

# 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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## Meeting – February 27

A meeting of Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch will be held during the next Northbridge Progress Association meeting at St Marks Hall, Malacoota Rd, at 8pm on February 27. NNW Area Coordinator Howard Lardner will present a report.

## Big increase in stealing from cars

The latest crime statistics show a dramatic increase in cases of stealing from motor vehicles in Northbridge, from eight in the July-September quarter to 22 from October to December. According to Senior Constable Matt Jewell, the incidence of the crime spiked in Willoughby, Northbridge and Castlecrag during this period.

He said the problem was that motorists continued to leave possessions in their cars. "Some of these crimes are on spec," he said, "but in the vast majority of cases the thieves can see something in the car." One of the biggest problems is caused by satellite navigation systems – the owners remove the unit, but leave the bracket or cord in full view in the car, inviting

investigation. Other items in demand are MP3 players, car stereo equipment, wallets, mobile phones, handbags and laptop computers.

Sen Const Jewell said that the school holiday period was usually a peak time for malicious damage, but these Christmas holidays had been pretty good, with fewer cases than usual of graffiti and malicious damage incidents reported to the police.

### Don't forget to lock up

Senior Constable Jewell told *The Crimebuster* that there has been a definite upsurge in the incidence of breaking and entering in Northbridge when people are at home, both at night and in the daytime. "This is not usually a home invasion," he said. "Thieves slip in and out without being seen. This happens particularly in summer, when doors and windows are open and people tend to forget about security." Sen Const Jewell warned against complacency and reminded householders to be sure to lock doors and windows when they are in the garden or another part of the house, for example.

## New Area Commander

After being without a permanent head for the best part of 2007, Chatswood Police has welcomed Superintendent Terry Dalton as their new Local Area Commander. Supt Dalton comes from the Water Police.

## From the Coordinator

Hello and welcome to this latest issue of Northbridge's *Crimebuster*.

We trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas/New Year's break and is looking forward to a satisfying and personally successful 2008.

Are you a good neighbour? Could you name all your immediate neighbours and know what their interests are? If a moving truck arrived in your street, would you know whether it was there for a legitimate purpose? Neighbourhood Watch is far from being just a matter of getting you to go to meetings or display a sign outside your house – the goal is to have it in operation 365 days a year as you keep an eye on what's going around you and report anything suspicious to the Police.

One good way to get to know your neighbours is to volunteer to be a Street Coordinator. Only 19 of the 64 thoroughfares in Northbridge currently have an active coordinator. Bearing in mind that some of our longer roads (eg Kameruka and Sailors Bay) require 10 coordinators each, the ideal total would be close to 100. Please call me on 9967 3963 if you feel able to help.

Neighbourhood Watch offers continuing thanks to Northbridge Plaza for sponsoring the printing of this *Crimebuster*.

We look forward to assisting Northbridge residents, businesses and visitors to enjoy a safe and secure lifestyle in our village throughout 2008.

Warm regards,

Howard Lardner, Area Coordinator

## Those were the days!

At the first launch of Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch, held on September 29, 1986, more than 100 people volunteered as street coordinators for the scheme. Today the total is 19.

## KEEP THESE PHONE NUMBERS HANDY

For URGENT police assistance including a suspected crime in progress

**000**

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**

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## Street coordinators

|                   |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Baringa Rd (west) | Mary      | 9958 5292 |
| Bellambi St       | Susan     | 9958 5510 |
| Bligh St          | Michael   | 9958 5073 |
| Byora Cres        | Penny     | 9958 7566 |
| Cliff Ave (lower) | John      | 9405 7778 |
| Cliff Ave (west)  | Phillipa  | 9958 5892 |
| Coolawin Rd       | Kathryn   | 9958 7080 |
| Dalmeny Rd        | Isabelle  | 9958 2037 |
| Kameruka Rd       | Nicky     | 9958 1716 |
| Marana Rd         | Luci      | 9958 0574 |
| Marooba Rd        | Guy       | 9958 6278 |
| Minnamurra Rd     | Ron       | 9958 8765 |
| Namoi Rd          | Susan     | 9958 7192 |
| Nulgarra St       | Howard    | 9958 8460 |
| Sailors Bay Rd    | Rob       | 9958 4506 |
| Tenilba Road      | Janet     | 9958 8929 |
| Tycannah Rd       | Ian       | 9958 5772 |
| Ulric Lane        | Jane      | 9967 2724 |
| Weetawa Rd        | AnneMaree | 9958 8905 |

## Guard your boat from thieves

A boat on a trailer is an easy target for thieves, who can simply hook up the trailer and drive away. NSW Police suggest these tips to make boat theft more difficult.

Preferably, store your trailer in a locked garage, secured boat storage facility or mini-storage stall. If you don't have a locked garage, the best place is out of sight in the back with the trailer tongue turned so it is out of easy access.

