



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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colleagues and neighbours.

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27 July, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force is feeling thankful in Barmah, Victoria



Police attached to Kuring Gai Highway Patrol, stationed at the Barmah Road Closure for Operation Border Closure, would also like to thank Frank from Barmah for his time, generosity and chain saw skills, in cutting up some much needed fire wood for the morning, day and nights crews.

Franks last words before he drove off to police were “I’ll see you guys on Thursday with some more fire wood, stay safe.”

Hats off to you Frank.

Thanks.

26 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Help keep the traffic flowing and our kids safe as they return to school. If you drive your child to school:

- Park legally, away from the school, and walk holding your child's hand
- Use the 'Safety Door' (rear footpath side) to help your child in and out of the car
- Avoid the school carpark and driveway
- Keep your parking and drop off time to a minimum

Visit the parent's section on Safety Town: www.safetytown.com.au/parents

25 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



Can you help Northern Beaches Police in their efforts to locate an elderly man missing from Sydney's north-side?

Hsiu 'Jason' KUO, aged 82, was last seen leaving a licensed premises on Pittwater Road at Brookvale about 10.30pm last Monday, 20 July 2020.

Serious concerns are held for Mr Kuo's welfare.

He is described as being of Asian appearance, approximately 165cm tall with a thin build and grey hair.

Mr Kuo was last seen wearing black pants, a cream coat and a black jacket.

Anyone who sees him is urged to contact us at Dee Why police station on 9971 3399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

20 July, from NSW Health:



People aged 70 years and over are at higher risk of more severe symptoms if they get COVID-19. There are steps you can take to lower your risk.

Read more: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/advice-for-seniors>

24 July, from Kuringgai Police Area Command:

A man has been charged after allegedly breaking into six homes in Sydney's north between February and July this year.

About 7.30am yesterday (Thursday 23 July 2020), officers attached to Kuring-Gai Police Area Command conducted a search warrant at a home in Hebersham, and seized around 30 items.

It will be alleged the items were stolen from homes in Wahroonga, Killara, Lindfield, Waverton, Chatswood and Balgowlah, during a series of break and enters.

A 45-year-old man was arrested at the home and taken to Mt Druitt Police Station where he was charged with six counts counts of break and enter house etc steal value less than \$60,000, receive/dispose stolen property -minimum indictable offence less than \$5000, make/furnish a statement which is false/misleading. He was refused bail to appear before Mt Druitt Local Court today (Friday 24 July 2020).

23 July, from NSW Police Force

A man has been arrested in Sydney's northern suburbs as officers continue inquiries into a police car being rammed at Padstow.

About 4.50pm (Tuesday 21 July 2020), a Traffic and Highway Patrol car stopped a Nissan Patrol dual cab on Davies Road, Padstow, after it was seen driving on the wrong side of the road.

As an officer was approaching the utility, the driver allegedly reversed into the police car before driving away.

Police commenced a pursuit for a short distance before the ute stopped on the road and again allegedly reversed into the Traffic and Highway Patrol car before driving away and the pursuit was terminated.

An appeal for assistance from the public was made overnight, and just after 9.30am today (Wednesday 22 July 2020), an off-duty police officer reported a ute matching the description of the vehicle involved in the alleged incident at Padstow, was travelling on the Pacific Highway at Gordon.

Officers attached to Kuring-gai Traffic and Highway Patrol Command attended and stopped the ute on the corner of Woodbury St and Mona Vale Road, St Ives and arrested the driver.

The 48-year-old man has been taken to Hornsby Police Station.

Investigations are continuing.

23 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Kuring Gai Police are appealing to any person who may have witnessed, or have dashcam footage of an incident which occurred about 12.30pm on Saturday 18th July on Pacific Highway cross of Glenview Rd Mount Kuringai.

An altercation between a motor cycle rider and the driver of a vehicle has allegedly occurred. Both vehicles were facing northbound at the time of the incident.

