



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

## eNewsletter #450 - 26 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.

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

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**25 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Upgrade of the ferry ramps at Berowra Waters between Monday 1 June and Monday 13 July.**

The ferry will be closed for important works:

- replace the eastern and western ferry ramps – the new ramps will be built over the existing structure
- install underwater barriers around the new ramps to reduce wear and tear from tides and sediments
- resurface the roads approach to the new ferry ramp.

A water taxi service will be operating for pedestrians, from one side to the other. This water taxi service will be free, and will run:

- between 6am and 10am and between 3pm and 7pm on weekdays
- between 8am and 6pm on Saturdays
- between 8am and 4pm on Sundays and public holidays.

The water taxi can accommodate cyclists and their bicycles. However, it will be limited in size and there is a need to maintain appropriate social distancing on board. The water taxi will only be able to take one or two bicycles at a time.

**Detour for road users:**

While the ferry is closed the suggested detour for motorists is via Galston Gorge. There won't be any planned maintenance along the detour during the ferry closure. However, we would carry out any urgent maintenance work needed.

Pedestrian access to cross Berowra Creek will be prioritised. To avoid long wait times, we would encourage cyclists, particularly larger groups, to not include a crossing at Berowra Creek as part of their cycling routes during the ferry closure.

If you have particular special needs or circumstances in relation to the ferry crossing during the closure, we would like to work with you on an appropriate solution to help you maintain connectivity across the creek during this time. Please contact us on 1800 861 855 if you would like to discuss your circumstances further or [www.rms.work/berowraferry](http://www.rms.work/berowraferry) or [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com)

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**25 May, from NSW Road Safety: More students returned to school today**

**which means more children are walking and riding near the road.**

Please stay under the 40km/h speed limit in school zones, always keep a lookout and take extra care when dropping off or picking up children. Actively supervise your child, hold their hand when crossing the road and make sure they wear a helmet when riding.

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**25 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Important message for all commuters from NSW Health & Transport for NSW.**

Keep your distance on public transport. No dot, no spot. Distinctive green dots are on trains, buses and ferries to show you the safest places to sit and stand.

For info on safe travel on public transport visit Transport NSW [here](#).



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**24 May, from NSW Police Historic Patrol Vehicles: NSW Police Department, St Ives driver training 1961.**



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**24 May, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Even though the NSW road toll has dropped from more than 1200 each year in the 1970s to 332 in the last 12 months, speeding remains an ongoing problem.**

In the 1970s and early 1980s, drink driving was Australia's biggest road safety challenge. However since random breath testing was introduced in 1982 there has been a change in community opinion - drink driving is not acceptable. If we can all adopt this attitude to speeding as well our roads will be a much safer place. With the decrease in drink driving, speed has become the biggest road safety challenge for NSW.

The size of the problem...

Full Media Release (including stats) [here](#).



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**24 May, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Remember, fatigue-related crashes can happen on any trip no matter how long or short or what time of day.**

It's important to think about how tired you are before driving, recognise the early warning signs when driving and know what to do to avoid driving tired.

Did you know?

- Fatigue is one of the big three killers on NSW roads
- Fatigue-related crashes are twice as likely to be fatal - drivers who are asleep can't brake
- From 2013 to 2017, more people in NSW died in fatigue-related crashes than drink driving crashes
- Being awake for about 17 hours has a similar effect on performance as a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.05

Fatigue can be fatal...

Full Media Release (including stats) [here](#).



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**24 May, from NSW Road Safety: This week more students will be returning to schools across NSW.**

That means our children are counting on us to watch out for them when they're travelling to school. So please, remain vigilant at all times and remember:

- - Slow down to 40km/h in school zones
- - Be aware of increased congestion. Park legally, using designated drop off and pick up areas.
- - Look out for families and children walking or riding to school
- - Always give way to pedestrians and watch out for school crossing supervisors
- - When lights flash on the back of buses motorists must slow down to 40km/h

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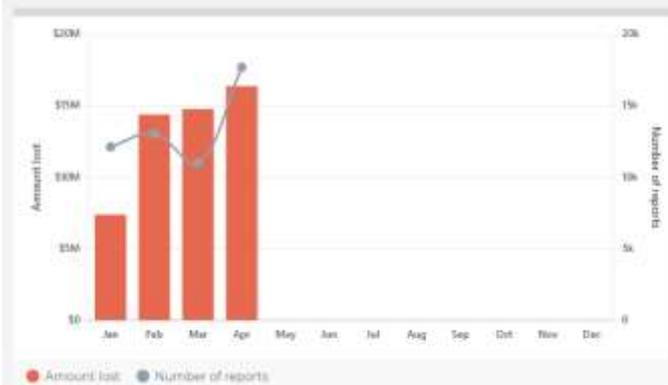
**21 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: SCAMS – Unfortunately they’re here to stay.**

And yes, any one of us can get scammed. Please take a little time to have a look at the latest statistics from Scam Watch statistics - 2020 YTD.

