



Meeting #48 Minutes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) NSW - Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby
6pm Wednesday 28 January 2026 @ PCYC, Waitara



Present: Wal Knowles, Amit Lele, Michelle Manera, Ben Campbell, Simon Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Oliver Lennon, Ted Tyne, Diana Tyne, Julia Eagles, Gay Balasubramanian.

Present on Zoom: Kerrie O'Brien, Giovana Arrarte, Rory McAlister, Raj Desai, David Beale.

Apologies: Jyoti Chahal, Martin Moelle, Mary Walker, Xin Chen.

1. **Introductions.** Welcome new volunteers, Xin, Giovana, Jessica, Lucy, Ben, Rory, Amit (and his mother, Tilottama).
2. **Review Minutes and actions** from previous meeting #47 (24/09/2025)
Minutes acceptance proposed by Wal and seconded by Ben.
 - i. **Dementia Alliance** – Julia to email council & determine if it's worthwhile for David to join in representing NHWK&H, because Kerrie found nothing was happening.
 - ii. **Mailchimp** - Julia achieved the NFP discount for the Mailchimp account.
 - iii. **E. Killara traffic congestion** – Julia wrote to the Minister and received a reply (circulated).
 - iv. **Marketing assistance** – Julia to contact John via his mother, Carroll.
 - v. **Name badges** – these have been bought & utilised (circulated).
 - vi. **Triple H Community Radio** – Julia apologised for not contacting to request air time.
3. **Crime Report.** Julia circulated the latest BOCSAR figures. Julia shared Sgt Stephen Walley's advice:
 - i. Parcel theft from unit blocks continues. Get a FREE [Australia Post Parcel Locker](#).
 - ii. Fraud continues. Pay cash, or utilise eg PayPal.
 - iii. Hot weather. Close windows.
 - iv. Holidays. Make the house look attended – ask neighbours for help. Eg, to park on drive. Julia mentioned a plug-in that mimics TV lighting (see WatchOut.org.au).
4. **What have we achieved since last meeting?**
 - i. St Johns Fete, Gordon. Sat 11 Oct - Diana, Giovana, Mary, Kerrie and Julia, along with Simon and Jimmy.
 - ii. Bunnings Pymble with NSWPF, 15/10/25 – Gay, Diana, Julia
 - iii. Bunnings Thornleigh with NSWPF, 15/10/25 - Gay, Julia and Xin.
 - iv. Cyber Safety for Seniors Forum @ Thornleigh Church with NSWPF 22/10/25 – Gay, Julia.
 - v. Presentation on the history of NHWK&H at Veteran's Coffee Club, Hornsby RSL. Wed 12 Nov. Thanks to Gay & Julia. The takeaway was that 'cocooning' is great. Julia to encourage CPO to do more cocooning.
 - vi. Community meeting at Lucy's. Sun 16 Nov. Thanks to Gay & Julia. Lucy is using a NHW banner on the street, and made a generous donation. Realisation that we are low on NHW window stickers & maybe NHW letterbox stickers would be more appropriate. Discussed with NHW NSW, who are considering a bulk buy, along with garbage bin stickers (which we use for 'hot spots').

