



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #455 - 30 June 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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colleagues and neighbours.

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### **29 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

With more people taking up riding, it's important to remember we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe. So please, follow the road rules and look out for each other. [#ContinueTowardsZero](#)

Find out more [here](#). [Watch video here](#).

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### **29 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Is your headlight knowledge a little foggy? You can only use fog lights if it's difficult to see other vehicles or objects due to poor weather conditions 🌫️

For everyone's safety, don't use any light that might dazzle another road user, during the day or night.

[Watch video here.](#)

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### **29 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

The advertisement features a green-to-red gradient background. At the top left is a white telephone handset icon inside a rounded square. To its right, the text "Make the call." is written in white. Below this, a black prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal slash) is shown next to the text "End domestic violence." in bold black font. Underneath, a white telephone handset icon is inside a rounded square with the text "000 EMERGENCY" below it. To the right of this icon, the text "If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence now, CALL THE POLICE." is written in white. At the bottom of the advertisement, three logos are displayed: the NSW Police Force crest, the Crime Stoppers logo with the number "1800 333 000", and the NSW Government logo featuring a red flower.

Call the police if you see or hear domestic violence – that’s the clear message from the NSW Government, Crime Stoppers and the NSW Police as a new joint TV advertising campaign begins on commercial networks.

Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Mark Speakman said the six-week campaign comes after five women were killed in domestic violence murders across NSW in the last eight weeks.

“The brutal killings of these innocent women are just another tragic reminder of this terrible scourge – the latest victim was only 18 years old,” Mr Speakman said.

“I’m calling on the community to be a lifeline for these victims. When you know there’s an emergency happening next door which requires an urgent police response, don’t hesitate.

“Your phone call could be the difference between that woman living and that woman dying.”

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the dedicated men and women in blue need the community to be their eyes and ears across our neighbourhoods.

“Police do an incredible job responding to emergencies 24/7, and domestic violence call-outs can be some of the most violent and volatile scenes they confront,” Mr Elliott said.

“But they can’t respond if they don’t know what’s happening. That’s why we’ve joined Crime Stoppers and police to ensure domestic violence is reported so police can attend, arrest perpetrators and ultimately save lives.”

Crime Stoppers CEO Peter Price AM said home should be the safest place on the planet, offering solace to families – but sadly for some, it can instead become a living nightmare.

“Our mandate is for a safer NSW, which is why we continue to deploy our resources in the best way possible to make it safer for all, irrespective of age, race, or religion,” Mr Price said.

“Crime Stoppers promotes ‘good neighbourly behaviour’, so please look after your neighbour because you never know when they might be picking up the phone to help you one day.”

NSW Police Domestic Violence Corporate Spokesperson, Assistant Commissioner Mark Jones, said police respond to thousands of domestic violence incidents each year.

“Officers are responding proactively to domestic violence more than ever, with Domestic Violence Liaison Officers in every command and High Risk Offender Teams in every region holding perpetrators to account and protecting victims,” Assistant Commissioner Jones said.

“But we need the public’s help. If you know that someone is in immediate danger, if their life is being threatened, then pick up the phone immediately and report to

police.

For incidents occurring now, ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000).

If you have knowledge about a Domestic Violence situation call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain confidential.

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**28 June, from NSW Health**

With NSW relaxing restrictions, it can be easy to forget to maintain physical distancing.

Stay safe. Be respectful. Keep your distance.

For more information [click here](#).

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**27 June, from NSW Health**

## Over 70? Do the 7

COVID-19

Taking a cautious approach and understanding the risks can help protect yourself and those around you.

① Wash and sanitise hands and disinfect surfaces regularly



② Avoid unnecessary travel



③ Keep gathering virtually where you can



④ Consider having your essentials delivered



⑤ If you do go out stay 1.5m away from others at all times



⑥ If you're sick stay home and get tested



⑦ Ensure you don't come into contact with anyone who is unwell



Taking extra steps will make a difference [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)

**> HELP US STAY COVID SAFE**



Over 70? As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, it's important that people over 70 continue to remain vigilant when spending time outside their homes to protect themselves and those close to them.

For more advice for seniors, visit [this site](#).

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24 June, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



At 3.30 pm Tuesday 23 June 2020 Police attended the Galston Gorge after being notified of a heavy vehicle stopped/stuck on the second hair pin. Police attended and assisted the driver without causing to much delay. Once out of the Gorge the driver was spoken to and issued the following breaches after Kuring Gai Highway Patrol also conducted licence and Work diary checks :

- 1 Disobey No truck sign (length) - \$2364.00 - 6 demerit points
- 2 Licence expired less than 2 years - \$572.00
- 3 Solo driver work more than standard hours - minor breach \$447.00
- 4 Driver not record prescribed information - \$168.00
- 5 Driver as record keeper not keep record available to authorised officer \$336.00

The driver was travelling from Queensland to Arcadia and in the company of his young son. The driver was directed to contact another person to drive the vehicle.

