



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.

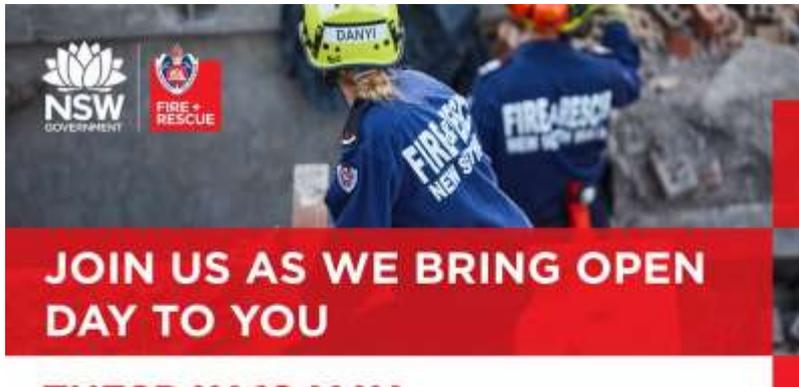
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12 May, from Fire & Rescue NSW: Join us next Tuesday for another day of

exciting activities as part of Open Day 2020.

We'll be taking you along to an Urban Search and Rescue Demonstration as well as sharing a live station tour. We're also running a competition with some great prizes to be won!



TUESDAY 19 MAY

- 10am** Live: Urban Search and Rescue demonstration
- 11am** Live: Facebook Q+A session
- 12pm** Competition: Aboriginal Art colouring
- 2pm** Video: Aboriginal fire safety
- 5pm** Video: Never smoke in bed

Virtual Fire Station visits every day!

Check out our Facebook page for details.

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12 May, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 5:45pm Saturday 9th May 2020 police were conducting speed enforcement on the Pacific Hwy, Cowan.

Police followed a blue BMW sports wagon where its speed was checked in excess of 140km/h in an 80km/h sign posted area. Police stopped the vehicle and spoke with the 24yo male from Warrawee who stated, "I wasn't paying attention to my speed". He was subsequently issued an infringement notice for 'Exceed speed limit - >45km/h' (\$2482 & 6 points), and his licence was suspended for 6 months. No registration sanctions were applied as the driver was not the owner of the vehicle.

About 10:55pm Saturday 9th May 2020 police were conducting patrols of **Burns Rd, Turrumurra**. A blue Nissan Skyline was observed to turn right onto Bobbin Head Rd at speed. Police followed the vehicle where its speed was checked at 122km/h in a sign posted 50km/h area. The 24yo male from Ashfield was stopped and told police he was going to meet up with friends in the national park. He was issued an infringement notice for 'Exceed speed limit - >45km/h' (\$2482 6 points)

and 'Driver use mobile phone when not permitted (\$344 & 5 points), and his licence was suspended for 6 months. No registration sanctions were applied as the driver was not the owner of the vehicle.

About 4:35pm Sunday 10th May 2020 police were patrolling the **Pacific Hwy, Mt Kuring-gai**. A blue VW Golf R and black Harley Davidson following each other were detected travelling South at 140km/h in the sign posted 80km/h area. The 27yo male driver and rider from Castle Hill & Kellyville were stopped and spoken to. Both men were issued infringement notices for 'Exceed speed limit - >45km/h' and had their licenses suspended for 6 months. As the rider was the owner of the motorcycle, his registration plates were also confiscated for 3 months.



11 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Is there an unknown visitor at your door?

- 📞 If someone is at the door and you are alone and feel a bit frightened, pretend there is someone else in the house.
- 📞 If someone wants to use your telephone for an emergency, don't feel rude not to let them in. Offer to make the call for them – if they are genuine, they won't mind.
- 📞 Be suspicious of people requesting entry to your home to check appliances or equipment. Ask to see their identity card and take time to look at it carefully before letting them in. If you are still unsure, ring their company to check. If in doubt, keep them out.

- 📞 Make sure your home number can be clearly seen from the street. This not only helps in emergencies but helps visitors to find your home (and not accidentally going to the wrong address!)
- 📞 Be discreet if you live alone. It is better not to indicate on house directories or name plates that you are a Ms, Miss, Mrs or Mr. Just use your surname.
- 📞 If you live alone, make arrangements to have regular contact with someone your trust. Try setting up a code like three rings on a telephone each morning, or simply lifting your blind up at the start of each day so they know you're okay.

