



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #672 - 27 August 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.
- Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

26 August, from NSW Police Force Jointroducing 'BluLink'

'BluLink' is expected to better assist the public and save time and resources across every police command for both front line and specialist areas.

MORE INFORMATION here.



When you call Triple Zero (000) for police assistance in an emergency, you may now receive a text message.

BluLink allows the public to provide police with GPS coordinates, live video streaming, digital media uploads, and text messages via a link sent to them from Triple Zero (000) dispatchers.

The link you receive is a one-off link that is available to only you and police, meaning the information you provide is secure.



For emergencies and life-threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000). Only call Triple Zero (000) if the situation is serious

For non-urgent police assistance, contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.



24 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Share a Story, Stop a Scam



Scams Awareness Week 2024 is running next week from the 26th to the 30th of August 2024. This year's campaign theme is "SHARE A STORY, STOP A SCAM".

Scamwatch data from 1st January - 30th June 2024 show losses of over \$134 million -(a 52.8% decrease from the first 6 months of 2023). Many people are getting better at identifying scams, but many people in our community are being impacted.

How to share your story

- Post a photo, video, or text on your social media profiles about a time you avoided or encountered a scam, using the hashtag <u>#ShareAScamStory</u>.
- Talk to someone you know about scams. Some ways that you can start the conversation include:
- o Have I ever told you about the time I was manipulated into giving away my personal information? There was a scam that...
- o A scammer almost stole my money when...
- o I came across a scam message/email/fake website. I noticed some warning signs...
- o Have you ever been scammed? What happened? How did you feel?
- o Have you ever avoided a scam? How did you realise it was a scam? What were the signs?

For more information, visit site here.

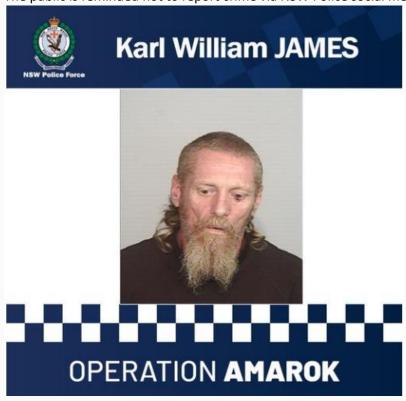
23 August, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VII.

Karl William JAMES, aged 54, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for multiple contravene an apprehended domestic violence order and multiple assault (DV) offences. 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 or Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799.

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The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.





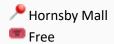
26 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Volunteers today helped with painting of house numbers on the kerb for some residents in Pymble. Do you want to paint your house number on the kerb? You can find all the information about borrowing a DIY KerbWatch kit on the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby website.



26 August, from Hornsby Shire Council: Do you know what to do in an emergency?
Come along to our Emergency Services Expo and meet your local emergency services to find out. Enjoy a FREE BBQ, face painting, children's games, prizes and more.

Sunday 08 September 10.30 am - 12.30 pm



For more info, see site here.



26 August, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

We recently provided security camera footage to the police for a car that was stolen from a neighbour. The was a nice young guy working on a task force. He said there is a lot of car theft activity in Northern Sydney areas and often these young people are filling orders from organised crime contacts ("need a 4wd to use in a ram raid next week" etc). One of his biggest frustrations are the Magistrates from the Juvenile court system. He suggested that there is meant to be 2 slaps on the wrist before more serious consequences are handed out to the young offenders. Unfortunately this is not happening and he told us of a recent young person who received their 81st slap on the wrist. So these young people when they are brought in are very cocky and quick to tell the police they will be back on the street tomorrow scott free. Something needs to change, perhaps the standard of parenting would be a good place to start! He also said that nighttime camera footage, although sometimes grainy, does help them. Quite often they can identify some expensive sports shoes or hoodie (that they likely stole according to the hat the perp was wearing at a number of theft site cameras and then when they are searching their home they find these and it links them to the thefts.

