



Meeting Minutes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) NSW - Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby
Meeting #45
6pm Tuesday 09 April 2025 @ PCYC, Waitara



Present: Bridgett Lennon, David Beale (via Zoom), Gay Balasubramanian, Jimmy Lennon, Julia Eagles, Simon Lennon, Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn, Michelle Manera, Bruce Edwards.

Apologies: Cloris Yang, Jack Liu, Jyoti Sukhija, Mary Walker, Michael Bark, Tara Griffiths, Zoya D'Souza, Ben Campbell, Kerrie O'Brien, Pasquale Vartuli.

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Apologies.
3. General Business
 - a. **Crime Report:** Julia passed around a crime report from BOCSAR.
 - b. **What have we achieved since last meeting in January 2025:**
 - i. New Committee has been formed. New Committee monthly meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.
 - ii. A better way of documenting all the requests for equipment & other contact via the website has been discussed. A volunteer (Jono) has volunteered to help us using Google Forms.
 - iii. The following have been published: Our trifold brochure in Farsi, Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Cryptocurrency, and FAQ #35 'How can I protect my kids from becoming involved with crime at the skateboard park?'. The Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai flyer is being updated by Council.
 - iv. Michelle explained more on drug crimes, motor bike gangs, etc, associated with skateboard parks.
 - v. Multicultural event at St Ives Showground scheduled for Sunday, 23 March, was postponed due to wet weather.
 - vi. Wellbeing Expo at Killara High was held on Tuesday, 08 April. Stalls monitored by Julia and Gay. Julia mentioned a recent case where a resident's garage was being monitored by a camera hidden in the garden.
 - vii. A team of NHW Volunteers (Kanak, Pasquale, Peter, Julia and Gay) visited Stan Wesley and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.
 - viii. Funding application (for the use of VoIP, Projector, Police Checks for members, etc) which was initiated in March, had to be dropped due to procedural issues due to name of the organisation not matching the bank account name. Julia to share link to the [Volunteers Police Check \(\\$15\)](#).
 - ix. Loan of equipment to community residents continuing. With Driveway Stencil kit, there is an issue with Hornsby council not endorsing its use. Gay offered to re-visit the council.
 - x. Fiona quite often borrows our dress-ups and photo booth for Police events.
 - xi. Ben Campbell is doing a Facebook post on Engraver/UV Pens.
 - xii. NHW KRG & Hornsby website has had a facelift. Cloris and Jyoti have been the chief architects in this project.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1800 333 000
POLICE TO ATTEND NON-URGENTLY WITHOUT LIGHTS & SIRENS (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799
POLICE COMMUNITY PORTAL (Minor crime – no emergency/investigation)	portal.police.nsw.gov.au
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1 800 555 727

- c. **What are we hoping to achieve?**
 - i. Volunteers' Expo has been scheduled for Wednesday, 16 April, at Gordon Library. NHW K&H will be represented by Simon and Julia.
 - ii. A FAQ on the use of technology, eg CCTV is likely to be started. The sequence on the website will be reviewed.
 - iii. 20 Tips for new parents/grandparents is in the pipeline.
 - iv. Support for Ku-ring-gai command continues.
- d. **Other Reports**
 - i. Treasurer's report: We now have a new bank account at Bendigo Bank, Lindfield. In the App the name of the account is incorrect. The bank has been contacted to make the correction. Gay to visit bank. [Post-meeting: the name of the new account reflects the fact that we come under NHW NSW Incorporation and their Constitution ie Neighbourhood Watch NSW - Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.] Patrick, the treasurer, has been requested to move the balance of \$6,372.43 at ANZ bank across to the Bendigo Bank account. Julia has already changed our website to the new account details. There will be one last printed newsletter for the Gordon/Killara residents, announcing the closure of the organisation, requesting them to move to NHW KRG & Hornsby.
 - ii. Community Safety Precinct Committee: Gay reported on CSPC meeting on 20 March. She read the notes she had made during the meeting.
 - iii. NHW NSW: Julia commented on the monthly Information Sessions via Zoom.
 - iv. Dementia Alliance: Kerrie not present to report.
4. Any other business?
 - a. Julia mentioned that Jyoti Sukhija expressed an interest in serving as an ordinary member on the NHW KRG & Hornsby Committee. All members accepted her nomination unanimously. Paperwork to be organised.
 - b. Bridget suggested that due to frequent theft of parcels from outside homes, some kind of monitoring system would be advisable, such as doorbell cameras. Jimmy commented on AusPost's authorisation system.
 - c. Michelle talked about young veterans helping with Youth Crime. Some crime is wrongly attributed to ADHD. Michelle mentioned Burwood PAC's CSPC meeting is available to the community via Eventbrite.
 - d. Bruce mentioned that NHW started in his community on 08/04/1986.
 - e. Wal mentioned that there is a lot of litter around East Killara streets, that he picks up on his walks. Residents need education, as a section of the community believes cleaning up litter is the job of cleaners. Julia to share Council's 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign.
5. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23 July 2025.
 Attachments: BOCSAR Crime report, NHW K&H trifold brochure in Farsi, Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Cryptocurrency, FAQ #35 'How can I protect my kids from becoming involved with crime at the skateboard park?', Photo of presentation to Stan Wesley: L to R: Julia Eagles, Kanak Kiran, Pasquale Vartuli, Gay Balasubramanian, Stan Wesley (in bed), Peter Wilkinson.
 Meeting photo: L to R: Warren Dunn, Bruce Edwards, Julia Eagles, Wal Knowles, Gay Balasubramanian, Bridget Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Simon Lennon. Not pictured: Michelle Manera.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & 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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