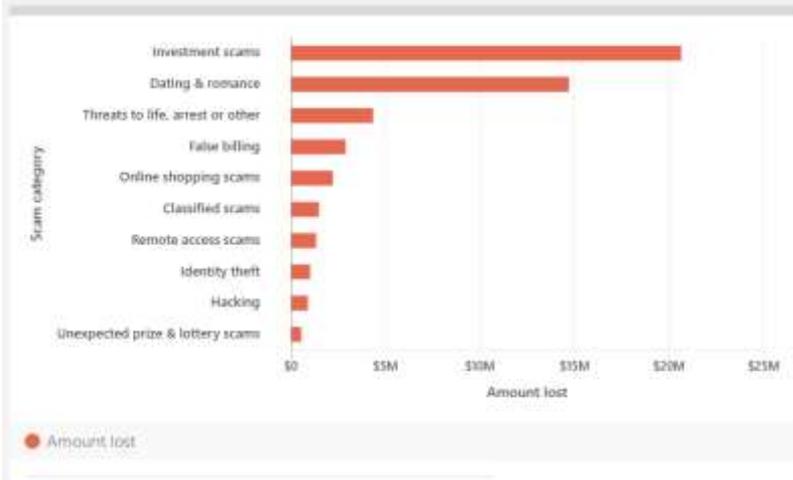
- Do we know how much of our hard-earned money is SCAMMED from us each year?
- How many reports are made and how much have we lost?
- What are the main types of SCAMS we should be on the lookout for?
- Through which medium are we scammed?
- And which age groups are mostly affected?

Amount lost	Number of reports	Reports with financial losses
\$52 971 358	53 904	13.2%