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

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- vii. Walk the Talk 26 Nov. Thanks to Gay.
- viii. International Day for People with Disability 03 Dec. Thanks to Julia, Mary, Diana & Giovana. Learnt more info to share from [ID Support NSW](#).
- ix. Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor's drinks, 10/12/25. Thanks to Julia & Patrick. Great for networking with other organisations.
- x. Community meeting at Raj's. 12/01/26 – Julia, Gay. Raj is going to display NHW garbage stickers at both ends of stairway where a knife was found.
- xi. Presentation on the history of NHWK&H at St Ives PROBUS, 19/01/2026. Thanks to Gay & Julia. \$40 donations received, mainly for locking screws.
- xii. KerbWatch Project (ongoing) Kits currently with Jessica (Normanhurst), Gay & Julia.
- xiii. Driveway Stencil project (ongoing) Kits currently with Julia, John & Gay.
- xiv. Engraver/UV Pen kits (ongoing) Kits currently with Kerrie & Julia. Julia confirmed an engraver is at the police station and is being used by officers.
- xv. Shredders (ongoing) currently with Julia & Gay.
- xvi. NHW K&H Website nearing completion. Thanks to Cloris, Jyoti, Gay & Julia.
- xvii. Loan of dress-ups ongoing. Welcome Pack for new volunteers completed.
- xviii. Sponsorship of MailChimp by Ray White. Each month Julia forwards our receipt for them to do a bank transfer – 2mths outstanding – Julia to follow-up.
- xix. We have purchased a new photo stand to replace the old wooden one, which is being given to Ryde NHW. The new one has been paid for by an anonymous donor - \$700.70. (Photo circulated and to be distributed). It is identical to the Ku-ring-gai PAC one. Snr Cst Steve Henry is coming to adapt it to make it foldable & thus easily-transportable.
- xx. Giovana to share info about FREE Cyber Wardens courses for small businesses at TAFE, for us and to share in eNewsletter.
- xxi. Michelle to contact Rotary clubs, and Killara & Avondale PROBUS about potential presentations.
- xxii. Julia proposed a brain-storming session for a strategy for 2026, held to get ideas from all volunteers. Ben to set up a survey in advance. Ben to run the session via Zoom. Michelle to share info on [Mindhive](#) AI agents. Giovana suggested working with police & creating advice for different scenarios of incident in a public space. Michelle suggested more involvement at schools. Michelle suggested a competition gathering new ideas with a prize.
- xxiii. The next NHW Committee meeting is to be chaired by Simon on 25 February, as Julia will be away.
- xxiv. The NHW K&H website is nearing completion. Amit gave an update on the WatchOut.org.au website that he will be hosting on his server in Australia (not USA).

5. What are we hoping to achieve?

- i. Xin's translation to Japanese of 20 Tips has been proof-read by Martin Moelle's wife, and following formatting, is being re-checked before publication.
- ii. Online presence, eNewsletter, articles, loan of equipment – continuing.
- iii. A new "Our 20 Favourite Crime prevention Tips Utilising New Technology is being researched by Ben, Jimmy & Julia. Jimmy suggested the advice of staying up-to-date with technology, eg AI. More FAQs in the making, Knock & Run, Gun Safety and the idea of using a dog as a preventative. Xin has offered to translate Gun Safety into Mandarin. Michelle offered to help with translations to Simplified Chinese, and possibly Korean & Farsi. Michelle also suggested running the translations through AI.

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- iv. Continued support of Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, eg cocooning.
- v. We have been invited by Ku-ring-gai Council & Ku-ring-gai PAC to assist with a BBQ outside Gordon Library on 26 Feb, to tackle youth issues. This is not the normal crime prevention stall at community events. More info to come.
- vi. Wal and Julia to paint driveway demarcation lines for a lady in Roseville.

6. Other reports

- i. Treasurer's report: Julia shared the latest financial information. Bank balance at EOY = \$6482.34. In 2025 we had an income of \$528.59. The interest for 6mths = \$11.72.
- ii. Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) (NSWPF), due 4 February, to be attended by Gay and Ralph.
- iii. NHW NSW – thanks to Amit for helping with the NSW website, and for joining us.
- iv. Dementia Alliance – see 2i above.
- v. NHWA – not discussed. See link to article below.

7. Any other business?

- i. E. Killara traffic congestion – see 2iii above.
- ii. Marketing assistance – see 2 iv above.
- iii. A small supply of car rego locking screws are held at Hornsby police station. Julia has replenished the supply and included NHW literature. Our CPO is going to update all the officers. Diana noted that locking screws are a great help. Julia explained that residents requesting through our website decide whether to collect from Gordon or Hornsby police stations. Ben agreed to create a Facebook advert to promote the locking screws.
- iv. Donation of photo stand – see 4xix above.
- v. Di & Ted suggested NHW enquire about a stall at the E Lindfield monthly markets. They also praised the last Bushfire Expo held at E Killara and suggested we get involved again next year.
- vi. Wal shared a classic tip: a driver's licence can be used as identification, with the licence number concealed by tape.
- vii. Good luck wishes are sent to our current Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Gemma Stokes, who is going on maternity leave. We will be welcoming Snr Cst Peter Woodward into the role.

Proposed date of next meeting (DONM) - to be confirmed.

Attachments:

- Meeting photo [taken by Michelle Manera] Standing L-R: Jimmy Lennon, Oliver Lennon, Ted Tyne, Ben Campbell, Wal Knowles, Gay Balasubramanian. Seated: Simon Lennon, Diana Tyne, Julia Eagles, Amit Lele.
- E Killara traffic congestion – response letter from the Minister of Roads
- Photo of new photo stand.
- Crime report from BOCSAR
- Not mentioned in meeting – link to latest article (pg 20) in the [October NHWA Journal](#). Thanks to Ben.

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