



Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Meeting #42
(Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC))
6pm Tuesday 16 July 2024 @ PCYC, Waitara & dinner @ Magpies
Summary Notes

Present:

Anne Ridley, NHW volunteer, Gordon
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
Michelle Manera, NHW volunteer
Mick Gallagher, Coordinator, Mount Colah NHW
Pasquale Vartuli, Coordinator, Jubilee St eWatch, Wahroonga
Phil Smith, Shore Safe Locksmiths
Ralph Stein, Coordinator, NHW Berowra/Cowan/Berowra Heights
Steven Saunderson, Secretary, NHW Gordon 3/4 (Turramurra)
Wal Knowles, Coordinator, East Killara Area 25/26
Warren Dunn, NHW St Ives, Lynbara

Apologies:

Ben Campbell, NHW volunteer, Turramurra
Eva Ford, NHW volunteer, Gordon
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)
Kanak Kiran NHW Warrawee Facebook page, translation, driveway stencil
Mary Walker, NHW volunteer (Ryde area)
Cllr Simon Lennon, NHW volunteer
Zoya D'Souza, NHW St Ives Facebook page

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)

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

Jayne Donnelly, NHW Brooklyn Facebook page (non-attendee)
Kate & Paul Bizannes, NHW St Ives Facebook page (non-attendee)
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 crime stats taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website (distributed with Summary Notes).
- b. Discussion on current issues involving youths coming into the area from other commands and committing offences such as Break & Enter, Steal from motor vehicle, Steal Motor Vehicle, Malicious Damage etc.

3. What have we achieved since the last meeting (09 April 2024)?

- a. Griffith University Criminology & Criminal Justice project, 'Recruitment of 18-29yo for NHW'. Zoom call - Wed 15 May. On being asked why we had been approached, the researcher said we had appeared at the top of a google search! Summary of results hopefully to follow soon.
- b. Rock Fishing Day @ Bobbin Head Sun 26 May. Thanks to Gay, Michelle & Julia. 4 new volunteers, including 2 translators. Julia to follow up.
- c. Shared FAQ #13 'How Should I Report Hoons' with NHW NSW for potential use elsewhere.
- d. Involvement in E. Killara traffic congestion – congestion in East Killara during morning and afternoon peak times, both on the main road and the side roads had been reported to the High School, Council, Politicians, NSW Police & Killara RFS. New 'No Parking' signs were erected on 06/06/24 on one side of the 'back route'. We were pleased to see prompt action from Ku-ring-gai Council.
- e. Involvement in Pennant Hills Rd/Normanhurst Graffiti Task Force meeting, chaired by Julian Leeser MP on Thu 13 June. Julia attended and offered advice. Julia to circulate Notes with these Summary Notes and to consider inclusion of the advice as a possible article to a newspaper. The Blitz Day will be on 17 August – see 4b.
- f. NHW Gordon/Killara/E Killara printed April newsletter delivered.
- g. KerbWatch Project (ongoing) 2 kits were with Ben – thanks Ben! Pasquale and Kanak have both offered to manage kits. Pasquale has taken 1. The 3 others are currently being borrowed. Julia & Gay have offered to paint house numbers for volunteers managing the kits, in order to assist with volunteers' knowledge. This also advertises the end result. Julia & Gay have been successfully painting kerb numbers & driveway white lines for residents who cannot, which assists with our finances. We are close to breaking even (approx \$600 outlay for 4 KerbWatch kits is the start figure), if we receive a Pay-it-forward for the next job – Julia is awaiting a decision whether our help is required to paint 13 kerb numbers & 2 driveway white lines at a local community.
- h. Driveway Stencil project (ongoing) Kits currently with Kanak & Gay. See also g. above.

