



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #449 - 19 May 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.

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19 May, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

There have been a number of residential and commercial break enter and stealing incidents this month. Suburbs where these have occurred are Gordon, Pymble, Turramurra, Wahroonga and Asquith.

Some of the property stolen included tools, a motorbike, jewellery and designer handbags.

Police remind all to be vigilant in locking their doors and windows. If you have an alarm, then please set it.

Keep an eye out for your neighbour and please report any suspicious behaviour as close to the time the suspicious activity is occurring.



18 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



9:10am, 17/5/20

Old Pac Hwy Cowan, Northbound red bmw s1000 failed to negotiate left hand bend. Rider lost control of motorcycle. The motorcycle slid across into southbound lanes colliding with a white Kawasaki motorcycle and a bicycle rider which were both travelling south. Nil injuries. Both motorcycles towed. Male rider of the bmw issued infringement for negligent driving.

18 May, from Ku Ring Gai Police Area Command

Wanted Queensland man charged over Brisbane murders

Monday, 18 May 2020 06:08:33 AM

NSW Police Force Homicide Squad detectives have charged a man with an interstate warrant for two murders.

Acting on information, officers from Ku-ring-gai Highway Patrol stopped a Toyota Rav4 travelling south on the M1 at Berowra, about 6.30pm yesterday (Sunday 17 May 2020).

A 31-year-old Queensland man was arrested without incident and taken to Hornsby Police Station.

Homicide Squad detectives charged the man by virtue of a Queensland arrest

warrant for two counts of murder and unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

The car was seized and will undergo forensic examination.

The man was refused bail and is due to appear at Parramatta Local Court via AVL today (Monday 18 May 2020).

Queensland Police detectives are expected to travel to NSW where they will apply for the man's extradition.

16 May, from NSW Health



Under NSW's relaxed restrictions, up to 10 people can gather outdoors as long as they stay 1.5 metres apart.

In addition, active hand hygiene keeps you and those around you safe.

Stay safe. Practise active hand hygiene.

15 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



3.10pm 14th May

M1 Motorway

Cooranbong

21 year old Learner rider detected at 130Kmh. Restricted to 90Kmh.

Penalty notice \$920, 5 demerits and licence suspended for 3 months.

15 May, from NSW Health

With restrictions easing from tomorrow, it's important to continue to stay 1.5m away from others and wash your hands regularly. If you feel unwell, please get tested and stay home until you get your results. In order to stay on top of the virus, we can't let down our guard.

Q. Do the 5 visitors include children?

A. Yes, it is 5 visitors in total including children.

Q. Can I have 10 people visit my home if we are outdoors?

A. No. An outdoor gathering means a gathering in a park or public place. In your home you can only have up to 5 visitors.

Q. Can I train outdoors with up to 10 people?

A. Yes. Remember to maintain physical distancing.

Q. Can I have a picnic?

A. Yes, so long as it is with up to 10 people total.

Q. What are the rules for cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs?

A. They can have up to 10 patrons seated at any one time and can continue to

provide take away. They must also continue to apply the 4sqm rules and patrons must exercise 1.5m in social distancing.

Q. What are the rules about using outdoor equipment?

A. You can use outdoor exercise and playground equipment, but do so with caution. Wash your hands before and after you use this equipment. Assume the person who has used the equipment before you has the virus.

Q. What are the restrictions on outdoor pools?

A. Outdoor pools can operate but can have no more than 10 people at a time and no more than one person per lane. Change areas will also remain closed.

Q. Will there be police enforcement/penalties for people who do not follow the rules?

A. Yes. It is extremely important that we all stay vigilant and maintain the rules around physical distancing. We cannot afford to be complacent. NSW Police will continue to work with the community to help maintain the gains we have made together.

Q. Is local and regional travel allowed for holidays and recreation in NSW?

A. No. NSW is not yet ready to allow regional travel and holidays.

Q. When will the next round of restrictions be eased?

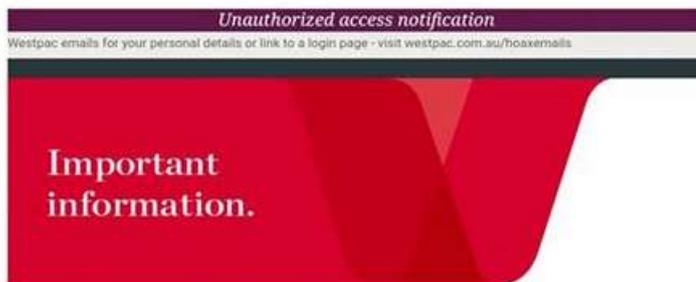
A. This decision will always be based on data and the best available health advice. NSW will monitor the impacts of the latest round of eased restrictions.

