



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #468 - 29 September 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 our local police at 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 another 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 and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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28 September, from the Sydney Morning Herald: NorthConnex's final weeks: inside the race to open Australia's deepest road tunnel

"... still some weeks away..."

Full article [here](#).

28 September, from NSW Road Safety: Double demerits are in force Friday 2 to Monday 5 October inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this long weekend, and you'll face double the points.

25 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Locked vehicle in driveway causes would-be thief to look for an easier target.

We often post that break and enters and steal from motor vehicles happen within our Command. We post tips and friendly reminders to lock your vehicles whether they are parked in the street, your driveway, under the carport or in your garage. If this video isn't testament to locking your vehicle when at home, then we don't know what is. [A still from video showing a criminal testing car doors included below - Ed]



23 September, from Ku-ring-ga command: Graffiti costs the NSW Government and residents more than \$300 million every year.

What is graffiti? To some it is art and to others it is expression and to others, simply a mindless act of vandalism. To police it is illegal; it is vandalism; it is

unsightly, and it is very costly to our community. The type of graffiti we see around in and around our Command is nothing more than an unsightly blight on the surface of our beautiful suburbs, damaging play equipment, sporting facilities, trees, buildings, picnic areas, where families gather to enjoy a day out. Unfortunately, there are those who are selfishly determined to deface others property, both private and public (taxpayer funded). Our bushland, parks, ovals and public open spaces are what attracts people to our wonderful area. The views overlooking our waterways are second to none, and yet, there are those who would wantonly damage what isn't theirs, depriving us of wonderful, clean welcoming areas within which we can otherwise enjoy ourselves.

When you see a group of people engaging in antisocial behaviour, please call police immediately. Antisocial behaviour encompasses graffiti, the consumption of alcohol, the taking of drugs, a group of hooligans. If you see someone in the act of graffitiing, please call police immediately.

How to report to police:

- '000' Triple zero - For emergencies or life threatening situations
- '131 444' Police Assistance Line – For non emergencies.
- '1800 333 000' To provide crime information – you can remain anonymous.

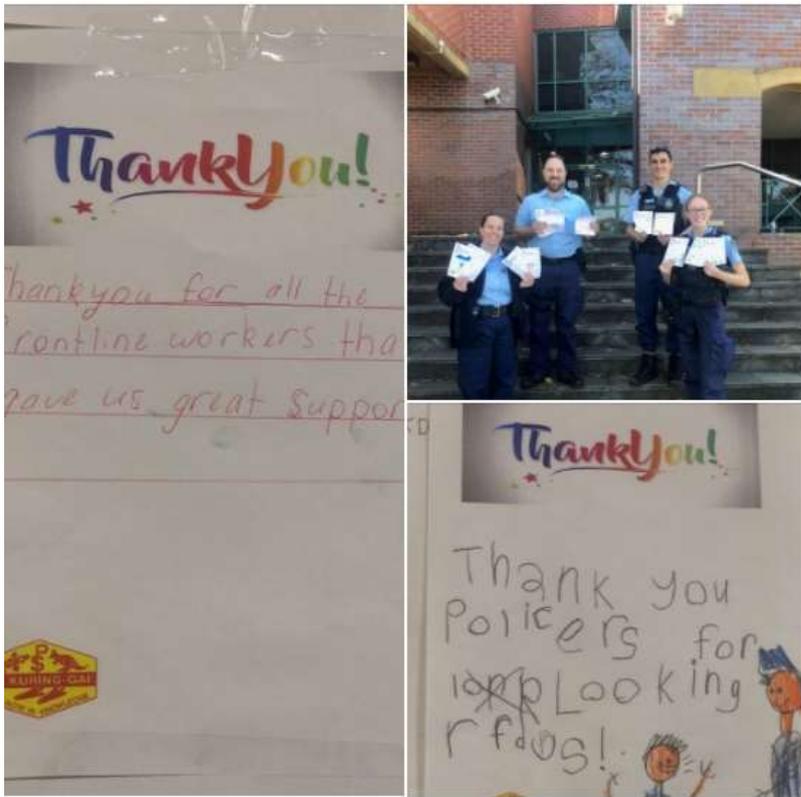
To report graffiti please click on the link [here](#)

The photographs were taken from a Neighbourhood watch group in our command, of one area recently affected by mindless acts of vandalism.