26 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community Group:

Morning lovely community:). My house just got tagged, sprayed a white line on one of my

concrete posts. It's usually a sign of burglars tagging to come back later I'm not posting a pic in case they are part of these groups. But check your houses for any lines or markings that weren't there before.

Cheers. Citrus Avenue

26 August, from NSW Health

Mpox is around, so vaccination and being on the lookout for symptoms can help to keep you safe from the virus.

In NSW, the vaccine is currently available and free for people at higher risk of mpox:

- all sexually active gay and bisexual men (cis and trans)
- sex workers
- sexual partners of the people above
- people who have been in contact with mpox (who have not had 2 doses of mpox vaccine yet). For those eligible, Medicare is not needed for vaccination. Two doses are required at least 28 days apart.

Vaccination against mpox is currently not recommended for travel.

Health care workers and laboratory personnel with risk of being exposed to mpox may also be eligible for vaccination.

For more information, including what clinics are offering the vaccine, visit the NSW Health website here.

You can also call:

- the Sexual Health Infolink on 1800 451 624 for further vaccine booking support
- the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 for free help in your language.



26 August, from The Hills Police Area Command: Share a Story, Stop a Scam



Hannah had been trapped by a cryptocurrency scam and had already had over \$300,000 stolen. After being scammed, she was struggling mentally, financially and physically. Hannah's in her seventies and she was worried she would lose her independence if her family found out. She became more isolated from her children and desperate to get her money back. She was looking to borrow from her mortgage to pay for an investigator to recover her money. Then she had a call from "David". David had all the details of who Hannah had been dealing with when she was scammed. He explained he'd been conducting investigations into another matter and had identified Hannah's funds along with other peoples' funds who had been targeted by the same scammer. Hannah was flooded with relief.

Hannah was excited to find someone who knew where her money was, and who was confident that they could recover it. David called Hannah every second day, and they would have long conversations about many topics. Hannah looked forward to the calls from David as she was lonely and isolated. She was willing to pay the \$25,000 fee David was charging. Sharing her story

Hannah went to withdraw the money and the bank teller alerted her to the scam. The teller explained that David was probably the same person who had scammed her in the first instance or possibly a close contact of the scammer. Hannah was grateful and relieved to be able to finally share her experiences and financial stress with someone. Hannah was referred to further support services to help her recover from being scammed. She has still not been able to bring herself to tell her family.

26 August, from The Hills Police Area Command

Tradies consider GPS tagging your tools.

Tradies, what other ideas can you suggest to prevent your tools being stolen on site or at night?
This one from a Hills Dad appears to be a good one, wrapping electrical tape around a perfectly good extension lead. Comment below



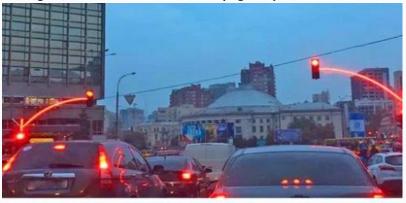
26 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Morning, just woke up (2.55am) to 2 people wearing hoods in my backyard trying to break in to my house on Redfield Rd, East Killara. I yelled at them and they fled. Rang the Police, who sent a car to talk to me and patrol the streets.

Update. Police turned up to finger print this morning at 8.30.

It would be good if anyone with cameras could check footage around the time and pass on to Gordon Police. Thanks.

26 August, from PUNS: Futuristic stoplights spotted downtown!





Why is every stoplight not like this?!

26 August, Shared with permission from the St Ives and Surrounds Community Group:

I would feel bad if I didn't say anything and someone got hurt. Please if you purchased these meatballs at St Ives with this expiry date 1/9/24 don't eat them they contained foreign objects. I'm 100% sure they will be recalled.

Save them and I'm sure they will refund.



25 August, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

Our last Misunderstood Road Rule for Road Rule Awareness weeks has been chosen by you, the people by request in the comments.