14 May, from Ku Ring Gai Police Area Command: SCAM!

RE: Your Westpac online banking services has been disabled on March 26, 2020.



Membership Alert 11:14
to me ▾



If you receive one of these emails, then DELETE! But firstly, lets break down what was sent to us and see if what appears to be legitimate is really a scam.

Emails are randomly picked by scammers. This email was sent to me. The Scammer was hoping I would unwittingly click on the link provided. Before doing anything, slow down and think clearly. If an email or text for that matter comes to you out of the blue, then do not engage the originator.

So, we receive one of these emails. We suddenly panic and start clicking, worried our account has been compromised. Almost as suddenly, we've lost hundreds or thousands of dollars.

So, let's break this down and approach the situation logically. To do this, spend a couple of minutes before you take any action at all. Go through the suspicious email word by word, line by line and or, phone a friend if you are suspicious of any email sent to you.

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Your Westpac online banking services has been disabled on March 26, 2020.

MY THOUGHTS: I don't have a Westpac account, online or otherwise. Why are

you emailing me?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Membership alert.

MY THOUGHTS: I'm not a member or client of Westpac, so why are you emailing me?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Unauthorised access notification.

MY THOUGHTS: Are you notifying me of a pending unauthorised access by YOU?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Important information.

MY THOUGHTS: Not for me – remember, I don't have a Westpac account.

EMAILER'S CLAIM: We've noticed that someone made a purchase on amazon.com.au

MY THOUGHTS: Good for you. I'm certain many people make purchases on amazon.

EMAILER'S CLAIM: For your protection we've disabled your card for online purchases.

MY THOUGHTS: Oh, ok. A bit difficult to disable my card when I don't have one – and what, disabled just for online purchases? How does this work?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Please make sure these transactions were made by you.

MY THOUGHTS: Huh? I don't have a Westpac card, so how could I have made any transactions online in the first place?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: You can check your account statements by clicking on the link below.

MY THOUGHTS: No, I can't. Remember, I don't have an account with Westac. How can I check statements I don't have?

EMAILER'S CLAIM: Click here to login.

MY THOUGHTS: No way SCAMMER!

MY RESPONSE: DELETED WITHOUT CLICKING ON LINK.

Please spend a little time and look closely at any suspicious email or text before you let your fingers start clicking. You'll save yourself from a whole world of hurt.

“Good afternoon, I would like to express my gratitude! Yesterday working in Coffs Harbor my offsider and I decided on Subway for lunch. While finishing our order a member of the public paid for both our lunches and left without saying a word to us. It wasn't until we reached the till that we were told our lunch had been paid for. With all that is going on at the moment with the coronavirus and the unemployment, just shows there are still people out there that appreciate the work we do as police.”

We love getting these kind of messages to our inbox! Thank you to whoever the anonymous random legend is out there!



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

18 May, from 9news.com.au: Man charged over parents' deaths to be extradited back to Queensland to face court



The man charged over the deaths of his parents in their home north of Brisbane, will return to Queensland tomorrow after appearing in a Sydney court this morning. Christopher Puglia, 31, did not appear at Parramatta Local Court today after the deaths of his parents Frank and Loris, both 59, and did not apply for bail.

Their bodies were found at their bed and breakfast at Joyner on Sunday, and police allege he killed his parents on Saturday.

Mr Puglia was found across the border, 900km away, allegedly in his father's new car.

NSW highway patrol officers acting on intelligence stopped and arrested him on the M1 at Berowra, north of Sydney, about four hours after the discovery of the

bodies.

He will be extradited by road to Brisbane tomorrow by Queensland detectives to face court on May 21.

His defence did not make an application for bail and did not oppose the warrant to extradite him.

For details click [here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

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

17 May, thank you to Robyn who contacted us yesterday: Hi I have a photo of an unknown substance I caught a man throwing in the ground along the street besides Jaycar Hornsby.

It had an odd smell. He didn't notice me, I caught up to him once he stopped at the corner at Jaycar and I smiled but he looked very ashamed. I have no idea what it is but I was concerned that it is or something toxic to animals/pets. That's the substances, they smelled strange and he had it in a Mount Franklin 1.5L bottle and was flicking it on the ground as he was walking along. Not sure if it is worth posting to pet owners just in case someone walks their dog that way.

From the comments: They look like poppy seeds. They are easy to get in bulk. If he had them in a bottle he was likely drinking what is called 'poppy wash' which is where you extract the opium from them and drink them. Guy was getting his buzz on.

