



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #463 - 25 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.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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25 August, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

NOTICE OF PLANNED HAZARD REDUCTION WORKS

24th August 2020

We wish to advise you that NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) is planning to conduct Bush Fire Hazard Reduction burning in your local area. The purpose of the burn will be to reduce bush fire fuel levels and provide protection to local community assets. The works are planned to be conducted at:

Between Kentia Parade & Carmen Crescent, Cherrybrook

The burn will be scheduled for

28th of August 2020

Walking tracks and trails will be closed on the day of the burn, diversions will be in place.

The operation will depend on suitable weather conditions. If weather conditions are unfavourable on the planned day, *this notice will remain valid* and the burn will be scheduled within the dates listed above. Notifications and updates regarding Hazard Reduction burns are posted to the NSWRFS web site.

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

- Visit the NSW Rural Fire Service web site www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line **1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)**.
- Download the free smart device application 'Fires Near Me NSW'



NOTE: This map is only an indication of the general burn area. Boundaries are not precise.

Postal address:

NSW Rural Fire Service
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District
Po Box 472
Hornsby NSW 1630

Street address:

NSW Rural Fire Service
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District
1049 Pacific Hwy
Cowan NSW 2081

T (02) 9883 2000
F (02) 9883 2024
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Resident Responsibilities:

- **PREPARE AROUND YOUR PROPERTY NOW:** Fire fighters require your help. In order to conduct this essential work, residents immediately adjacent to the burn area are required to conduct property maintenance: Your property should be maintained to reduce the risk of embers causing damage.
 - Clear vegetation and leaf litter away from assets such as fences, storage containers, sheds, power poles and machinery. Maintain a clear area near combustible materials such as wood piles.
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22 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Looking for something to listen to this weekend? Check out the official podcast series of the NSW Police Force! Episode 1 is out now, with more to follow in the coming weeks.

Stream on [Apple here](#).

Stream on [Spotify here](#).

22 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

With so many heavy stories around the world today, international and local, we want to lighten your Friday a little.

Hopefully this does it – although some may suggest it does exactly the opposite.

There's a heavy, sombre mood throughout the house.

Police are treating the kitchen as the major crime scene. In front of them is an egg. It's in a fry-pan, alone and to one side.

To date, police have found that he died last Fry day. At least he wasn't beaten but police were still suspicious of fowl play.

Even though it's a sad day there is no cause for tears, he went over easy and is now on the sunny side.

Police have interviewed eleven of his closest friends who are all saying that he is now in a better plate.

Tune in next week to see what has been happening in our Command and community; brush up on some tips to keep you and your property safe; hear of the latest scams and crime trends that are doing the rounds.

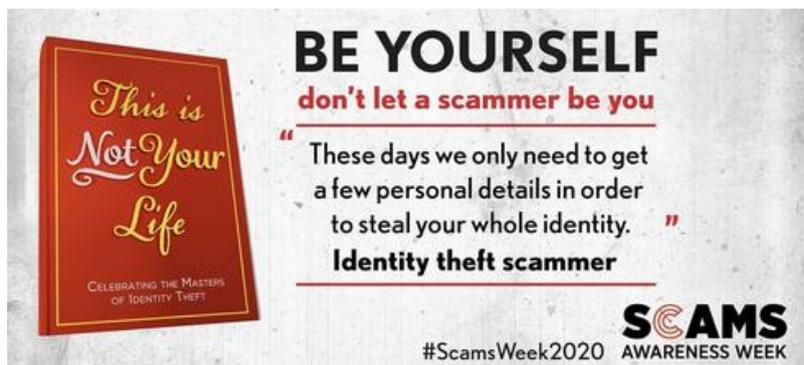
Hope you have a safe and eggcellent weekend.

21 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

Did you know information that you post or share such as your name, date of birth, location, names of pets, interests and hobbies, etc. can be used in harmful ways?

Scammers can learn a lot about you from status updates, polls and quizzes, photos and videos, and use this information to guess your account passwords or target you with other scams. Don't post personal details on your social media accounts and keep your privacy settings strong!

[Click here for Scamsweek.](#)



21 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

DATING and ROMANCE SCAMS:

- * Who are the scammers?
- * Who are the victims?
- * A real scamming email

If you know someone who is elderly and vulnerable, share this with them please – it could save them unforeseen heartache and hardship.

Those who have fallen victim to these scamming criminals are not stupid. Many victims are intelligent and have been successful professionals before their retirement. They are in fact, lonely and seeking companionship – they are **VULNERABLE**.

