



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #704 - 08 April 2025

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 Traffic and Highway Patrol Police Command - NSW Police Force

Bankstown Highway Patrol have detected a P-plate driver putting lives at risk after he was caught doing 123km/h in a 70km/h zone!

About 11.30pm on the 26th of March 2025, Officers were conducting speed enforcement duties on the Hume Highway in Yagoona. At this point, Officers detected a young male driver, who was behind the wheel of a Volkswagen Tiguan R - a prohibited high-performance vehicle exceeding the speed limit by

more than 53km/h. Officers stopped this vehicle and it was established, the young male driver also wasn't displaying his P-plates.

As a result, the driver was issued with a speeding infringement for exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/hr, failing to display P-plates and driving a prohibited vehicle contrary to licence conditions. His licence is now subject to an immediate 6-month suspension, and he will face significant penalties totalling \$3961 and 15 demerit points.

This reckless behaviour puts all road users in danger. Bankstown Highway Patrol reminds all drivers—especially young and inexperienced ones—that speeding and failing to comply with license restrictions can have devastating consequences.

Drive safely. Road safety is everyone's responsibility.



05 April, from New South Wales Historic Police Museum

[Sydney City Police Area Command](#), farewell of Assistant Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald APM yesterday. People were there from all facets of

Michael's 41 career. What stood out the most was that Michael has always put people first, and although he has worked many high profile cases, it's the people, on his team, in his community and most importantly, his family, that matter. A proud day for Fitzy with lots of love and laughter at the ceremony and after party. Assistant Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald departed the SPC in 19-1 Ford F100 caged truck , thanks for your service Michael.



04 April, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

About 5:40am on Friday 4th April 2025, police attached to Manning Great Lakes Highway Patrol were conducting speed enforcement upon the Pacific Hwy, Nabyac. At this time, they checked the speed of a white Lexus sedan on Lidar at 194Km/h in the sign posted 100Km/h area.

The vehicle was promptly stopped and the driver, a 33 year old male from Maroubra, was spoken to. The only explanation offered to police was that 'I knew I was going too fast'.

He was subsequently issued a penalty notice for exceeding the speed limit by more than 45Km/h, carrying a fine just shy of \$3000 & 6 demerit points. His licence was confiscated on the spot and suspended for 6 months. The registration plates were not seized as he was not the registered owner.

Regional roads account for the majority of fatalities in NSW, and excessive speed on these roads will remain a focus for us to drive the road toll towards zero.



04 April, from NSW Police Force:

Police are investigating the theft of a historic solid silver and gold belt buckle, won 65 years ago at a rodeo in the United States by a Cootamundra man described as the world's oldest rodeo competitor.

Mr Bob Holder, now aged 94, won the belt and buckle prize in the Saddle Bronc riding event at Sidney, Iowa, USA, in 1959.

The belt buckle – which is inscribed with Mr Holder's name – is significant in Australian rodeo history as it's believed to be the first time an Australian cowboy had won a major award on the American rodeo circuit.

The belt buckle is described as being made of solid silver and gold, with gold inlets. The top of the belt buckle reads 'Sidney Iowa' and '1959' is inscribed on each side with Mr Holder's name at the bottom and an image of a saddle bronc horse in the centre.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).



07 April, from Transport for NSW and NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: 🤔

Ever heard someone say it's illegal to drive barefoot? 🚗👉

To set the record straight, there's no road rule that says drivers in NSW need to wear shoes - BUT - our rules state that a driver must not drive a vehicle unless they've got proper control of the vehicle. So, if driving barefoot impacts your ability to drive safely, you can be penalised 🚔

In the event of a crash, comfortable and appropriate footwear could also help to protect your feet 🦶



