics for Ku-ring-gai LGA (circulated with these Notes). Successful arrests had reduced the Break & Enter - Dwelling figures. Geoff highlighted Fraud as the main area of concern. He gave lots of advice to residents - lock your cars, have nothing on view, lock your home doors & windows. Also, be vigilant with calls/texts/emails, never give out

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

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personal info, never click any links. He advised that reporting to Scamwatch helped stop the crime, but that you also needed to report any loss immediately to the financial institution, who may be able to stop or limit your loss. Then report it to the police. Unfortunately the police have no power overseas, where most of these frauds originate. Geoff outlined several frauds, including the examples; "...we have a warrant for your arrest" and the lost/broken phone message from a son/daughter requiring emergency cash. Check your accounts regularly. Double-check all characters in a website address, eg 'a' versus *a*.

3. AGM Coordinators' reports

- a. Gordon Area 24 - Julia reported on:
 - Background. Since the last meeting (Nov 2022). Volunteers held a crime prevention stall with kids' activities at the St John's Church (Gordon) Fete.
 - Thanks to those who've resigned: Jade, Heather & Anthony, David, Maureen.
 - Tim Brown has donated a new NHW Gordon rope banner, placement to be determined.
 - NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHWK&H) command: KerbWatch DIY kerb-numbering kits available for loan to all residents. [See: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/]
- b. Gordon Area 12 - Bruce reported on delivery of 'Cocooning' materials (a warning letterbox drop to homes surrounding a recent crime). He requested new volunteers to assist.
- c. East Killara Area 25/26 - Wal reported on his involvement with discussion about traffic congestion on Koola Ave around Killara High School drop-off and pick-up times. He suggested residents use the alternative route around the back of the school and requested parents drop-off and pick-up on the school side of Koola, to avoid the delays caused by dribs & drabs of students on the crossing.
- d. Lynbara, St Ives - Warren mentioned the Mona Vale Rd clearway is in effect *seven* days a week.

4. AGM Treasurer's report

- a. Gordon Area 12/24 Patrick Winsbury unable to attend. Julia explained NHW K&H use of the account and gave his report as at 21/11/23. The bank balance at AGM 2022 = \$6188.82. Less 4 x KerbWatch DIY kits expenses (paid to Julia & Gay) and website costs = \$997.95. Plus KerbWatch and other 'pay-it-forward' contributions = \$278.00. Balance at AGM 2023 = \$5444.46.
- b. Repayment to Julia Eagles/Gay Balasubramanian for NHW K&H KerbWatch expenses to be determined at next NHW K&H meeting.

5. 2024

New committee members: Gay Balasubramanian & David Beale

6. Any Other Business

- Discussion on graffiti problem on newly renovated Gordon Park, Werona Avenue. Bob & Lois agreed to do a letterbox drop of 'Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai & NHW trifold to residents in the area. Julia to contact council. Recommend the use of the Snap Send Solve App: snapsendsolve.com. Discussion about CCTV and NHW acquiring one to loan out.
- Rob Lang spoke about his role giving talks at St John Ambulance & the GoodSAM App: goodsamapp.org.

Distributed with Summary Notes: Photos from the AGM. BOCSAR Crime Stats June 2022-2023.

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/.

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: WatchOut.org.au.

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