The depth of their loneliness drives them to seek companionship which they wouldn't otherwise chase. This makes them particularly vulnerable to those intent on stealing their money with the promise of romance and or companionship.

THE SCAMMER:

- Scammers take advantage of people looking for companionship on dating websites and social media and emails.

- Scammers scour dating sites and social media for people who have recently divorced or lost long term partners, taking advantage of their emotional state.
- They play on emotional triggers to get you to provide money, gifts or personal details.

PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Check website address carefully. Make sure you use only reputable dating websites.
- Never send money or provide credit card and banking information.
- Don't give out personal information – (emails, phone numbers, addresses, banking details, passwords etc).
- Would someone you have never met declare their love for you after only a few letters or emails?

Below is a real email from a real scammer to a real victim. It seems incredible that someone would fall for this, but they do - Why? Because they are lonely and vulnerable.

Please share.

From: **Kenneth Glueck** (kenneth_glueck@yahoo.com)
 Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2016 2:17:41 AM
 To: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@hotmail.com)

Hello my darling wife, this are the details to make the payment of bills

Danpong Medical Center.
 Kpeshie .Accra Ghana.

This if from the hospital management informing you on how to pay the hospital bills and for the meds and the one that will keep him upfront till when he want to leave..\$ 1.500 dollar and meds \$ 220 dollar, it will all be \$1.720 dollar for it and here is the detail to make the payment below.
 COMPANY ACCT DETAILS

Bank Name : GUARANTY TRUST BANK(Ghana) LTD .
 Bank Address : 25A, Castle Road, Ambassadorial Area, Ridge. P.M.B CT 416,
 Cantonments, Accra-Ghana.
 Beneficiary Acct Name : BAGYESGOLD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

Beneficiary Acct Number : 220101681230.

SWIFT CODE : GTBIGHAC. ...

There is a little problem with the lawyers bank account detail and his attaching his own bill to the one of the hospital so that you can send them and the will know how to work things out themselves so there is no problem about that my dear. the lawyer.s bill is \$1.250 and you will add it to the hospital bill and it will now be the total of \$2.970 dollar that you will send to the Hospital okay....

Kotoka International Airport.
 Address: Airport Rd, Accra, Ghana.

This is for the Agent of the Kotoka International Airport service. you are paying for Kenneth.J.Glueck for his flight ticket to the United State. you are to pay the sum of \$2,150....Taxi about \$110 and this you are paying the total amount of \$2.260 dollar to the details below..

Acct Name. BAMIBLESS COMPANY (GH) LIMITED. Acct No. 0080101110671.
 Bank Name. ACCESS BANK (GH) LIMITED.
 SWIFT CODE ABNGGHAC. Bank Address, Starlets 91 Road, Opposite Sports Stadium,
 P.O BOX GP 353 ACCRA. GHANA.

Thank you very much my darling wife

20 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Domestic violence is never acceptable. If you, or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call police on 131 444. In an emergency, always call Triple Zero (000). [Watch video here.](#)

20 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

Don't get rolled by scammers looking for 'love'. Dating and romance is arguably the most deceptive as the imposter usually forms a close bond with their victim, playing their emotions and gaining their trust, before taking their money and leaving them heartbroken. NEVER transfer money to someone you haven't met, no matter how genuine they appear.



NSW Police Force 
@nswpolice

Scammers gonna give you up,
Scammers gonna let you down,
Scammers gonna run around,
and desert you,
Scammers gonna make you cry,
Pretend then say goodbye,
Always telling lies just to hurt you



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

24 August, from Catherine Lee, Scam Watchdog Australia

Hi all 🙌 Just alerting you to a new scam I was a victim of. I have Telstra NBN with backup wifi. I noticed on Friday my modem was operating on the backup and speeds were really slow. Landline phone dead. Left it for 24 hours thinking there was a problem on the line somewhere. After 24 hours it was still happening and I couldn't get into my Telstra account. So I contacted the online help chat and after doing a hard reset, which didn't work, they asked me if I was trying to connect from my new address! This came as a surprise as I'm not moving! Turns out a move request had been made from my account. Basically what's happened I think is that some lowlife has hacked into my account, stolen my primary connection to run from their address, leaving me with the backup wifi and bill, perhaps thinking I wouldn't notice the slow speeds and no landline. They'd changed the password on the account and even changed the "forgot my password" recovery email too so I couldn't even get into the account to change the password! All fixed up now thankfully with no real harm done except the inconvenience of it all and losing 4 hours of my weekend to get it sorted 🤦. Telstra is able to put everything back to how it was from Monday and we're stuck with slow internet til then. So... moral of the story.... if you notice your wifi slowed down and your landline is dead, check your account to make sure someone hasn't put in a move house request on your behalf!!