Amount lost and number of reports

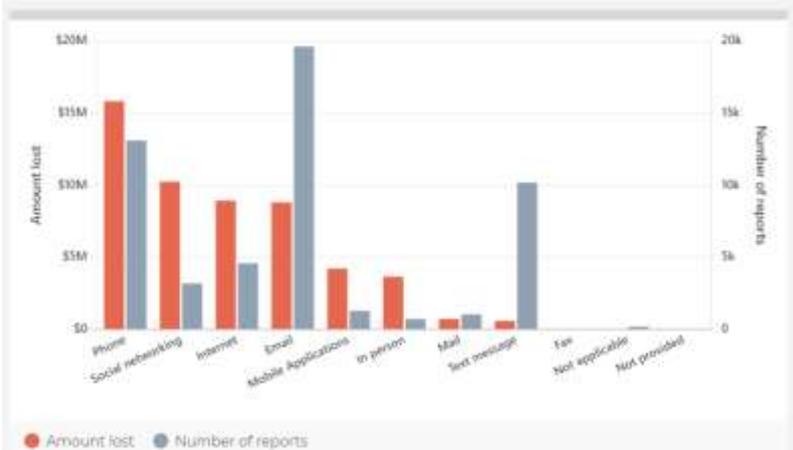


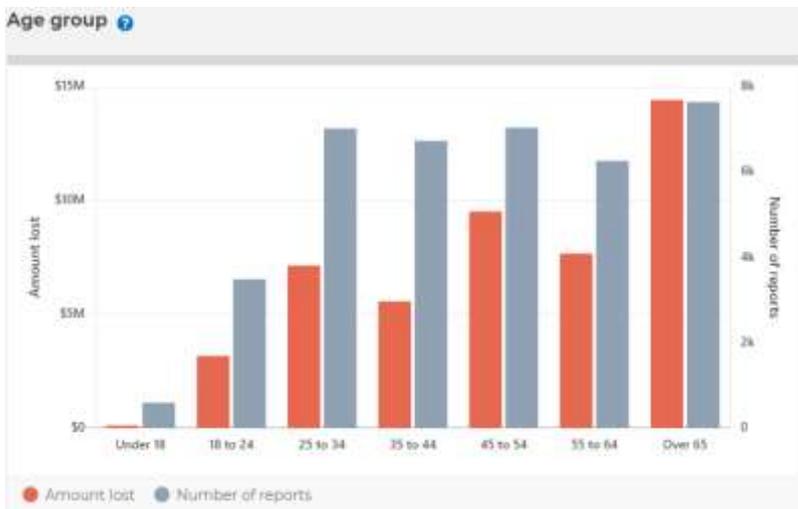
### Top 10 scams by amount lost



Scam category	Amount lost
Investment scams	\$20,650,486
Dating & romance	\$14,708,686
Threats to life, arrest or other	\$4,348,559
False billing	\$2,898,259
Online shopping scams	\$2,217,943
Classified scams	\$1,485,933
Remote access scams	\$1,338,032
Identity theft	\$1,019,251
Hacking	\$898,928
Unexpected prize & lottery scams	\$551,606

### Delivery method





## 21 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: A MESSAGE OF HOPE. YOU ARE NOT ALONE:

During these trying times of lockdown and social isolation, you may have experienced or be experiencing some form of domestic violence. Some indicators of this could be, higher than usual verbal arguments, shouting, threatening behaviour, pushing or serious physical assault, intimidation, emotional and psychological stress. We understand the pressures being thrust upon the community at this time and know that some of you may feel trapped, unable to see or speak with that trusted friend; unable to meet up for a coffee; have a sense of being stifled.

It is your right to be able to live a life without fear and intimidation.

If you feel this describes your situation then please do not hesitate to call us, speak with us, make a report or simply gather some information and give yourself permission to take back some control of your life or situation. We can also assist by putting you in touch with support and or referral services if required.

### HOW TO CONTACT POLICE:

- For emergencies call triple zero (**000**)
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line (**131444**)
- To report criminal activity – you can remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers (**1800 333 000**)
- Or call your local police station:
  - Hornsby Police **9476 9799**

**21 May, from NSW Health: NSW Health is aware of door-to-door scammers pretending to be NSW Health employees asking to administer health checks.**

NSW Health is not conducting health checks door to door and advises the community to stay alert.

Here are some simple steps from NSW Police Force to protect yourself against door-to-door scammers:

- 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.

And remember:

- DON'T be pressured into signing or paying up front.
- ALWAYS research a company or service provider prior to paying or agreeing to a contract.
- ALWAYS read any contract or service paperwork carefully prior to paying for any work.
- NEVER give your personal or bank account details to people you don't know and trust.
- ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

If you do encounter a door-to-door scammer, report online at [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au) or call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** (24/7).

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**20 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: NSW residents will be able to take a holiday anywhere in NSW from next month, with intra-state travel restrictions to be lifted from Monday 1 June, 2020.**

Find out more: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)



**NSW Government  
COVID-19 Response**

**From 1 June, travel restrictions will change in NSW.**

**If you are a NSW resident:**

- You can visit anywhere in regional NSW for recreation and holiday purposes
- Some caravan parks and camping grounds will be open
- Call ahead to confirm any bookings
- National park visitors should check [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au) to learn more

- Follow physical distancing and good hygiene practice
- Public health advice is still in place

**Interstate travel to NSW**

- You may now travel to NSW for a holiday
- You must follow the rules of your home state or territory when returning



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**24 May, Congratulations to Neighbourhood Watch groups in our neighbouring Northern Beaches Police Area Command!**

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers in the Beaches suburbs of Freshwater, Curl Curl and Queenscliff are moving into the digital age with a new Facebook page and eNewsletters. Do you know of anyone living or working in those suburbs? Please share the page and let's spread this good news around! 😊😊

Click [here](#) for the Neighbourhood Watch in Freshwater, Curl Curl and Queenscliff Facebook page.



