



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #472 - 27 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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26 October, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: Some wild weather overnight and this morning - if you need assistance during storms and floods, call the #NSWSES on 132 500.

In a life-threatening emergency, always call **Triple Zero (000)**.



26 October, from NSW SES: !! Weather update !!

Since Friday evening the NSW SES have attended to 406 jobs with 94 of them being overnight. The majority of those jobs have been for leaking roofs from the heavy rain as well as trees and branches falling. Three flood rescues were also undertaken with one of those rescues involving two horses that got stuck in rapidly rising floodwaters. The BoM are advising that there will be unsettled weather for most of this week with a chance of storms across the north east today. Remember:

- Move your car undercover and away from trees
- Secure or put away loose items around your house, yard and balcony
- Never drive, ride or play in floodwaters (if its flooded forget it)
- Drive to the conditions

 If you need help in Flood and Storms call the NSW SES on 132 500, if it's a life threatening emergency ring Triple Zero (000)

Learn more about when to call NSW SES [here](#).



26 October, from NSW Road Safety: Road Safety Quiz: Is this fully licensed motorcyclist in the picture lane filtering legally?

- a) No
- b) Yes
- c) Yes, under certain circumstances

#MotorcycleAwarenessMonth



ANSWER: c) Yes, under certain circumstances

A motorbike rider can legally lane filter, which is to ride between other stopped or slowly moving vehicles that are being driven in two adjacent marked lanes (broken or continuous) in the same direction as the rider, as long as the below criteria are fulfilled:

- - the motorbike is being ridden at a speed not exceeding 30km/h
- - the motorcyclist holds a full licence
- - the motorcyclist isn't riding next to the kerb, next to parked vehicles or in a school zone
- - it's safe to do so

Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and bicycle riders, and are warned not to lane filter around trucks and buses.

Find out more [here](#).

23 October, from NSW Police: Police have rescued a man after he was reported lost on the Great North Walk at Berowra Waters.

The man, aged 78, was walking with another male, aged 77 when the pair became separated just before 11.30am today (Friday 23 October 2020). After being unable to locate his friend, the second man contacted emergency services. Officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command attended the scene and commenced a search with the assistance of PolAir. A short time later, the man was located and winched to safety before landing at an oval on Warrina Street, Berowra. Both men were checked by NSW Ambulance paramedics at the scene. No injuries were reported.

22 October, from Transport for NSW: NorthConnex is opening on Saturday 31 October 🎉

Here's how you'll be able to enter and exit the tunnels.

Take a tunnel tour [here](#).



22 October from Service NSW: Never share personally identifiable information over the phone to a stranger.

If you have been receiving unusual phone calls from people claiming to be from

Service NSW, report it to Scamwatch. Remember, we would never call you out of the blue asking you to share personal details.

Report a scam [here](#).

21 October from Crime Stoppers NSW: Did you know that if your business has been a victim of Fraud you can now report this online to the NSW Police Force Community Portal?

You can report Fraud online when:

You are a business and person(s) have failed to pay for goods or services that you have already provided eg:

-  Fuel theft
-  Taxi fare
-  Accommodation
-  Restaurant meal
-  Medical or dental services, or
-  Personal services

You can also report online:

-  Lost Property
-  Theft
-  Intentional Damage or Graffiti
-  Minor Traffic Crash
-  Crime Information direct to Crime Stoppers

Visit portal [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

REMINDER: 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. Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will be present to answer your questions, including the Secretary of NHW NSW, David Watmore and the Area Coordinator for NHW Berowra, Ralph Stein.**

Click [here](#) for the new Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra Facebook page. Please unfollow the old Berowra Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page (Note the different sequence for the name.)

27 October, from Burwood command: SCHOOL ZONE - TRAFFIC OFFENCES incur DEMERIT POINTS

Offence: Disobey No Parking sign (in School Zone) = 2 demerits

Fine: \$194

Offence: Disobey No Stopping sign (in School Zone) = 2 demerits

Fine: \$349

Offence: Stop in Intersection in School Zone = 2 demerits

Fine: \$464

Offence: Stop on/near childrens crossing (in School Zone) = 2 demerits

Fine: \$464

Offence: Stop on/near pedestrian crossing (in School Zone) = 2 demerits

Fine: \$464

Offence: Stop in bus zone (in School Zone) = 2 demerits

Fine: 349

Offence: Double Park in School Zone = 2 demerits

Fine: \$349

REMEMBER: Police are also in unmarked vehicles, patrolling school zones.

Fines will be sent in the mail.

27 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: There is a big difference between how most men and most women view their safety in certain situations.

In scenarios where men feel completely at ease, a woman can be terrified for her safety and wellbeing. Although we can start the conversation, it is up to everyone to be aware and help where possible.

Here are some tips:

- 1. Call out poor behaviour – if you witness another man harassing a woman or even making a sexist joke, say something. It doesn't have to be much, something like "That's not funny" or "That's not okay" is usually enough.
- 2. Create an interruption – by interrupting an interaction you can allow an opportunity for a woman to leave or get some help. Here are some approaches you can use:

- • The “old friend” method – pretend to know the female and strike up a friendly conversation
- • The “I’m lost” method – asking for directions is a non-confrontational approach which will cause a distraction to the situation
- • The “checking in” method. Simply asking the woman if she is okay will tell you quickly enough if further help is required.
- 3. ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Watch 'Running Alone at Night' video [here](#).



