



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #657 - 14 May 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 <u>Ku-ring-qai 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.
- 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.

14 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on 2 x outstanding warrants, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

Sivakorn KAEWMEE, aged 48 is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for contravening prohibition in apprehended domestic violence order. KAEWMEE is described as Asian in appearance, 150-170cm tall, thin build with black hair and brown eyes.

As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333

000. Operation Amarok VI is a State-wide operation targeting Domestic Violence and related offences.

13 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

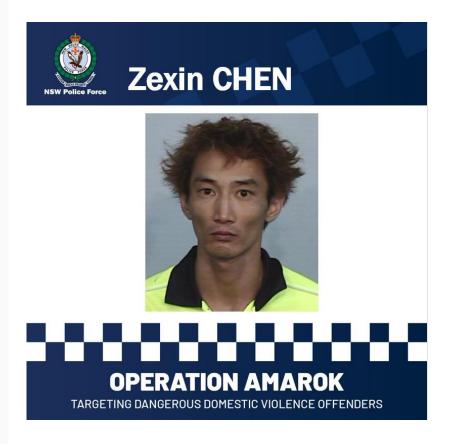
Scott HAMILTON, aged 56 is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for contravening an apprehended domestic violence order.



As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Operation Amarok VI is a State-wide operation targeting Domestic Violence and related offences.

13 May, from Auburn command: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an arrest warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

Zexin CHEN, aged 35, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding arrest warrant for revocation of parole. CHEN is believed to frequent the Auburn, Berala and Northmead areas.



As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Operation Amarok VI is a State-wide operation targeting Domestic Violence and related offences.

10 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: A weekend Chinese Family camp was held at the Collaroy Centre between the 26th-28th of April. Our police partnered with Relationships Australia along with other community organisations.

Youth Engagement Officer Senior Constable Hart, Youth Officer Senior Constable John Wilson and Domestic Violence Officer Constable Ben Ng from both Ku-ring-gai and North Shore PACs visited the group on Saturday and chatted with both parents, teenagers and children.



09 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police and our Multicultural Liaison officer from Ku-ring-gai PAC attended the Northern Sydney Post School Expo for people with a (dis)Ability along with various other services

Many parents and carers with their children along with school teachers and their students attended for information and support. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hello!



09 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: THANKS to CoHo Cafe, Berowra Shopping Village and all the local community who came along and had Coffee with a Cop today at Berowra Village

It was great to get to know the local community.

If you are interested in holding the 'Coffee with a Cop' initiative at your cafe/business, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at **Hornsby Police Station** on 02 9476 9799.



09 May, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT■

Beware of deepfake scams. Don't fall for the illusion. Protect yourself and your loved ones from digital deception.





14 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby had representatives at the recent Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting held last week.

Thank you to Kuring Gai Police Area Command for hosting this quarterly meeting at the Hornsby police station.

Crime stats and other topics were discussed, including increasingly sophisticated fraud, targeting of alcohol shops, parcel thefts at unit blocks, stolen precious metals from car exhausts, and graffiti that is happening regularly in the St Ives area.

The use of VandalTrak Pty Ltd was mentioned, and we have a case study (see attached flyer) to share with you outlining VandalTrak's use in the Redlands Council area.

This is Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby's advice regarding graffiti: If graffiti occurs on your own property or a property you are responsible for, you should report the incident to the NSW **Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131 444** or via their online Community Portal: portal.police.nsw.gov.au/s/login/. You can only report the graffiti if you are the victim, ie its on your property. It is the responsibility of owners to remove graffiti from their private property. Your local Rotary Club may be able to assist you. Police recommend the rapid removal of graffiti - it takes away the glory!

We can also assist with advice, warning stickers and/or letterbox drops to surrounding residences.

