



# Neighbourhood Watch

## Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

### eNewsletter #725 - 02 September 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.

🔔 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

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## 29 August, from The Hills command: 🚓🚒💙 COMMUNITY CARE IN ACTION💙🚓🚒

Recently, neighbours in one of our Hills communities noticed something wasn't quite right — their elderly neighbour hadn't brought the bin in, wasn't answering calls, and didn't respond to knocks at the door. 🏠📞🗑️ They trusted their instincts and called police. Hills Police and Fire & Rescue NSW attended and forced entry, finding the senior citizen in a dreadful state after a fall. 😞🚑 They were rushed to hospital and are now in a serious but stable condition. 🏥🙏 This could have ended very differently — and it's a powerful reminder that "good neighbours save lives". 👤❤️ We're all busy, but if something feels off, go with your gut. We'd rather knock on 100 doors and find nothing wrong than break in to discover a tragedy that could've been avoided. 🏠🔍

If you're concerned and unable to raise someone, call "**131 444**" to request a police dispatch. 📞

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**29 August, from Burwood command: If your password is "1234," you might as well hand scammers the keys and a welcome mat. 🗝️🏠**  
#ScamAwarenessWeek



**1234**  
is **NOT** a  
secure password!

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PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE WITH THESE SIMPLE PASSWORD PROTECTION STRATEGIES

- Use at least 12 characters, with a combination of symbols, upper/lowercase letters and numbers
- Consider using a 'Passphrase', using four or more random words
- Do not use the same password for all your accounts and do not reuse old passwords
- NEVER use personal information such as your birthday, your name, your pet's name
- Do not share your password with anyone
- Do not use passwords that can be easily guessed, such as "1234" or "qwerty"
- Change your passwords every month
- If available, enable multi-factor authentication
- Consider using an encrypted Password Manager to store your passwords

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**27 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚔🚔 Fresh Faces, same commitment to community!**

This week, we welcomed six new Probationary Constables to our command, proudly sworn in and ready to begin their policing journey. Standing alongside our Commander, Superintendent SCOTT and local Member of Parliament Matt Cross, they represent the next generation of officers committed to keeping our community safe.

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome - you'll be seeing them out and about very soon! 🤝🚓



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### **27 August, from The Hills command: 🚗 Involved in a crash?**

Know your legal obligations! 🚧 Under Australian road rules legislation, if you're a driver involved in a crash, you must stop and:

✅ Provide your required particulars:

- - Your name and address
- - The name and address of the vehicle's owner
- - Your vehicle's registration number
- - Any other info needed to identify the vehicle

📌 You must give these details:

- - To other drivers or their representatives
- - To injured persons or their representatives
- - To the owners of damaged property (including vehicles)

⚠️ Failure to comply? If you don't exchange details and can't provide a reasonable excuse, you could be fined \$387 and receive 3 demerit points.

💡 Tip: Always take photos, gather witness info, and report the crash if required. It protects you and others.



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NSW Police Force



**02 September, from Hornsby Shire Council: As part of Council's 2025–26 Capital Delivery Program, we are proposing improvement works along Grevillea Crescent, Hornsby Heights, between Galston Road and Evans Roads to improve road and pedestrian safety and help reduce ongoing maintenance costs.**

The proposed work will include:

- 👍 Pavement reconstruction with new kerb and guttering
- 👍 Minor drainage improvements
- 👍 Construction of a new footpath
- 👍 Raised pedestrian island at Galston Road
- 👍 Tree planting



You can learn more about this upgrade and have your say before COB: Friday 5 September 2025

 Find more information and submit your feedback at:  
[yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

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**02 September, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Here's great information from the NSW Police helping advise you as to how your business can avoid being scammed.**

If you'd like a copy, you can download it from their website [here](#). Let's hope it helps you!



**BUSINESS EMAIL COMPROMISE & INVOICE SCAM**

Businesses may be targeted by scammers and criminal organisations who enter business systems (through malware or phishing software) to modify or copy genuine invoices. The modified or new invoices are reissued with the scammer's bank details replacing a business's legitimate bank details redirecting payments to the scammer's account.

Be aware that scammers carefully research and monitor their potential victims and will register names, phone numbers and email addresses to closely match the legitimate details.

**How to prevent a Business Email Compromise & Invoice Scam:**

- Always check the domain name of the business you are receiving emails from – they can easily be disguised or "spoofed" by scammers to look like the real thing.
- Always check payment details directly with a business before paying an emailed invoice, especially if they have changed from previous payments.
- Always contact the business using previously known, or publicly available contact details.
- Never log into a service provider account via a link emailed to you or sent via a text message.

