



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #446 - 28 April 2020

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.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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28 April, from Matt Kean MP: #Hornsby has been identified as a hotspot for COVID-19.

If you have even the mildest symptoms such as fever, cough, tiredness (fatigue), sore throat and shortness of breath you should immediately get tested.

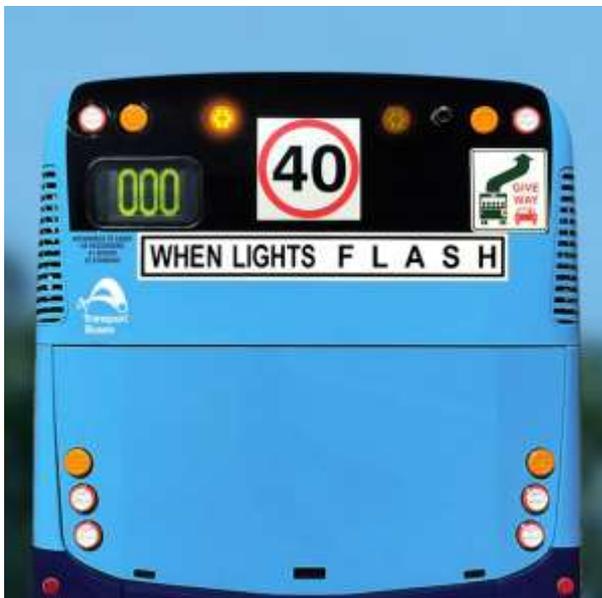
You can contact your GP, visit the COVID-19 Clinic at Hornsby Hospital or contact **Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.**



28 April, from NSW Road Safety: School buses are in operation for students that need to attend school.

Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing. 🚌🧑🏫

Help keep our kids safe, see [here](#). #ContinueTowardsZero



27 April, from NSW Road Safety: All NSW School zones are in operation between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm, as schools reopen for students that need to attend.

So stay under the 40km/h speed limit and keep our kids safe. #ContinueTowardsZero

26 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Great advice from NSW Health

Many people could use a helping hand during this difficult time. That's why there is a dedicated coronavirus mental wellbeing support line. For the cost of a call, you can talk to a trained counsellor at any time, any day. All sessions are one-on-one and confidential, and based on your needs. No matter what you're feeling, don't be afraid to reach out. Call the **Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service on 1800 512 348.**

For info and advice on looking after your mental health you can visit: **coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au**

If you need an interpreter, please call **TIS National on 131 450** and ask to be transferred to the **Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service.**



24 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: The NSW Government is urging anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested in a bid to curb the spread of the virus.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- - Fever;
- - Cough;
- - Tiredness (fatigue);
- - Sore throat;
- - Shortness of breath.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms please:

- - Contact your GP;
- - Call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222;
- - Visit a NSW Health COVID-19 clinic.

The locations of COVID-19 clinics are available [here](#).

24 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Heading out to cast a line?

Make sure you stay 1.5m away from others. Together we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Find out more [here](#).

24 April, from NSW Historic Patrol Vehicles: NSW Police Department, St Ives driver training school open day.

Adults watch the demonstration on the skid pan and the children get to sit on the police motorcycles 1973.



24 April, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 9.45pm on Thursday 23 April 2020, North Shore Highway Patrol were conducting speed enforcement on the Pacific Highway, Killara.

At this time, Police detected a motorcycle travelling north bound at 125-119km/h. The Pacific Highway has a signposted speed limit of 60km/h. The motorcycle, a White BMW S1000, was being ridden by a 28 year old male from Killara. He was stopped and subsequently issued a penalty notice for Exceed Speed Limit over 45km/h (\$2,482 & 6 demerits). The rider had his licence suspended for 6 months and his motorcycle number plate confiscated for 3 months.



24 April, from Victoria Police: A message from Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton.

The police family is in mourning after the loss of four of our own in a tragic incident in Kew.

- Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor.
- Constable Glen Humphris.
- Senior Constable Kevin King.
- Constable Josh Prestney.

See Media Release [here](#).

23 April, from NSW Road Safety: Keeping safe on our roads is always important, but right now we need to avoid non-essential travel and take extra care if we have to leave the house.