Information can be reported to Crime Stoppers on

1800 333 000 or to Hornsby Police Station on

9476 9799.

Police event number E75925879 relates

22 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

NSW Police Force
With your help, a safer community.

DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY

- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within 3 meters of your car
- Stay less than 2 minutes

8:00am - 9:30am
2:30pm - 4:00pm
SCHOOL DAYS

Fine = \$191*
& Lose 2 Points

Section 166 Road Rules 2014

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

SCHOOL

SCHOOL ZONE
8:00am - 9:30am
2:30pm - 4:00pm
SCHOOL DAYS

40

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY

NO STOPPING

Fine = \$344*
& Lose 2 Points

DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Fine = \$457*
& Lose 5 Points

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law
DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while

Section 300 Road Rules 2014

Fine = \$344*
& Lose 3 Points

Child or Passenger Not Restrained
(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: **Road Rules 2014**
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>

*Fines are current as of May 2020. Fine amounts change regularly
For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>

22 July, from NSW Health:



Something as simple as holding a railing, pressing a lift button or using a parking meter, can lead to the spread of COVID-19. Don't forget to wash your hands to protect you and your loved ones.

It's up to all of us to keep healthy and well.

Visit this site: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others>

22 July, from NSW Police Force

Eight new recruits are ready to 'paw-trol' the community as the NSW Police Force welcomes its new police puppies.

The newest canine members of the force – four males and four females – form the 'B' litter and were born on Saturday 9 May 2020.

The boys have been named Bluey, Bonus, Bruno and Bane and the girls have been called Bailey, Bounty, Bindi and Bibi.

The Dog Unit, formed in 1932, is the largest police dog unit in Australia with more than 100 police officers, nine civilian staff and more than 100 police dogs.

The names for the puppies were chosen from within the Dog and Mounted Police Command as it is the first litter to be born since the unit merged with the Mounted Unit on Monday 24 February 2020.

Watch video [here](#).



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Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

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. [3rd attempt! Will we need a 4th? 😊]

28 July, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged with 25 traffic related offences after he was allegedly involved in multiple hit-and-run crashes across Sydney earlier this month.

At 8.20am, Sunday 19 July 2020, Brisbane Water Highway Patrol stopped a grey Holden Equinox on the M1 at Bar Point and the driver was issued a traffic infringement notice for speeding more than 45km/h. The driver's licence was suspended on the spot.

Police will allege in court that shortly afterwards the same man driving the Holden Equinox was involved in two separate incidents on the Pacific Highway at Lindfield where cyclists were hit and the driver failed to stop.

Police further allege the same vehicle collided with a Mercedes C220 at Woolloomooloo, a Land Rover Sport at Kensington, and a WRX at Kensington. The Holden Equinox allegedly drove from each incident without exchanging details.

At 10am, a 36-year-old man was cycling west along Perry Street at Matraville when he was allegedly hit from behind by the Holden Equinox, knocking him off his bike and also failed to stop.

It is further alleged a Forester was struck by the Holden Equinox along Bridge Road at Glebe and the last linked incident was on Epping Road, Lane Cove where it is alleged the SUV swerved and hit a Subaru Outback.

About 8.10am on Monday 20 July 2020 police attended a petrol station on Castlereagh Road, Penrith and arrested a 35-year-old man. He was taken to Nepean Hospital for treatment.

The man was released from hospital about 2.30pm yesterday (Monday 27 July 2020) into police custody and taken to Penrith Police Station.

He has been charged with;

- predatory driving,
- drive while suspended,
- drive recklessly/furiously/manner dangerous (x9),
- fail to stop and assist after impact causing injury (x5),
- not give particulars to injured person (x4), and
- not give particulars to other driver (x5).

He was refused bail and will appear in Penrith Local Court today (Tuesday 28 July 2020).

27 July, Shared from Berowra Community group:

Did anyone happen to pick up a phone on a train terminating at Hornsby? Thank you.

