



Linley Point Neighbourhood Watch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH INFORMATION DAY – REPORT

The second NHW information day was held on the 17th March 2016 at Surry Hills, with 80 participants. Neighbourhood Watch is still active in NSW, and supported by senior police officers as part of Community Policing. Approximately half of the attendees were Crime Prevention Officers attached to Local Area Commands, mostly from Sydney with a few from Newcastle and country areas.

Unfortunately there wasn't a representative from our local area command, based in Chatswood, but it was good to meet representatives of other NHW groups that remain active in our area. By contrast the neighbouring Kuring-gai command has a very active NHW team working with police. Their presentation highlighted how they were able to quickly alert the local community after a series of break and enter robberies in Turramurra.

Similarly the Ryde – Eastwood area supports NHW, and provides crime statistics for the regular newsletter that it distributed to residents from Gladesville to Eastwood. Their latest newsletter has crime statistics for the Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and Ryde areas, and is reproduced below.

To raise awareness of NHW, a national Neighbourhood Watch Week will be held from 3rd – 9th October 2016. The timing will suit Linley Point residents, as it coincides with the Community gathering held at this time. A new Crime Prevention Officer, Loma Simmons, has been appointed at Chatswood Police Station and I have asked her to attend our October function.

Other interesting topics were **Mail Theft** issues – especially in home unit blocks. The criminals are looking for mail with credit card and other information for **identity theft**. We were reminded to remain vigilant “on-line” too as scammers are active. A friend recently responded to an SMS which appeared to be from her bank....and they almost succeeded in defrauding her! I had a similar experience with a fake PayPal e-mail that asked for my credit card details.....BEWARE !!

There were presentations on the **Dob in a Drug** dealer program, and **Counter Terrorism**. Big Brother is watching ‘on-line’ activity, and the police are involved with terrorism awareness programs in schools.

The dedication to duty of one police officer in particular S/Cst Genelle Warne was evident in her presentation on **Domestic Violence**. Genelle is stationed at Blacktown where there is a high incidence of this crime. In NSW there were 28,980 reported cases of Assault – Domestic Violence in the 12 months to September 2015. The police are called to these difficult situations. Genelle highlighted the changed procedures, including the video recording of interviews at the scene with the people involved, and said the State government has also amended legislation in a concerted effort to reduce the problem.

Genelle said at Blacktown Court after the Christmas break, there were 100 cases of domestic violence for the magistrate to deal with !!

But the Crime Statistics show that Domestic Violence occurs in more affluent suburbs too !!

**Crime Statistics
October 2014 – September 2105
Crime incident comparison across proposed amalgamated
LGA areas**

Offence	Ryde	Hunters Hill	Lane Cove	NSW Total
Murder*	0	0	0	72
Assault – domestic violence	148	14	39	28,980
Assault – non domestic violence	204	26	31	30,812
Sexual assault	29	7	12	4,718
Indecent assault, act of indecency & other sexual offences	87	9	19	6,486
Robbery without a weapon	11	0	0	1,658
Robbery with a firearm	2	0	0	213
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	8	0	0	1,018
Break and enter dwelling	274	42	72	32,210
Break and enter non-dwelling	105	24	35	12,444
Motor vehicle theft	81	10	11	14,707
Steal from motor vehicle	320	42	76	41,208
Steal from retail store	351	10	16	21,580
Steal from dwelling	234	31	62	21,791
Steal from person	50	12	5	5,836
Fraud	989	50	165	49,762
Malicious damage to property	459	64	1221	64,435
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For murder the count given is for the number of victims, not incidents 				

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Remain vigilant. Secure your property and vehicles. Take care “on-line”.

Report any suspicious activity to Police

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