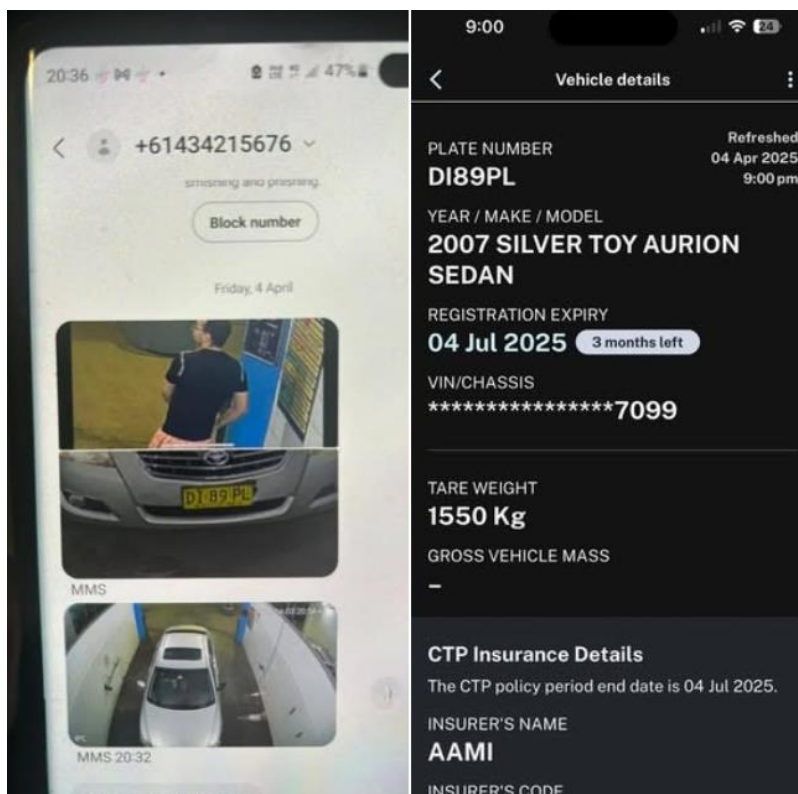
06 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

A reminder to drone users.

06 April, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Waitara Community Group:

Hi this person has stolen my wallet does anyone know this licence plate (I have reported to the police).

It was at Turramurra car wash middle bay.



05 April, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page: GRAFFITI

Did residents in Northumberland or surrounds have graffiti sprayed on their property, fences, etc on Wednesday evening?

N.B Relevant authority has been provided with the film of the teenage boy.

05 April, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group yesterday (Friday):

Hi all

I know this is a long shot however I lost a ring late Wednesday afternoon this week. I parked next to the RSL and then went to catch a train at Berowra train station. The ring is gold with a V shape on top with little diamonds.

If someone has seen it, I'd be immensely grateful. Have a great day. [OBJ]

04 April, Shared with permission from the Gordon, Killara and St Ives Community Group:

****Update:** We found the nurse who administered the CPR!! Thank u everyone for replying and for helping us find her! Thank u also to the kind teenage girl who called for the ambulance!*

Hi All,

One of our close friends (Asian, medium build, about 1.65m tall, mid 30s) was jogging or exercising near the Regimental Park / on Marian St in Killara last Saturday evening (22 March) when he collapsed and a kind person gave him CPR, called an ambulance and he was sent to Royal North Shore Hospital. He has miraculously survived after a few nights in ICU and their family would like to graciously thank the kind person who administered CPR to him that evening.

Please PM me if you were the kind person who administered the CPR or if you were in the vicinity and witnessed the event. Many thanks!!!

04 April, from au.news.yahoo.com: Tight-knit Aussie town devastated after towering trees mysteriously die: 'Oh my god'

State authorities are investigating whether the trees formed part of a significant protected cluster of forest.

Residents living along a tight-knit Aussie street are "devastated" after a clump of extremely important trees that had towered over their suburb began to die mysteriously. The leaves began to brown and the branches withered just weeks after the elderly couple who had lived at the large [Sydney](#) block for decades sold it to developers.

"They were in absolute perfect health. They were beautiful. They weren't dropping leaves or big branches," local man Daryl told Yahoo News.

It was last month, while talking with a neighbour over the fence, that the 59-year-old noticed they were looking sick. "He looked to me and said, oh my god, what's wrong with those trees?" he said.

Read details [here](#).



04 April, from NSW fair Trading: Smoke Alarms



When was the last time you checked your smoke alarms?

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday.

It's also the perfect reminder to check your smoke alarms:

- ✓ Check the expiry date
- ✓ Clean off any dust
- ✓ Replace the battery if needed
- ✓ Press the test button to ensure it's working

A working smoke alarm can save lives - stay safe and be prepared.

If you're renting, find out more about who is responsible for smoke alarms in rental properties, see site [here](#).

04 April, from [police.nsw.gov.au](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au): Second person charged in relation to Glenorie suspicious death - Strike Force Halderen

A woman has been charged in connection to the alleged murder of a man in Sydney's north-west last month.

Strike Force Halderen was established by The Hills Police Area Command and the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad, to investigate the circumstances

surrounding the death of a 39-year-old man, whose body was found on the property on Gleness Place about midday on Friday 14 March 2025.

About 7.30am today (Thursday 3 April 2025), police arrested a 35-year-old woman at a property on Gleness Place, Glenorie.

She was taken to Castle Hill Police Station where she was charged with accessory after the fact to murder, and larceny – accessory before the fact to an offence.

She was refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court on Thursday 29 May 2025.

She is the second person to be charged in relation to the man's death. A 24-year-old man remains before the courts charged with murder.