**Check Your Invoices!**  
Criminals may be changing your real invoices by modifying payment information.

**If you have been the victim of business email compromise, follow the steps below as soon as possible:**

**REPORT TO**  
Scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam  
Cyber.gov.au/report

**NOTIFY** anyone that may be affected, particularly your financial institution.

**PROVIDE** stakeholders with a warning notice on your website or make personal contact with other potential victims.

**Malware or 'phishing software' can be used by scammers to:**

- Research or monitor potential individual victims or organisations.
- Record personal information such as your name, phone number, date of birth, email addresses or,
- Record organisational information such as tax file numbers and contact information.

**01 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Our volunteers are now even happier to come out and paint your driveway white lines, or your house number on the kerb.**

Residents who can't do the job themselves are invited to contact us via the website and we will happily come and do the job: [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org](http://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org).

Pic of our new flashing lights designed to go on the cones for extra safety!

Thanks to the idea from [Neighbourhood Watch NSW](#).

Shout out to [Seton Australia](#) who gave us free P&P!



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**01 September, from Brick Cop: Just a poignant reminder, that this is a real firearm, made to look like a toy... 🙄**

Police Officers only have seconds to decide if it's real or not and are judged for a lifetime in hindsight by everyone who wasn't there, and didn't have to make the decision... 🧑🏻



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**01 September, from Berowra NHW: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:**

If you have found two of this Ryobi batteries in the Gully Rd this morning could you please contact me as accidentally left them unattended. Thanks

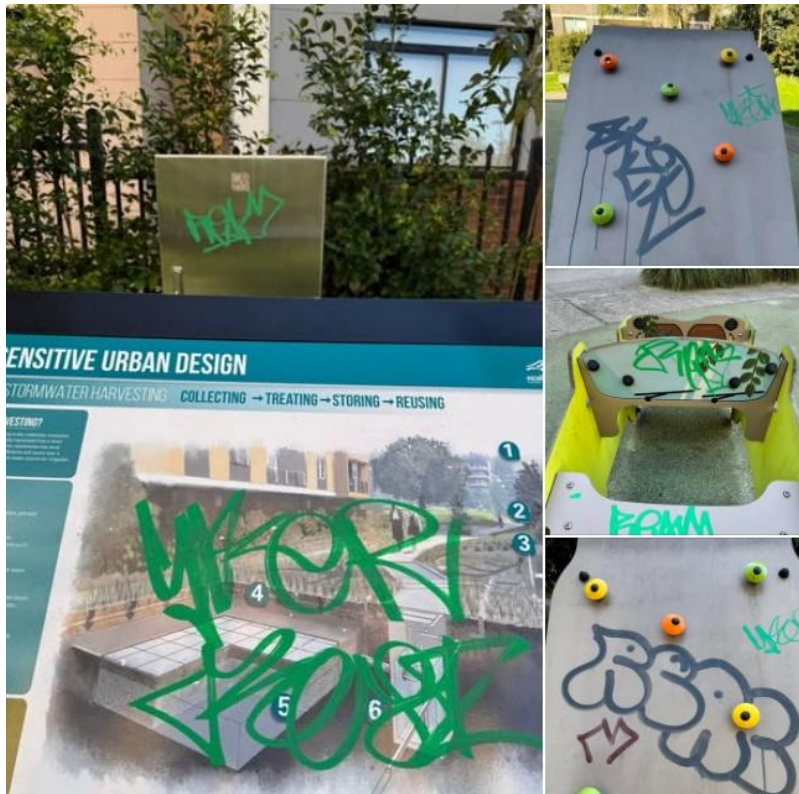


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**01 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Hornsby: Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group: ⚠️ Parenting done wrong!**

If you recognize these marks, have your kid come and clean them up! Waitara playground.






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**31 August, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group: I have just interrupted a couple of teenagers**

Abusing an older gentleman and recording it at West Pymble shops. One of them was riding a scooter wearing a black hoodie brown hair and the other was riding a bike I know one of their names was Lucas. If you know anybody matching this description please have a word with them. They were saying some absolutely disgusting things to This poor gentlemen who was already struggling to make it to the car let alone get abused by some kids trying to make it big on TikTok.

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**30 August, Thanks to Matt Cross's Community eNews: Service NSW:**

Given all the rain in August that has caused potholes on our roads, I am highlighting the public liability claim website. If your car or other property has been damaged due to the condition of a NSW public road, you may be eligible to claim the repair costs.

Please visit Service NSW website, Lodge a public liability claim with Transport for NSW for all the information [here](#).