The "Keep left unless overtaking" sign and lack of drivers adhering to the rule has struck a cord recently when a driver was stopped by Liverpool Highway Patrol for this exact offence. It is clearly an offence to drive in the right lane contrary to this sign, but did you know it is also illegal to travel in the right lane of a multi lane road if the speed limit is greater than 80kmh unless the driver is overtaking. The penalty for this offence is \$410 and two demerit points. The avalanche of comments on a recent post about this exact subject proves the public's frustration with the drivers who misunderstand this rule. More info about this rule is available at the link here.



25 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: Received from a resident:

Hello, a pair of my Nike trainers has been stolen outside my flat which is opposite the Greengate pub, if you ever see these shoes, please let me know as they will be mine as they are custom made as well. Thank you.

The laces are also red.



25 August, from 9news.com.au: Product recall issued for Emma Wiggle-themed toy over choking hazard

An urgent product recall has been issued for an Wiggle-themed toy over a choking hazard. The "Yellow Emma Wiggle headband" with a yellow and black bow and four flashing lights has been recalled by Product Safety Australia, after it was found that coin batteries inside the toy were not adequately secured.

The toy is also missing a label that warns users about the dangers of button/coin batteries to children.

Read full story here.



24 August, from The Hills Police Area Command

Five Reasons why Prestige Cars are being Stolen from The Hills.

Nearly all modern cars, cannot be started without keys. Unfortunately, nearly every stolen car in the Hills has been stolen with a key, that has been taken from a break & enter at the home. Where you place your keys, is entirely a matter for you, and this should form part of your #9PMRoutine, however five reasons why offenders are able to steal these cars are:

- 1. Cars that are left unlocked outside garage remotes allow access to homes. To steal the keys.
- 2. Front door left open, or garage door left open, allowing keys to be taken to the car.
- 3. Home windows not secured.
- 4. Downstairs alarms are not activated at night, allowing offenders to enter undetected to take the kevs..
- 5. Tracking systems installed in late model cars are not activated or set up.



24 August, from NSW Ambulance: BSTREETSMART:

NSW Ambulance paramedics shared their road safety message to around 25,000 students this week at <u>Qudos Bank Arena</u> for the 20th annual <u>bstreetsmart</u> event. Over the past 20 years, this message has reached remarkably over 250,000 students. The initiative aims to educate young drivers of the responsibilities and risks behind dangerous driving behaviours. Working alongside <u>NSW Police Force</u> and <u>Fire and Rescue NSW</u>, a realistic scenario presenting the realities of a car crash was viewed by students. Our staff were also in the Exhibition Hall teaching students how to do CPR and providing insights into the unique careers available at <u>NSW Ambulance</u>.



Thank you to our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who helped out this year.

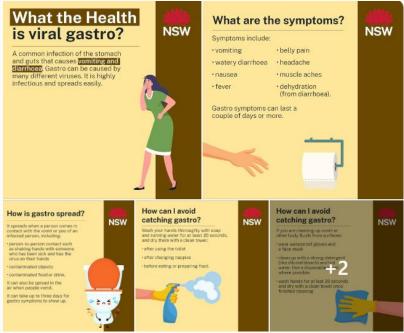
24 August, from NSW Health

Have you had diarrhoea or felt a bit queasy lately? It might be viral gastroenteritis (gastro) Tbut What the Health is it? Swipe through to find out.

Unwell and not sure where to go? You can call healthdirect anytime day or night on 1800 022 222 and get the help you need. healthdirect is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A registered nurse will answer your call, ask some questions and connect you with the right place for care.

If it's life-threatening, call Triple Zero (000) or go to an Emergency Department.

For more information, visit site here.