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**29 June, from Forbes.com: Warning—Apple Suddenly Catches TikTok Secretly Spying On Millions Of iPhone Users**



As I reported on June 23, Apple has fixed a serious problem in iOS 14, due in the fall, where apps can secretly access the clipboard on users' devices. Once the new OS is released, users will be warned whenever an app reads the last thing copied to the clipboard. As I warned earlier this year, this is more than a theoretical risk for users, with countless apps already caught abusing their privacy in this way.

Worryingly, one of the apps caught snooping by security researchers Talal Haj Bakry and Tommy Mysk was China's TikTok. Given other security concerns raised about the app, as well as broader worries given its Chinese origins, this became a headline issue. At the time, TikTok owner ByteDance told me the problem related to the use of an outdated Google advertising SDK that was being replaced.

[Read more here.](#)

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**29 June, from Hills to Hawkesbury Community News**

A teenager remains in hospital and an investigation is underway following a stabbing in Castle Hill yesterday.

Emergency services were called to outside Castle Hill Metro Station on Old Northern Road, about 8.15pm (Sunday 28 June 2020), after reports of an assault.

A 16-year-old boy was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics for a stab wound, before being taken to The Children's Hospital at Westmead in a stable condition.

Police have been told the teenager was in the vicinity of the station with a group of males, when a verbal altercation occurred between the teen and another unknown male, before the boy was stabbed, and the male fled the scene.

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command attended and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Detectives urge anyone who may have information to contact Castle Hill Police Station on (02) 9680 5399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

No arrests have been made and inquiries continue.

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**29 June, Shared with permission from the East/Lindfield Community group:**

Some idiot egged our garage door last night.

As we have caught the footage on CCTV, we know who you are. We will allow a period of 48 hours for the offender to come clean and apologise, otherwise we will publically shame you on social media.



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### Dates for the Diary:

**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.

**Sunday 25 October:** Potential new date for NHW NSW Inc AGM. 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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### 29 June, Shared with permission from the East/Lindfield Community group:

Hi everyone,

If anyone has any information or witnessed anything of a group of youths last night (Sun 28th Jun) around 10.30pm, in the streets around Roseville Park please could

you report it to the police. I reported and have a Report number if anyone needs it as reference. They were definitely on Marjorie St, McLeod Ave and Chelmsford Ave. They were clearly out on a rampage causing trouble.

They have kicked in the panels of our car, were seen by a neighbour jumping on the roof and kicking the side of our car. They knocked out the interior roof light console and badly dented the doors and roof. There seemed to be one in particular causing the damage, but a group of around 10-12 were with him. I'm guessing it's not the only damage they have caused.

I hope no one has been hurt by them, they seemed pretty aggressive and on a mission to cause trouble. If anyone has any info please can you report it.

Thanks.

And from the comments: I heard them at 1030 near Trafalgar and middle harbour and went out to investigate - followed them up Russell ave where bins were everywhere. Cops came by in a car and I directed them up towards the station. They zoomed off- didn't get a visual on the reprobates, but assume the cops found them. They were making a hell of lot of angry noises.

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**27 June, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Nine stitches after man hit in head with stick**



Latest news: A St Ives man was sentenced after whacking a local hairdresser in the head with a stick during an argument, which caused blood to gush out of the victim's head. The incident happened at Village Green Oval.

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### **26 June, from [thehub.nrma.com.au](http://thehub.nrma.com.au): Staying safe online: ways to digitally protect yourself**

The internet has opened a world of possibilities. It allows us to connect, work, play, shop and even manage our finances wherever and whenever we want. But as fun as it is to engage online, it also comes with risks.

In this day and age, cybercriminals are quite savvy in their attempts to lure you into clicking on a dodgy link or attachment. In fact, around one in three Australian's are affected by cybercrime.

To help decrease the staggering number of cyber-attacks the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) introduced ReportCyber on July 1 of last year. The network helps Australians and small to medium enterprises by enabling them to

report cyber issues and cybercrime.

The Cybercrime in Australia report revealed within the first three months of ReportCyber operating they received 13,672 reports – that’s an average of 148 cybercrime reports per day.

