

THE CRIMEBUSTER



Neighbourhood watch

NORTHBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Bounded by: Warner's Reserve (N); Munro Park and Tunks Park (S); Middle Harbour (E); Alpha Road (W)



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Have you marked your property?



Marking your valuables and keeping an inventory makes it easier for police to identify and return your property if it is stolen. If possible, your possessions should be engraved with your driver's licence or passport number. Small items, such as jewellery, can be photographed and listed. It's a good idea to place a ruler alongside the piece to give an idea of its dimensions.

KEEP THESE PHONE NUMBERS HANDY

For URGENT police assistance including a suspected crime in progress

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For routine enquiries or advice after an incident phone Chatswood Police

9414 8499

Lane Cove Police

9428 1977

To give information about any criminal activities, phone Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

or the Police Assistance Line (PAL)

131 444

Less crime, but stay on watch

There was a considerable fall in crime in most of New South Wales over the two years to December 2009, according to recent figures released recently from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and research. Senior Constable Matt Jewell said that Northbridge has also experienced a fall in most of the major crime categories, particularly residential, over the past 12 months.

"This is obviously very pleasing," he said. "However, whilst it's always good to talk about lower crime rates, it's important to not lose sight of the need to maintain our focus on security. We find that crime often goes in cycles, partly because of people's attitudes. When crime increases, people pay attention to security and things like Neighbourhood Watch, and crime rates are driven down. As crime rates drop, people are prone to become complacent, which makes it easier to commit crimes and hence the cycle starts again. So our message is that whilst crime is declining, we need to maintain our focus on securing our homes to ensure that it doesn't rise again because of our complacency."

See overleaf for Northbridge crime statistics.

Is your home fire safe this winter?

Smoke alarms are considered the most important way to keep your family safe from fires; NSW legislation requires all residents to have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of their home. This includes owner occupied, rental properties, relocatable homes or any other residential building where people sleep. For detailed information about which type of smoke alarm is best for you, see 'Smoke alarms buying guide' in the June 2008 issue of Choice magazine www.choice.com.au or Smoke Alarms at www.fire.nsw.gov.au. Once you've installed the alarms, make sure you check the batteries once a month.

Safety checklist

The NSW Fire Brigades recommends a simple checklist to help keep homes fire safe.

- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room.
- Have a written home escape plan and practise it regularly.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If you use a fireplace, make sure the chimney is clean.
- Always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least one metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave them unattended.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer each time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed and always handle them with care.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.

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Next Precinct Committee meeting

Next meeting of the Precinct Committee will be held on August 10, at Chatswood Police Station. Precinct Committee meetings have replaced local Neighbourhood Watch meetings and are open to all members of the community. Meetings are held six times a year and commence at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday of the even months.

Neighbourhood Watch AGM

The annual general meeting of Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch will be held during the general meeting of Northbridge Progress Association, which starts at 8pm at St Marks Hall on July 21.

The positions of coordinator, secretary, treasurer and editor of **The Crimebuster** will be open for nominations. Treasurer Ron Hicks will give a brief report.

Neighbour Day founder wins award

Sydney resident Andrew Heslop is the national winner of the 2010 Westpac Kookaburra Awards in the Individuals category. Andrew won more than \$10,000 worth of prizes for creating Neighbour Day – national celebration of community that brings together the people from next door, across the street or the next farm.

“How you participate is entirely up to the imagination of you and your neighbours. It can be a street party, community barbecue or just a cup of tea and a slice of cake. My plan is to use the cash component of the prize to provide small grants to community organisations and residents groups so they can hold local barbecues or afternoon teas to celebrate Neighbour Day on Sunday, March 27, 2011,” he said.

Crime statistics January-May 2010

The statistics here are for the first five months of 2010. There were 13 break and enters and five cases of stealing from cars, as well as one car stolen. Nine cases of malicious damage or graffiti were reported, two instances of stealing from a person and 13 cases of stealing from a store or property. There were three cases of assault.

Address	Incident category	Location	Method of entry
Aubrey	break and enter	house - detached	first floor rear window, force lock
Baringa	stolen vehicle	house - detached	
Baroona	break/enter and steal	house - detached	unknown
Bellambi	steal from motor vehicle	road/street	vehicle
Clifton	break and enter	house - detached	ground floor rear door
Clifton	stealing	garage (attached)	vehicle
Coolawin	stealing	house - detached	ground floor front door
Coolawin	graffiti	yard	paint/write or draw
Courallie	steal from dwelling	house - detached	
Courallie	steal from motor vehicle	driveway	bent door frame
Dorset	malicious damage to property	house - detached	other
Euroka	assault common	house - detached	physical force
Kameruka	malicious damage to property	house - detached	physical force
Kameruka	steal from motor vehicle	road/street	vehicle
Minimbah	malicious damage to property	park	break chain
Minnamurra	stealing	garage (attached)	ground floor front door
Neeworra	break/enter and steal	house - detached	ground floor front door, force lock
Sailors Bay	stealing	supermarket	trolley
Sailors Bay	break and enter	house - detached	first floor rear window, remove fly screen
Sailors Bay	stealing	club	
Sailors Bay	break and enter	private office	ground floor front door, force lock
Sailors Bay	malicious damage	other	smash
Sailors Bay	break and enter	other	smashed window
Sailors Bay	break/enter and steal	house - detached	ground floor side window, force lock
Sailors Bay	break/enter and steal	restaurant	ground floor front door, force lock
Sailors Bay	malicious damage to property	other	throw object
Sailors Bay	other steal	golf course	
Sailors Bay	other steal	footpath	
Sailors Bay	other steal	department store	
Sailors Bay	steal from motor vehicle	sports ground	smashed front side window
Sailors Bay	steal from motor vehicle	road/street	vehicle
Sailors Bay	steal from person	shopping complex	handbag
Sailors Bay	steal from person	shopping complex	handbag, pick pocket
Sailors Bay	steal from retail store	supermarket	
Sailors Bay	steal from retail store	video hire/sales	cut hole
Sailors Bay	steal from retail store	supermarket	display counter
Strathallen	assault	footpath	glass/bottle
Strathallen	break/enter and steal	house - detached	unknown
Tenilba	other steal	footpath	house yard
Tunks	assault	road/street	personal harm
Upper Cliff	break/enter intent steal	house - detached	ground floor side door
Weetawa	malicious damage	road/street	
Wollombi	malicious damage	driveway	
Wollombi	malicious damage	house - detached	throw object
Wollombi	break/enter and steal	house - detached	ground floor, smash window
Wollombi	break/enter intent steal	house - semi	second floor above rear window