- i. Engraver/UV Pen kits (ongoing) Kits currently with Kerrie & Julia. No borrowers. Kerrie suggested sharing in Gordon, utilising the Facebook page/group.
- j. Shredders (ongoing) 4 currently with Julia. Gay to check if the one with her is useable. – it was returned dead.
- k. Julia circulated a draft equipment flyer showing all items that can be borrowed – pictures are too small to identify – Julia to attempt double-sided flyer, or return to 1 flyer per type of equipment.
- l. NHW K&H Website (ongoing). Thanks to Jyoti.

4. What are we hoping to achieve?

- a. Dementia Alliance Expo – Hornsby RSL 5-9pm Wed 24 July – Kerrie attending.
- b. Pennant Hills Rd/Normanhurst Graffiti Blitz Day – 10am-1pm Sat 17 Aug @ Kenley Park. NHW are not registering a team, but individual volunteers are encouraged to join in. Registration [here](#). Information to be shared with these Summary Notes – note new date for Blitz on **17 August**.
- c. [Rescheduled] Emergency Expo @ Westfield, Hornsby 10:30-12:30 Sun 25 Aug TBC. Gay & Pasquale offered to assist. (Zoya had offered previously.)
- d. Party @ the Park @ Asquith Park 10am-2pm Sun 22 Sep TBC. Parking is available.
- e. St John's Anglican Church Fete, Gordon 9am-2pm Sun 20 Oct TBC
- f. Ben's article should be in the August NHWA Journal. Thanks Ben! Discussion on other articles using simple copy&paste tips/advice in order to reduce time/effort involved – send to Bush Tele? Mick no longer writing articles.
- g. Online presence, eNewsletter, articles, loan of equipment – continuing.
- h. Continued improvement on website, new 20 Tips & FAQs in the making.
 - FAQ#6 Storage Cage being reviewed by Gemma. Julia to share with Phil, who will also review contents & suggest any illustrations necessary.
 - New FAQ being researched by Julia about keeping kids on the straight & narrow. Discussion on the link (a generalisation) between skateboarding, graffiti and drugs. Michelle to share a link to current local information on the subject.
 - Jyoti is helping with a new 'Volunteer?' webpage – seen as priority #1. She is also going to make menu options more professional & up-to-date.
- i. Continued support of Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command with community events & cocooning of 'Community Alerts' around crime hot spots. Gemma has a new Graffiti Community Alert.
- j. Volunteers painting kerb numbers and driveway lines for residents who are unable to do it themselves. Ralph offered to assist in the northern suburbs. Warren & Wal offered to assist local to them.

5. Other Meeting Reports:

- a. Treasurer's report: Patrick unable to attend this meeting, so Julia gave a report.
 - Gordon NHW Area 24/12 bank account balance at 16/07/24 = \$5652.05 = \$462.15 (E Killara) + \$3779.10 (Gordon) + \$1410.80 (K&H)
 - Income from KerbWatch, etc sine last meeting = \$135.
 - Julia has been reimbursed previous expenses of \$103.68 on 25/05/24. Thank you.
 - Julia requested reimbursement – agreed. Julia previously refunded 25c too much, hence request is for \$25.25 (re-supplies from Bunnings – 2 black kerb & 1 white driveway).

- Ralph to discuss with Bunnings a discount or other support for us. Julia to provide him details of driveway paint.
- b. Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) (Organised by NSWPF)
 - Held 09/05/2024. Gay's notes to be distributed with these Summary Notes.
 - Discussion about our representation at CSPC from northern suburbs.
- c. NHW NSW
 - Julia reported that the certificate of currency for the insurance had been received.
 - The NHW NSW AGM was held on 30/06/24 and a new enthusiastic board is in place. Julia discussed her involvement supporting the new board and its plan to assist the local groups on the ground. Discussion on NHW NSW investigating Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) status. Ralph suggested approaching NHWA for advice. NHW NSW are having an Information session via Zoom at 4pm on Sun 28 July 2024. Pasquale may join in. Zoom link [here](#).
 - Julia showed the NHW Wagga Wagga house moneybox. The Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop ('The Shed') are quoting for NHW NSW to offer these to local NHW groups.
- d. Dementia Alliance – Kerrie continues to represent NHW K&H on this initiative. She thinks the 24 July event does not fit our objectives & thus we won't have a NHW stall there. See also Expo – 4a. Julia to distribute the flyer from our eNewsletter with these Summary Notes. Future events are being planned. Anne requested to be included on the eNewsletter distribution list.

