



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #519 - 21 September 2021

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch 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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20 September, from NSW Police Force

Detectives investigating the armed robbery of a licensed premises on the state's North Coast earlier this year have released CCTV images and are appealing for public information that may assist their inquiries.

Just after 8pm on Tuesday 6 April 2021, three men – two armed with a machete and a knife – entered a club on Marvell Street at Byron Bay.

The men threatened a female employee before stealing cash and fleeing the area.

They were last seen running down Marvell Lane toward Tennyson Street, Byron Bay.

The employee was not physically injured during the incident.

Local police commenced inquiries into the incident before detectives from the State Crime Command's Robbery and Serious Crime Squad took carriage of the investigation under Strike Force Radiate.

As investigations continue, detectives have released CCTV vision of three men who may be able to assist police with ongoing inquiries.

The first man depicted in the CCTV is described as being of a tall and athletic build. He was wearing a black bandana wrapped around his face and head, a black jacket, dark blue pants, white socks with a black rim around the top, black gloves with a blue band around the wrist, and a black backpack. He is depicted carrying a silver knife.

The second man depicted in the CCTV is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance and of a medium height and build. He was wearing a black balaclava, black jacket, dark green or dark blue shorts with a bright green and grey stripe on each side.

The man has a distinctive left little finger which may sit at an angle from others. He was barefoot and depicted carrying a silver machete with a brown handle.

The third man depicted in the CCTV is described as being of a medium height and build. He was wearing a black bandana around his face and head, a black jacket, black pants, black socks and black gloves.

Robbery and Serious Crime Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Andrew Koutsoufis, said the community should view the CCTV closely to help investigators identify the individuals.

"To be confronted and threatened with a machete and other weapons is extremely traumatic and police will not tolerate these sorts of violent crimes," Det Supt Koutsoufis said.

“Byron Bay is an extremely busy yet small coastal town, and I am confident there are people out there who know who these men are. I encourage them to come forward and speak with police.”

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [site here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

15 September, from NSW Police Force

During a lockdown it's not unusual to be experiencing a number of emotions, such as fear, anxiety, depression and frustration.

COVID-19 will never be an excuse for violence towards others
#noexcuseforabuse

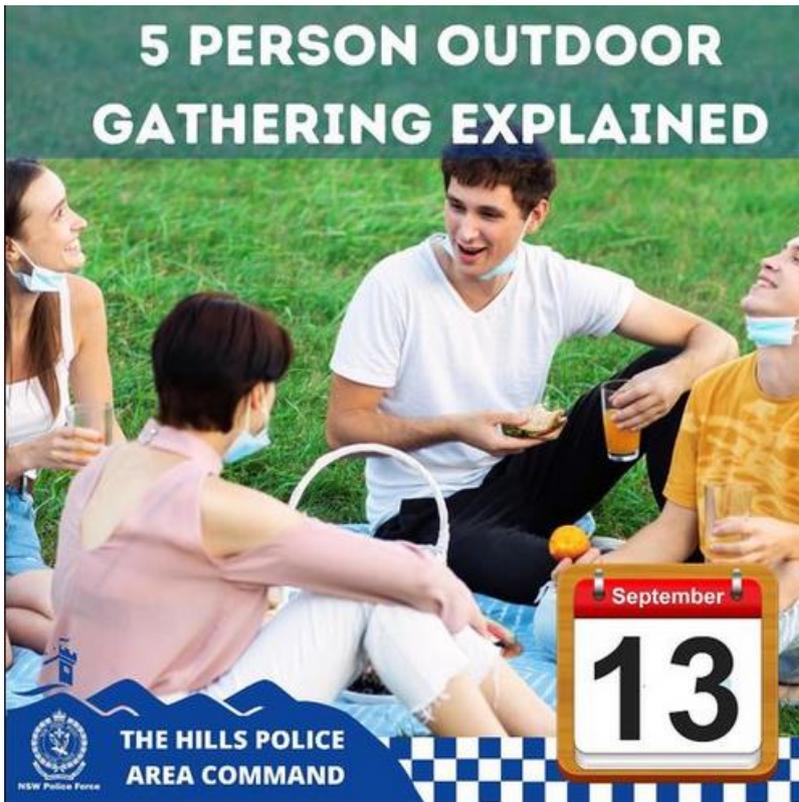
000 EMERGENCY Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

If you would like to speak to a support service, contact
1800RESPECT (1800 737 732)
or the Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491).

