



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #474 - 10 November 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.

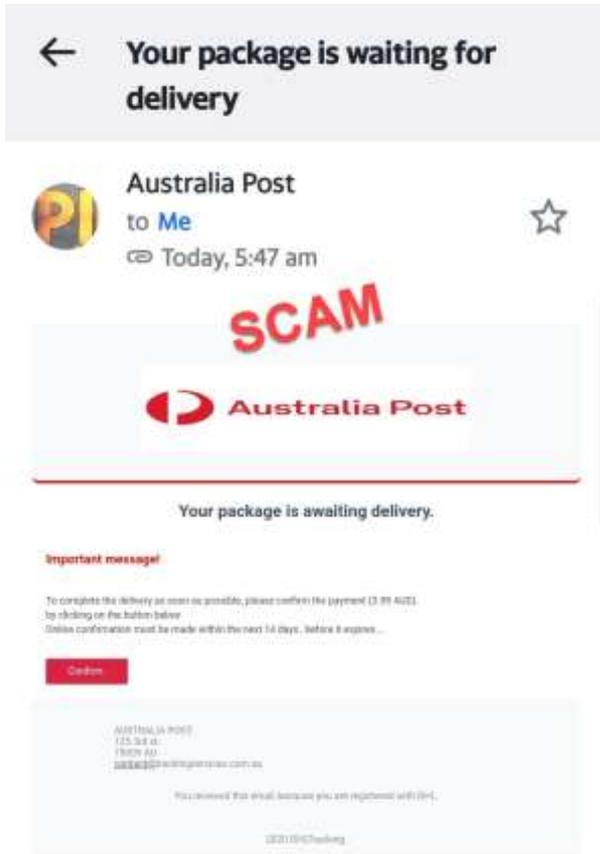
🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

06 November, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT: Beware of Australia Post scams claiming your package requires a payment to complete delivery.

The messages contain a link phishing for your personal and financial info. Australia Post will never email or text asking for payment or personal and

financial info.

More detail [here](#).



06 November, from Hornsby Shire Council: ROAD WORKS - THORNLEIGH 🚧 | We are upgrading the intersection of Duffy Avenue, Chilvers Road and The Esplanade.

The southern side of the intersection is being realigned, traffic signals will be upgraded, and the footpath will be turned into a shared path, to make things run a bit more smoothly around that area. Works are about to start in mid to late November and will take about 4 to 5 months, dependent on the weather. We will try to keep disruptions at a minimum and do the work as much outside of

peak hours as possible.

Have a look at what's happening below and [here](#).



03 November, from NSW Police: The Emergency+ app re-launched today!

The app works across Australia, using GPS functionality built into smartphones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details require to mobilise emergency services. Improvements include:

- A redesigned Emergency+ application logo and new colour scheme
- The inclusion of **'what3words'**, a software enhancement allowing Triple Zero (000) callers to provide their exact location quickly and accurately with just three words describing the address to assist responding emergency services
- Inclusion of a 'pin drop' function to locate and report an emergency more accurately
- Inclusion of CPR videos to equip people with lifesaving skills
- An update to the end user licence agreement allowing international students and international travelers in Australia to access the Emergency+ application.

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



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

10 November, from NSW Police: Police are again appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from the state's Central Coast.

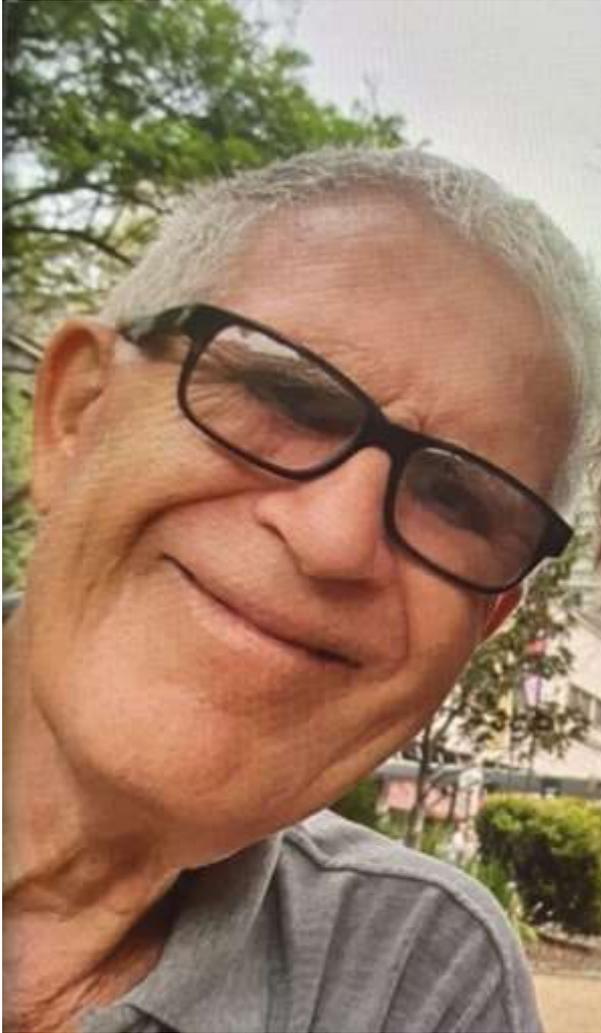
Mr Dusan Dimich, aged 81, was last seen leaving a shopping complex on Railway Street, Woy Woy, about 9.30am on Monday 2 November 2020.

