



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #462 - 18 August 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.

🔊 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe.](#)

18 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Since January 2019, there has been 38 long-term missing teenager cases in NSW.

Episode 1 of our podcast series covers the disappearance of Passy Reyes, an 18 year old from Mona Vale who left her home in the early hours of July 18, 2001. She hasn't been seen since. Can you help bring her home? Streaming now on:

Apple [here](#).

Spotify [here](#).

18 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Don't get duped by scammers who set up fake websites or falsely advertise products on a genuine retailer websites or on social media.

In 2018, over a third of Australian households shopped online. Many fraudulent sellers offer luxury items such as popular brands of clothing, jewellery and electronics at very low prices. Remember, if it's too good to be true, it's probably a scam. If you do shop online, only use secure payment methods such as credit cards or PayPal. Avoid wire or bank transfers and money orders.

[#ScamsWeek2020](#)

18 August from Crime Stoppers NSW: DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?

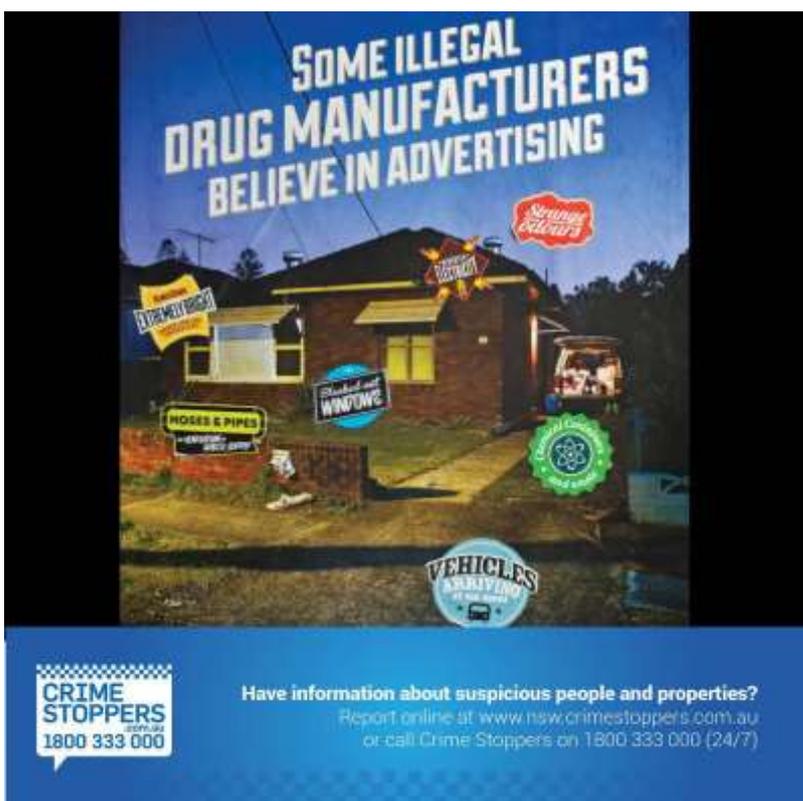
There are seven (7) tell-tale signs that are indicators of drug manufacturing. These are:

1. Strange odours emanating from the property
2. Diverted electricity
3. Chemical containers and waste
4. Blacked out windows
5. Hoses and pipes in strange places

6. Blinds down, with extremely bright indoor lighting radiating through gaps

7. Vehicles arriving at odd hours

Police urge anyone with information about suspicious information about suspicious properties to report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). Information you provide will be treated with the strictest of confidence.



17 August, from NSW Health: Alcohol-based hand sanitiser is great for killing germs but can be dangerous if swallowed, particularly for children.

Follow these safety tips:

- 👉 store hand sanitiser products safely and out of reach of children
- 👉 supervise any use by young children
- 👉 be aware of imported products which may not be clearly labelled and may contain more toxic alcohols such as methanol that make the product more dangerous

👉 if you suspect a child has ingested hand sanitiser, regardless of the quantity, call the **24 hour Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26** for first aid and monitoring advice. Have the container of the ingested product with you.

Remember, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is also a safe and effective option.



17 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Watch out for scammers trying to 'phish' for your personal and financial information by impersonating government, businesses or even your friends.

Phishing scams can occur in the form of text messages, emails, on the internet and via cold-call. Electronic phishing scams can contain malicious links and attachments designed to steal your personal and financial information. These scams often try to create a sense of urgency. Don't rush - think about what the message is telling you to do and consider whether it's real. NEVER click any links and report suspicious emails to Scamwatch via www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam #ScamsWeek2020

16 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Looking for a Sunday night podcast?

Episode one of 'State Crime Command Investigations' covers the case of Year 12 student Passy Reyes who left her family's home on Sydney's Northern Beaches early one winter morning in 2001. She hasn't been seen since...Many believe she took her own life. Her family disagrees and awaits Passy's return. Detective Senior Sergeant Jason Ferns investigates.

Stream on Apple [here](#).

Stream on Spotify [here](#).