23 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Thank-you Mount Kuring-gai Public School.

Police from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command were given lovely notes of appreciation from students at Mount Kuring-gai Public School. We really appreciate your thanks and the beautiful drawings kids! 🥰👮🚓



22 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai PAC welcome outstanding mental health initiative

It's called **PACER** – Police, Ambulance and Clinical Early Response. It means Mental Health Specialists called PACER Clinicians will work right along-side Ku-ring-gai PAC police and Ambulance crews to engage with and help members of our community in mental health distress. PACER Clinicians will work from Hornsby Police Station and work directly with police and Ambulance Officers to manage Mental Health emergencies in the community, and where necessary, streamline transport and admissions to hospital or other facilities. Leanne Frizzel, Service Director Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Mental Health Director Mental Health, indicates, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Mental Health Services - Excellence in Mental Health Care - Together For Better. The local PACER programme will for part of a valued multi-agency approach to mental health needs within our local community. The team of highly specialist Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNC) will be located within Hornsby Police station for identified

afternoon and evening periods 7 days a week.

The experienced and skilled clinicians will be available to the Duty Sergeant and their police team to provide timely mental health response, intervention, and assessments to facilitate early referral and engagement into mental health services where a health needs exists. Within their role they will also be providing local training and education to the police workforce, as well as consultation to the officers with regards to recognising and understanding mental health needs.

The mental health telephone access line is available 24 hours a day, if you're experiencing mental health needs self or other referral is available on **1800 011511** for more details please see [here](#).

Ku-ring-gai Police Commander, Superintendent Barry Vincent said, “The expansion of this program into our Command will be of great benefit not only for our response officers but for our community. The mental health needs of our community have become so much of what we as police do every day, that having these skilled clinicians either on site or on the phone, will be a positive for our community.”





Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL - CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

The next date for St Ives Showground is 9AM to 3:30pm on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October.

Or you can use the Hornsby Council's Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre: 29 Sefton Road, Thornleigh Phone **02 9847 4856**

Opening times:

Tues - Fri 8.30am - 4pm

Sat 8.30am - 12pm

Sun, Mon & Public Holidays CLOSED.

28 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: How your call to Crime Stoppers really makes a difference...

When you call Crime Stoppers and pass on your information you help create a safer community for NSW by:

1. Removing criminals from circulation
2. Helping police and the community work together
3. Participating in a community that is active in protecting itself
4. Raising community awareness
5. Achieving personal satisfaction because you have done the right thing

Thanks to the information we receive from the public (that's YOU) Crime Stoppers helps to solve a crime every 11 hours in NSW.

28 September, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group

from 2 days ago: Hello St Ives (Chase) community

My post comes as a WARNING to be vigilant as we were attempted to be broken into tonight about 11.30pm. They tried to pull open my sons small bathroom window from our second story to gain access. Luckily he was still awake and scared the brazen person from the roof. The Gordon/Hornsby police were quick to respond and told us that there have been a spate of robberies in our area. I would have no way thought that this very high small window would have been a cause for concern. Please make sure your windows and doors are locked and be vigilant to report any suspicious persons straight away. I hope this helps someone not be in the same predicament we find ourselves tonight.

27 September, from 9Now: Chilling audio of 'disgraceful' new scam released by ATO

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released chilling audio of a sophisticated new robo-phone scam doing the rounds. In the phone recording, an automated voice can be heard saying: "Your account has been marked delinquent on account of tax avoidance. "As our letters sent to your registered address have also returned unsigned, and undelivered, resulting into a petition note to be filed against your name, including a warrant for your arrest".

