



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #469 - 06 October 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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06 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: While the NSW/VIC border zone was extended on Thursday (1 October 2020), travel to these areas is only permitted for border region resident permit holders.

NSW Police are reminding all other NSW residents that if you travel to Victoria including the border zone – 'border bubble' – you will be unable to return to

NSW without a current entry permit or authorisation to enter under the Public Health Order.

06 October, from NSW Road Safety: With lots of children at home during school holidays take care when reversing out of driveways.

Remember to look out for children and always check your blind spots. They're counting on you.



02 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the public's assistance to identify the male shown in the image below.

He may be able to assist with inquiries into an incident that that occurred within Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby on Saturday the 19th of September 2020. If you can assist, please call **Hornsby Police Station** on **9476 9799** or **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000** and quote event number **E75893452**.



02 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Going away this long weekend or for the next week of school holidays?

Here are a few small tips to think about before you leave for that well-earned break.

YOUR VEHICLE:

- * Have you checked your vehicle's tyres for legal tread depth?
- * Is the air pressure in your tyres the recommended pressure?
- * Is there water in your window washer?
- * Are your window wipers in good order so they don't smear when on?

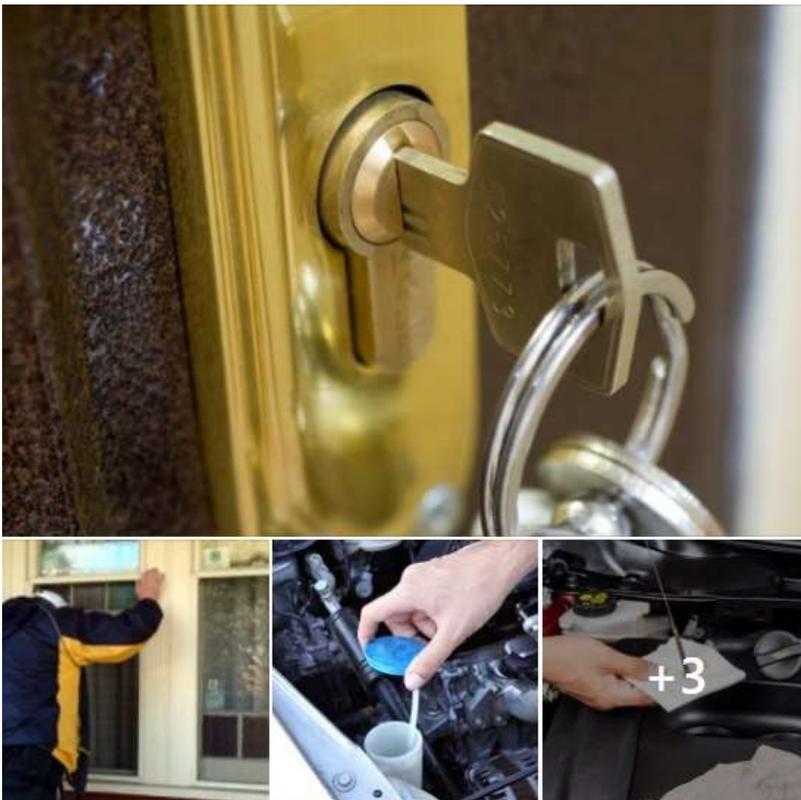
* Have you checked your oil, water and other fluid levels before you travel?

YOUR HOME:

- * Ensure you lock all doors and windows of your property
- * Have someone clear your letter box while you're away.
- * Ensure your home is looking lived in.
- * Are your sensor lights working along with the CCTV cameras?
- * Have you told your trusted neighbour, or does someone from your extended family know where you are going?

Please be safe and drive carefully and remember, **DOUBLE DEMERITS** are in place this weekend.

Have a great and safe break



30 September, from NSW Road Safety: A very important message with school holidays in play and the long weekend just a few days away.

Often, when we aren't driving, we are pedestrians, so it makes a lot of sense that we all take responsibility for our actions when driving or walking.

When hit by a car, the chances a pedestrian will survive decreases rapidly with relatively small increases in impact speed. The human body can only tolerate so much force before death or serious injury will occur.

Find out more [here](#).



28 September, from NSW Police State Crime command: The Official NSW Police Force Podcast series is out now.

Listen in as we take you behind the scenes with investigators and families.

Perhaps you can help us fill in the gaps. New episode out soon.

Streaming:

Via Apple [here](#).

Via Spotify [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Due to changes within Mailchimp, some email recipients in St Ives Chase & Berowra areas did not receive their eNewsletter last week.

Apologies for the disruption. Hopefully this week everything has worked successfully.

To view last week's eNewsletter, click [here](#).

06 October, Shared with permission from the Mt Kuring-gai Community group: PSA- we had a large package taken from our doorstep on Harwood Avenue last Thursday morning.

(Usually I would request large items not be left and they will be taken to the LPO) but in this instance Aust Post left the item at our front door. We have never had an issue with parcels being taken before. Did anyone else have anything go missing last week?