26 October, from NHW Victoria. The state is different, but the message is the same: Where does your car rank for car theft?

In the past year, 16,751 vehicles were stolen in Victoria. That's 8% more than the previous year, but 7% less than 4 years ago. The 2 most popular cars stolen were the Nissan Pulsar N15 and Holden Commodore VE.

Seven out of 10 cars are stolen with their own keys. Car thieves sneak into homes through unlocked doors and windows and look for keys left in places that are easy to access, such as on a key hook or in a bowl near the door. The easiest way to protect your car is to pop your keys out of sight, lock all doors and windows, and make sure your family is doing the same.

Theft Watch - Financial Year 2019/20 click [here](#).

25 October, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

Hi all, as much as we'd like to meet you all... This isn't us, no housewarming tonight- please don't come over!

Thank you to the person on Cowan Rd who reported this to the police, we would have been in for a surprising night!



Dates for the Diary

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 Meeting ID and password.

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

25 October, from Gordon NHW: Shared with permission from the North Shore Mum's group: USED PROBABLY FOR BONGS.

Our front yard garden hose was randomly cut last night...I am totally missing the point here as nothing is stolen, nothing else is damaged and you need tools to carry around with you to do it... 🤔

P.S. We have friendly neighbours and the hose hasn't been used in month so couldn't have possibly upset anyone in any way 😊



25 October, from NSW Police: A man is due in court charged after

allegedly committing a lewd act, shoplifting, then assaulting police on the North Shore.

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command (PAC) were called to St Leonards Station about 1.50pm (Saturday 24 October 2020), after a member of the public reported a man committing a sex act in public.

Officers were unable to locate the man; however, about 2.45pm they were called to a supermarket in Walker Street, North Sydney, after a man had allegedly stolen items. Police were told when the man was challenged by staff, he spat towards them.

Police arrested a 32-year-old man a short time later in Clarke Road, Neutral Bay, after a brief struggle. The man was taken to Chatswood Police Station where he's been charged with four offences,

- • Assault police
- • Larceny
- • Not comply with noticed direction spitting/coughing – COVID19, and
- • Willful and obscene exposure.

He's been refused bail to appear in Parramatta Bail Court tomorrow (Sunday 25 October 2020).

23 October, from NSW Health: With the easing of restrictions, you can now:

- • gather in outdoor public spaces in groups of 30 people; and
- • make a group booking at restaurants, cafes, pubs and clubs for up to 30 people.

Visitors to your home remains at 20 people at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children. A member of the household is not counted as a visitor. As the home is a high transmission area, NSW Health strongly recommends a COVID-Safe precautionary approach of having no

more than 10 visitors at a time. Please remember that with the easing of restrictions comes risk, so everyone needs to:

- Stay home and get tested immediately if unwell
- Keep 1.5 metres apart unless you live together
- Wash your hands regularly
- Wear a mask if unable to physically distance.
- Check in by QR code or pen/paper into every venue

Find out more [here](#).

22 October, SHARED WITH PERMISSION from another page: Scammers are getting more sophisticated, beware 😡

Hi everyone, I just wanted to raise awareness about an issue, something that happened to me yesterday. I was a victim of a very cleverly thought out scam. I got a call from Mona Vale police station - the scammers routed their call through the actual number, which I have saved in my phone, so I believed it was legit, but it wasn't. This was a very scary and threatening ordeal that went on for 5 hours. I don't want this to happen to anyone else. Just tell anyone you know that if they get a call from either the actual local police station or a local bank branch, to hang up and call the number yourself straight away to make sure. These people are threatening and intimidating but you still have to hang up and try not to get sucked into what they say. Stay safe everyone!

APP OF THE MONTH - Live Traffic NSW

View on a desktop [here](#).

Download from Google Play [here](#).

Download from App Store [here](#).

Hornsby Heights to Galston - Scheduled Roadwork Maintenance Sun 18 Oct to

Fri 18 Dec 2020 Info [here](#).

Changed Traffic Conditions - NorthConnex opening Sat 31 Oct 2020 Info [here](#).

Scheduled Roadwork Maintenance - Mona Vale Rd, St Ives between Douglas Street and Stanley Street Sat 31 Oct 2020 Info [here](#).

Taken from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Businesses"

Tip# 2: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC BEHIND THE COUNTER. Thieves will distract you, reach over the counter and take your property.

Tip# 4: ENSURE ALL PERIMETER FENCES, GATES AND DOORS ARE IN GOOD ORDER AND THAT GATES ARE KEPT CLOSED & LOCKED (use a padlock or similar) WHEN NOT IN USE, TO RESTRICT UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY.

Tip# 7: REGISTER ANY CAMERAS ON YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WITH THE NSW POLICE FORCE CCTV REGISTER ('The Register').

Tip# 8: THE POWER BOARD TO YOUR BUSINESS SHOULD BE HOUSED WITHIN A METAL CABINET LOCKED WITH AN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY LOCK to restrict tampering with the power supply.

To see these and other tips, view our website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au Tips page [here](#).

To register my business *or residential* CCTV details with the NSW Police Register, click [here](#).

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Thanks to Tracy

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](#)

[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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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

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