ALWAYS call **Triple Zero (000)** in an emergency.

11 May, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT!

Beware of this phishing scam pretending to be from the Australian Government Department of Health claiming that you must submit to COVID-19 testing. If you receive it – don't click on any links or open any attachments. Delete immediately. Info via Scamwatch.



Australian Government
Department of Health

Dear Recipient,

My colleague have contacted you earlier but there was no response from you.

There were three COVID-19 confirmed cases in your area earlier this week and one of the patients has listed you as one of her physical contacts within the last 14 days.

In line with the contact tracing modalities and within the laws on which we operate at the Department of Health, we strongly advice that you submit yourself for COVID-19 testing.

SCAM

The necessary details of your appointment with the Department of Health are contained in the attached document.

Read through the guidelines properly and ensure that you submit yourself for testing as failure to do so will result in arrest and prosecution.

If you have any questions concerning this email, feel free to contact me anytime.

Regards,

Greg Hunt MP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Carlton".

Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia

11 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: From Friday 15 May, the following will be allowed in NSW:

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people
- Cafes and restaurants can seat 10 patrons at any one time
- Households can have up to 5 visitors at any one time
- Weddings can have up to 10 guests
- Indoor funerals can have up to 20 mourners, outdoor funerals up to 30
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NSW Government COVID-19 Response

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11 May, from NSW Road Safety: With more children returning to school this week, let's make sure we remain vigilant when it comes to road safety around schools.

They're counting on you. #ContinueTowardsZero

If you're on school drop off or pick up:

- - Drop your kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road 🚶
- - It's safest for your kids to get out of the car door on the kerb side of the road 🚗
- - Always use the kiss and drop facilities if your school has them 😊
- - If you're walking with your child, use pedestrian crossings where possible and always hold their hand (up to the age of 10) 🚶



08 May, from the Australian Government: No matter where you are going, it is important that you keep a 1.5 metre distance between yourself and others to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Even on the footpath,
- even at the lights,
- even crossing the road,
- even at the ATM.

Social distancing saves lives. Learn more about social distancing at www.australia.gov.au #covid19 #coronavirusaustralia



08 May, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: At 10pm Tues 5 May 2020, officers attached to Kuring-Gai Highway Patrol detected a Toyota Prado four wheel drive travelling southbound upon the M1 Motorway at Berowra above the sign posted 110kmh posted speed limit.

Police followed the Prado with its speed checked at 130kmh within the 110kmh sign posted area and 120kmh within the 80kmh sign posted area in Wahroonga. The vehicle was stopped near the Pacific Highway off-ramp Wahroonga, with a 38yr old male driver and a 46yr old male passenger (registered owner - Unlicensed). The male driver could not produce a driver's licence or any identification, with police initially unable to confirm his identity. The driver was directed from the vehicle, at which time police will allege he attempted to dispose of a small clear plastic resealable bag containing a white powder substance believed to be a prohibited drug. The driver was arrested, before a search of the Pajero revealed a 'hand-held' slingshot, black balaclava and drug paraphernalia (ICE pipe). Numerous 'Makita' cordless power tools were also located, some within a large travel suitcase. A 'cut throat' flick knife was also located above the vehicle's steering column. Several hand-held 'hitting' objects (hockey stick, large adjustable spanner etc) were also observed positioned through out the vehicle. The driver was conveyed to Hornsby police station, where his identification was verified and it was confirmed that he previously held a NSW Learners licence which expired in 1999 and endorsed DISQUALIFIED from driving until 2023.

At Hornsby police station, the driver was subjected to oral fluid testing which indicated a positive result to Cocaine, THC & Meth (sample sent FASS re: analysis certificate). As a result the driver was charged with;

- 1. Class A motor vehicle Exceed Speed Limit over 30kmh
- 2. Drive whilst Disqualified from holding a licence - 2nd+ offence
- 3. Possess Prohibited Drug (0.86gm)
- 4. Goods in personal custody suspected being stolen
- 5. Custody of a knife in a public place
- 6. Possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit

Final drug lab results are pending for a further charge of; Drive with illicit drug in oral fluid - 2nd+ offence. The driver was refused bail to Hornsby Local Court. He appeared this instance and remanded in custody to Hornsby Local Court 10 June 2020.