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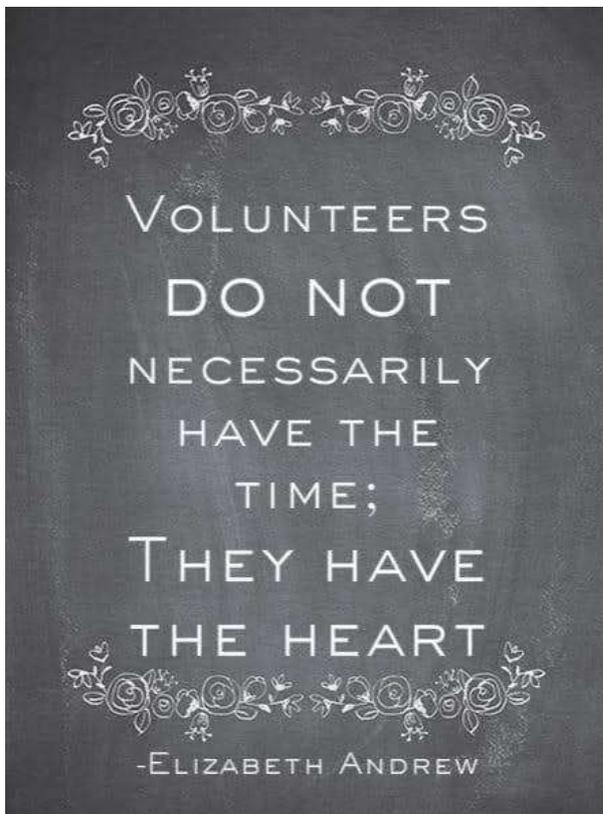
Car bonnet trodden in when parked on Wallalong Crescent, and car got keyed a month ago ☹️

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**23 May, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

We would like to express our gratitude on this NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK to all the invaluable, priceless contribution to our community by our volunteers. Always and specially In these challenging times, volunteers are continuing to make a difference keeping our communities strong together and maintaining vital services during the pandemic.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." 🙏🙏 THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS 🙏🙏



Thank you to NHW Tarneit Central

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**Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 26 May: National Sorry Day**

**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.

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**26 May, from 9News.com.au: Nigerian scammers based in Australia's backyard, call for cybercrime rethink**

Nigeria-based scammers, who target millions of Australian email accounts, could be closer to home than you may think.

The west African nation is an established hub for cyber criminals who carry out

'advance free fraud' familiar to many victims of their fake emails.

But few Australians realise many of these cybercrime gangs have moved into the Asia Pacific - Australia's back yard.

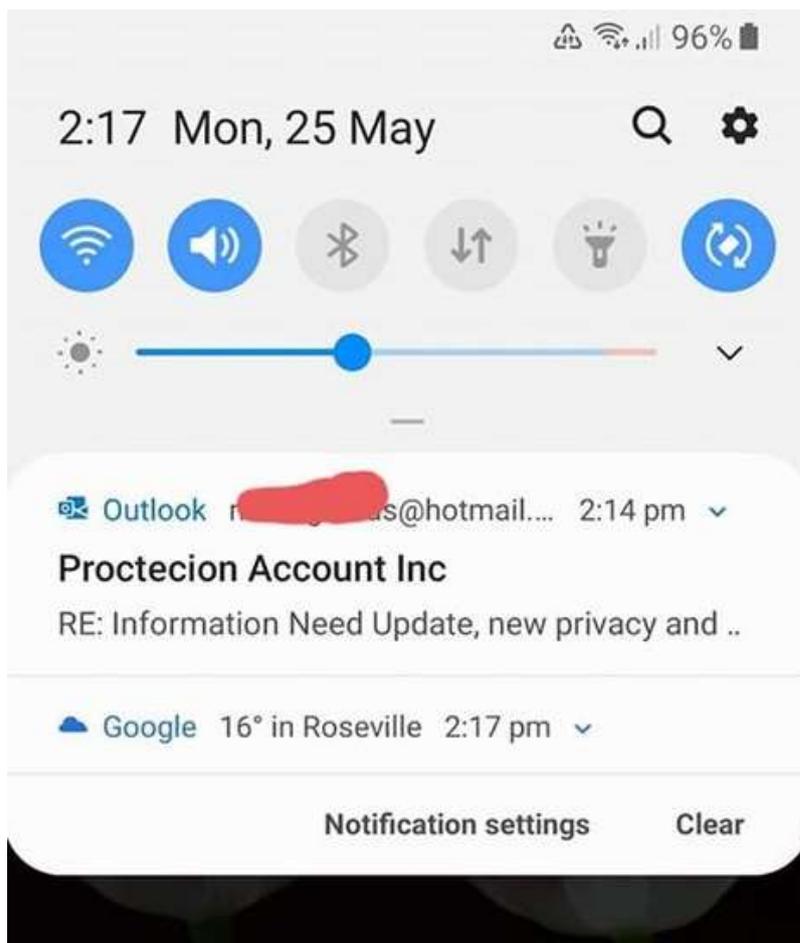
A new report by expert Jonathan Lusthaus, '[Cybercrime in South East Asia](#)', published by the [Australian Strategic Policy Institute](#), shows many are based in Malaysia.

