



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #457 - 14 July 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!").

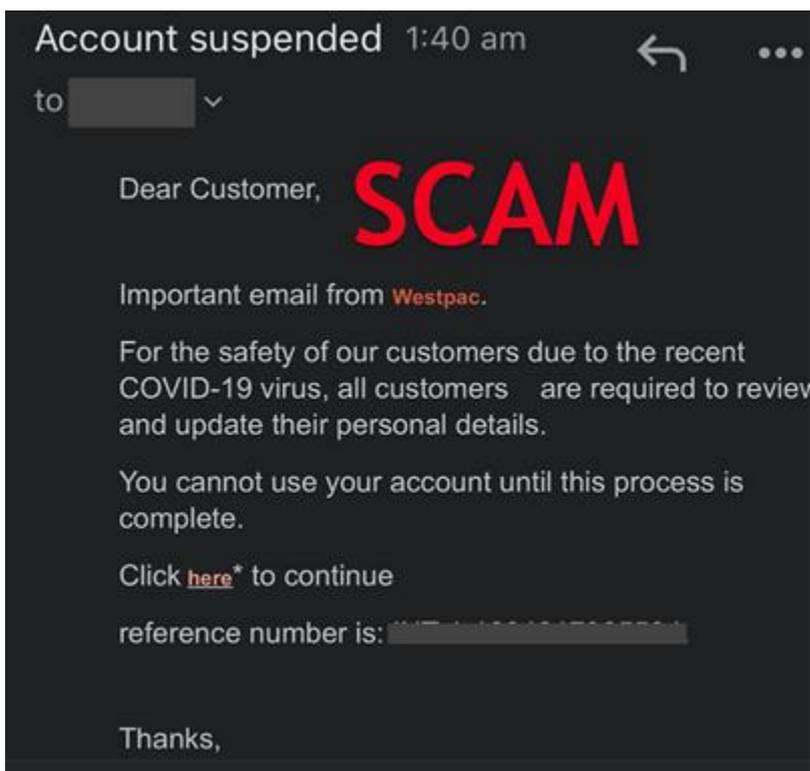
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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13 July, from NSW Police Force:



Scammers are impersonating Westpac and asking Australians to verify their accounts. If received DELETE IMMEDIATELY and don't click on any links.

[Report scam activity here.](#)

13 July, from NSW Health



Heading to the shops, work or away for the weekend?

Take hand sanitiser, tissues & antibacterial wipes with you when leaving the house.

Don't leave home without them. [Stay COVID safe.](#)

12 July, from Ku-ring-gai command:

There's a new furry recruit patrolling the halls at Monaro Police District after one of its officers took in an orphaned baby wombat, Ted.

[Watch video here.](#)

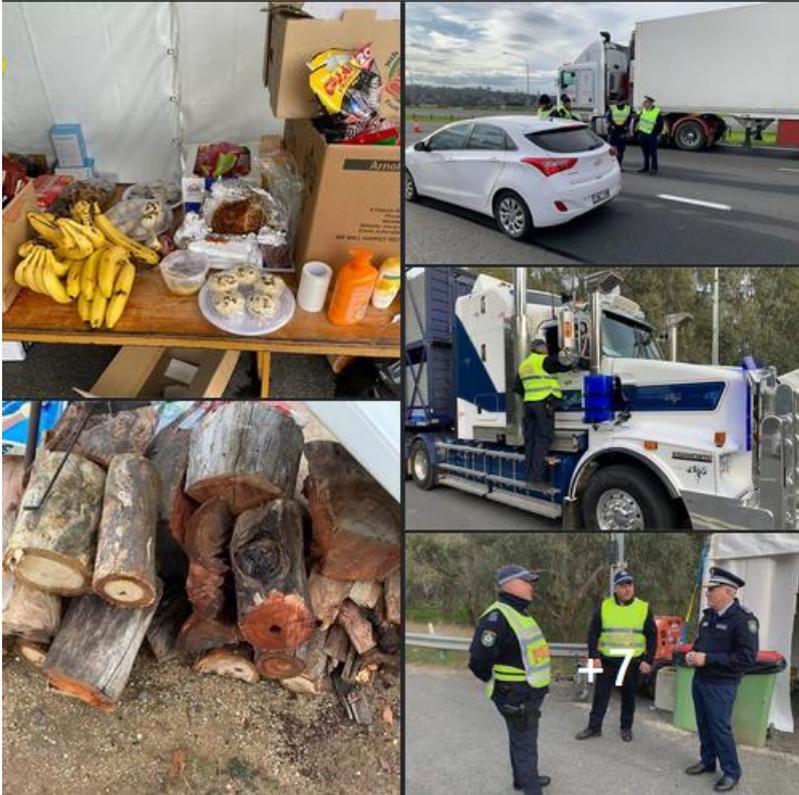
[Stay kind.](#)

12 July, from NSW Health:



If you're travelling these holidays, or catching up with family or friends, make sure you stay COVID safe.

