



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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 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 an other 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. Thank you for your support.

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06 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT
ABOUT LOSING CONTROL
- IT IS ABOUT CONTROL.**

If you are experiencing domestic violence, report it to the police.

We'll make it stop.

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

#noexcuseforabuse

Verbal, emotional, psychological and physical abuse is domestic violence. It can happen in all relationships.

NSWPF Officers are continuing to protect and support the community 24/7

If you're experiencing domestic violence and need the police, call Triple Zero (000).

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

**05 April, from NSW Health: CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT
AND GATHERINGS**

There have been some changes to public health orders affecting what you can and

can't do, where you can go and what is open, closed or restricted:

- The number of people at funerals
- Staying at caravan parks and camping grounds
- Advice for truck drivers accessing food or beverages at truck stops
- Streaming or recording religious services at a place of worship
- Auctions for food supply (including livestock), fibre or crops

Read more [here](#).

05 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Looking for up-to-date COVID-19 information from a source you can trust? Head to WhatsApp and message +61 400253787 for direct updates from the official Australian Government chatbot.



04 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



Unfortunately, scammers are using fears around the Coronavirus [#COVID19](#) to take advantage of unsuspecting members of the community. These can range from falsely selling coronavirus-related products online and using fake emails or text messages to try and obtain personal data. Other scams include phishing emails and phone calls impersonating the World Health Organisation, government authorities, and legitimate businesses – including travel agents and telecommunications companies.

Protect yourself and find out more [here](#).

03 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



**Stay in touch. Contact family,
friends, carers and neighbours
by phone or online, daily.**

Keeping your distance doesn't mean losing contact with those you love.

Stay connected with family and friends by phone, text, email, social media or video-chat.

If you don't have somebody to help you, please call the Service NSW hotline on 13 77 88. We can help, so you stay comfortable at home.

Stay safe, stay informed. More [here](#).

03 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Just because people are isolating, it doesn't mean that ADVO compliance stops.

[Watch video here](#).

03 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command [Edited]

The NSW Police Force is continuing its commitment to vulnerable and 'at-risk' youth by preparing and delivering welfare packages to young people and their families following the suspension of youth services as part of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Following the direction to self-isolate and the shutdown of all non-essential services – including the suspension of PCYC NSW clubs and facilities – officers from the Youth and Crime Prevention Command are reaching out to young people in the community who frequently utilise their services.

Each of the welfare packages are compiled by NSW Police Force Youth Case Managers (YCM's) and School Liaison Police (SLP) and contain a combination of food items and hygiene products.

[Read more here](#). [Watch video here](#).

02 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

The new and improved NSW Police Force Community Portal is now live! Take advantage of our online crime reporting tool. Convenient, safe, secure.

[Visit the portal](#).

[View Video](#).

02 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: Statement from NSW Police Force Commissioner Mick Fuller

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard has issued directions to stop the spread of COVID-19, which kills people.

You must stay at home unless you have a reasonable excuse for leaving.

Shopping for food, travel to work or school, medical treatment or exercise are all reasonable excuses.

Exercise is important for physical and mental health. The list of exercise types is endless and it is not possible to list them all; and some forms of exercise are more active than others.

The important thing is that people comply with the two person rule when doing exercise, or that they only exercise with their household.

As I keep saying, a good rule of thumb is that if you are questioning whether you should be doing something, it is best to give it a miss.

Treat every situation like YOU have the virus.

DO THAT.

SAVE LIVES.

01 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

SCAM ALERT! The scammers impersonating Woolworths from earlier this week are now impersonating Coles; again claiming a \$250 shopping voucher for #COVID19au. Don't share and don't click the link. Info via Scamwatch



01 April, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW

Planning to drive up the M1 this weekend? Did you know that it is now illegal to take a regional holiday. Cancel your trip this weekend. There has already been a reduction^[OBJ] in the daily COVID-19 rates thanks to earlier restrictions. The Central Coast only had one new COVID-19 over the last 24 hours^[OBJ].