Fewer crashes on the roads means less pressure on us all, including our amazing frontline medical workers. #ContinueTowardsZero

23 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: You can now expect a \$5000 on-the-spot fine if you cough or spit on ANY worker.

Find out more [here](#).



Spitting or coughing at any worker

\$5,000 FINE

22 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Heading out for some essential exercise?

Make sure you stay 1.5m away from others. Together we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Find out more [here](#).

22 April, from the NSW Historic Patrol Vehicles: The Police Driver Training School, St Ives, with its extensive and modern training facilities again operated at maximum capacity for the purpose of giving instruction in driving ranging from elementary to advanced to police.

Members of the Police Force who received training numbered 1,259. For the first time courses were conducted for members of the Police Cadet Corps. Four such courses were held in which sixty-one cadets received training.



22 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: When you call Triple Zero (000), the Police Assistance Line or Crime Stoppers, chances are the operator is going to ask you a few questions which they will then use to help police get the information they need.

It is important to remember that our highly trained operators are asking you these questions because police need this information to help **YOU** in the best way they can. Without important information, police may be delayed, or not able to investigate further. So please, when you utilise any of these services remain calm, don't shout, speak slowly and clearly, answer any questions the operator asks you and stay on the line until the operator has finished.

☎️ Triple Zero (000) - for emergencies

☎️ Police Assistance Line (131 444) - for non emergency policing matters

☎️ Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) - to provide crime information to police.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

28 April, from the ABC: Beware! Federal Police investigate hoax targeting users of COVIDSafe coronavirus app

More info [here](#).

The COVIDsafe App has detected you are now +20km from your nominated home address. Please register your reason for travel by calling 1300 1MY GOV ([+61 1300 169 468](tel:+611300169468)) within 15 minutes of receiving this SMS (10:12am AEST Monday 27 April 2020). Thank you.

28 April, from Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade: The majority of crews are now standing down following another big day working on the Hazard Reduction.

The burn will again be patrolled overnight by Glenorie 9. Tomorrow, burning operations will continue in order to finalise the burn perimeter. Again, a huge thanks for everyone's efforts today. There will again be active fire visible overnight, please only call **000** if you see fire outside of the containment lines.

27 April, from ABC Sydney: 🤖📧 UPDATED 27/04: SYDNEY COVID-19

HOTSPOTS 📧🤖

NSW Health is urging anyone in NSW with symptoms, including mild symptoms, to be tested to ensure as many cases of COVID-19 in the community are identified as quickly as possible. This is particularly important in several new areas following a small number of locally acquired cases. These include:

- Northern Beaches Council Local Government Area
- Lane Cove Council Local Government Area
- **Hornsby Shire Council Local Government Area**
- Blue Mountains City Council Local Government Area
- Lithgow City Council Local Government Area

The full list also includes the local government areas of Blacktown, Canada Bay, Cumberland (and all of postcode 2145 including the suburb of Westmead), Goulburn Mulwaree, Inner West, Liverpool, Parramatta, Randwick, Ryde and Waverley.

i GET TESTED [here](#).



27 April, from Australian Government Department of Health:

The #COVIDSafe app is part of our work to slow the spread of #COVID19.

Having confidence we can find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe.

Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends, and save the lives of other Australians.

The app is available for download now. Learn more [here](#).



From the Australian Government - Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC):

As we shift even more of our day-to-day activity online during the COVID-19 pandemic, **Privacy Awareness Week (PAW - Monday 04 - Sunday 10 May 2020)** is an important reminder to Reboot your privacy.

- * Check and update your privacy controls
- * Consider the alternative when giving or asking for personal information
- * Delete any data from old devices and securely destroy or de-identify personal information if it's no longer needed for a legal purpose.
- * Explore our [PAW website](#) to find out more on how to join in the conversation to promote privacy awareness, and sign up as a supporter.



26 April, from Nine.com.au: Ten hospital staff isolated after Sydney doctor tests positive

... A frontline doctor employed at Nepean Hospital at the base of the Blue Mountains has tested positive to COVID-19. The medical practitioner had also worked a shift at the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga on Sydney's north shore shortly before developing symptoms....