There are several ways to report graffiti that is not on a private residence. Graffiti can be reported via VandalTrak who notify councils and public assets, and include photos to maintain the Graffiti Register: vandaltrak.com/graffiti-register/

The NSW Graffiti hotline also records graffiti and lets the public assets know 1800 707 125 between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday. More info: service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/report-graffiti-to-the-nsw-graffiti-hotline
You can also directly inform public assets, eg railways, electricity companies, post boxes, or by using the Snap Send Solve App snapsendsolve.com/. Ku-ring-gai Council would appreciate knowing about their properties online, via krg.nsw.gov.au/Council/Report-an-issue.

Hornsby Council would appreciate contact made to their **Graffiti Hotline on 1800 199 282**. Further info at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/hazards/graffiti Schools can be emailed directly (the email address is usually on the school's website) and/or the NSW Graffiti Hotline will assist.



Email us here for a pdf of the VandalTrak Redlands Council Case Study.

09 May, from The Hills command: Are you an international drivers licence holder arriving in New South Wales?

You MUST convert to a New South Wales Driver Licence if you plan on staying. Changes include:

- If you arrived before 1 Jul 2023, you have until 1 Mar 2025 to get a NSW Driver Licence.
- If you arrived after 1 Jul 2023, you have 6 months to get a NSW Driver Licence.

More info is available at bit.ly/ServiceNSWOverseasLicence



12 May, from The Hills command: The Next of Kin Program allows people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local Police Station

The Contact details of the Next of Kin, as well as the nominated Doctor, Dentist and any medical alerts that would help in an emergency situation will be entered onto a register. Any information provided will be securely stored and only accessed by NSW Police. The information could assist Police and emergency services to contact a relative or nominated person in an

emergency. To register simply fill in the form below and return to your nearest police station.

[Or access the application form online here - Ed]





12 May, from CareFlight: Yesterday (07 May) the Mounties Care CareFlight Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to three separate car crashes, all of which involved the patients becoming trapped in their vehicle and requiring extrication by Fire and Rescue NSW

- At around 11am a woman in her 70s was treated after becoming trapped in a vehicle following a crash with a truck on the Great Western Highway near the M7 interchange. The patient was transported by road to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition, accompanied by the CareFlight specialist doctor.
- At about 3pm a man in his 50s was treated after becoming trapped in a vehicle following a head on collision on Annangrove Road, Rouse Hill.

- The patient was transported by road to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition, accompanied by the CareFlight specialist doctor.
- At around 4:30pm a woman in her 20s became trapped in her vehicle following a head on collision with a bus on Carters Road, Dural. The patient was transported by road to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition, accompanied by the CareFlight specialist doctor.



12 May, from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA): Making a movie, writing a book or working on a screenplay?

The ACMA has set aside a series of fictitious numbers for use in radio, film and TV. Check them out for your next project: acma.gov.au/choose-your-phone-number-for-fiction.

12 May, from NSW SES Ku-ring-gai Unit: Stay Safe During Storms

Persistent coastal showers are forecast along much of the east coast throughout Saturday and into Sunday.

Currently there are no warnings relating to Ku-ring-gai, but please take care if you are travelling.

- Keep up to date with weather warnings by following the Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings
- Check Live Traffic NSW livetraffic.com/ for incidents and road closures
- Never drive through floodwater
- Consult the Hazards Near Me NSW app for current information about local emergencies, including flood, and advice on what to do to stay safe.
- If you are trapped by flash flooding, seek refuge in the highest available place and ring 000 (triple zero) if you need rescuing.
- For emergency help in floods and storms call the SES on 132 500.



12 May, Shared as a warning with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard: Looking for the owner of these shoes.

It seems someone accidentally took my child's shoes and left this pair. If you've mistakenly grabbed a pair of new Blue asics sneakers size 11 from Westfield Hornsby, please return them to play area asap. They're greatly missed by the owner. TIA

And from the comments:

Years ago, a mum tried to take my kid's brand new Nike shoes at the MacDonald playground. Arrriving she placed her kids shoes next to ours. When

they left she grabbed ours shoes. Her kid's shoes were well-worn sandles, so no confusion possible! From now on, I keep my kids shoes with me.