COVID19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE | **#noexcuseforabuse** | **NSW GOVERNMENT** | **NSW Police Force**

Domestic and Family Violence is a crime. The NSW Police Force and Domestic Violence Frontline Services are prepared and ready to support victims and their families at any time, particularly during this latest wave of COVID-19 in NSW. In the case of an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

15 September, from Hills Police Area Command:



🔔 Explaining the 5 person rule which kicks in from Monday 🙏

As of 12:01 am Monday morning, 13 September, 5 fully vaccinated people can gather outdoors.

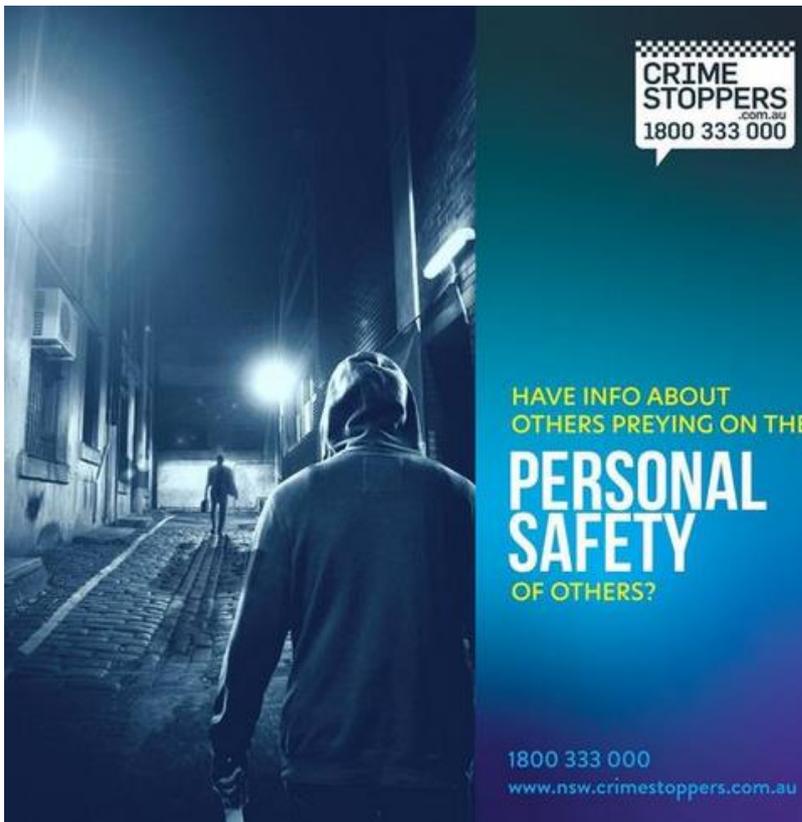
There are a number of restrictions that go with this. They are:

- ✅ You must have your vaccination certificate or electronic copy of your vaccination certificate with you at all times during the gathering.
 - ✅ All of the people must be from the same Local Government Area or be within 5km of their home if outside their Local Government Area
 - ✅ Children aged 12 to 17 are included in the 5 people, but are not required to be vaccinated.
 - ✅ Children under 12 are not counted in the 5 and do not have to be vaccinated.
 - ✅ You can gather in a park or at a beach or in a public space
 - ✅ Masks must be worn when not eating or drinking
 - ✅ You must maintain 1.5m social distancing
 - ❌ You CANNOT gather in a backyard or on private property
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Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

20 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Personal safety!



- 👉 Always be aware of your surroundings. If you feel you are in danger go to a place where there are plenty of people, like a shop or service station.
- 👉 Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call
- 👉 Have your keys ready before you get to your home or car
- 👉 Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe
- 👉 If someone threatens you from a vehicle, run in the opposite direction that the vehicle is facing.
- 👉 If attacked, shout as loudly as you can.
- 🚨 **MAKE SURE TO REPORT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU:** Information you provide to police may assist them to apprehend offenders and develop further police and community crime prevention strategies.