Full article [here](#).

27 September, Shared with permission from the Galston Families group: You've probably noticed some of the new gum trees planted at the roundabout at Galston Rd and Mid Dural Rd on the library side, have died.

At closer inspection, they've been deliberately cut at the base. Vandalism at its best.



27 September, from NSW Road Safety: If you're heading out on a road trip these school holidays, please remember to:

- Always follow road rules and stay under the speed limit
- Get plenty of rest before your drive and plan regular breaks along the way
- Keep your hands off your phone
- Look out for bicycle riders and motorcyclists
- Make sure everyone is wearing a seatbelt and children are safely secured in their car seats

26 September, Shared with permission from Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group yesterday: Disappointing to find this on my morning walk at

Foxglove Oval.

For those on here that have the connections would you please assist in reporting as I will be leaving for work soon.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 02 to Monday 05 October: double demerits

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October: Secur'IT Cup 2020 Australia Cybersecurity Hackathon [Info](#)

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

Thursday 08 October: PCYC Driver Education programs 9:30- 2:30pm [Info](#)

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Cleanout St Ives Showground 9am -3:30pm. [Info](#).

Saturday 31 October: PCYC Driver Education programs 11-2pm [Info](#)

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

Thursday 12 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 4:30-7:30pm [Info](#)

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November: Garage Sale Trail [Info](#)

Tuesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm via Zoom. Email NHWGordon@gmail.com for details.

Saturday 28 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 3-6pm [Info](#)

26 September, from Telegraph.com.au: KNUCKLE DUSTER THREAT: MAN'S TIRADE AT SHOP STAFF OVER CIGARETTE LIGHTER

[This article is behind a paywall and we don't have an account, apologies.]

Jordan Sigley, 26, of Wahroonga was convicted after he stole a cigarette lighter and threatened staff and customers at a store with a knuckle dusters in an unprovoked outburst.



DAILYTELEGRAPH.COM.AU

Knuckle duster threat: Man's tirade at shop staff over cigarette lighter

25 September, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group: **Gordon Thief******

Does anyone recognise this perpetrator? He is notoriously known for stealing packages from apartment buildings. Most recently, Saturday 19 September @ 12:15pm from Gordon Grange on Merriwa Street. Police are to be advised, following receipt of video footage. Any help is appreciated!



25 September, from Fairfield is Where I Live: I recently got some email purporting to be an Apple Notification.

I reported it to Apple and was impressed by how quickly it responded. Apple advised that it was a phishing attempt. See pics. Take care.

I GOT THIS EMAIL, REPORTED IT AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED IT IS A PHISHING ATTEMPT, DESIGNED TO TRICK USERS INTO VISITING A WEBSITE. NEITHER THE EMAIL NOR ITS SENDER ARE ASSOCIATED WITH APPLE.



Apple Notification <noreply-s413178168852@peacefullifecoach.org>
Thanks! Here your new App Store subscription information.

To: [Redacted]
From: [Redacted]

Hello,
Your invoice for **September 2020** is now available. We will charge **\$117.99** on your credit card within the next two business days for your subscription.
You can review your recent charges on your account [Redacted] at App Store. Your subscription will renew on September 22, 2021.
If you made a purchase by mistake or unauthorized, you are able to cancel your subscription within 48 hours. Go to: [Manage and Cancel Subscription](#)

Thanks,

App Store

Charges	Amount
uifake - 3D CAD Modeling (12 month)	\$ 99.99
Add-on services	\$ 21.00
Subtotal:	\$ 117.99
Total:	\$ 117.99

APPLE'S RESPONSE

IT WAS SWIFT

Thanks for contacting us.

I understand that you're concerned about an email you received that states that you've made a recent purchase, which you have not. I'll be glad to provide as much information as I can.

I confirm that the email is a phishing attempt, designed to trick users into visiting a website. Neither the email nor its sender are associated with Apple.