Hmm, the same size as my daughter's shoes that were taken at Hornsby Westfield also. Lowest of the low, to steal from a child.

12 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: More information about the many ways you can contact the police



Email us <u>here</u> for a copy in your inbox.

12 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Stay Safe when fishing, swimming and boating" to be held on 26th May

Please read the attached flyers for more information. It sounds a great opportunity. Do you know someone who may be interested?

The local Kuring Gai Police Area Command Youth Officer and Multicultural Community Liaison Officer will be there, along with the Marine Area Command. Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby may be joining in with a crime prevention stall and kids activities, such as police dressups, colouring-in and 'catch-a-crim' photo booth. We'll let you know more nearer the time.



垂钓,游泳,行船安全活动日

诚邀您前来享受垂钓的乐趣并学习钓鱼,游泳或行船时的安全须知; 活动日另设各种儿童活动及社区信息资讯滩,并有机会赢得奖品。







时间: 2024年5月26日周日上午9:30点一下午4:00点

地点: Gibberagong Precinct, Bobbin Head, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

费用: \$5/每人 - 提供午餐、免全天停车费、垂钓活动提供渔具

(8岁及以上儿童可单独参加但必须由监护者全程监督)

语言: 提供普通话翻译

报名: 人数有限,请务必提前报名

请扫码登记 https://forms.gle/sjnVnFVU5aUx2ioL9

咨询: Fiona – 0412477535 - zhou1yan@police.nsw.gov.au

请准备: 遮阳帽、 防晒霜、水壶、点心、餐毯及合适的鞋

请注意: 儿童必须由家长或监护人全程陪同监督























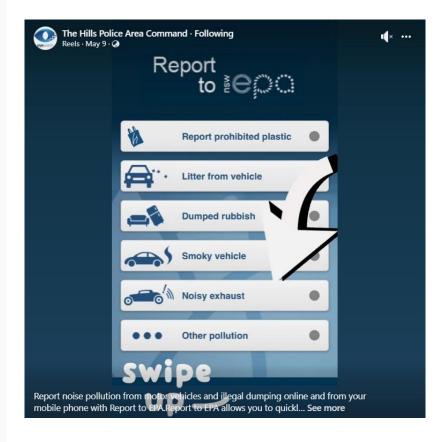


11 May, from The Hills command/NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA): Report noise pollution from motor vehicles and illegal dumping online and from your mobile phone with Report to EPA.

Report to EPA allows you to quickly and easily report pollution incidents you observe from any mobile device. You can report

- littering from vehicles
- illegal dumping
- smoky vehicles
- noisy exhaust.

Whether you're on the road, cycling or walking, Report to EPA is at your fingertips so you can report pollution while on the go. Simply record the vehicle details, tell us where and when you saw it, and the EPA will take care of the rest. More info here.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15 May: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council child car seat safety check day 9am-2:30pm. Contact 9424 0940. Bookings essential.

Wednesday 22 May: Wear Orange Wednesday - **WOW Day** - to show support for the State Emergency Services (SES)

Thursday 23 May: FREE Law Week 2024 - Family Law Act changes by Cecilia Castle 6:30-7:30pm @ Hornsby Library. Bookings here.

Friday 24 May - 07 June: CatholicCare's Online 3 week course for parents of 2-12 year olds - 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program 12noon -1:30pm. Register here.

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May: 9am-3:30pm Household Chemical CleanOut @ St Ives Showground.

Tuesday 25 June: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Useful Tips for Using your Android Phone". **Info/Register Sunday 30 June:** NHW NSW Inc AGM via Zoom. 3pm introductions & discussion before a 4pm start. Email for a link and more info here.