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### **29 August, from NSW Government: Tired of rough roads and potholes?**

Local crews are out across regional NSW fixing potholes, resurfacing highways and repairing bridges. Extra funding has been sped up so repairs happen sooner, giving everyone safer, smoother trips from Broken Hill to Bega. Report a pothole [here](#).

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### **29 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: It's not art**

- It's vandalism
- It's illegal
- It can land you in court

Think before you spray. Or if you have any information, report in confidence [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or **1800 333 000**.



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### **29 August, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: HOW DO I REPORT SOMEONE THROWING RUBBISH FROM THE CAR? [edited for NSW]**

To report someone throwing rubbish from a car window in Australia, you need to use your state's specific reporting mechanism. This typically involves an

online form on the relevant Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website, where you'll provide vehicle registration, location, and incident details, or a phone number for a hotline. Ensure you have the vehicle's registration number, make, model, and colour, along with the date, time, and exact location. You must have personally witnessed the incident and submit your report within a specified timeframe, usually within 7 to 14 days of the event.

## NSW

Online: Use the Report Littering website for the NSW EPA [here](#).

What you need: The vehicle's registration number, make, model, and colour, as well as the date, time, and location of the incident.

Timeframe: You must report the incident within 14 days of it occurring.

## General Advice

- **Safety first:** Do not take risks to report the incident. Wait until you have come to a complete stop to make your report.
- **Evidence:** Take photos of the vehicle, the waste, and the location, if it is safe to do so.
- **Verification:** You may need to register to submit a report online, and you might be contacted for more information or to provide witness testimony in court.



**29 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: 🏡 Help make your community safer!**

Host a National Secure Your Home Day event this September and encourage local households to assess their home security. Whether it's a coffee morning, community BBQ, or as part of another community event you're holding – this is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your community better and make it a safer place for all.

👉 Contact the National Secure Your Home Day team for a range of resources for your event!

Email: [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au)

Phone: 0428 377 901

Or fill out an enquiry form [here](#).



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**29 August, from NSW Fair Trading: Australian's have lost \$147 million to scammers already this year.**

They'll pretend to be someone or a business you know. They'll make the offer sound too good to miss. They'll push you to act now.



## Instead - STOP. CHECK. PROTECT.

📠 Don't send money or share personal info if you're unsure 📞 If it feels off, it probably is. Say no, hang up and delete suspicious messages  
Learn how to protect yourself [here](#).

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### 27 August, from NHW Hornsby: Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group:

Did somebody spill a bag or have one stolen? Outside 24 Somerville Rd Hornsby Heights. Could belong to a nurse?



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### Dates for your Diary

💧 **Wednesday 03 September:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5-6:30pm. Melaleuca Park, St Ives

**Thursday 04 September:** FREE eSafety Commissioner 'Safer online shopping and banking' webinar. 10am. [Info](#)

**Friday 12 September:** FREE Hornsby Dementia Expo. 12-2pm @ Hornsby Westfield, Level 3 (next to Kidstuff). [Info](#).

**Saturday 20 September:** Killara RFS Get Ready Weekend 10am-2pm @ Koola Park, E. Killara.

**Tuesday 23 September:** FREE eSafety Commissioner 'iPhone Basics' webinar. 10am. [Info](#)

**Thursday 25 September:** FREE eSafety Commissioner 'How to use government websites' webinar. 3pm. [Info](#)

**Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 September:** National Secure Your Home Day

💧 **Wednesday 01 October:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5-6:30pm. McMahon Park, North Wahroonga

**Thursday 09 October:** FREE Hornsby Shire Council's 'Motorcycle Safety Workshop - Survive the Ride'. 6-8:30pm @ Storey Park Community centre (fowler Hall), 12 Old Berowra Rd, Hornsby. [Info & Booking](#).

**Saturday 11 October:** St John's Fete, Gordon. 9am-2pm. NHW will have a crime prevention stall, photo booth, police dress-ups and colouring-in.

💧 **Tuesday 14 October:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5:30-7pm. Hicks Avenue Reserve, South Turramurra

**Wednesday 22 October:** Cyber Safety for Seniors 9:30-1pm @ Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church, 1 Paling St, Thornleigh. **Info & Booking:** Gielie 0409 092 504.

💧 **Wednesday 29 October:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5:30-7pm. Gwydir Avenue Reserve, North Turramurra

**Wednesday 29 October:** FREE Hornsby Shire Council's 'Teaching your learner driver' online via Teams. 6-7pm. [Info & Booking](#).

**Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 November:** Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Clean Out weekend @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

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**The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has the 'Be Connected' program.** Each week we will share a course that may help you. They are often designed especially for the elderly.