Full article [here](#).

24 April, from the NSW Food Authority: Recall: Pure Tassie - Apple and Blackcurrant 1.5L

Juicy Isle Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of Pure Tassie - Apple and Blackcurrant 1.5L due to microbial (mycotoxin patulin) contamination. The product has been available for sale in the following stores:

NSW: Coles, IGA, Original Organic Juice

Product details: Pure Tassie - Apple and Blackcurrant, 1.5L

Packaging: 1.5 Litre PET bottle

Date markings: Best Before 06 OCT 20

Problem: The recall is due to a microbial (mycotoxin patulin) contamination.

Food safety hazard: Food products contaminated with mycotoxins (patulin) may cause illness if consumed.

Country of origin: Australia

What to do: Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice and should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For further information please contact:

Juicy Isle Pty Ltd 03 6274 5999 www.juicyisle.com.au



Dates for the Diary:

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

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

Monday 04 May - Sunday 10 May: Privacy Awareness Week. [Info.](#)

Saturday 30 May: **Note - CANCELLED due to Covid19 pandemic ** 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.

24 April, from Australian Federal Police: !! SCAM ALERT !!

Another lot of scam emails claiming to be from the AFP are making the rounds. This email is NOT from the AFP despite appearing to come from the address **au.notification@afp.gov.au**. It invites people to the AFP regarding an ongoing investigation, and prompts readers to open an attachment. We would never send emails of this nature. If you receive this email, DON'T open any attachments, DON'T forward the email and DON'T respond to the email.

Please immediately report the matter via the ACCC Consumer Rights Scamwatch website [here](#).



23 April, shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: Anyone in the Oakleigh / Roach ave area check your property for anything stolen.

If you find your car has been gone through etc please call Hornsby police [9476 9799 - Ed]. I caught one trying to break into my car - police have one in custody.

23 April, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural (Rural Areas): 😞😞THIEVES ARE BACK IN TOWN😞😞

I've just heard another 3 people's property have been broken into on mon/Tuesday night just gone. Lawn mower, chainsaw, nail gun, and motorbike (x2, but they left one at end of paddock as was not working properly) have been stolen. Around mid Dural and Galston. As far as I know 2 out of the 3 places have been reported to police. I'd advise security in sheds and houses, with lights and alarms. And security cameras.

Call the **Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131444** if you have any information or want to report to police.

23 April, shared with permission from Cathryn: This video is of someone taking items from my front garden last night at Normanhurst.

This was at 10.49pm. Unfortunately it took me a few minutes to wake up so by the time I looked, they had left (with my item/s) and walked South on Pennant Hills Road. I suspect it may be someone local who was out walking last night. 😞:-)

I have had quite a number of things taken from the front over the past months and I am a bit over it. They seem to think that because there is no car in the driveway that no-one is home and they can just walk in and take stuff!

Police have been notified - if I can find out who it is and where they live the Police can do something about it.



22 April, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural (Rural Areas): Please keep an eye out

Reposted:

Some neighbours have had kids motor bikes, power tools etc stolen over last week. They cut our horse fences to get into properties. Location is around the Middle Dural Public School. Hope they get caught soon. Thanks, Dave

21 April, shared with permission from Galston Families group: To the stinkers who stole honey, succulents and home made soap from my 9 year old son's stall, "You Suck".



Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai [or Hornsby - Ed]

REPORTING CRIME TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE

All criminal incidents should be reported to the NSW Police Force. You may think that the information you have is unimportant, but it may be the vital missing piece needed to make an arrest. It will also assist the Police to plan operations and train officers to hot-spot locations. Information is also used by Council to develop and implement appropriate crime prevention measures.



NATIONAL POLICE HOTLINES

- Triple Zero (000)**
For emergency or life-threatening situations
- Police Assistance Line (131 444)**
For non-emergency
- Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**
For confidential information, tips or anonymous

LOCAL POLICE STATIONS

Contact your local police station directly if you witness someone acting suspiciously or you would like to report a crime that has already occurred and involves a known person.