Thursday 11 July: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Government websites". <u>Info/Register</u>

Thursday 25 July: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". **Info/Register**

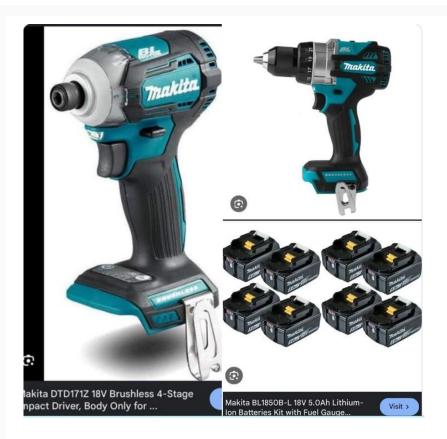
Saturday 12 October: St John's Anglican Church Fete 9am-2pm NHW crime prevention stall & kids activities tbc.

11 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:

I just witnessed a Nissan Navara Ute turn left on to the Pacific Highway at 5:46 pm without stopping to look for traffic. A light coloured Toyota Camry collided but the Ute drove off. I have a clear photo of the Ute if you need it.

09 May, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group:

On Monday at around 3:30am my Ute got broken into and some tools stolen. Please be on the look out for the following: makita impact, leaf blower and drill that have my name on them along with 3-4 batteries sprayed purple with my name on them.



09 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Were you affected by the Hornsby RSL data breach?

One of our volunteers contacted IDcare for advice and received this reply:

Thank you for contacting IDCARE. I am sorry to hear you have been impacted by the recent data breach incident with Clubs NSW.

IDCARE has not been engaged by Clubs NSW in relation to this breach, so we are unable to provide you with breach-specific advice or confirmation of the personal information that may have been compromised for you specifically. We encourage you to reach out to Clubs NSW directly if you have any breach specific questions or concerns.

Compromised Information

IDCARE is aware one or more of the below attributes may have been compromised as part of this breach:

- Personal details (full name, address, phone number, email address, date of birth)
- Driver licence details

How Does IDCARE Measure Risk?

IDCARE measures risk of future identity misuse based on the nature of the credentials compromised. Items such as name, address, date of birth (DoB), phone number and email address are credentials that alone would be considered low risk of direct future misuse. In most cases what is of real value to identity thieves are passports, driver licences, credit card and banking username and login details.

Driver Licence

If you have are concerned that your driver licence may have been compromised as a result of this breach, we recommend you consider placing a credit ban and checking your credit reports (details below).

Credit Bans

- IDCARE recommends you request credit bans to assist in preventing the creation of fraudulent credit accounts.
- AU: IDCARE's Fact Sheet on Credit Bans Australia: idcare.org/fact-sheets/credit-bans-australia
- We recommend you obtain a Report Cyber number: <u>cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report</u>, which is issued by the Australian Cyber Security
 Centre. This report number can be used to extend the credit bans.

Credit Reports

IDCARE recommends you check your credit reports, to detect credit misuse attempts.

AU: IDCARE's Fact Sheet on Credit Reports Australia: idcare.org/fact-

sheets/credit-reports-australia

Reducing the risk

- Please be mindful of the potential for scam contact where compromised information may be referenced in an attempt to falsely verify the engagement. The risk of future misuse via phishing emails and telephone/SMS scams may increase when any personal information has been compromised. This includes, but is not limited to, incoming contact impersonating the breached organisation.
- Be cautious of clicking on links in emails or text messages, no matter
 how legitimate they appear. Do not be pressured to respond, whether it
 is by email, text message or telephone. Instead, contact the organisation

- directly using contact details you know to be correct.
- Protect your accounts with multifactor authentication, including financial, government, email, and social media accounts.
- Use unique and strong passwords.
- It is always a good idea to regularly review your account details and security settings. Check that your contact details are correct, and changes have not been made to any linked bank accounts or other services.