05 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Please be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles with occupants asking to conduct work such as roofing/gutter cleaning/asphalt or road base work.

Such scams are beginning to appear in the greater **Dural/Arcadia/Galston areas**. It is important to be vigilant and to report any such incidents or suspicious activities to police as close to the time of the incident occurring.



Triple Zero (000)

For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)

For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)

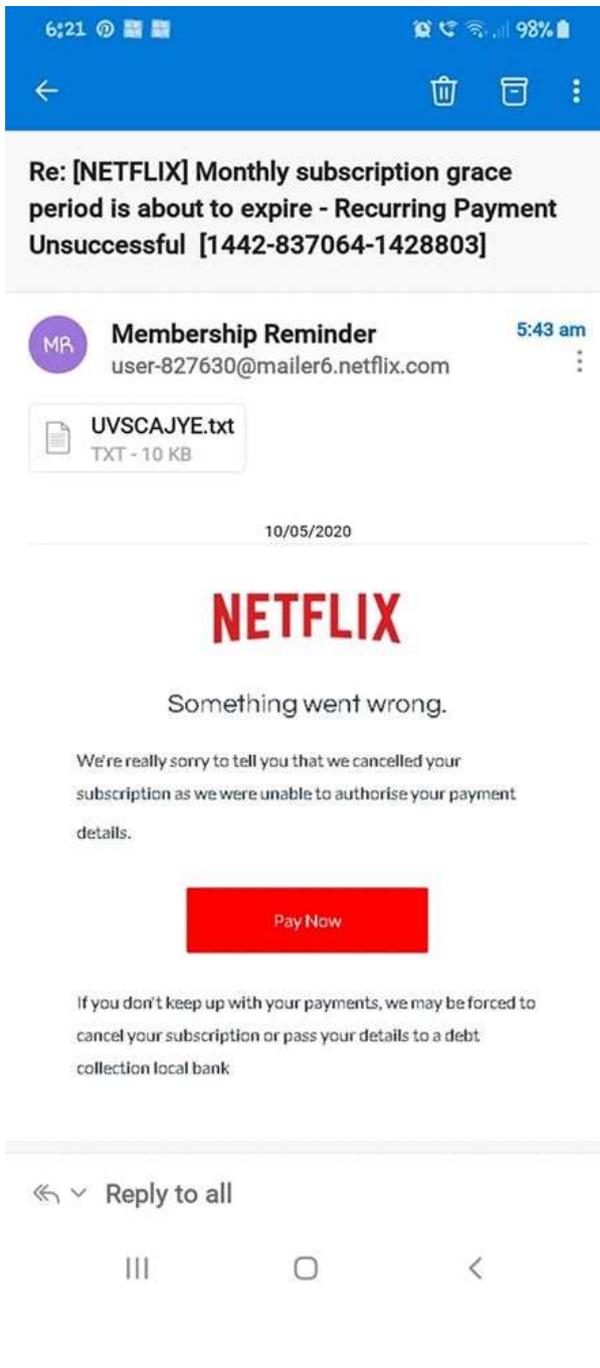
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

12 May, shared from Scam Watchdog Australia: If you are a Netflix customer, ignore then and log in to your account at <https://netflix.com> and check your account.

Never click on the links in an email.



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 12 May: International Nurses Day. **Thank you!**

Tuesday 19 May - Friday 23 May: NSW Fire & Rescue Virtual Open Day. Info [here](#).

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 (Turrumurra) NHW meeting tbc.

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

09 May, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: Suspicious man in north end of Quarter Sessions at 3am

My alarm went off at 2.58 am and my security camera recorded an apparently youngish man walking down my drive and into next door and then around the cul de sac and up onto QTR headed south. Police informed, looked in area with two cars. They recorded my video footage and went off looking around the area. Seems to be in pale jeans, ?? leather jacket and hooded head. Walking confidently and not seemingly bothered by assorted lights turning on. Nothing seemingly done to my property. Maybe he checked the cars which were locked but he did not take time to check other cars in the roadway.