Full article [here](#).

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**26 May: One of our readers shared this scam. If you receive any email on your mobile that is obviously fake, please delete it.**

More info on scams, reporting them, and what to do is included on our Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention website Scams page [here](#).



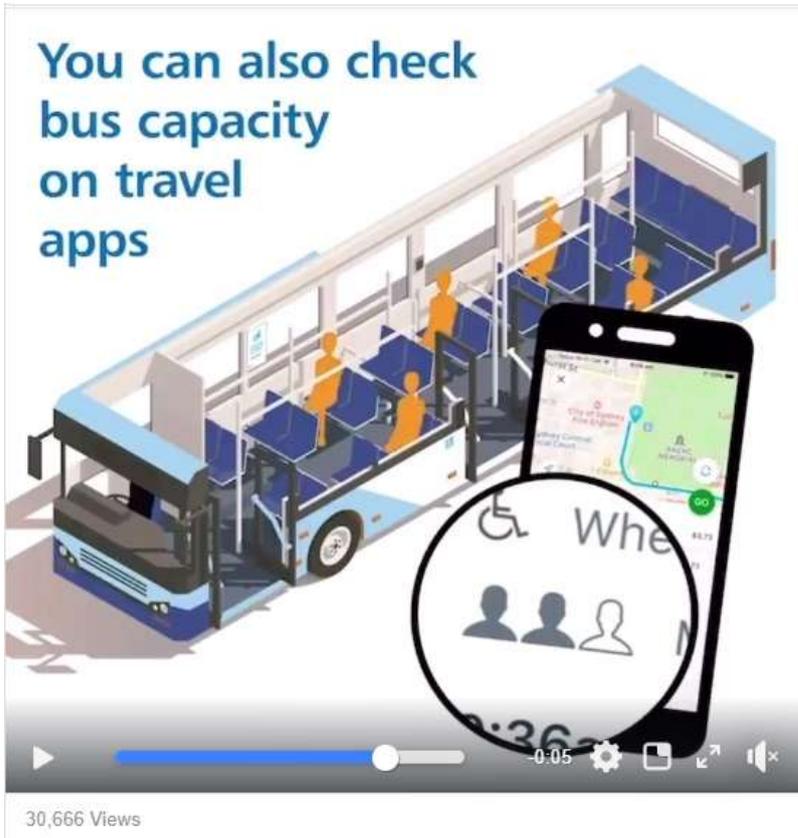
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**25 May, from NSW Incident Alerts: #COVID19: To help you maintain physical distancing on public transport, you can now check the capacity of your**

**service before boarding.**

Use the platform indicators, the transportnsw.info trip planner, the Opal Travel app, or your favourite third party app.

More info click [here](#) - Transport NSW



**22 May, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group yesterday:**

Keep an eye out for what appears to be a mother and son who attempted to take my son's bike from Darnley Oval at 5pm whilst he was playing with his friends this afternoon. He chased after them and they ran off. I have reported it via the NSW police community portal.

**22 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday:**

LOST: skateboard ☐ we were at Canon Rd netball courts this afternoon (bottom court) and accidentally left a skateboard behind. Came back to check and is no longer here 😞 pattern below - please let me know if you have come across it. Slim

chance I know, but thought I'd try!!



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### **A drive-in at St Ives Showground?**

If you think it's a good idea, here's the link to the petition to share with mates: <http://chnq.it/kYF8FdWsVC>

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### **20 May, from the Boat Owners Association NSW: BOATING RESTRICTIONS OFFICIALLY LIFTED AS FOLLOWS [edited]**

As advised by NSW Maritime just now...

"I am pleased to inform you that yesterday the NSW Minister for Health signed an Exemption to the Public Health Order (COVID-19) Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 2) 2020. This Exemption allows members of the same household to use their recreational vessel for all on-water activities even if the vessel does not allow for 4 square metres of space per person. In addition, this Exemption allows people (who are not part of the same household) to go recreational boating on NSW waterways where it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, each person on board maintains a

physical distance of 1.5 meters. In line with the NSW Government's easing of COVID-19 restrictions this means that the previous rule where it was permissible only to use boats for exercise and individuals were required to maintain 4 square metres of space is no longer in place.