23 August, This article from The Telegraph is unfortunately behind a paywall. We can't ignore this sad situation. Our hearts go out to the families.

Can We Talk: Mental health first aid, school counsellors needed to reduce youth suicide

suicides north shore from amp.dailytelegraph.com.au

2 hours ago · Youth mental health organisation funding at risk School communities on Sydney's north shore are reeling after a cluster of student suicides has seen three deaths in the past month and nine since January. Most of the teenagers were

in Year 12, with two students at an all girls' school being close friends.



23 August, from 9news.com.au: Tutor charged with sexually touching 16-year-old student

A 50-year-old tutor has been charged after he allegedly sexually touched one of his teenage students in Sydney's northwest.

The 16-year-old girl was having a private tutoring lesson in Castle Hill on Thursday when the tutor allegedly sexually touched her.

An investigation was launched, and at about 3pm Friday, police arrested the 50-year-old at a business on Cecil Avenue in Castle Hill.

The man was taken to Castle Hill Police Station and charged with sexually touching another person without consent.

He was granted strict conditional bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday, September 9.

22 August, from Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Inc (NHW NSW Inc):

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2020 25th October 1pm Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. If Covid 19 restrictions prevent meeting at the venue it will be a Zoom AGM.

Ensure that your Neighbourhood Watch group is registered for this meeting. No registration or membership fees are involved.

21 August, from Hornsby Shire Council



FIRE AT PLAYGROUND | We have no words! A molten blob of colourful plastic is all that remains of the equipment at our popular Kanangra Cres playground in Cherrybrook, after it was set on fire last night. Police found a petrol can nearby, and a burnt log underneath the equipment.

If you have seen or heard anything, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

21 August, from the NRMA:



Can you spot the demerit point in this scenario? Share your thoughts below.

21 August, from news.com.au

NSW labels six more 'hotspots': [Check here.](#)

19 August, Australian Federal Police



You might have seen our post on the interception of a drug-filled fishing vessel. We can now announce our forensics investigators removed 1890 blocks of cocaine from the boat, each weighing approximately one kilogram.

The total weight of this seizure is a massive 1.8 tonnes – making it the largest onshore cocaine seizure in Australian history.

To put it in perspective... that's about the weight of a small SUV, a really big cow, 36 kangaroos, 16 of my boss (he is a big boi!), or the equivalent of my 1RM.

Whatever the measure, that is A LOT and would have an estimated potential street value of up to \$850.5 million.

Together with our partners at NSW Police Force and Australian Border Force, we are committed in our efforts to identify and disrupt illicit drug supply chains and cause maximum damage to organised crime business models.

19 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW



While sharing suggestive images or text messages may seem like innocent flirting or be considered funny for young people, sexting can have serious social and legal consequences.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

*Stay CALM, DELETE and REPORT – If you have sent a picture or video you regret to someone, ask them to delete it immediately. If it is posted online, untag yourself and report the post to the social media site so it can be removed. Ask friends you trust to help hunt down images and report those images.

*Try to relax and talk to someone – If the video or image has spread, try to stay calm. You might like to talk to Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800 for advice to how to handle the situation.

Sometimes the Police need to become involved as with minors it may constitute the production and/or distribution of child pornography. If Police get involved, it's best to be honest. Tell them how the video or image was made and where it might have been sent/posted. They will want to know who was involved and whether there was consent from all involved. Their concern is preventing any harm to you and other young people.

For more information visit [site here](#).

18 August, Do you know of anyone in Cowra? Their Neighbourhood Watch group has just had a Facebook page set up.

[Click here](#).

Do you know anyone in Hamilton South? Their Neighbourhood Watch area has just set up a Facebook group:

[Click here](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turrumurra) 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? 😊]

18 August, from news.com.au: Shannon Brett Morrison: Videos show aftermath of alleged stabbing

A university academic shared bottles of wine and passionate kisses with a date at a popular restaurant on Sydney's north shore before venturing into a park and allegedly stabbing six teenagers with a flick knife, a court has heard.

Videos released by the District Court chronicle the night on January 12, 2019, when Shannon Brett Morrison is accused of stabbing six people – aged 15 to 19 – one of them in the neck at Cameron Park, Turrumurra.

The footage has been played before a jury in Mr Morrison's trial. He has pleaded not guilty to 15 charges and will argue he was suffering from psychotic mental illness and paranoid delusions at the time of the alleged incident.

[Read more here.](#)

When senior cops see the media vs when the probie sees the media 😂



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.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:



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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



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



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