06 October, from 2GB: GRAPHIC IMAGES | Grandma sustains horror injuries during hospital visit

An 83-year-old dementia patient has been found with horrific injuries believed to be sustained while at Hornsby Hospital.

The woman, referred to as 'Mrs B', had spent some time in the hospital for assessment but when her family came to take her home they found bruises to her face and neck, and cuts to her arm.

Full story [here](#).



06 October, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community group: Well this is a fun welcome to the neighbourhood.

Please be aware vandals are around Mt Colah. Any ideas for removing graffiti from sandstone?

And the suggestions were Aeroguard and a pressure hose.



05 October, Shared with permission from the Mount Colah Community group: Car maliciously damaged on Excelsior Road last night at 4:30am (Daylight Savings).

All tyres stabbed and all glass smashed including the sun roof The car is undriveable and cannot be towed till Tues as it is the long weekend. 🙄

Reported to police. If anyone noticed any suspicious activity or has security camera footage along the street between 4-5am please message.



04 October, from Hawkesbury command: Inland waterway enforcement is part of the policing role in the Hawkesbury this long weekend.

Saturday was Day One of the Operation with enforcement being conducted in the Sackville, Lower Portland and Wisemans Ferry sectors of the Hawkesbury River. The Operation was a combined response using the Hawkesbury Police Launch and Marine Area Command supplying two high performance PWC (jet skis). Sixty-two safety compliance checks were conducted along with fifty-nine

breath tests (masters and skiers) and three drug tests. As a result of the enforcement, one rider of a PWC was issued a \$250 infringement for improper use of his watercraft, two Life Jacket Boating Infringement Notices issued along with a number of formal warnings. An increased police presence will occur on our inland waterways to promote safety, compliance and an attempt to reduce the number of drownings that have occurred in our area over the past five years.

04 October, from St Ives Neighbourhood Watch: Someone posted this - any detectives out there? Benjamin Blunte, !!!!!PLEASE HELP!!!!!! \$500 Reward

My father who is 77 has left his car somewhere around the St Ives/Mona Vale beaches area this afternoon on the 30/9/20 after getting lost. He does have a receipt for petrol from 7-11 @ 11:03 AM @ Newport. From there he thinks he did a U-Turn and did not go towards Sydney. Dad only remembers parking the car on a side street close to a Chinese or similar Restaurant where he used the toilet at the rear. He thinks he has then walked a short distance to a bus stop where he took a bus to the city. Estimates bus trip time of around 40 mins. It's a **2006 Grey Mazda 6 , Registration BN 88 DN**. He also has his disability parking pass displayed on the front dash. Car has already been reported to the police assistance line but we still need your help please. He still has the keys and remembers locking the car remotely. I'm currently serving military overseas and feel helpless being so far away. Share this if you can!

Let me know if you see it! Ben

Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) 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: Self Defence Workshop for Women by Personal Strength. 1:30-3:30pm @ 1/786 Pac Hwy, Gordon. [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.

Tuesday 03 November: Crime Prevention Forum 6-8pm @ Berowra Community Centre. Speaker: Snr Cst Colin Mitchell, NHW volunteer(s). Info from Nathan Tilbury at ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or call **0403 227 560**.

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](#)

04 October, from Northern Beaches command: As heat attracts people to the beach so those crowds attract thieves.

- They lurk in car parks watching for keys being "hidden" on car wheels, or behind bumper bars.
- They patrol the sand looking for valuables left in unattended bags, or rolled up in towels.

Owners return to find their cards, cash, phones and other valuables gone from the sand or taken from their cars. This long weekend is going to be warm. If you're headed to the beach, go with a plan to keep your property safe.

- Don't leave keys and valuables unattended.
- Do go in a group and take turns to swim, so there's always someone keeping watch.
- Don't let crooks ruin a perfectly good day out.



**Heat
Beaches
Thieves**

03 October, from Marine Area Command: What lifejacket am I required to wear on my recreational vessel?

Lifejackets
Lifejackets are the most important safety equipment on any recreational vessel.

Modern lifejacket styles are designed to help you get the most out of your day on the water. They are easy to wear and don't get in the way of your boat's handling abilities. So be safe and wear yours. Because a lifejacket could save your life.

For more information about lifejackets visit rma.nsw.gov.au/lifejackets

Types of lifejackets
There are three main types of lifejackets, built to different standards of buoyancy and designed for different kinds of recreational activities. All lifejackets used on boats must comply with accepted Australian or equivalent international standards.

They three types are:

- **Level 100** or greater (similar to former Type 1 category)
- **Level 50** (similar to former Type 2 category)
- **Level 500** (similar to former Type 3 category)

What lifejackets must I carry on my boat?
A lifejacket must be carried for each person on board most vessels (see safety equipment checklist over the page). They must be a suitable size for the intended wearer and in good condition. They must be stored or placed to allow quick and easy access.

