

## AGM & Meeting Minutes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) NSW - Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby AGM  
6pm Wednesday 24 September 2025 @ PCYC, Waitara



**Present:** Ben Campbell (via video, part of the time), Patrick Winsbury (via video, part of the time), David Beale (part of the time), Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn, Pasquale Vartuli, John Howe, Carroll Howe, Jimmy Lennon, Simon Lennon, Julia Eagles, Gay Balasubramanian.

**Apologies:** Diana Tyne, Zoya D'Souza

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Apologies

### 3. Review actions from previous General Meeting on 14 January 2025.

### 4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous GM: Proposed by Wal and seconded by Gay. Accepted.

### 5. President's Report:

- i. Julia reported a fraudulent entry in the old ANZ account as a direct debit by an unknown person sent the account overdrawn. This was disputed and the amount, overdrawn fees and interest were returned to the account, enabling it to be finally closed. A new account with Bendigo Bank has been opened.
- ii. Julia outlined the year's activities and encouraged everyone to consider new projects. Julia thanked all our volunteers.
- iii. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Wal and seconded by Simon. Accepted.

### 6. Treasurer's Report:

Patrick unavailable, Julia read out financial details. Patrick's report to be distributed with the minutes.

### 7. Questions to Committee:

- i. Warren enquired further details about the fraudulent activity.
- ii. John asked about the car rego plate locking screws.

### 8. Acceptance of Financial Statement: The report was proposed by Pasquale and seconded by Wal. Accepted.

### 9. Acceptance of Annual Report: No Annual report. President's Report and Financial Statement considered sufficient.

### 10. Election of Committee members – Warren Dunn, Returning Officer

A new election was held for all original posts:

**President:** Julia was elected unopposed. Nominated by Gay, seconded by Wal.

**Vice-President:** Simon was elected unopposed. Nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay.

**Secretary:** Gay was elected unopposed. Nominated by Julia, seconded by Wal.

**Treasurer:** Patrick was elected unopposed. Nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay.

#### Committee Members (all accepted):

- Jyoti Chahal nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay
- David Beale nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay
- Ben Campbell nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay
- Cloris Yang nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay
- Wal Knowles nominated by Julia, seconded by Gay

### 11. General business (ie Volunteer Meeting #47)

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY/POLICE TO ATTEND NON-URGENTLY (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
POLICE COMMUNITY PORTAL (Online reporting of minor crime/lost property)	portal.police.nsw.gov.au
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

- a. **Crime report.** Julia circulated Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) crime stats (to be distributed with the minutes).
  - b. **What have we achieved since the last meeting (23/07/25)**
    - i. New 20 Tips for New Parents/Grandparents has been published.
    - ii. Bushfire Emergency Expo @ Killara 10-2 Sat 20 Sep. Thanks to Gay, Zoya, Wal, Martin, Diana, Julia & Warren.
    - iii. Crime prevention table at English class at Gordon Baptist Church was on 01 August 2025. Thanks to Gay and Julia.
    - iv. NHW Gordon, Killara, E Killara final 'Thank you' coffee was held on Saturday, 26 July. Thanks to Wal and all the attendee volunteers.
    - v. Bought 2 flashing safety lights for use on cones. Thanks to Gay.
    - vi. KerbWatch Project (ongoing) Kits currently with Kanak, Gay & Julia.
    - vii. Driveway Stencil project (ongoing) Kits currently with Kanak, Julia, John & Gay.
    - viii. Engraver/UV Pen kits (ongoing) Kits currently with Kerrie & Julia.
    - ix. Shredders (ongoing) 4 currently with Julia.
    - x. NHW K&H Website (ongoing). Thanks to Cloris, who's reviewing the SEO.
    - xi. Loan of police dress-ups ongoing.
  - c. **What are we hoping to achieve?**
    - i. Online presence, eNewsletter, articles, loan of equipment – continuing.
    - ii. NHW K&H Website – SEO being improved.
    - iii. New 20 Tips utilising Technology being researched & FAQs in the making.
    - iv. Continued support of Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command.
    - v. Welcome Pack for new volunteers nearing completion. Thanks to Ben.
  - d. **Other reports**
    - i. Treasurer's report: Gordon NHW Area 24/12 ANZ bank account now closed. Balance at start of year = \$6318.79. Balance at 24/09/25 Bendigo Bank = \$5000 (earning interest) + \$1365.04. Outgoings = website (due 2027), supplies & 2 x safety lights. Income from pay-it-forward contributions.
    - ii. Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) (NSWPF) – Gay & Simon to attend.
    - iii. NHW NSW – our volunteers are assisting with a website.
    - iv. Dementia Alliance – Kerrie has not attended recently. David may be able to attend. Julia to provide details to him.
  - e. **Any other business?**
    - i. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Carroll Howe.
    - ii. Sponsorship of Mailchimp account by Ray White. Julia is investigating how to get a MailChimp discount for a non-profit organisation.
    - iii. Wal spoke about ongoing pedestrian crossing hassles in East Killara. Julia will write to Min of Education re: lollipop man. Warren suggested contacting printed media.
    - iv. John will attempt to access IT help re: better marketing of NHW K&H activities.
    - v. Name label badges discussed and deferred.
- 12. Proposed date of next meeting (DONM) – Wednesday, 28 January, 2026**  
**Attachments:** BOCSAR Crime Stats, President's Report and Treasurer's Report  
 Photo: Seated L-R Julia Eagles, Gay Balasubramanian, Carroll Howe. Standing L-R Simon Lennon, Pasquale Vartuli, Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn, David Beale, Jimmy Lennon. On screen: Ben Campbell. Not pictured: Patrick Winsbury. Photo taken by John Howe.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch NSW - 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/](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/).

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au).

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