11 July, from NSW Police Force



As Operation Border Closure continues into its fourth day, NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller APM is extending his thanks to our border communities for their continued support.

“The hospitality extended by our border communities has been nothing short of sensational,” Commissioner Fuller said.

“We have seen deliveries of food, drinks and firewood for cops on the ground, some of which are in very remote locations with not much infrastructure around them.

“I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to these wonderful locals who are there for our cops during this time.”

Since the operation commenced on Wednesday 8 July 2020, police have facilitated the safe movement of thousands of vehicles across the Victoria and NSW border.

10 July, from 7News Sydney:

A man has fallen through the roof of a building at the Wahroonga Public School. Emergency services are assisting the man.

[More details here.](#) [Watch video here.](#)

10 July, from NSW Government:



If your favourite snacks have lost their zing, it might be time to get tested.

Loss of taste or smell is a symptom of COVID-19.

Protect yourself and those around you by getting tested.

[Find your closest clinic here.](#)

10 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command:

We've warned for some time about scammers hunting for victims to rob by claiming to be from organisations such as the NBN or Tax Office.

Now, they're impersonating police.

We're hearing reports from other commands of crooks using the names of officers and the ability to reproduce, on caller ID functions, legitimate police station phone numbers.

If a potential victim hesitates, they say they'll transfer the call to a police sergeant, again reproducing the station's phone number on caller ID.

In all cases, the crooks are working to get their victims' identity details and cash with lines such as:

- there's a warrant out for your arrest
- we're tracking fraudulent activity on your bank accounts.

Please don't fall for these scams, no matter how persistent and insistent they become.

Hang up, and if you're in any doubt, please call us on 9476 9799.

08 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command:

On Thursday 2nd July 2020, officers from Ku-ring-gai Proactive Team arrested a 55-year-old male in relation to break and enters, and assaults that occurred recently in the Wahroonga area. Police seized several items from the man including, several laptops computers, handbags, cash, wallets with an estimated value of over \$5,000.

The man was refused bail and is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 2 September 2020.

Police are appealing for public assistance, especially in the Wahroonga area to review their home CCTV footage on the following dates: Monday 1 June between 9.30am – 10:30am, Thursday 18 June between 8.30pm – 9.30pm and Thursday 2 July between 8pm – 9pm. Police are looking for footage of the arrested man. He is described as Caucasian appearance, approximately 5'10 tall, medium to heavy build, bald head and clean shaven. He may have been driving a black Holden Commodore Utility which he used in the break and enter offences.

Police are urging anyone with information to contact Ku-ring-gai Proactive Team on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 33 000 and quote E 75735708.

Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages

08 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Make the call.

End domestic violence.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence now, **CALL THE POLICE.**

NSW Police Force | CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000 | NSW GOVERNMENT

Home should be the safest place on the planet, offering solace to families – but sadly for some, it can instead become a living nightmare.

If you see or hear domestic violence happening now - call the police on Triple Zero (000).

If you know about domestic violence happening to someone you can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

08 July, from Ku-ring-gai command:

Exemptions for those wishing to cross the border from Victoria to NSW are available online via the Service NSW website.

The Public Health (COVID-19 NSW and Victorian Border) Order 2020 states that from 12.01am Wednesday 8 July 2020, no one can enter NSW from Victoria, unless they can meet exemption criteria.

Fines apply to those who breach Public Health Orders, or who falsify information when applying for exemptions.

A large-scale police operation will be in place to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order, with officers assisted by personnel from the Australian Defence Force, and other government agencies.

As those with exemptions begin to pass through checkpoints, police are asking people to come prepared and ready to produce relevant documents and identification information; such as drivers' licences, and medical certificates. Those without exemptions will be turned back.

It is anticipated that the first 72 hours will be challenging while the process is in its infancy. Police are asking those who don't need to cross the border to avoid doing so.

For more information about exemptions or to apply for a permit, please visit [here](#).