08 May, from Australian Federal Police: *TRIGGER WARNING*** (Child Abuse) Child-like sex dolls are abhorrent and illegal.**

Shockingly, three men in NSW were arrested and charged in one week alone for allegedly purchasing child-like sex dolls, thanks to the work of AFP, Australian Border Force and NSW Police Force officers.

While some may think these dolls are harmless, the reality these dolls sexualise children and are harmful. They do not prevent future offending. Research by the Australian Institute of Criminology shows sexualised dolls can desensitise people who use them to the real-life physical, emotional and psychological harm caused to children by sexual abuse. It suggests the use of these dolls may lead to an escalation in child sex offences – from viewing online child abuse material to contact sexual offending.

These men each face a potential 15 years jail if convicted of possessing one of the dolls, under a new Commonwealth offence introduced in September 2019 to combat child abuse-related offences. The AFP and our law enforcement partners

are committed to protecting our children and keeping our community safe.

Anyone in the community with information relating to child exploitation or related activity is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000** or submit a confidential crime report via **www.crimestoppers.com.au**



85,617 Views

08 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Dealers are a scourge on our community, our young people, our loved ones.

Dob them in and get them off the streets. Report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call us on **1800 333 000. (24/7)**. Staying silent only makes it worse.



07 May, from ACS Information Age: Beware of Australia Post scams

Legit emails won't ask for your credit card info. Australia Post has issued a warning

to watch out for fake emails that claim a package of yours hasn't been delivered because of a weight limit.

Full article [here](#).

Thanks to Matt for bringing this to our attention.

**07 May, from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE):
Not all apps and games are created equally, some have better safety features than others.**

However, it is important to remember that all apps have the potential to be misused or cause harm. Consider if the content on them is appropriate for your child.

The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) has an excellent guide on the featuring safety information about the latest apps and games: www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide

#7dayonlinesafetychallenge #OnlineSafety ThinkUKnow Australia



05 May, from Ku-ring-gai SES: #STAYHOME ACTIVITIES #3:

An #EmergencyKit can help save precious time in an emergency. It provides items you might need if you lose power or need to leave your home in a hurry. It's time to

get the kids involved in putting together an emergency kit for your family:

- 1. See what can be found around the home that should go into the kit.
- 2. Make a shopping list for anything that is missing or needs replacing/updating.
- 3. Put together a list of emergency contact numbers – keep a copy in your emergency kit and another copy on the fridge.
- 4. Keep your kit in a waterproof storage container.
- 5. Set a reminder in your calendar to check and restock your emergency kit every 6 months.

For more information, click [here](#).

Taken from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours":

- **Tip#14:** UPDATE YOUR HOUSE INSURANCE. WALK ROUND THE HOUSE WITH A VIDEO CAMERA, RECORDING OBJECTS & CONTENTS IN EACH ROOM, OPENING ALL DRAWERS & CUPBOARDS. Include the shed, garage, garden ornaments, roof space, cellar, etc. Store this video safely off-site (eg at work or with a trusted relative).
- **Tip#15:** LIST ROOM-BY-ROOM YOUR VALUABLES WITH MODELS & SERIAL NUMBERS etc. PHOTOGRAPH ALL JEWELLERY ITEMS WITH A RULER ADJACENT FOR SCALE. Keep the list & photos safely off-site.
- **Tip#16:** ENGRAVE YOUR LICENCE NUMBER ON VALUABLE PROPERTY. SENSITIVE ARTICLES (eg screens, laptops) CAN BE MARKED WITH AN ULTRA-VIOLET PEN. Ask your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) for the loan of an engraver and/or UV Pen. Contact CPO at Hornsby Police Station: **9746 9799**.
- **Tip#17:** NOTE WHERE YOUR ELECTRICITY MAINS SWITCH IS AND THE WATER & GAS SUPPLY SHUT-OFFS FOR YOUR PROPERTY. Consider an ETSA padlock on the meter cupboard (a special lock available from locksmiths).

For more tips, see our Neighbourhood Watch website:

NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au

For the best crime prevention links across the internet, see our Neighbourhood Watch 'WatchOut' website: WatchOut.org.au

Thanks to UK Cop Humour: I hear the world's tongue-twister champion just got arrested.

Apparently they intend to give him a really tough sentence.

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



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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



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