### **How to Scan QR Codes**

QR codes seem to be everywhere now, from local clubs and product packaging to bus stops and billboards, they're regularly used to provide us with instant access to information. It's why the 'QR' in QR codes stands for 'quick response'.

Despite being praised for their convenience, it can sometimes be a struggle to scan QR codes, especially if you have an older phone. So, in this guide we look at how to scan a QR code and what to do when it doesn't work. We've also included a few tips to help you stay safe when being directed to websites via QR codes.

In this article:

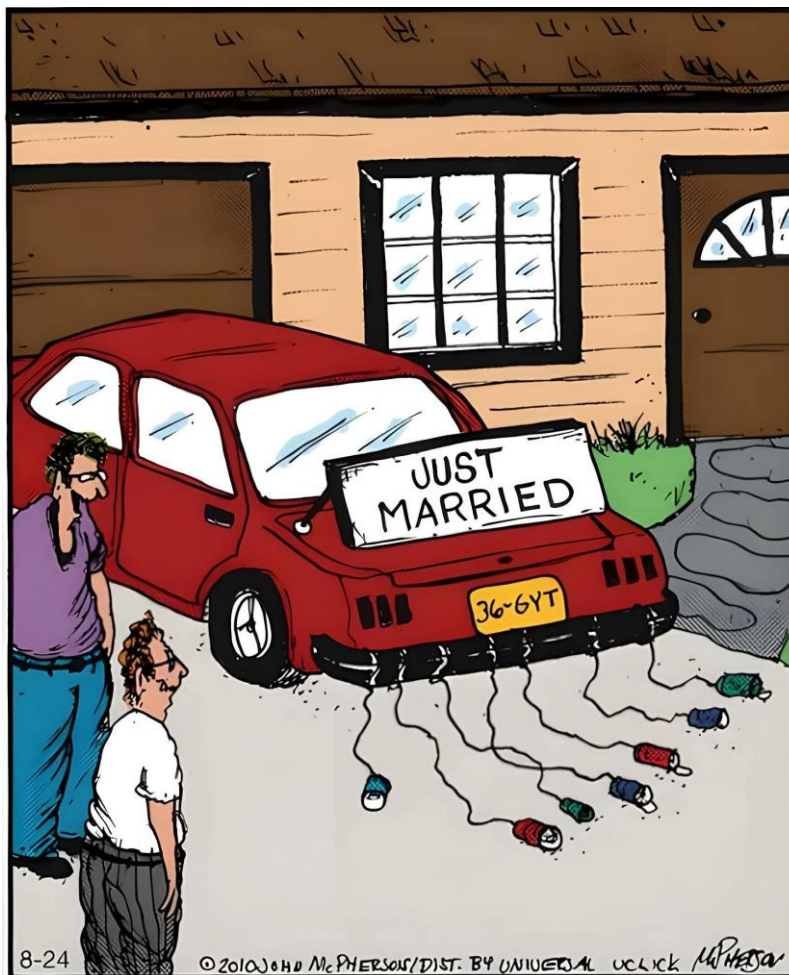
- [What is a QR code?](#)
- [How do QR codes work?](#)
- [What you need to scan a QR code](#)
- [How to scan a QR code](#)
- [What to do if you can't scan a QR code](#)
- [Do QR codes collect your personal information?](#)
- [Tips for using QR codes safely](#)

View/access the above course article [here](#).

And an excerpt from the article:

### **Tips for Using QR Codes Safely**

- Only scan QR codes from trusted sources. Some malicious QR codes can be placed over legitimate ones at places such as parking stations or restaurants, so if you're ever in doubt, play it safe and skip the scan.
  - Don't provide personal or financial details unless it's a trusted website. If the website is asking for your login details, play it safe and sign in by entering the organisation's URL in a trusted browser or visit their official app.
  - Read any associated permissions carefully. Is the website asking you to save your credit card details or sign up to receive marketing information? Be cautious of any unnecessary requests.
  - Keep your smartphone's operating system software up to date to ensure you have the latest security updates.
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**"I've kept it on there for seven years now.  
Never had a speeding ticket."**

Thanks to Spread the Humour Australia & Beyond.

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Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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You claim I'm barking at nothing, yet  
we haven't had a single intruder.

Do the math.



Thanks to NHTA

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### 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. For Police to attend non-urgently without lights & sirens.

**NSW Police Community Portal**  
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft. No emergency/investigation.

**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 NSW - Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://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](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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 - Mt Colah \(paused\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra \(The Chase\) \(paused\)](#)



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**Our mailing address is:**

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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station  
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