We think it has been picked up and taken to a flat in Hornsby. I am truly hoping that the person thinks to hand it in.

27 July, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command

Alert: Chinese students **'Virtual kidnappings'**



The NSW Police Force is warning of an elaborate phone scam targeting Chinese students that's known globally as a 'virtual kidnapping'.

So far this year, eight incidents of 'virtual kidnappings' have been reported to the NSW Police Force.

These scams are netting those running them millions of dollars..

For more information, head to our [corporate news site](#).

**27 July, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group
2 days ago:**

On my walk home tonight from Hornsby I had three cars and two bikes pass me. Someone from one of the vehicles threw an object at me which luckily missed me. After they passed me they pulled into a side street ahead. As I passed the side street a group of 10 or more guys got out of the vehicles and come after me.

I was lucky enough to have already caught on to what was potentially happening and started to run, this potentially saved me from what was likely to happen as they realised I was too far gone and got in their vehicles and left.

If anyone happens to see the three vehicles driving around with P plates on and two motorbikes please be careful. I'm not one who is easily scared, but this has really shaken me up. I have reported it to the police, but unfortunately with lack of details there's not a lot they can do.

And in the comments:

It happened on Forbes Street at around 7:40pm

I went straight to the police they said they would check any CCTV cameras in the area. I was also lucky enough to get the rego number for one of the cars, so they're going to follow up on that as well.

I thought if they were caught they could be charged with intimidation or something along those lines, but I could be wrong. The constable was very nice though, and was more than helpful.

27 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga



Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday:

Something quite big happening in the village at the moment. Smashed up car on the roundabout, police everywhere. Redleaf Avenue is closed. Hope everyone's OK.

Apparently the guy in the black car who caused the accident ran and was apprehended by the local butcher and some other people. Then he tried to carjack another car but then the police came. He went mental at this point and apparently tried to assault the police officers.

25 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Do you know someone who is producing child sexual abuse material & shares it online?

Do you know someone who downloads or watches child sexual abuse material?

Behind each image and video is a victim.

You can help put a stop to the cycle of online child sexual abuse.

If you know or suspect someone is producing, downloading or sharing child sexual abuse material you can make a confidential report to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or [here](#).

Child sexual abuse material can be reported anonymously to the eSafety Commissioner [here](#).

25 July, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby council areas:

We have been asked about the display of banners.

The information to help you in the Hornsby area is here:

Visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/business/compliance/signs-and-banners>

24 July, from the Australian Federal Police



Mums and dads in Melbourne in lockdown – this one's for you ...If your kid is stuck at and ready to colour to walls, why not get them to colour this in instead?

ThinkUKnow Australia and **Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation**, have created a colouring in activity for children aged 5 – 12 years old, as a way to help parents and carers start a discussion at home about online safety.

The best submissions will receive a prize pack and be shared on our social media channels.

To download a copy visit <https://thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers>

Entries close on Friday, 31 July and we will announce our winner on Friday 7 August.

23 July, from Hornsby Junior Dirt Bike Club



Hi Hornsby peeps. Mon 21 JUL one of our families (#204 and #214) had a Suzuki RMZ450 and a Yamaha YZ85 stolen from their home in Hornsby. If you or anyone in your network comes across same, please contact the police immediately and let us know.

22 July, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

🚨 Community Alert 🚨 At 3.45am today our secure apartment block was broken into - he targeted the car park and cars that were left unlocked. Police notified. (Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith near ABHS)



22 July, Shared with permission from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

What a bloody low act!

Someone's dug up my rock orchid alongside my letterbox. It had at least 6 lovely spikes coming! My orchids are a memento of my late father and having just lost my mum, the timing couldn't have been worse!

They were going to look great and give pleasure to lots of people walking by!

I hope Karma pays them a big visit!

It also happened up the street - seems there an orchid thief in our midst 😞





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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Local Facebook pages:



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

-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra \(technical issues\)](#)
-  [Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)
-  [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](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)
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-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)
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