If you have to keep your trailer in an open driveway or carport, park a car in front of it. Removing one trailer wheel is also an effective deterrent.

Be sure to use a strong, good-quality chain and lock if you decide to lock the trailer to an anchored object.

## Is your pool safe?

All pool owners have been alarmed by the recent tragic drowning of small children in backyard pools. Willoughby City Council's regulations state that all new pools must have fencing which completely isolates the pool and is covered by the Australian Standard. Waterfront properties are exempt from this requirement but according to Wayne Watkins, of Council's Environmental Services, owners of these properties are still encouraged to fence around their pools. Existing pools are covered under the Swimming Pools Act, and require the pool to be fully isolated from neighbouring properties but not necessarily fenced off from the house. If you have any doubts about your pool fence being childproof, a Council officer will inspect the pool and give you advice. Phone 9777 1000.

## Did you know?

Most mobiles will call 000 even when there is no credit on the sim card.

## Crime statistics September-December 2007

The attempted armed bank robbery of Westpac in Northbridge Plaza occurred in January, so it is not reported in these statistics for the last quarter of 2007. In addition to the list below, there were three stolen vehicles, from Dorset Rd, Sailors Bay Rd and Northbridge Plaza. One handbag was stolen from a person, and there were two occurrences of stealing from retail businesses.

| Crime/Location                      | Premises         | Method of entry or activity |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Break and enter</b>              |                  |                             |
| Baroona                             | House            | Rear window                 |
| Baroona                             | House            | Front door                  |
| Clifton                             | Semi             | Rear door                   |
| Dalmeny                             | House            | Rear window                 |
| Euroka                              | House            | Front window                |
| Harden                              | House            | Rear door                   |
| Kameruka                            | House            |                             |
| Kameruka                            | House            | Rear window                 |
| Minnamurra                          | House            | Side door                   |
| Narani                              | House            |                             |
| Narooma                             | House            | Rear door                   |
| Sailors Bay                         | Golf club        | Rear door                   |
| Sailors Bay                         | Granny flat      | Rear door                   |
| Sailors Bay                         | House            | Rear door                   |
| Upper Cliff                         | House            | Side window                 |
| <b>Break, enter intent steal</b>    |                  |                             |
| Harden                              | House            | Rear door                   |
| Minnamurra                          | House            | Front door                  |
| Namoi                               | Villa/townhouse  | Rear window                 |
| Narani                              | House            | Side window                 |
| Strathallen                         | House            | Forced lock                 |
| <b>Graffiti</b>                     |                  |                             |
| Eastern Valley Way                  | Unit block       | Paint/write or draw         |
| Sailors Bay                         | Doctors' surgery | Spray paint                 |
| Sailors Bay                         |                  | Texta pens                  |
| <b>Malicious damage to property</b> |                  |                             |
| Baringa                             | Yard             |                             |
| Baroona                             | House            | Throw object                |
| Bourmac                             | Street           |                             |
| Cliff                               | Street           |                             |
| Coolawin                            | House            | Smash                       |
| Lower Cliff                         | Street           | Physical force              |
| Lower Cliff                         | Driveway         | Smash                       |
| Marana                              | Street           |                             |
| Marana                              | Street           | Throw object                |
| Narooma                             | House            |                             |
| Narooma                             | Street           | Smash                       |
| Sailors Bay                         | Unit block       | Physical force              |
| <b>Steal</b>                        |                  |                             |
| Dorset                              | House            |                             |
| Euroka                              | Attached garage  |                             |
| Hallstrom                           | Yard             |                             |
| Sailors Bay                         | Residential      |                             |
| Sailors Bay                         | Supermarket      |                             |
| Strathallen                         | House            | Upper rear window           |
| <b>Steal from motor vehicle</b>     |                  |                             |
| Aubrey                              | Street           | Smashed rear side window    |
| Aubrey                              | Street           |                             |
| Coolawin                            | Street           | Smashed front side window   |
| Coolawin                            | Street           | Smashed rear side window    |
| Coorabin                            | Driveway         |                             |
| Dalkeith                            | Driveway         |                             |
| Harden                              | Street           |                             |
| Marana                              | Street           | Smashed front side window   |
| Marana                              | Street           | Smashed front side window   |
| Minimbah                            | Street           | Smashed front side window   |
| Miowera                             | Street           | Smashed rear side window    |
| Narani                              | House            |                             |
| Narooma                             | Street           |                             |
| Neeworra                            | Street           | Smashed front side window   |
| Parker                              | House            | Smash and grab              |
| Parker                              | Semi             |                             |
| Parker                              | House            | Smash and grab              |
| Sailors Bay                         | Residential      | Smashed rear quarter window |
| Tunks                               | House            |                             |
| Weemala                             | House            |                             |
| Weemala                             | Street           | Smashed rear side window    |
| Weetalibah                          | Driveway         | Door lock forced            |