- Hornsby Police Station 9470 0708
- Greenwich Police Station 9418 5300
- Chiswick Police Station 9414 0408

COUNTER TERRORISM

1800 1234 00

Call the National Security Hotline to report any suspicious activity or information related to security or terrorism.

All information is confidential and you can remain anonymous.





REPORTING CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS TO COUNCIL

While Council does not investigate criminal matters, Council is responsible for removing graffiti, reporting vandalism and undertaking general maintenance works on council-owned and managed property. Report any concerns to:

- 9428 0000
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm
- ku-ring-gai.nsw.gov.au
- Ku-ring-gai Council
Attention: General Manager
Locked Bag 108, Greenwich NSW 2072



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you would like to take a more active role in crime prevention please contact your local crime prevention officer at Hornsby Police Station on 9470 0708 or Chiswick Police Station on 9414 0408.



REPORTING CRIME IN KU-RING-GAI

How to report crime to Ku-ring-gai Council, the NSW Police Force and other state government departments



Most crimes in Ku-ring-gai are linked with information from the community.

It is your community responsibility to report crime to the Police. It may be part of a bigger picture, so it may help to protect another member of the community in the future.



Developed by Ku-ring-gai Council in partnership with the NSW Police Force.

WHO TO CALL AND WHEN

TRIPLE ZERO

Police are able to respond to the incident promptly. Call 000 in a life threatening or time critical emergency such as when:

- Someone is seriously injured or in danger
- There is serious risk to life or property
- A crime is being committed and/or a further crime may be committed
- Someone you suspect has committed a crime is close by or their location is known, and there is an opportunity to arrest the suspect
- Witnesses may leave the scene of a crime or evidence might be lost if police do not get there quickly
- A victim is seriously distressed.

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL)

131 444

Used to report a minor crime that has already been committed and which does not involve traumatised victims or require police attention. You will need to be the property owner or victim to report the criminal incident. Types of crimes you can report include:

- Break and enter
- Fall to pay for fuel (service stations only)
- Motor vehicle/vandal theft
- Stealing
- Malicious damage, including graffiti and vandalism
- Lost property
- Anti-racial behaviour.

PAL is the appropriate number to use to report graffiti to the NSW Police Force, if the crime is not in progress.

CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 000

Report information anonymously about a crime, criminal or suspicious behaviour. A reward is offered for any information leading to a successful prosecution. Report crimes that are not in progress and/or have no known offender (e.g. break and enter, malicious damage or stealing). You may think the information you have is unimportant, but it may be the vital missing piece the police need to solve a crime.

BROKEN OR FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

1800 944 808

Report broken or faulty street lights to Ausgrid



ausgrid.com.au

ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Report abandoned shopping trolleys to:

- Woolworths | Big W | Dee Marryphas | Target: 1800 641 407
- Trolley Tracker App from iTunes or Google Play
- Coles | Newmart | Target | Bunnings | Officeworks | Bi-Lo | Jet Choice: 1800 676 555
- Coles App from iTunes or Google Play

Also:

- customerservice@opgi.com.au
- 13 25 34

Horns Farm: 1800 21 22 33



REPORTING GRAFFITI

On Council property
VandalTrak is a free phone app that enables you to report graffiti on Council premises and equipment. Alternatively, contact Council directly on 9424 0000 or go to vandaltrak.com.au



On public property not owned by Council
Council does not have the authority to remove graffiti on property that does not belong to Council. Report directly to the NSW Graffiti Hotline or free call 1800 707 125.

On private property
If graffiti occurs on your own property or a property you are responsible for you should report the incident to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131 444. It is the responsibility of owners to remove graffiti from their private property. Your local Rotary Club may be able to assist you. Police recommend the rapid removal of graffiti - it takes away the glory!

REPORT GRAFFITI
1800 707 125
data.nsw.gov.au

Police 131 444
For non-emergencies

This useful flyer can be downloaded from our [Neighbourhood Watch website](#), [Ku-ring-gai Council's website](#), or our own crime prevention website, [WatchOut's Contact List page](#).

Most useless purchase of 2019: A 2020 planner.

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



Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)



[NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group](#)



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)



Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra \(technical issues\)](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



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Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station

292 Peats Ferry Road

Hornsby, NSW 2077

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