15 August, from NSW Road Safety: Is your child in the correct car seat for their age and size?

Make sure your little passengers are properly secured in an approved child car seat. #RuralRoadSafetyMonth

Find out more [here](#).

14 August, from Stay Smart Online: ⚠️ALERT⚠️Cybercriminals are calling members of the public and impersonating Australian Government agencies like

Australian Department of Home Affairs, delivery companies or other Australian businesses to try and access victims' devices.

Hang up and NEVER give a stranger remote access to your device or computer, no matter how legitimate they appear!

Protect yourself if you receive a call, click [here](#).

14 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Hornsby police were patrolling the local area last night when they came across a vehicle which was swerving all over the road.

He was a menace to other road users and a danger to himself and others. He had to be stopped. Police managed to pull the driver over. He was given a breath test which he failed, upon which he was led away from his vehicle and taken back to the station for a further test. As the officers led the swaying and lurching driver to the police vehicle, he tripped and said, "Oops I nearly fell but I'm truly fine, really I am". The officer replied, "You're not fine mate, you're staggering", to which the driver responded, "Thank you, you're quite handsome yourself officer".

Have a great weekend and stay safe 😊

13 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

With scams contributing to millions of our hard earned dollars being stolen from us, have you considered signing up to the Scamwatch Radar where you will be notified via email as to the newest scams circulating? You can find it via the link [here](#).

13 August, from Scamwatch: DON'T GET SCAMMED LOOKING FOR A LOCKDOWN PUPPY

This article has been drawn directly from Scamwatch. If you are contemplating getting a new puppy, then this is a "Must Read".

Read article [here](#).



The poster features a red sign on the left with the text "This is Not Your Life" in gold script, and "Celebrate the Maturity of Healthy Ties" in smaller text below. To the right, the main text reads: "BE YOURSELF don't let a scammer be you". Below this is a quote: "We tried to buy a puppy online. They asked for 100 points of ID. I sent our details. We lost \$2500." followed by "Online shopping victim". At the bottom right is the SCAMS AWARENESS WEEK logo, and at the bottom left is the hashtag #ScamsWeek2020.

BE YOURSELF
don't let a scammer be you

" We tried to buy a puppy online.
They asked for 100 points of ID.
I sent our details. We lost \$2500. "

Online shopping victim

#ScamsWeek2020 **SCAMS**
AWARENESS WEEK

11 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: How do police know what is occurring in the Command?

Through patrolling the command during both day and night and through you, our community contacting us and making us aware of what is occurring in your local area.

We follow up on these reports, attend the noted locations to address the situation with the view of bringing to an end the anti-social behaviour, alcohol consumption and drug use, malicious damage or other offences that have been occurring.

If you notice any suspicious persons, behaviour or vehicles, please call the station and let us know what is occurring. We need each other!

HOW TO REPORT CRIME:

Triple zero "000" For emergencies or life-threatening situations

131 444 for non-emergencies (Police Assistance Line)

1800 333 000 to provide crime information (Crime Stoppers)

9476 9799 – Hornsby Police Station

9418 5399 – Gordon Police Station



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

18 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives Area: A huge thank you to Fiona who retired from her role as coordinator for St Ives Chase (Gordon 2) Neighbourhood Watch group.

Fiona has been with us right from the start, juggling Neighbourhood Watch activities alongside her career and family. Fiona was an English teacher at Ravenswood for over 25 years. Thank, you Fiona. 🍷🍷🍷



18 August, from A message from our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona:

This week is the “National Scams Awareness Week 2020”. Please see the message from NSW Police Force State Crime Command with respect to the promotion of Scam week by NSWPF and help promote within your networks for wide community awareness.

There will be a “**Scam Online Workshop**” for the Chinese community being held from **10am on 19th August**. Please see the attached brochures for details.

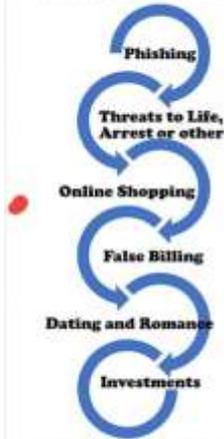


TAFE NSW



National Scams Awareness Week

All are invited to attend this online workshop organised by TAFE NSW and NSW Police Force. Learn about the current common types of scams targeting Chinese communities and key prevention tips. Workshop is conducted in Mandarin with fantastic lucky draw prizes to be won!



19 AUGUST 2020

Wednesday 10am to 12midday

Join from 9:45am for a 10am prompt start

Online users, please log onto :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84211132281>

For Call in, please dial +61-2-80156011 and enter using Meeting ID: 84211132281

Kindly also register via QR code:



For info, please contact Lillian (0426453619), Fiona (0412477535) or Hong (0421055392)

Supporting Commands: Auburn, Ku-ring-Gai, Parramatta, Ryde, St George & Sydney City



All are invited to attend this online workshop organised by TAFE NSW and NSW Police Force. Learn about the current common types of scams targeting Chinese communities and key prevention tips. Workshop is conducted in Mandarin with fantastic lucky draw prizes to be won!