Click [here](#) for info on 'Poppy Wash'.

Click [here](#) for government info on Poppy Growing in NSW.



15 May, Thank you to NSWPF Ku-ring-gai PAC.

Crime stats for April 2020 for suburbs within the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC). Please share them with your communities.

KURING GAI PAC Compass Incident count x Month			KURING GAI PAC Compass Incident count x		
Suburb / Incident Category	2020-03		Suburb / Incident Category	2020-03	
Arcadia					
Break And Enter	2		Malicious Damage	1	
Stealing	1		Pymble		
Asquith			Break And Enter	2	
Stealing	1		Malicious Damage	2	
Berowra			Stealing	3	
Malicious Damage	8		South Turrumurra		
Stealing	1		Break And Enter	1	
Berowra Heights			Stealing	1	
Stealing	1		St Ives		
Brooklyn			Break And Enter	2	
Break And Enter	2		Malicious Damage	2	
Stealing	3		Stealing	4	
Dural			Thornleigh		
Stealing	1		Break And Enter	1	
East Killara			Malicious Damage	5	
Break And Enter	1		Stealing	9	
Galston			Turrumurra		
Malicious Damage	3		Break And Enter	2	
Stealing	1		Malicious Damage	8	
Gordon			Robbery	1	
Malicious Damage	2		Stealing	5	
Hornsby			Wahroonga		
Break And Enter	2		Robbery	1	
Malicious Damage	3		Stealing	1	
Stealing	14		Waitara		
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1		Malicious Damage	4	
Hornsby Heights			Stealing	5	
Malicious Damage	1		West Pymble		
Killara			Malicious Damage	2	
Break And Enter	1		Stealing	1	
Malicious Damage	1		Westleigh		
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	2		Malicious Damage	1	
Middle Dural			Stealing	1	
Break And Enter	1		North Turrumurra		
Mount Colah			Stealing	1	
Malicious Damage	1		North Wahroonga		
Stealing	1				
Mount Kuring-Gai					
Break And Enter	1				
Stealing	2				
Normanhurst					
Malicious Damage	1				
Stealing	2				
North Turrumurra					
Stealing	1				
North Wahroonga					

15 May, from Ku-ring-gai Council

Following advice from the NSW Government, we're pleased to announce the reopening of Ku-ring-gai's playgrounds, outdoor gyms, skate park and public tennis courts from today Friday 15 May. Please follow guidelines on outdoor gatherings, good hygiene and social distancing practices. More info [here](#)

14 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Daughter's scooter stolen tonight at the beginning of Woodcourt bushwalk. Please let me know if seen, as was a birthday present and very upset. Thanks.



14 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Firearm theft is a crime.

CRIME STOPPERS
.com.au
1800 333 000

Turn it into time. **SPEAK UP.**

NSW | **000 EMERGENCY** | **Crime happening now? Call 000** | **See something, suspect something, say something.** | **30** | **CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000**

Firearms Theft is a scourge on our rural communities. Below are some tips to

help prevent this crime happening to you:

✓ Ensure guns are stored correctly in gun safes that are bolted or fixed to the property.

✓ Comply with legislation and keep your gun safe key on your person and not hidden.

✓ Ensure the premises where you store your firearms are solid with sturdy lockable doors and windows.

✓ Ensure your gun safe key is kept on your person.

✓ Lock ammunition in a container kept separate to the firearms.

✓ Check your firearms regularly.

✓ Do not advertise you have firearms eg social media, open discussions in public places or showing your firearms to others.

Do you have information about Firearm Theft? Any piece of information, anything you have seen or heard, may be crucial in preventing or solving a crime. We don't want to know who you are; we just want to know what you know.

Report online at [Crime Stoppers Website](#). or call us on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

13 May, from smh.com.au: Northern beaches man sentenced for online 'sextortion' of 49 children



A 24-year-old northern beaches man has been sentenced to almost 10 years in jail for his "cruel and relentless" manipulation of 49 children and teenage boys, who he lured online and blackmailed into sending sexually explicit content.