20 September, from nhw.com.au: A great reminder from Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria:



The items thieves look for in your parked car
Leaving valuable items in plain sight when you leave your car, is like window shopping for thieves. We share the most common items stolen and our top tips for outsmarting thieves and protecting your stuff.

19 September, from Neighbourhood Watch, Pennant Hills: A reminder for cyclists on footpaths. (Thanks, Greg):

As per Govt regs.. .

Footpaths

Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road.

An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 may also ride with the young rider on the footpath. Children aged 16 or 17 can ride on the footpath, when accompanied by a child under 16 and a supervising adult.

When riding on a footpath, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians.

For more information on how to stay safe when riding on the footpath, see our [Safe Riding Tips here](#).

Shared paths

Across NSW, shared paths can be used by both pedestrians and bicycle riders of all ages. Bicycle riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians on shared paths.

19 September, from dailytelegraph.com.au

Behind a Paywall.

 Most are bunkered down in their homes as Covid continues to spread across NSW. But police have allegedly discovered a brothel being run out of a popular unit block at Pennant Hills. MORE [here](#).

19 September, From neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

Teacher charged over alleged historical sexual abuse of three students

Friday, 17 September 2021 01:20:52 PM

Detectives have charged a woman following an investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of three male students in Sydney's east more than 40 years ago.

In May this year, detectives from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command established Strike Force Sportsground to investigate allegations of sexual abuse by a female teacher at a school in Sydney's east in the 1970s and 1980s.

During the investigation, police received information that three boys – then aged 13, 14 and 15 – were sexually assaulted by a female teacher while at a school in Sydney's east between 1977 and 1980.

Following extensive investigations, strike force detectives arrested a 67-year-old woman at a home at St Ives just before 8am today (Friday 17 September 2021).

The woman was taken to Hornsby Police Station and charged with 14 counts of indecent assault on male.

She was granted strict conditional bail to appear at Waverley Local Court on Wednesday 6 October 2021.

Investigations under Strike Force Sportsground are continuing.

17 September, Shared with permission from the Mt Kuring-gai Community group:

PSA Everyone.

We are getting calls from 08-94679504

Guy claiming to be from Telstra NBN, NSW & wanted access to the computer.

Looks like a new scam. Please share & hang up. Do not give them any info.

17 September, from NSW Police Force



Protect your heart (and your money) from pet scammers! ❤️🐾

Scammers are creating very authentic looking websites and fooling unsuspecting victims to pay thousands of dollars for puppies or kittens that don't exist, allegedly being sold by a legitimate breeder, who also does not exist.

NSW Police are urging the community to be extra vigilant when deciding to purchase a puppy or kitten online. If you are in doubt, seek advice from a reputable breeders association, vet, animal shelter or local pet shop.

⚠️ If you think you've come across a pet scam, you can report it to ScamWatch via site [here](#).

🐕 Find a registered dog breeder [here](#).

17 September, from Woolworths Gordon

Customer Notice

Dear **Gordon** Customers,

We have been notified on the **16/09/2021**, by the Department of Health and Human Services, that a person in our store has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The person was last present in store on the

11/09/2021 7.10am - 4.10pm

12/09/2021 7.00am - 4.00pm

As a food retailer, we already have very high standards of cleaning and hygiene in place, the store has proactive cleaning in place throughout the day where extra detailed cleaning is underway.

The wellbeing of our customers, team and communities is our highest priority, and in line with public health advice, we are taking all necessary steps to ensure ongoing safety in our stores.