19 AUGUST 2020
Wednesday 10am to 12midday
Join from 9:45am for a 10am prompt start

Online users, please log onto :
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84211132281>

For Call in, please dial +61-2-80156011 and enter using Meeting ID: 84211132281

Kindly also register via QR code:



Phishing
Threats to Life, Arrest or other
Online Shopping
False Billing
Dating and Romance
Investments

For info, please contact Lillian (0426453619), Fiona (0412477535) or Hong (0421055392)
Supporting Commands: Auburn, Ku-ring-Gai, Parramatta, Ryde, St George & Sydney City

18 August, from the AFP: The ACCC has received over 8,000 reports on online shopping scams this year.

Meet an online shopping scam expert and learn how to avoid them. Subscribe and listen [here](#).

15 August, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

Hi all, just had a bit of an odd experience with what I thought was a parcel deliverer and wanted to alert others to keep an eye out. My pup likes to hang out in our front yard keeping tabs on the street (Parklands Rd), and hangs over our front fence to do so. I have perfect view of him from my work-from-home station and I just watched what I thought was a parcel deliverer pull up in an unmarked white van

and a fella with face mask, gloves and yellow fluoro shirt on got out and started patting the dog over the fence and unbolting our front gate. I still thought he had a parcel so headed out to restrain the dog. As soon as I opened the door and called out to the dog, this fella backed away quickly, jumped back in the van and drove off, with another passenger in the van. It is possible he was just stopping to say hello to the dog and was a bit awkward, but not sure why he'd come into my front yard to do so and so sadly suspect he may have been thinking about taking the dog. Unfortunately I didn't get rego as I was too slow in registering what was going on. Wanted to let others know!

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

I just received a very authentic looking email from Telstra saying my last payment was unsuccessful and I needed to pay ASAP. Closer inspection: Dear customer (very broad) Account number - not mine. Be careful - even hovering over the email address did not indicate the usual give-away for phishing scams.

13 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group 2 days ago:

Letterboxes open again tonight, Galston Road near Evans Road.

13 August, from News.com.au: Pyrmont stabbing: Teen accused of slashing Brett Halcro's face withdraws bail application

The private schoolboy who allegedly "carved up" the face of a defenceless stranger in a horrific Pyrmont attack will remain behind bars after he withdrew a bail application on Monday. The teenager, who police allege was wearing a mask and gloves as he slashed at the man's face in a "sadistic" torture, was expected to make his second bid for release after being refused bail at his first appearance last Monday.

The ex-student of Barker College in **Hornsby** faces a maximum 25 years in jail if found guilty of a charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. He is also charged with affray.

Full article and video [here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 17- Friday 21 August: Scams Awareness Week

Wednesday 19 August: (9:45am for) 10am start -12 noon, Online Workshop on Common Scams targeting the Chinese [Register via QR Code in brochure in this email}

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

Sunday 25 October: NHW NSW Inc AGM @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club 1-5pm. tbc whether face-to-face or via Zoom.

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? 😊]

DOG ATTACKS

We recently had an email asking whether we could help with dog attacks. Dog attacks come under council responsibilities. So the person to contact would be the ranger at your local council.

Our WatchOut.org.au website has a host of info, including 'Dog attacks' on the '[Animals](#)' page. The link points to the NSW Office of Local Government page for reporting dog attacks and includes information that may be of help to you. Click [here](#) for more info. Sections include:

- What should I do if a dog attacks me?
- Am I legally liable if my dog attacks another animal or person?
- Can someone else remove my dog from my property?
- What penalties relate to dogs that are encouraged to, or have, attacked?
- Where can I get data on dog attacks?

Neighbourhood Watch can point you in the right direction, and help with crime prevention information, reporting information and follow-up information for victims. Ask us a question [here](#). Or visit our crime prevention WatchOut.org.au website.

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners":

- Tip#3: ENSURE YOU HAVE REMOVED ALL PROPERTY FROM VIEW [mobile phone, sunglasses, CDs (burn copies?), bag, wallet, loose change, clothing, laptop, iPod]. EITHER TAKE IT WITH YOU, OR LOCK IT IN THE BOOT. REMOVE ALL SIGNS THAT PROPERTY MAY BE IN THE CAR. eg no blankets covering tempting lumps on the back seat, no carrier bags.
- Tip#7: STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR BEFORE GETTING IN.
- Tip#11: LOCK VEHICLES IN FRONT OF HOME, ON THE DRIVEWAY, IN THE GARAGE - easily forgotten if you're in the garden.
- Tip#12: DISPLAY A SIGN 'ALL VALUABLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS VEHICLE'. CONSIDER LEAVING THE GLOVE BOX AND/OR CENTRE CONSOLE OPEN. This proves to thieves there is nothing worth taking.

For more tips, visit our NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au website [Tips page here](#), or email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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



Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



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



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



WatchOut! 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 Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)
-  [Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

Copyright © 2020 Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby, All rights reserved.

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station
292 Peats Ferry Road
Hornsby, NSW 2077
Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