08 July, from NSW Government:

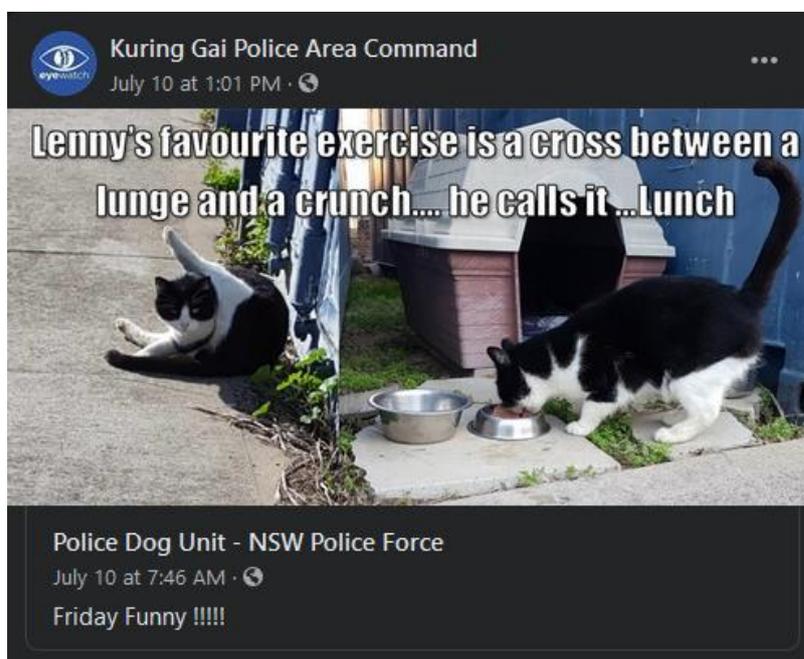


Special conditions and exemptions are available for cross-border travel between NSW and Victoria.

You're eligible to apply for a border permit if you:

- ✓ Are a border resident, who has reasonable cause to travel to NSW in the ordinary course of their work, education or daily life
- ✓ Provide critical services, such as freight, medical or hospital care
- ✓ Are a student or staff member at a boarding school
- ✓ Need to enter on compassionate grounds.

For more information and to apply for a border permit, [click here](#).



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 @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club 1-5pm. tbc

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

13 July, from NSW Health: PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

Visited Crossroads Hotel, Casula?

Get tested immediately and self-isolate.

www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19



NSW Health is urging anyone who attended the Crossroads Hotel at Casula between Friday 3 July and Friday 10 July to:

- immediately self-isolate until 14 days after they were last there
- get tested even if they have no symptoms
- watch for symptoms and get retested should any respiratory symptoms occur
- even if you get a negative test stay in isolation for 14 days.

The warning follows confirmation of an additional four cases of COVID-19 directly linked to the hotel:

- a South Western Sydney teenager who worked at the hotel on several days including 3 July
- a close contact of this worker, a South Western Sydney woman in her 50s
- a South Western Sydney woman in her 40s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July
- a Victorian man in his 20s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July

These four are in addition to the five previously reported cases in a woman in her 30s from South Western Sydney and a man in his 50s from the Blue Mountains who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July. This man's three household contacts have also been confirmed as positive for COVID-19.

The total number of cases linked to the hotel is nine.

None of these cases appear likely to have been the source of infection at the hotel. NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said anyone who either worked or visited the Crossroads Hotel from 3-10 July should isolate themselves for 14 days after they were last at the hotel, regardless of symptoms or test results, and be tested even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

"If you were at the Crossroads Hotel between 3 and 10 July you may be at risk of infection and you must isolate yourself to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others.

"While investigations are continuing, it is vital people get tested so we can try and establish the source of infection at the hotel. I encourage people to access a number of clinics at local hospitals at Campbelltown, Fairfield and Liverpool so people are tested as quickly as possible, Dr Chant said.

Additional staff have been deployed to the pop-up clinic at the Crossroads Hotel to expedite those people who wish to be tested there.

Testing is available at Liverpool, Campbelltown and Fairfield Hospitals [at these locations](#).

Testing is also available through GP clinics.

The pop-up clinic in the carpark of the Crossroads Hotel is open until 5pm today. As this clinic is quite busy, people are asked to be patient and attend the other clinics where possible.

It's essential that we all take the risk of transmission very seriously and take steps to protect ourselves and loved ones:

- If you have even mild symptoms, a cold or cough, get tested and stay home until you're cleared.
- Keep your distance from others at all times even if you are well.
- If you have been in Victoria, don't mix with other people until two weeks has passed.