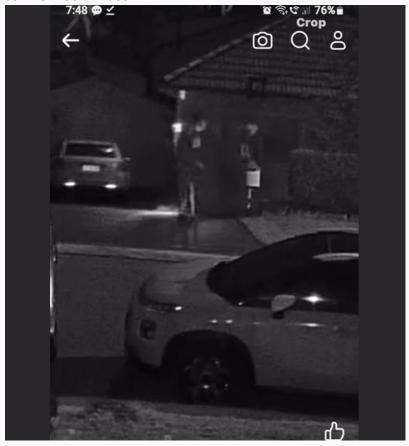


24 August, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

Neighbours be super vigilant. A group of young men were going door to door on Tuesday morning.

Literally one house after another. Somehow they were able to open garage doors and cars.

Still from CCTV video.



24 August, from Mayor, Sam Ngai: Arsonist at Lindfield?

For the second time this month, we have had an arsonist light up an air conditioning unit at Lindfield Library. This time the damage was more extensive, resulting in smell and soot within the library and KYDS being shut down for a few days. It's not cool.

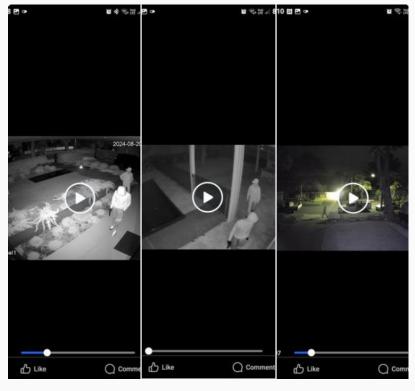
We are escalating security monitoring / police presence in the coming days.



24 August, Shared with permission from the South Turramurra Community Group:

Just a reminder to please keep your cars locked and valuables out of sight. There's a crime gang targeting West Pymble/Pymble currently looking for European cars to steal. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night this week multiple houses were hit. Five offenders with one carrying a hand gun. Police have all footage and hopefully on the case to catch them. Stay safe and contact the police.

Stills taken from CCTV.



23 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Group:

Took the dog for a walk in my once beautiful neighbourhood and this is what I found in the park on the corner of Water and Albert Street. Numerous vehicle rego papers in the names of different people from different addresses and other personal items.....very strange. I've sent a Snap Send and Solve to the local council. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN CALLED And in the comments:

We have had several break ins to our apartment block storage cages on citrus avenue over the last three weeks!

There were incidents of mailbox break-ins last night in Thomas Street. Having a feeling must be the same people.

Lock your cars also. Car break ins seem to be on the rise.

I'm not sure I even know what's missing, some of the boxes I hadn't had a chance to go through. All of the garages in Albert St have been stolen and broken from. All of them.

There have been a string of break-ins in Asquith and Mt Colah recently too.

Holy shit, that's all my stuff from my locked garage! Someone broke in last night! This is all my late families belongings!



23 August, from Julia Leeser, MP, Normanhurst, NSW

Thank you so much to everyone who answered the call and gave up some time today to become a graffiti buster in our beautiful area.

It was really inspiring to see so many locals who care so much about our community getting

involved and making a difference.



22 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Seatbelt Fine?

If a passenger is not wearing a seatbelt correctly, who receives the fine? 2



22 August, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch

We all know that having a loyal dog is a great way to keep your home safe, but don't underestimate the power of a furry cat! That watchful feline might just give those would-be intruders second thoughts. Between the barking and the glaring, your home is covered from every angle.



22 August, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community Group:

Random individual entered our property today on Park Ave and left gates down the side of the house open. Fortunately Dad saw them, prevented the dog from escaping and reported their description to Gordon police.

Keep an eye out. There has been a lot going on in other surrounding suburbs recently. And in the comments:

Yes, we had our car stolen just over a week ago from Carter St, Gordon. They entered the house and took the keys around 945pm on a Friday night. Make sure you lock up and don't leave keys easily accessible. Police said a lot of kids are breaking in, not taking possessions, but looking for car keys to go for joy rides.