<https://m1traffic.com.au>

To ensure that residents are absolutely clear about what they can and cannot do, the original four criteria announced on Sunday have now been split into 16 precise definitions. If you're planning on leaving your house, ensure it's for one of the following reasons:

- Obtaining food or other goods or services for the personal needs of the household or other household purposes (including for pets) and for vulnerable persons.
- Travelling for the purposes of work if the person cannot work from the person's place of residence.
- Travelling for the purposes of attending childcare (including picking up or dropping another person at childcare).
- Travelling for the purposes of facilitating attendance at a school or other educational institution if the person attending the school or institution cannot learn from the person's place of residence.
- Exercising (while observing physical distancing rules and the maximum two-person gathering rule).
- Obtaining medical care or supplies or health supplies or fulfilling carer's responsibilities.
- Attending a wedding or a funeral, providing gathering limits are observed.
- Moving to a new place of residence (including a business moving to new premises) or between different places of residence of the person or inspecting a potential new place of residence.
- Providing care or assistance (including personal care) to a vulnerable person or providing emergency assistance.
- Donating blood.
- Undertaking any legal obligations.
- Accessing public services (whether provided by government, a private provider or a non-government organisation), including social services and employment services, domestic violence services, mental health services, and services provided to victims (including as victims of crime).
- For children who do not live in the same household as their parents or siblings or

one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children or siblings.

- For a person who is a priest, minister of religion or member of a religious order—going to the person's place of worship or providing pastoral care to another person.
- Avoiding injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm (such as the event of a fire or similar immediate threat to life).
- For emergencies or compassionate reasons.

Check details [here](#).

01 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Non-essential travel to regional NSW towns and remote communities should be cancelled to help slow the spread of COVID-19. If you were planning to go away this Easter break please postpone your plans as the safest thing you can do right now is stay at home.

Get the latest news and info [here](#).



01 April, From Hornsby Council

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and advice of relevant state and government authorities, Council has cancelled or changed a number of services we provide to the community.

In addition, it is against the law to gather with more than two people in public, except:

- for members of the same household
- where the gathering is essential for work or education
- If you go out, stay 1.5 metres away from other people at all times.

For details click [here](#).

03 April, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Important information about the coronavirus

Changes to Council's customer service

On Monday 30 March NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard issued further orders limiting public movement.

These orders restrict members of the public to the following:

- only attending work or a place of education if you are unable to do so at home
- shopping for essential supplies such as groceries and returning home without delay
- exercising in your neighbourhood on your own or with one other person
- attending essential medical appointments or compassionate visits

As a result the Council is changing the way we provide customer service to you.

For more, click [here](#).



04 April, from NSW Police Force

As the Easter long weekend and the school holidays approach, police are reminding the community that travelling for holidays is not considered 'essential' travel.

While it's understandable for families to want to come together and celebrate during these times, we all must do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The NSW Premier and the NSW Health Minister have outlined orders under the Public Health Act that state a person must not leave their home without a reasonable excuse.

These rules do not prohibit people from going to the supermarket and pharmacy, going to and from work if you cannot work from home, going to medical appointments, or leaving for some brief exercise in your own neighbourhood.

NSWPF Commissioner Mick Fuller is reminding the community that while these reasons are legitimate, travel and holidays are not essential at this time.

"To help contain and slow the spread of COVID-19, we all have to work together and that means staying in our homes and our neighbourhoods for the time being.

"Travelling unnecessarily means risking further spread, particularly to smaller communities whose health systems will be put under immense pressure if the virus is introduced into their town.

"With the upcoming holiday period approaching, we continue to see some owners and operators of short-term accommodation facilities promoting non-essential travel. This is not in the spirit of the orders and sends mixed messages to the community.

"Our message is clear – the safest thing you can do right now is to stay at home. Stay at home and save lives," Commissioner Fuller said.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 29 April: **Note - CANCELLED due to Covid19 pandemic

** Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting.

Saturday 30 May: Self Defence Workshop for Women. [Info](#). Note: NHW cannot

endorse a product or service. You must do your own research.