If you have been shopping in our store since **11/09/2021** and become unwell in the next two weeks please contact the Department of Health hotline on 1800 020 080 or visit the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information website at health.gov.au

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Aaron Grennan
Store Manager

16 September, Shared with permission from the Warrawee Valley and Surrounds Community group:



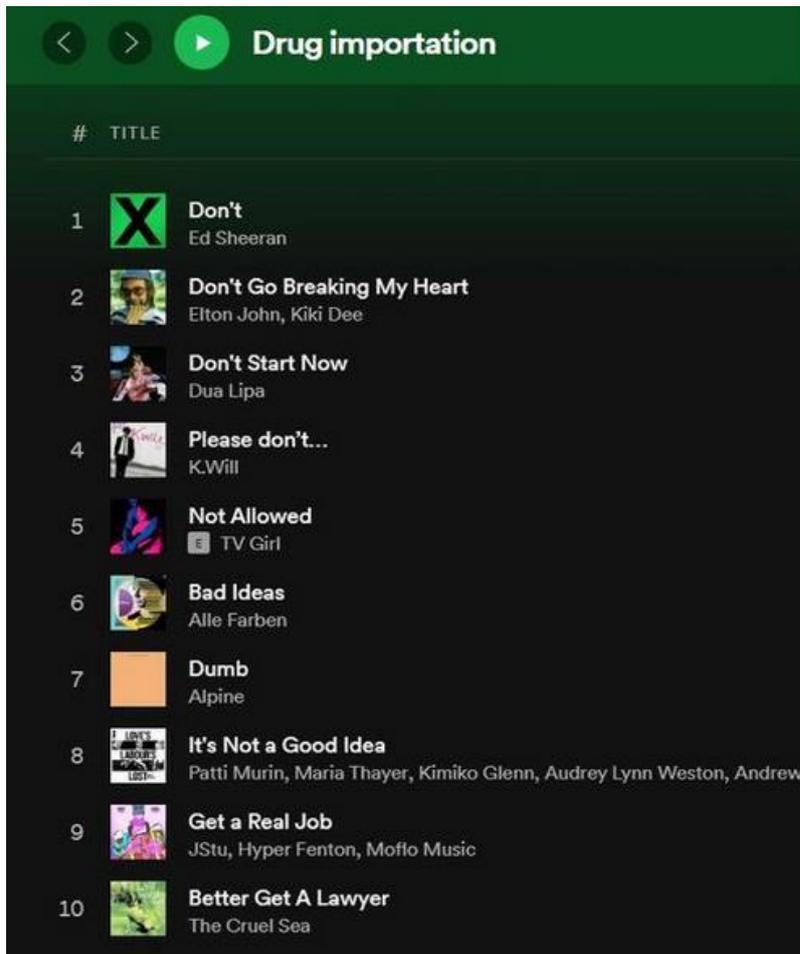
Two disturbing scenes spotted near Howson. Near the gate by Howson and the fire trail - spotted a scene with syringe packet, multiple alcohol wipes and cotton bud with blood.

Right in the bush near Howson - East side - I could see what looked an attempt to start a fire.

Really sad and scary to see this.

16 September, from Australian Federal Police

We've made a Spotify playlist for any aspiring drug importers out there.



16 September, from NSW Health

16 September, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



A 40 year old male from Corrimal has brought himself under attention for conveying a lounge on the roof of his vehicle whilst driving through the suburb of Bellambi . The driver was relying solely on gravity to keep the lounge secured to his vehicle. Police from Wollongong Police District were able to stop the male at the intersection of Rothery Street and Cawley Street, Bellambi.

To make matters even worse, the man currently does not hold a driving licence. He was disqualified from holding one 2 weeks earlier at Wollongong Local Court. He is disqualified from driving until 31/08/2022.

He was issued with a court notice for driving whilst disqualified, and unsecured load.

16 September, Recall Warning from ACCC



Target Australia Pty Ltd — Alfie Kids' Chair

PRA number

2021/19191

Published date

15 Sep 2021

Product description

Alfie Kids' Chair

Wooden flat-packed chair for children

Keycode 63662375

A small icon representing a broken image, consisting of a square with a dashed border and the letters 'OBJ' inside.

Identifying features

SKU

63662375

What are the defects?

The three screws used to attach the legs to the base of the chair may be too short, and if a child rocks on it, leans on it at an angle, or climbs on it, the chair may break.