22 August: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page yesterday (Wednesday):

Number plates stolen from our car parked on Bambil Rd last night near Bali Place. And in the comments:

Been happening in train station car parks too 💝

Yep, us too about 6 months ago 😉 ours were personalised plates, so bye bye to them. 😆



Thanks Author Lizy J Campbell

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 09 May - Thursday 14 November: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Friday 30 August: 'Wear it Purple Day' with Benjamin Law 2-6pm @ Hornsby Library. Info & Bookings

Sunday 08 September: Emergency Services Expo 10:30am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Mall. NHW will have a crime prevention stall and kids activities.

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 September: Dementai Action Week [NHW is part of the Dementia Alliance.]

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Friday 20 September: Let's talk about Dementai 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. <u>Info & bookings</u>. **Sunday 22 September:** Party @ the Park 9:15am-2:15pm. NHW will have a crime prevention stall and kids activities.

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

22 August, Shared with permission from the <u>Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville</u> Community Group yesterday (Wednesday):

If you're the owner of a red Volvo with license plate ending in - - - 34B that was parked on Lindfield Ave, I witnessed the car that hit yours and left the white scratch on the bumper. Please respond to this post and I'll send you the photo of the white car. Or should I give the details to the police?



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartments 20 個實用預防犯罪技巧:公寓安全'

Tip #1. 當有人按門鈴時,即便陌生人看起來值得信任,都只能讓認識的人進家門。確保家門關上時,**後面沒有人尾隨你**。

Tip #4. 每日清理信箱的信件。如果長期不在家,可請鄰居協助清理信箱,或申請留存郵 局,待返家後 到郵局領取。

Tip #9. 減少被人尾隨的機會,請確認車庫門關好後,再往前進入停車位置。 Tip #13. 不要自喜不住一樓,請確保門窗安全。通常被破門窗進入的,以一樓和二樓居 多。

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.

22 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

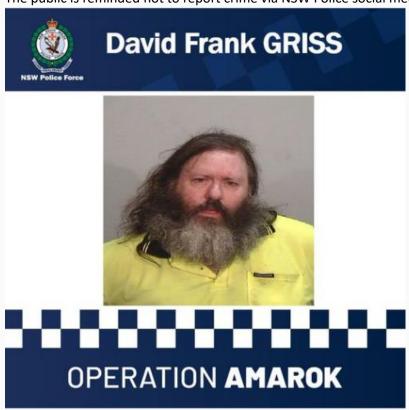
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22 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

- Now let's see if you were paying attention. When turning left or right, drivers must give way to pedestrians crossing the road:
- A) At intersections with and without traffic lights
- B) At roundabouts
- C) All of the above

Watch video here.

22 August, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community and Surrounds yesterday (Tuesday):

A large green truck crashed into my car (Mazda cx9) this afternoon as I was waiting in traffic on Shinfield Ave (the corner of Pildara Ave) at about 3:50pm. The truck drove away without passing on details. If anyone was driving past at the time and has dashcam footage could you please pm me? Many thanks for your help!

22 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group: Small fire extinguished at Lindfield Library...

There was a small fire behind KYDS at the Lindfield Library site at 261 Pacific Highway early on Sunday morning. After-hours security and Fire & Rescue attended and extinguished the fire. The library is safe and opened for business as usual this morning.

The site is a greatly valued community asset and must not be sold before we have better replacements in place. Last financial year the library had:

- * 58k visits, a 17% increase on the previous year
- * loaned out 54k books
- * 3100 people attended the children and youth events
- * 2 events for adults on personal development and dementia

The library offers free wifi, study desks, reading spaces, newspapers to share, a Justice of the Peace service, and much more.

Other valuable facilities on site include the Seniors Centre, Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (which provides free counselling for kids) and some affordable housing units. Council has received 2 independent studies into our library services, and both found that we are grossly under-served for library space and associated services across the LGA.

Everyone knows that pressing the key fob once locks the car but only the real ones know that pressing it like eight or nine times SUPER locks it

Thanks to I will not Settle for Less

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 <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u>
Facebook <u>@NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>
Facebook Group <u>NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>

Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

WatchOut!

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.