04 April, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group:

I'm posting on behalf of a Wahroonga dad who is doing a door-knock along Awatea Road in search of his son's pinging Apple watch, which he lost today at Wahroonga Public School; it appears to be in our area. The watch is blue and was a Christmas present (it allows the dad and his wife to keep in touch with their son while they're at work). If anyone has brought it home for safekeeping (a teacher, perhaps?), please let me know - I have the dad's contact details and can put you in touch with him. It would be great to reunite the boy with his watch!

03 April, from 9news.com.au: Every law e-scooter users need to know ahead of legalisation



Australia is about to completely legalise e-scooters in almost every state and territory.

However, the legalisation of the vehicles means penalties and fines for those found to be doing the wrong thing.

Click through to see which states have the harshest penalties and the laws e-scooter users should be aware of.

Check site [here](#).

02 April, from Nepean Police Area Command: Information from Service NSW

Starting from this month 🚗

NSW residents with an overseas driver licence must convert to a NSW Driver Licence if you're planning to stay on our roads.

Changes include:

👉 if you arrived before 1 Jul 2023, you have until 1 Mar 2025 to get an NSW Driver Licence

👉 if you arrived after 1 Jul 2023, you have 6 months to get an NSW Driver Licence.

More info here 👉 bit.ly/ServiceNSWOverseasLicence

Service NSW

TOURIST AND OVERSEAS VISITORS:

If you are a temporary overseas visitor, you can drive in NSW using your overseas licence for up to six (6) months as long as you:

- Remain a temporary overseas visitor.
- Have a current overseas licence.
- Have not been disqualified from driving in NSW or anywhere else.
- Have not had your licence suspended or cancelled, or your visiting privileges withdrawn.
- Carry your overseas driver's licence with you.

If your licence is not written in English, you must also carry an English translation, or an international Driving Permit.

“DRIVE WHEN VISITING PRIVILEGES WITHDRAWN”

1st offence \$682

2nd offence \$1045

INTERSTATE AND NEW ZEALAND LICENCE HOLDERS:

You can drive with your existing licence for up to THREE (3) MONTHS, as long as you:

- Have a current licence interstate or NZ licence.
- Have not been disqualified from driving in NSW or anywhere else.
- Have not had your licence suspended or cancelled, or your visiting driving privileges withdrawn.
- Carry your driver or rider licence with you.
- You can prove your genuine visitor status to police, if asked.

If you are staying in NSW longer than three (3) months, you must apply for a NSW licence if you wish to continue driving or riding on NSW roads.

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New rules for overseas licence holders



Pop into a Service NSW Centre and transfer your overseas licence to an NSW licence.

02 April, from mynrma.com.au: Think you can outsmart an average speed camera? Think again.

How does an average speed camera work?

Motorists can have their speed measured in many ways. Here we look at how average speed cameras differ from fixed cameras and radar devices.

Speed monitoring and policing on Australian roads is nothing new, but with the planned roll-out of average speed cameras for cars and not just heavy vehicles, it's worth learning a thing or two about how the technology works and how it differs from more traditional speed detection devices.

Read details [here](#).



02 April, from Riverstone Police Area Command

A friendly reminder from Riverstone Police to slow down when driving near

schools and to be careful of where you park around school zones.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*



NSW Police Force

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

 No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	PENALTY \$277 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Pedestrian Crossings Do not stop or park on or near a marked crossing.	PENALTY \$544 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 No Stopping You are not permitted to stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Driveways Do not stop on or across a driveway.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Intersections Do not stop on or within 20 metres of an intersection.	PENALTY \$544 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 Mobile Phone Use Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.	MAX. PENALTY \$544 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS	Parallel Parking Must parallel park in direction of travel unless signpost states otherwise.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 School Zone Speeding Offences 40kmph is the speed limit. Children are vulnerable in school zones.	MAX. PENALTY \$4643 + 7 DEMERIT POINTS	Double Parking Do not double park in a school zone.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
		Footpath and Nature Strip Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access.	PENALTY \$410 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines are current as of September 2024. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

02 April, from Chifley Police District: Can you hold up traffic to reverse park? The answer is NO!

If you are the driver undertaking a parking maneuver, you do not have right of way. The oncoming traffic has right of way and a driver must wait until it's clear and safely reverse into a park.

It is **ILLEGAL** for a driver in NSW to obstruct traffic in that lane or line of traffic when they are reverse parking.

A driver must move to the far left side of that lane or line of traffic to prepare to park and NOT attempt to hog the lane and/or nose their vehicle into the center of the road to obstruct traffic in that lane.