6. Action points from previous meetings:

- a. Julia reported that Mike O'Reilly (Ryde NHW) cannot attend our meetings & there is no replacement. Julia had contacted Phil at Ryde NHW about recruitment – they advertise in their newsletter & 'confront residents', plus a few through the website. Gay to reconsider attending NHW Ryde's meetings.
- b. Steven reported on his discussion with Carroll about the future of the NHW Gordon Area 3.4 (Turramurra) group & its funds. Carroll is adamant that the funds be used solely to resurrect Turramurra. Julia & Kerrie to discuss this possibility & forming a new committee (possibly with help from Kerry, Ben, Kanak?).
- c. [Post-meeting: Zoya has used AI to draft advice for Cryptocurrencies (FAQ/20 Tips?)]
- d. Warren returned the blocked paint can. (Thanks for trying Warren!) Gay to approach the resident who unblocked another can for us.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Discussion led by Phil about current locksmith scam warnings. His advice:
 - Get to know a locksmith before you need one. Have the conversation and assess them. Too many people have been taken advantage of following a mid-night episode - they choose anyone who can come.
 - Phil recommends the use of Faraday pouches, RFID, etc to protect your car keys. Julia shared an explanatory [video](#) with tips for keyless luxury car owners in the 09/07/24 eNewsletter.
 - Phil is mobile and services the North Shore.
- b. Wal mentioned his bad experience reporting via the police Community Portal, following loss of a driving licence. It requires intense form-filling on the website. Wal entered a lot of information and then became stuck. He resorted to the Portal's

chatbot, and was given info via email on how to re-start the process, which hasn't worked for Wal so far. Discussion about how this is something non-computer savvy people may find difficult. [Post-meeting: Julia has emailed his experience to Gemma.]

- c. David Beale reported the removal of graffiti in the laneway between the old Bunnings & Salvos in Gordon. Julia reminded everyone that Ku-ring-gai Council, Transport for NSW, etc are still using the SnapSendSolve App, but Hornsby Council does not. [Post-meeting: email them on hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au, graffiti hotline: 1800 199 282 and VandalTrak: <https://www.vandaltrak.com/>.]
- d. Ralph gave us a bag of NHW materials that his NHW Berowra still had. He would like them used by NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby residents - requested via the website - or for use as competition prizes, etc. Thanks, Ralph!

8. [Meeting ended 7:10pm.] Thank you to PCYC for use of room. **Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Tuesday 15 October 2024, followed by meal at approx 7:30pm at Magpies Waitara.

Distributed with these Summary Notes:

1. Crime Stats BOCSAR 14072024 Hornsby LGA & Ku-ring-gai LGA (pdf)
2. Notes from Graffiti Task Force meeting Thur 13 June 2024
3. Notes from Roger Norman Graffiti Task Force meeting Thur 13 June 2024
4. Gay's Notes from CSPC meeting held at Hornsby police station on 09 May 2024
5. Photo from this meeting, standing from left: Kerrie O'Brien, David Beale, Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn, Ralph Stein, Mick Gallagher. Seated from left: Phil Smith (Shore Safe Locksmiths), Julia Eagles, Anne Ridley, Gay Balasubramanian, Pasquale Vartuli. Photo taken by: Michelle Manera. Not pictured: Steven Saunderson.
6. Scan of \$25.50 Bunnings receipt for reimbursement to Julia.
7. Flyer for the Dementia Summit 5-9pm @ Hornsby RSL on Wed 24/07/24.



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/.

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

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