For What you can and can't do: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

For all relevant legislation, see the NSW Government Legislation website: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/>

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## **21 May, from ACMAdotGov: Offshore gambling: Even if you win, you might lose.**

We regularly receive complaints about illegal gambling services. Things like:

- not being able to access funds
- accounts closing after you win
- only being given a small portion of winnings

Find out more about illegal gambling services and how to report them [here](#).



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**We have two warnings here, from our neighbouring commands.** If the same crime is appearing around us, then it is realistic to warn that we may have the same problem here.

Neighbourhood Watch would also like to remind you that there is a **Stolen Bike Register**. See our [Drivers & Cyclists page](#) on [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) for this and other links.

20 May, from our neighbouring The Hills command:



# **DING DING!**

## **Watch out for Bike Thieves**



**Thieves are targeting bicycles in The Hills.**

Be vigilant, secure your property, and record serial numbers and identifying features.

**If you see something that we should know about;**

**call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**



**and 20 May from our neighbouring Ryde command: Ryde Police are reminding residents to be vigilant with security of their bicycles**

Ryde Police would like to remind residents about the importance of securing their bicycles after an increase in recent thefts of bikes within the Ryde Police Area Command. Over the past few weeks, there have been several thefts of bicycles from storage cages and basement car parks within unit complexes as well as from bike racks with the command. Thieves have been targeting suburbs such as Macquarie Park, Ryde, Epping, Carlingford, Gladesville, Eastwood, Putney and Meadowbank.

There are a number of things you can do to keep your bicycle safe.

Most bicycles are stamped with a unique identification number, also known as a

serial number. You'll usually find the number on the underside of the bicycle frame. It's wise to keep a note of this number in case your bicycle is lost or stolen. If your bicycle does not have a serial number, you could engrave your own identification number and record the details.

There are several other easy measures you can take to assist the Police if your bicycle is lost or stolen:

- Note features such as colour, stickers, engravings and any unique aspect of your bicycle
- Take a photo of your bicycle.
- Lock it up - You can avoid theft by securing your bicycle when it is unattended.
- Carry a good quality bicycle lock and ensure that you secure the wheels and the frame.
- Try to use bicycle parking facilities when they are available.
- If you are leaving your bicycle for a longer period of time, consider removing the front and rear wheels and pairing these with the frame.
- Always lock your bicycle to a permanent fixture that cannot be manipulated to remove the lock.
- Remove all non-fixed items, i.e. lights, panniers, pumps etc.

If your bicycle is stolen, you should report the theft to Police immediately or as soon as possible. Provide the Police with all the relevant details including any identifying features along with a photograph of your bike.

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**20 May, from Jennifer Anderson, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai: Last night's Council meeting saw us pay tribute upon the passing of two gentlemen who both served their communities so well.**

Phillip Langley was a lifelong resident of Ku-ring-gai and a committed volunteer, from his local church at Killara through to the Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment community group.

In addition we marked the passing of a great friend of Australia Dr Patrick Simon, who was Mayor of the French town of Villers-Bretonneux. Dr Simon died last week from complications arising from COVID-19 and one of his final acts before his death was fundraising for Australia's bushfire recovery. In this he was aided by another great friend of Australia and Ku-ring-gai, the Mayor of Pozieres Bernard

Delattre. Both Mr. Langley and Dr. Simon will be greatly missed.



Phil Langley was a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer in East Killara. RIP 🕯

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### [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

We mention from time-to-time our Neighbourhood Watch [crime prevention website, WatchOut!](http://WatchOut.org.au) What is it?

It is actually the answer to the statement people commonly make after they become a victim of crime, "I wish I'd known that information before this happened. I never knew. Where could I have found that out?"

There is a lot of good information on the internet, but we don't know where to look. Neighbourhood Watch has put the best links to crime prevention advice, all in the one place. It is a 'one-stop-shop' of important crime prevention information to keep you safe online and offline. We rely on the community to let us know if we're missing a link, so if you spot a good webpage, please contact us via the website.

Why not have a look now? Click [here for the WatchOut.org.au website.](http://WatchOut.org.au)



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When you work at a bank and two guys with masks come in, but they're just robbing the place.



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## **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](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



[WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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



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**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

**Local Facebook pages:**



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](#)



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