A driver entering a marked lane, or a line of traffic, from the far left or right side of a road must give way to any vehicle travelling in the lane or line of traffic.

give way means-

(a) If the driver is stopped – remain stationary until it is safe to proceed, or

(b) In any other case – slow down and, if necessary, stop to avoid a collision

A driver must not unreasonably obstruct the path of another driver or a pedestrian.

If you're caught you will be subject to one or more of the following fines.

Enter marked lane not give way to vehicle in lane \$410 and 3 demerit points

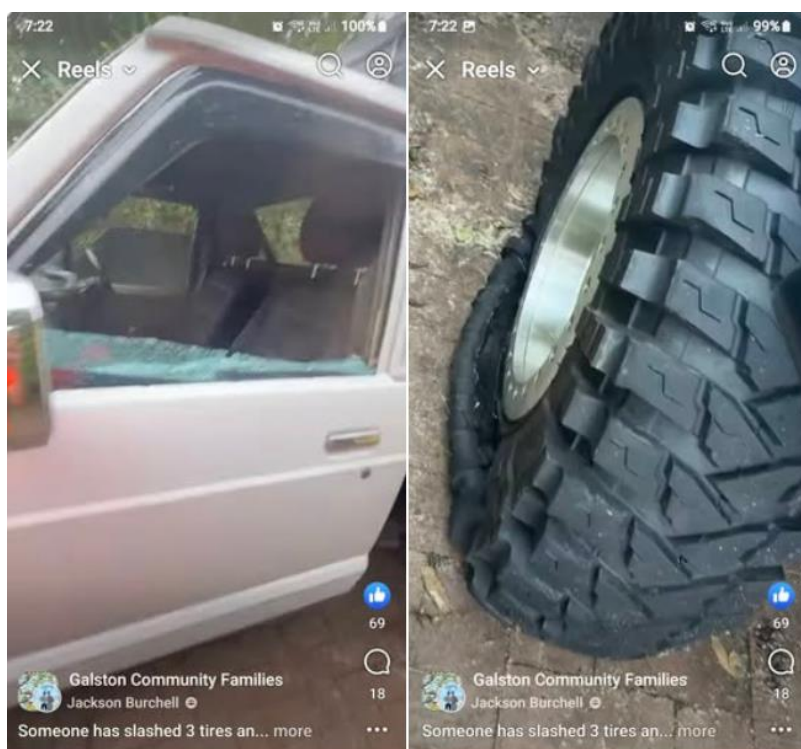
Not reverse vehicle safely \$227 and 2 demerit points

Unreasonably obstruct the path of driver/pedestrian \$320

02 April, Shared with permission from the Galston Community Families group:

Someone has slashed 3 tires and broken a window on my pride and joy parked on galston road near the church, if anyone knows anything please message me cash reward.

(Stills taken from video).



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 January - Thursday 03 July: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Tuesday 08 April: Killara High School Well-being Expo 2:30–8:00 pm. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall.

Wednesday 09 April: 6-7pm Quarterly NHW K&H Volunteers meeting #45. Followed by dinner at Magpies. New faces very welcome :)

Wednesday 09 April: 电子邮件简介 - Introduction to Email (TSS Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Bookings/Info](#).

Wednesday 16 April: 平板电脑介绍 - Introduction to Tablets

(Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Bookings/Info](#).

Wednesday 16 April: Volunteer Expo 2025. 11am-2pm @ Gordon Library. For everyone interested in volunteering. NHW K&H will be there.

Wednesday 14 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration [here](#).

Wednesday 21 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Safety 101: How eSafety can Help You. Info & registration [here](#).

Wednesday 28 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Sexual Extortion: What Parents & Carers Need to Know. Info & registration [here](#).

Wednesday 03 June: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration [here](#).

Wednesday 23 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ **TBC location**

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Letterboxes":

Tip #7. Reduce and remove unwanted junk mail. You can get various 'no junk mail' and 'addressee only' stickers to reduce the amount of literature delivered to you.

Tip #8. Ask a friend or neighbour to clear your letterbox while you are away on holiday.

Tip #11. Get up-to-date information from your local police at www.facebook.com/kuringgaipac and your neighbourhood watch online group: www.facebook.com/nhwkuringgaihornsby . Consider receiving the weekly enewsletter which carries warnings about crimes such as these, available from: nhwkuringgaihornsby@gmail.com.

Tip #20. Know your neighbours. Connecting with the community builds a safer

community. It allows
more people to watch over your home, and letterbox.
Good neighbours are the best watch dogs!

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS series see [here](#).

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.

**03 April, from Humans of Eastwood: “parked in the middle of round about
for pick up/ drop off”**



Thanks to Tony Lau

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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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.