Sunday 19 July: **Note - CANCELLED due to Covid19 pandemic ** - new date tbc** NHW NSW Inc Inaugural AGM 1-5pm @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

Tuesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm @ Gordon Library meeting room #2.

Rural Areas

A car broken into last night, in Jenner Rd Dural. Please if anyone knows or recognise this person please come forward and tell police.



22 April from Hill Lynch, Queensland, Australia

Hi guys!! Thanks for the add.. 😊

99.9% sure this one is a scam from the replying email below lol.. Keep an eye out for this one..

← Approval Notification.



Australian Government | Services
Australia



Me

Today, 3:13 am



Australian Government
Services Australia

Our Reference: 14-A0-931C67
Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Subsidy benefit allocation

We are writing to bring to your knowledge the allocation of your subsidy benefit. Kindly affirm your eligibility by simply replying to this secure 📧 message appropriately, as listed below.

Please indicate correctly...

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Given name (first only):
Family name/Surname:
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):
Tax File Number:
Complete Address (Street number & name/Suburb/State/Postcode):
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Attach to your reply, a clear copy of your valid Australian Driver Licence **OR** Australian International Passport **AND** a clear copy of your valid Medicare Card.

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03 April, from NSW Police Force: A total of 13 Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) were issued yesterday in relation to alleged breaches of the Public Health Act:

INDIVIDUALS

- Just after midnight (Wednesday 1 April 2020), police were patrolling Artarmon when they saw two men standing together on the Princes Highway. It's alleged that as officers approached, one of the men ran – but was chased and eventually stopped by police. Both men gave varying accounts about why they were out, however neither satisfied the requirements stipulated by the Public Health Order. The men – aged 19 and 24 – were searched, issued with infringement notices and moved on.

- About 1.30am yesterday (Wednesday 1 April 2020), officers attached to New England Police District stopped a vehicle on Adelaide Street, Moree, for the

purposes of a roadside breath test. The driver, a 34-year-old woman, was unable to provide a reasonable excuse for leaving her home in Coonamble and was issued with a penalty infringement notice.

- About 1.30am yesterday (Wednesday 1 April 2020), police stopped a car in Coonamble containing five people and gave them a verbal warning about social distancing, public gatherings and non-essential travel. It will be alleged that at 8.45am the same morning, one of the occupants of the vehicle – a 21-year-old woman – was spotted by officers walking around Coonamble without a legitimate excuse. She was issued with an infringement notice.

- Yesterday about 3.15am (Wednesday 1 April 2020) officers from Orana Mid-Western Police District fined a 23-year-old man for not comply with noticed direction (Section 7/8/9 – COVID-19). The man was given a warning by police the previous evening, before being caught leaving his home a second time without a reasonable excuse.

- About 9.15am on Friday 20 March 2020, a 28-year-old man arrived in Australia from New Zealand, with two travel companions and was informed of his obligations to enter a 14-day self-isolation period in his home due to COVID-19. About 10.30am yesterday (Wednesday 1 April 2020), officers attached to Riverina Police District attended the man's registered address in Gundagai to conduct a welfare and compliance check. The man was not home and was later stopped by police driving his vehicle on Sheridan Street. For failing to self-quarantine, the man was issued with a Penalty Infringement Notice.

- About 4pm (Wednesday 1 April 2020), police saw two men sitting together at Caseys Beach Reserve, Batehaven, drinking alcohol. When officers spoke with the pair, it's alleged they became abusive and claimed they were exercising. One of the men, aged 41, was charged with an unrelated offence and issued an infringement notice in relation to breaching a Public Health Order. The other 44-year-old man was issued an infringement notice, searched and moved on from the area.

- Just before 6pm (Wednesday 1 April 2020), police attended a single vehicle crash on Union Rd, Lavington. The car's only occupant – a 51-year-old man – was not injured, but allegedly told police he had left his home in order to visit his drug dealer. The man was arrested and taken to hospital for blood and urine testing. Checks revealed he was disqualified from driving. He was issued with a Future Court Attendance Notice for driving whilst disqualified (2nd+ offence) and given an

infringement notice for contravening a Public Health Order.

