



Neighbourhood Watch

Gordon Area 24

NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to Carroll Howe for her presentation about the new 'Crime Precincts' at our AGM in November. (Carroll was recently awarded Ku Ring Gai Council's 'Woman of the Year'). And it was also lovely catching up with ex-Crime Prevention Officer, Tony Sneddon, whose health is a lot better since retiring. It's always good to have a natter with people in the community who care about the same issues (the Killara Post Office, graffiti, personal safety when walking to the station, dogs and parks, home security etc). We shared quite a few tales of burglary experiences and safety tips. Let's hope they come in useful...

Why does it take a meeting or a crime to bring us closer together? How could you be a better neighbour? What do you expect of your neighbour? Have a think. Then read next page.

- ~ do you know the neighbours on either side of you? across the road? behind you?
- ~ do you pick up their freebie newspaper and post if they're away?
- ~ what would you do if you heard your neighbours burglar alarm sounding?
- ~ would you be concerned if an older neighbour hadn't been seen for a while?
- ~ do you pick up all your dog's mess?
- ~ what would you do if you saw a stranger on a neighbour's property?



POLICE NEWS UPDATE – please contact Julia or Ursula if you would like to be forwarded the Hornsby/Ku Ring Gai Local Area Command Police news update that comes by e-mail each week from our Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Paul Cleary.

From Sgt FORD – The current MO of an offender for Break/Enter/Steal is to knock on doors to find out if anyone is home. If answered, the offender makes up a story such as 'looking for someone' or 'did you book a job with Telstra?' They leave immediately. If no answer, premises are likely to be targeted for BES offence. Offenders sometimes wear yellow 'fluoro' shirts like tradesmen. Call police immediately if someone with this MO knocks on your door. Someone close by will be targeted and police need to respond.

From Snr Cons CLEARY - What you can do to help police in tracking down offenders: Police often get information from the public and from NHW groups about suspect behaviour or an actual crime that has either just happened or is happening then and there. Police get great info about what the offender looked like, what they were wearing, how many there were and the type or colour of the car.

But few reports actually have the car's *REGISTRATION* number. I know it is difficult in a high stress situation to focus on a rego plate. But having a command that is 420 sq km's we aren't always around the corner to find the (blue car with 3 people on board). That rego number is very important. It gives us details eg if the car is stolen, or if it is not stolen then we have a good chance of either matching the owner to a given description or eliminating them. If the car is stolen all is not lost, we can fingerprint the car.

Some helpful hints that you may want to use if you do see a suspect car or a crime occurring;

- If you're in the garden, write the rego number in the dirt, then go to the phone.
 - Put the number in your mobile.
 - Use a rock or other hard item and scratch the number on the gutter or on your driveway.
 - If you have a pen, write the number on your arm;
- this saves you having to repeat a rego number ten times to remember it before you ring the police.

The RTA does issue all different plate colours and types, so try to see if it's NSW or Qld etc and describe the colour or arrangement of the letters and numbers.

But please don't put yourself in a position of danger! All the info given to us is confidential and is not disclosed to any other person.

13 13 44 Police Assistance Line (PAL) Use this number to call the police to ask questions or to report matters over the phone (eg lost property, damage, stealing, cars stolen, minor car accidents, misc. info. etc.)

Emergencies are still 000

A Summary of the Police Reports for our residential area (September 2007-February 2008) :



Date	Time	Location	Type
04 Sep 07	800	Robert St	Break/Enter/Intent Steal Ground floor side door
05 Sep 07	745	Werona Ave	Steal from motor vehicle
14 Sep 07	1730	Rosedale Rd	Malicious damage to property
20 Sep 07	1800	Werona Ave	Malicious damage to property
25 Sep 07	1700	Werona Ave	Steal (luggage)
07 Oct 07	2120	Werona Ave	Common Assault
11 Oct 07	730	Werona Ave	Malicious damage to property
31 Oct 07	2030	Nelson St	Malicious damage to property
09 Nov 07	1600	Minns Rd	Steal
16 Nov 07	1000	Clifford St	Break/Enter/Steal Ground Floor rear window – forced lock
27 Nov 07	2345	Park Ave	Actual Bodily Harm
12 Dec 07	1900	Nelson St	Steal from motor vehicle
14 Dec 07	1800	Werona Ave	Malicious damage to Property
15 Dec 07	1100	Melkin End	Steal from motor vehicle
27 Dec 07	1845	Park Ave -religious	Malicious damage to property (burning)
28 Dec 07	1800	McIntosh St	Malicious damage to property (throw object)
11 Jan 08	1758	Rosedale Rd	Malicious damage to property (throw object)
18 Jan 08	750	Werona Ave	Steal from motor vehicle (smashed rear quarter window)
26 Jan 08	230	Bell St - vehicle	Malicious damage to property (throw object)
30 Jan 08	1800	McIntosh St	Malicious damage to property
30 Jan 08	2300	Werona Ave	Steal (from house yard)
31 Jan 08	1650	Werona Ave	Steal
11 Feb 08	1715	Werona Ave	Steal
23 Feb 08	1700	Rosedale Rd	Malicious damage to property

Hornsby police would like to remind all cat owners of their responsibilities. Hornsby police have received a letter of concern from a member of the public. The letter details the killing of possums in residential yards presumably by a local cat. The letter also goes on to state that the unknown author will be trapping any cat that happens to venture near the trap in order to stop the killing of wildlife (possums). Hornsby Council has advised that owners of cats can obtain a brochure on cat

ownership listing owners' responsibilities. These brochures are available at the front desk at Hornsby Council. Although keeping cats indoors at night is not always an option people choose, if you do need to allow your cat outside please place a bell on its collar. That way all wildlife has a chance of hearing impending danger.

Police would also remind people not to take matters into their own hands. The unnecessary trapping and killing of cats will not be tolerated. There is no place for vigilante type behaviour.

WHAT GOOD NEIGHBOURS DO...

- Collect the mail when you're away
- Bring in your bin when it has been emptied
- Bring the washing in when it starts to rain
- Go out of their way to be helpful and kind
- Keep the community litter free and care free
- Look after your house when you're not home
- Always around for someone in need
- Give you a smile and say G'day

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS?

- Say hello and say it often
- Group together for a picnic in the local park
- Look at forming working bees to beautify your local part or street scape
- Develop a phone network to call those in your community that may be unwell
- Form a walking group to walk, talk and take in some fresh air
- Watch, look and listen for any suspicious activity and report it to those who need to know
- Make an effort to keep your neighbourhood neat and tidy
- Offer a hand when you think someone is in need
- Consider others and work together to build a Safer Community.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES.



NSW Police Force 'HOMESAFE' is a brochure intended to provide your household with the latest information regarding home security and break-in prevention, property inventory, holidays, checklists etc. - available from Julia by email.

Other brochures can be found on the Police website: www.police.nsw.gov.au such as; Marking of Property, Home and Unit Security Assessment, Victim Support, Personal Safety Tips, Safety Tips for Seniors, Name Theft. Also look under 'Community Issues' then 'Crime Prevention'. Under 'Residential' you can find "Help Stop House Break-Ins" - a list of 15 tips from the Police, in printable format. Or check out the "How to..." page. There's tons of information.

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