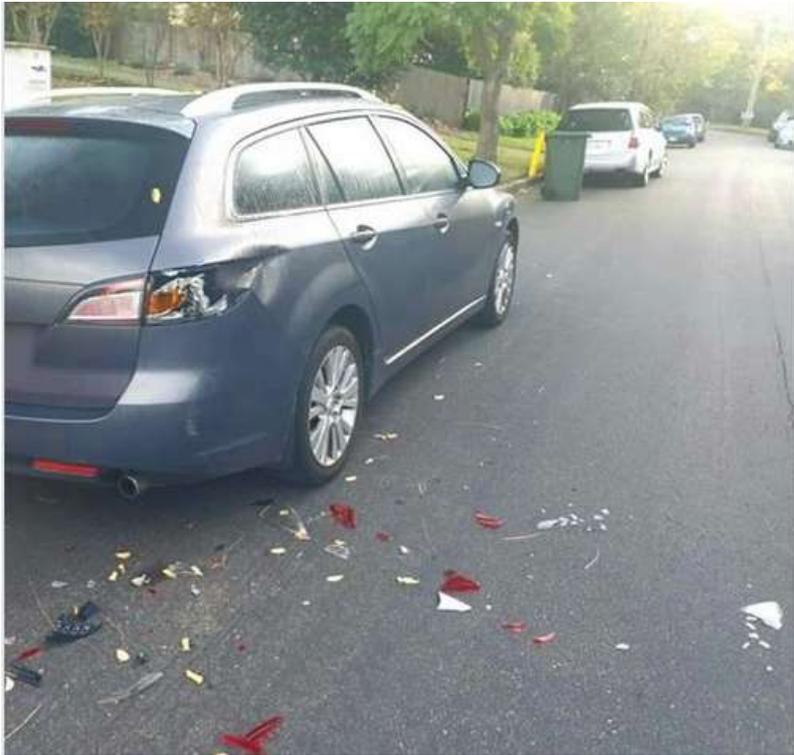
Kurtis Whaley, from Manly Vale, used Instagram, Snapchat, Skype and other social media platforms to pose as a 16-year-old girl named "Beth," to solicit sexually explicit images and videos from boys aged between eight and 15.

In January Whaley pleaded guilty to 54 child sexual abuse offences, linked to the production, possession, solicitation and transmission of child abuse material over a period of almost five years.

On Tuesday NSW District Court Judge Ian Bourke SC sentenced Whaley to a maximum nine years and six months in jail, with a non-parole period of six years and four months.

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

13 May, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:



Does anyone have a security camera facing Judson Road? A large truck with red led lights all around the back was reversing down Judson Rd from the cul-de-sac and hit my car at about 5:45am today. I then saw it drive down Lennox Street but I couldn't see the number plate.

12 May, from esafety.gov.au: Webinars for parents and carers

Join one of our webinars for parents and carers, at no cost.

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

All sessions are delivered by our eSafety expert educators.

All webinars are listed in AEST.

For details, click [here](#).

12 May, from the Department of Health:

Australians aged 70 years or older, 65 years or older with chronic health problems, Indigenous Australians 50 years or older or with chronic health problems and people with compromised (weakened) immune systems will continue to be

encouraged to stay at home where possible, as governments across Australia move forward with a new 3-step COVIDSafe plan.

National Cabinet announced its 3-step plan on Friday 8 May. The plan provides a pathway for states and territories to move toward COVIDSafe communities in a way that suits their circumstances. States and territories will be able to move between the steps on the pathway at different times, in line with their public health situation and local conditions. They'll need to maintain steady case numbers and be able to rapidly contain any outbreaks. Vulnerable people should continue to stay home where possible.

The first steps are cautious ones. It is important we do not move too quickly and risk losing the control we have achieved. The first steps will see some businesses start to reopen, and more people able to return to the workplace as we start to allow groups of up to 10 people to be together in homes and in the community. These steps help build a COVIDSafe economy, but also give Australians more opportunities to connect with family and friends.

It is important to remain vigilant and for all businesses to develop a plan to operate in a COVIDSafe way. Safe Work Australia has resources for workplaces in the Aged Care industry on COVID-19.

All Australians are being asked to take steps to help slow the spread of coronavirus. This includes that we must all commit to:

staying 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever we can
maintaining good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene
staying home when we're unwell, and getting tested if we have respiratory symptoms or a fever
downloading the COVIDSafe app so we can find the virus quickly, and
developing COVID safe plans for workplaces and plans.

Australia's success depends on us making these behaviours part of our daily lives during the pandemic to keep us COVIDSafe. Whenever you leave home, you should think about how you're going to keep yourself, family, friends and co-workers safe. Make conscious choices about what you do and when you do it. This is particularly important for people who are at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19, their friends and their family.

It remains especially important for people to stay at home as much as possible if they are:

aged 70 years or older

aged 65 years or older with chronic medical conditions

an Indigenous Australian aged 50 years or older with chronic medical conditions

a person with a compromised (weakened) immune system.

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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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)



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please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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