What are the hazards?

If the chair breaks while in use, this could cause an injury.

What should consumers do?

Consumers should immediately stop using the product and return it to a Target Australia store for a full refund or contact TargetRecalls@target.com.au for options for receiving a refund. A receipt is not required to obtain a refund.

For further information, phone the Target Customer Support Centre on 1300 753 567 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am-6.30pm AEST; Saturday, 9.30am-4pm AEST) or visit site [here](#) or the Target Product Safety Recall page [here](#).

Supplier

Target Australia Pty Ltd

Traders who sold this product

Target Australia stores

www.target.com.au

Where the product was sold

Nationally

Online

Dates available for sale

24 Aug 2020 - 26 Aug 2021

15 September, from Australian Cyber Security Centre

Received today from the ACSC:

15 September 2021

Dear Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) Alert subscriber

The ACSC has just released its Annual Cyber Threat [Report 2020-2021](#).

The Annual Cyber Threat Report provides an overview of the key cyber security threats affecting Australian networks that the ACSC observed during the 2020-

21 financial year. It also outlines actions the ACSC took during this period in response to the evolving threat environment.

Produced jointly with our partners at the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), the Annual Cyber Threat Report provides valuable advice to help Australian organisations and individuals protect themselves online.

Key statistics:

Cyber threats are increasing in both complexity and frequency, with a cybercrime reported every eight minutes in Australia.

Over \$33 billion (AUD) in financial losses to cybercrime were reported by Australian individuals and organisations via [ReportCyber](#).

The top three cybercrime types reported via ReportCyber were:

Fraud cybercrime – approximately 23 per cent

Shopping cybercrime – approximately 17 per cent

Online banking cybercrime – approximately 12 per cent

During the reporting period, the ACSC issued 39 Alerts and advisories to help combat urgent and critical threats.

The ACSC received over 22,000 calls on the Cyber Security Hotline

What does this mean for me?

The ACSC Cyber Threat Report provides vital advice on how you can protect yourself against common cyber security threats, including that you:

Be alert for [phishing emails](#).

Turn on multi-factor authentication whenever possible, especially for your main online accounts: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/mfa>.

Update your devices regularly and [patch known exploits](#) within 48 hours. [Back up](#) your important information to the cloud or an external hard drive.

Remember that [cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au) is your one-stop-shop for cyber security advice and guidance, including step-by-step guides for individuals, families, small-to-medium business and large-scale organisations and government organisations. You can read the full report on the website.

Be sure to follow ACSC on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and subscribe to our YouTube channel for the latest alerts, content and practical advice to help improve your cyber security.

Are you a victim of cybercrime? Visit [ReportCyber](#) to take your next steps.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 October: eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Protect Yourself Against Scams 3-4pm Info & Register [here](#).

Wednesday 13 October: Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) NHW meeting. TBC

Wednesday 24 November: Gordon/E. Killara NHW AGM online via MS Teams @ 7pm. Special guests: S/C Colin Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, and Ruby Koop - Snap Send Solve App.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Staff in Aged Care'

Tip #7. DO REGULAR STOCK TAKES, EVEN HOURLY, IN ORDER TO NARROW THE TIME FRAME OF A THEFT. This enables CCTV to be checked more effectively.

Tip #8. ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES KNOW ALL PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY KIND OF EMERGENCY. All office phones should have emergency/important phone numbers as speed dial.

Tip #9. IF PARKING IN REMOTE/OFF-SITE AREAS, CONSIDER WALKING TO VEHICLES IN PAIRS/WITH SECURITY.

Tip #10. HOLD STAFF TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGING OF RESIDENTS'/PATIENTS' PERSONAL PROPERTY.

For more 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](#).

Thanks to UK Cop Humour



Mildenhall Police ✓

@MildnhallPolice

Our neighborhood sgt has been out today in #Mildenhall for the #PassWideAndSlow event promoting horse and rider safety.

@MetTaskforce any chance we could get him an attachment for some training? Like which end is the front of a horse!? 🐎🤔



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 (Only victims may report.)

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 within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[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](#)

[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