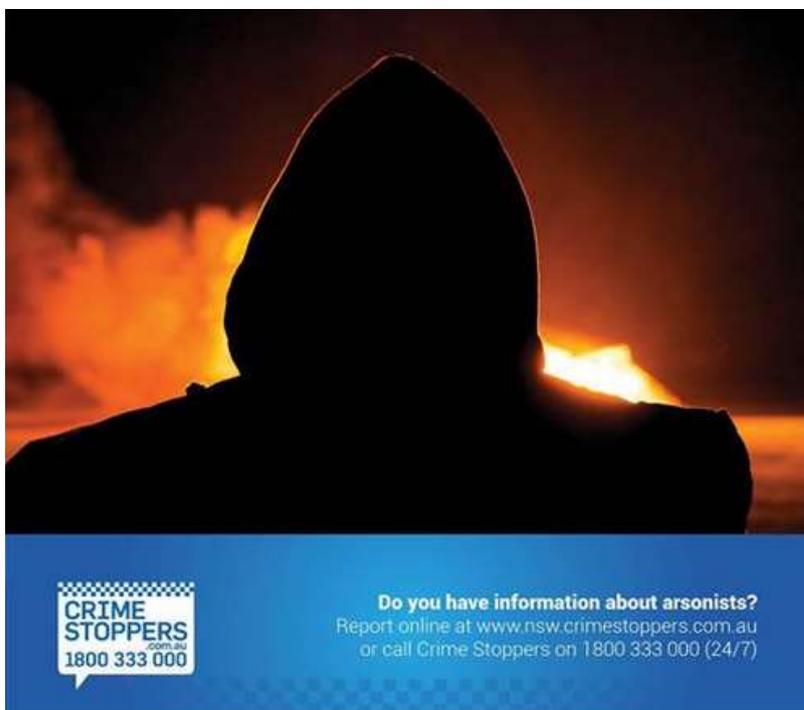
It seems falling victim to cybercrime is more common than we might think. It’s best to stay vigilant online and be aware of the dangers – scams, spam, viruses, phishers, identity theft, fraud, cyberstalking, catfishing and hackers are just a few. So, how can you reduce your risk of falling victim to online crimes?

Navigate cyberspace securely by making simple actions to safeguard yourself from online threats – and know how to handle them if they do happen to you.

[Read full article here.](#)

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## 26 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Winter is a time where home fires become even more of a risk. There are some

simple steps you can follow to reduce your risk of a fire in your home.

- 🔥 Never leave cooking unattended
- 🔥 If you have a fireplace make sure the chimney is clean and make sure there is a screen in front of it when it is in use
- 🔥 Check electric blankets for damaged or frayed cords before placing it on the bed
- 🔥 Take care keeping curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters
- 🔥 Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre away from heaters or fireplaces
- 🔥 Clean the lint filter to your clothes dryer every time you use it
- 🔥 Only use one appliance per power point and switch off power point when not in use
- 🔥 Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed. Never leave open flames unattended and always handle candles or any other open flame with care
- 🔥 Store matches and lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- 🔥 Remember that smoke from a fire will make you confused and that you cannot see in smoke
- 🔥 When asleep you will not smell smoke and it will in fact put you into a deeper sleep.
- 🔥 If you have escaped from a home fire, remember once you get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).
- 🔥 Oil, gas or wood heating units may require a yearly maintenance check

🔥 Only ever use fuses of recommended rating and install an electrical safety switch.

For more information on fire safety in your home, visit [this site](#). If you have information about arson – [report online here](#) or call us on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

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### **26 June, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au)**

Izac Lawrence, 19, of Katoomba shocked commuters on a train to Berowra when he began to masturbate in front of a woman while filming himself. He was set to be sentenced on Wednesday but in a shock twist he was granted more time.

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**24 June, from [abc.net.au](http://abc.net.au):** Sydney dentist Preethi Reddy was murdered in hotel room before being stuffed in suitcase, coroner finds Sydney dentist Preethi Reddy was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in the bathroom of a city hotel before he attempted to conceal the "heinous act", a NSW coroner has found.



The 32-year-old's family reported her missing after she failed to return from a dental conference in St Leonards in March last year.

Two days later, a suitcase containing her body was found inside a car in Sydney's east.

On Wednesday, deputy state coroner Carmel Forbes found Dr Reddy died from the combined effects of blunt force head injuries and stab wounds to the neck and back, inflicted by her ex-boyfriend Harsh Narde.

Narde, also a dentist, had spent time with Dr Reddy at the conference before later having dinner with her.

Magistrate Forbes said there was evidence Dr Reddy was trying to be "compassionate and understanding" in attempting to give him closure on their ended relationship.

[Read full story here.](#)

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**Urgent BOLO!** 😊😊



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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.

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**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



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

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 [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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

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