People who work in high-risk settings such as health care facilities or aged care homes must not to attend work if they have symptoms and must get tested immediately. People should also not visit relatives in these settings if they have even the mildest of symptoms or have recently returned from Victoria.

13 July, from Matt Keen, MP

⚠️ Traffic News ⚠️ Changes have been made to this intersection with a full-time 'No Right Turn' from Linda Street onto George Street at [#Hornsby](#). We are making our community safer following a number of accidents on this stretch of road 🚗🚗



12 July, Neighbourhood Watch NSW has badged this video and uploaded it to the new NHW NSW YouTube Channel.

[Watch video here.](#)

09 July, Shared with permission from the West Pymble/Pymble Community group:



The lovely staff at BP West Pymble found a dropped \$50 note near the counter a couple of weeks ago. They worked out it was mine by reviewing the in-store video. Today they graciously returned it to me when they recognised me! These guys are so impeccably honest and would accept nothing but my gratitude. I ❤️ WP.

09 July, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command

**Warning to
joggers
Be seen
Be safe**

Mid-winter and while some dedicated joggers are up early, the sun's not. Some are wearing dark clothing and running on the streets.

An example is a recent incident on Thews Parade at Cromer where runners (collective noun could be a fleet or wheeze), all in black with no reflective clothing, were pounding out the ks on the road well before sun-up.

Black on black is very hard to see, meaning this is an injury, or worse, waiting to happen.

FIREARM SAFETY

Call us if you're concerned about someone wanting access to a firearm who:

- is displaying suspicious, unusual or unsafe behaviour
- may be suffering a mental illness which would hinder safe use of a firearm
- you suspect of criminal or terror related activity

1300 362 562 or

1800 333 000 Crimestoppers

CALL US
Anywhere Anytime



Crime Stats for Kuring Gai Police Area Command for June 2020

CRIME STATS FOR JUNE 2020

Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Comman

SUBURB/INCIDENT	Total
Hornsby	52
Stealing	36
Malicious Damage	12
Break And Enter	2
Robbery	2
Pymble	9
Malicious Damage	6
Break And Enter	2
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
St Ives	8
Malicious Damage	6
Stealing	1
Break And Enter	1
Normanhurst	8
Stealing	6
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
Break And Enter	1
Gordon	7
Stealing	4
Break And Enter	2
Malicious Damage	1
Wahroonga	6
Break And Enter	2
Stealing	2
Malicious Damage	2
Thornleigh	6
Break And Enter	2
Stealing	2
Malicious Damage	2
Killara	6
Break And Enter	3
Stealing	2
Malicious Damage	1
Turramurra	5
Malicious Damage	3
Stealing	1
Break And Enter	1
Berowra	5
Malicious Damage	4
Break And Enter	1
East Killara	4
Malicious Damage	2
Break And Enter	2

Asquith	4
Stealing	3
Break And Enter	1
Waitara	4
Malicious Damage	3
Stealing	1
Mount Colah	4
Stealing	3
Malicious Damage	1
Berowra Heights	4
Stealing	2
Malicious Damage	2
Hornsby Heights	3
Stealing	2

CRIME STATS FOR JUNE 2020

Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command

SUBURB/INCIDENT	Total
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
South Turramurra	3
Malicious Damage	3
Brooklyn	3
Malicious Damage	1
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
Stealing	1
Galston	3
Stealing	2
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
Mount Kuring-Gai	2
Stealing	2
West Pymble	1
Stealing	1
North Turramurra	1
Break And Enter	1
Westleigh	1
Stealing	1
St Ives Chase	1
Break And Enter	1
Warrawee	1
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1

09 July, Shared with permission from the Galston Families group last night (Wednesday):

Two dirtbags shining torches into cars and checking door handles on Glen Street in Galston just now. I saw them do my car and two others. I yelled out and they bolted down towards the track that leads to the back of the Uniting Church in School Road. 1 in a grey hoodie and the other in a black hoodie. Looks like around 16 ish years old. Get your valuables out of your cars people and make sure they are locked.

08 July, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Affluent Sydney suburbs are becoming crime hot spots

Some of Sydney's most prestigious suburbs are becoming home to growing crime rates.

New data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) reveals areas like Mosman, The Hills, Waverley and the Inner West are becoming crime hot spots after recording noticeable increases in offences like shoplifting, domestic violence and fraud.

The research exposes the two-year growth in crime to March 2020.

Incidents of shoplifting and theft have skyrocketed in the affluent suburb of Mosman where robberies from retail stores grew by 65.4 per cent.

[Read details here.](#)



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



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