To stay abreast of the latest scams, identity theft and cybercrimes impacting our community you can subscribe to our free online newsletter, The Cyber Sushi: idcare.org/contact/newsletter-sign-up-form. If you suspect any communication from IDCARE is not legitimate please confirm with IDCARE using alternative contact channels (see www.idcare.org). Our charity and community services DOES NOT accept payment from individuals for Case Management services.

08 May, from 9News.com.au: Laws to change safety warnings on furniture as too many lives lost to falling items

New laws are set to increase awareness of the dangers of toppling furniture, with 28 lives lost to falling furniture in Australia since 2000 and more than 900 injured from it every year. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has announced furniture suppliers will now be required to provide safety warnings to shoppers about the dangers of toppling furniture hazards, under a new information standard.

Full article here.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention

Tips for New Neighbours' (Simplified Chinese). 我们的 20 个最常用的犯罪预

防提示 新邻居

Tip #7. 查看您家四周、花园、储藏室和附近邻居的情况,考虑一下是否有什么东西可以被窃贼利用作为隐藏手段?窃 贼是否有快速逃脱的途径?您有监测照明吗?您的门窗安全吗?

Tip #9. 考虑安装可更换、更新、重新键入的锁。为防盗报警装置的报警程序重新编写代码。

Tip #17. 请注意您家的水电煤气开关在哪里。考虑给水电表箱装上数字锁(ETSA padlock, Locksmiths 提供的特殊 锁)。

Tip #20. 取出汽车内的贵重物品,不要让贵重物品一眼可见,尤其是停放在车道或街道时。其中包括车库遥控器,因为这可以让窃贼在窃车以后,闯入您的家中。

For more FAQs, 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.

06 May, from The NRMA: TEST TIME: In NSW, how well do you know the rules around U-turns?



ANSWER:

The answer is Yes, as there is not a no U-turn sign or oncoming traffic. Why? If the road where the driver is turning has a dividing line or median strip, a driver making a U-turn at an intersection must start the U-turn from the marked lane nearest, or as near as practicable, to the dividing line or median strip.

Road User Handbook states:

You should take extra care when making a U-turn or a three-point turn. Before you turn, indicate and check your mirrors and blind spots to make sure there's no traffic approaching from any direction. After you turn, check your mirrors and blind spots again, indicate, and only pull out when it's clear and safe.

You must not make a U-turn:

- at intersections without traffic lights where there's a 'No U-turn' sign
- at intersections with traffic lights, unless there's a 'U-turn permitted' sign
 - across a single continuous dividing line or double continuous dividing

lines

- across double dividing lines where a continuous line is closer to you
- on motorways and freeways.

The 'No U-turn' sign is a regulatory sign and must be obeyed by law

When making a U-turn, you must:

- have a clear view of approaching traffic
- start your U-turn from the marked lane nearest to the centre of the road
- start your U-turn to the left of the centre of the road if there are no lane markings
- make the turn without obstructing traffic
- give way to vehicles and pedestrians
- indicate before you start to turn.

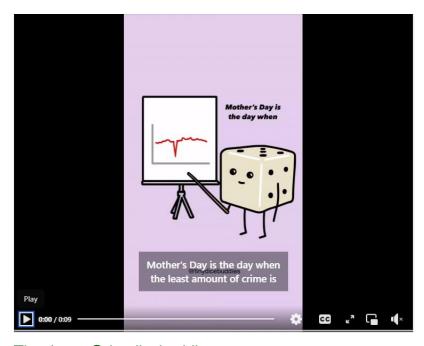
The Road User Handbook can be found <u>here</u> (translated into several languages).

12 May, from NSW Road Safety: Shalways drive like your mum is watching...

This Mother's Day, give mum the gift of knowing you're safe on the road by following the road rules and driving to conditions. To all the mums, have a fab day!



"Mother's Day is the day when the least amount of crime is committed in the United States and I think that says a lot about how many moms are out there committing crimes, but can't today because they're at brunch with their kids, you know."



Thanks to @tinydicebuddies

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.







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This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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