To review your iTunes Store purchase history, see this page:

<https://support.apple.com/HT204088>

If you still have the email, please forward it to reportphishing@apple.com so we can investigate it. When you forward it, make sure you provide complete headers from the original email.

Forwarding the message with complete header information provides Apple with important information. To do this in OS X Mail, select the message and choose Forward As Attachment from the Message menu. For other email applications or webmail based services, consult your provider's support information to determine how to forward messages with complete headers.

If the email contains links or attachments, don't open them. Please note that Apple may not respond to you, but necessary actions will be taken.

For your information, we'll only send you an email asking you to verify an email address in these situations:

- When you first set up an account
- Immediately after you add or change a contact address on an Apple ID.

Also, an email from us will never ask you for your password, Social Security Number, or full credit card number.

For more information related to phishing and suspicious emails, including some actions you can take against them, see this page:

<https://support.apple.com/HT204759>

To learn more about keeping your iTunes account secure, see this article:

<https://support.apple.com/HT201303>

To read more about identifying fraudulent emails, see this page:

<https://support.apple.com/HT201679>

Thanks again for contacting us. If you have more questions, let me know. I'll be happy to help.

Thanks,
Raghuram
Apple

**I HAVE PROVIDED
APPLE WITH THE EMAIL
AS REQUESTED**

24 September, a reminder from Northern Beaches command: NSW law requires drivers leaving their vehicles on a road, with no-one else in them, to ensure they're secured.

The legislation defines leaving the vehicle as anything more than three metres away. By secure, it means:

- parking brake on
- engine off
- keys out of the ignition

- windows up
- doors locked.

Exemptions include delivery drivers stopping and getting in and out frequently. Penalty for not complying: \$116.

24 September, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group; This morning I arrived to the community garden and found it vandalised.

Beyond frustrated for sure. While nothing was broken, our watering system was pulled out and plants upturned. We are really disappointed that someone thought it was ok to do this. We will be checking CCTV and making a police report. Please don't destroy our hard work.



23 September, Tonight we were contacted with this warning to share with the community:

Red and yellow waste bins put out for collection last Friday morning were stolen around 3am, a neighbour heard a vehicle and bins being moved, from **Alan Road, Berowra Heights**. 4 Bins were stolen, partly filled. After being replaced by Hornsby Council on Monday, 2 bins, red and yellow were discovered today, Tuesday 22nd, outside the netball courts in Berowra Waters Road. Why would anyone need these bins and then discard them again locally? In future we will paint the property number to be seen

quite prominently. Homeowners beware and stay vigilant.

NHW response was to check this had been reported to the **Police Assistance Line 131 444**. Every little detail reported goes towards building a bigger picture.

Taken from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours":

Tip #1: Identify your 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS — 2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS FROM AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swap contact details.

Tip #2: SUGGEST AN ARRANGEMENT WITH NEIGHBOURS FOR WHEN ANY OF YOU ARE ON VACATION, eg for clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, etc.

Tip #7: LOOK AT YOUR HOME, GARDEN, SHED, & IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS IF YOU WERE A BURGLAR. What gives you cover from being seen? Where is the quick get-away? Have you sensor lighting? Are your windows & doors secure? Invite a teenage relative to try and get into your home. Can they climb up to balconies? Fit through gaps? Request a FREE Security Audit from the CPO.

Tip #8: BEWARE DOOR-TO-DOOR OFFERS OF WORK FROM ROGUE

TRADESMEN. Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Register for your FREE Welcome Basket to see local businesses & services: www.welcomebasket.com.au.

Tip #9: CONSIDER HAVING THE LOCKS CHANGED/UPDATED/RE-KEYED. RE-PROGRAMME NEW ALARM CODES FOR THE BURGLAR ALARM.

More tips and translations can be found on our website 'Tips' page [here](#).

Hiding your Nan from the
Police at the family gathering



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

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.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000
Report crime anonymously
Report suspicious activity ASAP

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WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:
Website WatchOut.org.au
Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local Facebook pages/groups:
[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](#)
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