- A man and a woman were fined yesterday (Wednesday 1 April 2020), after police patrolling Scott Street, Muswellbrook, spotted the pair sitting in a car. Following inquiries, officers attached to Hunter Valley Police District found neither the 32-year-old woman or the 27-year-old man had a reasonable excuse not to be at home.

- Yesterday, a 21-year-old man ignored two warnings to be fined \$1000 for failing to comply with Ministerial directions under the Public Health Act. Officers attached to Newcastle City Police District found the man for the third time that day (Wednesday 1 April 2020), on Market St eating a kebab on a bench.

BUSINESSES

- Officers from Lake Macquarie Police District attended a remedial massage business on Harrison Street, Cardiff, about 4pm yesterday (Wednesday 1 April 2020), following information it was continuing to operate. Police observed several customers enter and leave the premises. The operator, a 57-year-old woman, was spoken to and issued a \$5,000 PIN for failing to comply with noticed direction (Section 7/8/9 – COVID-19).

Anyone who has information regarding individuals or businesses in contravention of a COVID-19-related ministerial direction is urged to contact [Crime Stoppers](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

02 April, from Telford & Wrekin Cops

Are younger members of your household finding it difficult to understand everything that is going on at the moment ? If so, the wonderful people at Playmobil have put together a great video to try and explain the situation ... Watch video [here](#).

01 April, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

As of 1st April the official Bush Fire Danger Period is closed.

Are you thinking of having a backyard fire while in isolation? CHECK THE RULES FIRST.

Fire Safety Permits are not required for approved open burning activities in rural

areas (Pile Burns). However, a Council Approval for Open Burning is still required.

[Check here.](#)

A minimum 24 hours notice is still required to the Fire Control Centre and surrounding neighbours.

Small wood fired BBQ's, Pizza Ovens, and Hungi's in properly constructed fireplaces are classified as cooking fires and do not need a Fire Safety Permit.



CALLING ALL NSW MANUFACTURERS

CAN YOU MAKE

- Hand sanitiser
- Handwash soap
- Gloves
- Cleaning products
- Protective clothing
- Masks
- Eyewear
- Paper products

Join The Fight Against COVID-19 Today

nsw.gov.au

NSW
GOVERNMENT

The NSW Government is calling on all #Hornsby manufacturers to consider converting their production lines to fill urgent orders in NSW.

We need 🗣️

- △ Hand sanitiser
- △ Handwash soap
- △ Gloves
- △ Cleaning products
- △ Protective clothing
- △ Masks
- △ Eyewear
- △ Paper products

Let's do this NSW 🗣️ Register your interest 🗣️ [here.](#)



[Read here.](#)

01 April, from [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk): Shipping face masks, hand sanitiser and other vital coronavirus medical supplies overseas will be punishable by JAIL after a string of 'disgusting' operations were revealed to be sending essential goods to China

- Shipping face masks and hand sanitiser overseas has been banned in Australia
- Customs can seize bulk shipments, which will be added to the national stockpile
- Move comes as doctors express concern over shortage of the essential supplies
- Chinese companies have sent tonnes of Australian medical products to China

[Read more here](#)

01 April, Thank you to Tarniet Central Neighbourhood Watch



I'm happy to help out

My name is: _____

I live at: _____

You can reach me on: _____

If you need a hand with anything or someone to chat with, please call or message me and I'll do my best to help, for free. For example, I can:

<input type="radio"/> Take you shopping	<input type="radio"/> Provide a cooked meal
<input type="radio"/> Pick up groceries	<input type="radio"/> Take your pet for a walk
<input type="radio"/> Get your medication	<input type="radio"/> Run errands for you
<input type="radio"/> Call for a friendly chat	<input type="radio"/> _____

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is contagious, so please take every precaution: avoid physical contact (2m distance), wash hands with soap & water regularly, have items left on your doorstep. For information on coronavirus call the **National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.**



Neighbourhood Watch
Let's watch out for each other

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

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

[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.

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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WatchOut! Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)



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