Lifejackets must be either visible to passengers or their location clearly marked by an unobstructed and clearly visible sign saying 'LIFEJACKET'. This sign is to be either red or yellow on a white background or white on a red background.

Important note
Inflatable lifejackets must be serviced at least every 12 months or at longer intervals as indicated on the manufacturer's instructions.

WEAR A LIFEJACKET

Boating activities / vessel types	Minimum weight / lifejacket requirement	Minimum weight / lifejacket requirements
Children under 12 years of age	Level 100 or greater • All inflatable or rigid lifejackets • Must be an approved or a certified lifejacket that is properly used	Level 100 or greater • All inflatable or rigid lifejackets • Must be an approved or a certified lifejacket that is properly used
On all coast seas that are 4.8km or more offshore	Level 100 or greater at all times when: • Boating between sunset and sunrise • Boating in heavy weather • Boating close to other vessels (within 12 miles of age restriction or the same vessel)	Level 100 or greater at all times
Recreational watercraft (RWC) including open watercraft	Level 100 or greater at all times	Level 100 or greater at all times
Coasting-recreational boats	None	At 4.8 miles or per speed-restriction requirement for boating on 4.8km or more offshore Level 100 or greater at all times
Offshore fishing boats, big water fishing, waterskiing, watercraft or jet ski activities, boating & racing	Level 100 or greater at all times	Level 100 or greater at all times
Canoe and kayak	Level 100 or greater at all times when: • Boating between sunset and sunrise • Boating in heavy weather • Boating close to other vessels (within 12 miles of age restriction or the same vessel)	Level 100 or greater at all times
Water-skiing and waterskiing activities from 4.8km from shore, offshore racing, water skiing	Level 100 or greater at all times when: • Boating between sunset and sunrise • Boating in heavy weather • Boating close to other vessels (within 12 miles of age restriction or the same vessel)	Level 100 or greater at all times
When required by the terms of the lease	As per contract terms - requirement for boating on 4.8km or more offshore	As per contract terms - requirement for boating on 4.8km or more offshore

What type of lifejacket can be worn?

Click [here](#) for more info.

02 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group: FYI House broken into today on Nicholson Avenue, near Corang Road.

They went through the house taking jewellery and car, sometime between 9am and 7pm, be on the lookout.

And in the comments:

- Unfortunately we have returned from a few days away to find that our home has also been broken into - we are on **Nicholson Avenue, down the Wanawong end**. They have smashed their way in through a back glass door and ransacked the house - every drawer in every room.
- Sorry to hear that, there was another break in on **Duneba Drive** yesterday too.

02 October, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group: Car broken into on driveway in Braeside St overnight.

30 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW:



30 September, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD - STARTS ON THE 1ST OCTOBER 2020.

Bush Fire Danger Period and Fire Permits

A Fire Permit is required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community.

The key things to remember

- You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period.
- Just because it's the Bush Fire Danger Period doesn't mean you can't use fire - but there are restrictions to ensure fire is used safely.
- Getting a permit is free and easy. Contact your local Fire Control Centre.
- There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

Please note that other restrictions, approvals and/or permits may apply to council areas where the Bush Fire Danger Period has not been declared. For example, backyard burning is not permitted in many suburban areas due to Environmental Regulations and Council or Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) permission is required.

Click [here](#) for more info on the danger period and fire permits.

Click [here](#) for your safe burning checklist.



Taken from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes

Tip #16: Record description/model/serial number for all valuable property. Photograph all jewellery, alongside a ruler for scale. Keep these records off-site. Consider borrowing a FREE engraver and/or FREE UV light pen from your local Crime Prevention Officer and engraving/marketing your property with your Driver's Licence Number. Check adequate levels of insurance cover.

Tip #17: Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched.

Supervise them all the time in your home. You are probably NOT insured for theft by tradesmen or visitors - this includes party guests and buyers at a garage sale.

Tip #18: Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below.

Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

Tip #19: Suggest an arrangement with neighbours for when any of you are on vacation, eg for regularly checking your home, clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, mowing grass strips, etc. Consider placing old items on the washing line. NEVER advertise your travel plans on social media. Consider re-directing/holding your mail.

Tip #20: Consider promoting a dog on site: a dog water dish, dog lead and warning signs. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can ‘bark’ (or ‘chirrup’) as a warning/deterrent.

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

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Have your say on our proposal to convert Barra Brui Sportsground into an all weather synthetic sportsfield.

Comments close on 12 October – find out more, ask a question or make a comment [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch doesn't 'take sides'. However, we can point out that better lighting, an improved amenities block and the installing of CCTV are just some of this planned upgrade that will make this a more safe and secure playground for all the community.

**Sometimes someone
unexpected comes into
your life outta nowhere,
makes your heart race
and
changes you forever.
We call these people
cops.**

Thanks to Parramatta command.

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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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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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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:

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