Family members contacted police later that day and officers from Brisbane Water Police District commenced inquiries into his whereabouts.

Police are investigating reports that Mr Dimich was sighted at Woy Woy train station and the Sydney CBD later that morning, and tracked to **Hornsby Train Station** that afternoon, coming from Central Station. He has not been seen since. Police and family members hold grave concerns for his welfare due to his age and medical conditions.

Mr Dimich is described as being of Caucasian appearance with a medium build, between 180cm and 190cm tall with a hunch, short grey hair and brown eyes. Mr Dimich also wears hearing aids in both ears, has a mole on his right cheek and wears dark glasses. He was last seen wearing a red and white flannelette long-sleeved shirt, a light blue undershirt with white horizontal stripes, blue jeans and grey joggers.

Anyone who may have seen Mr Dimich or know of his whereabouts is urged to contact police immediately. Anyone with information about Mr Dimich's whereabouts is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.



09 November, From Fiona Yanfang Zhou, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Every year between 25th Nov – 10th Dec is the International Campaign – 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

We would like to invite you to a series of “Healthy Relationship = Harmonious Society” online program for Chinese community to

- better understand about Domestic & Family Violence and Elder Abuse;
- know more supporting services available;
- learn skills to help those who need assistance.

Please join us for the following dates:

Program 1: “Healthy Relationships “

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm, 23rd Nov

Link [here](#).

Dial in: +61 2 8015 6011 / Meeting ID: 832 7892 0451 / Passcode: 489568

Program 2: “Care for Seniors”

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm, 8th Dec

Link [here](#).

Dial in: +61 2 8015 6011 / Meeting ID: 843 4692 6346 / Passcode: 363940

Please see the attached flyer for more details and scan the QR to register and join the questionnaire. Please also help promote through your networks and look forward to seeing you on both dates.

大家好,

每年的11月25日至12月10日是“国际运动-反对基于性别暴力行为的16日运动”。

我们诚邀您参加一系列专为华人社区举办的“健康关系=和谐社会”网上信息会, 使您能

-更好地了解有关家庭暴力及虐待长者相关的信息;

-了解更多有用的支持服务;

-学习支持技巧以帮助那些需要帮助的人士

活动日期:

活动1: “健康关系“

时间: 11月23日周一上午10:00点 – 12:00点

Zoom链接 : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83278920451...>

会议号(Meeting ID): 832 7892 0451 / 密码: 489568

活动2: “关爱长者”

时间: 12月8日周二上午10:00点 – 12:00点

Zoom链接 : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84346926346...>

会议号(Meeting ID): 843 4692 6346 / 密码: 363940

有关更多详细信息请参见随附的传单，并扫描二维码进行注册并参加问卷调查。

也请帮助通过您的网络进行宣传，期待活动日能见到您。

谢谢！

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign
November 25 - December 10

16 DAYS

16 天

16 日活动 以行动反对基于性别的暴力
11月25日-12月10日

Healthy Relationships = Harmonious Society
健康关系 = 和谐社区

Session 1 — 活动 1
Healthy Relationships — 健康关系
10am—12pm Monday 23 November
11月23日星期一上午10点—12点

@ Zoom link (Zoom 链接):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83278920451?pwd=akdCeW5peFNRNzkyQm15WkVXWVRSZ099>

@ Meeting ID (会议号): 832 7892 0451

@ Password (密码): 489568

Session 2 — 活动 2
Care For Seniors — 关爱长者
10am—12pm Tuesday 08 December
12月8日星期二上午10点—12点

@ Zoom link (Zoom 链接):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84346926346?pwd=ajU3anZlQm9HRHRlbnk2U0F1Wk99>

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Please scan for registration & survey

请扫码登记并参与问卷调查

Australian Aborigines Cultural Association | ANHF 澳洲华裔协会 | Relationships Australia NEW SOUTH WALES | Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury | CASS | KNC | NSW | TAFE NSW | HORNBY

09 November, from Gladys Berejiklian: Congratulations to former NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM who has just been announced as the NSW Australian of the Year.

All of NSW will forever be deeply grateful for your leadership during such a difficult time for NSW.



10 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Young people and particularly those under the age of 18 are vulnerable to the damaging effects of alcohol.

- In Australia alcohol is a key factor in the three leading causes of death among adolescents; unintentional injury, homicide and suicide.
- In 2012, young people aged 16-24 years of age were around twice as likely as the general population to drink at very high levels on a single occasion.
- For young people aged 18-24 years of age, the rate of emergency department presentations for acute alcohol problems was 54% higher in 2012 than in 2003.

- The rate of interpersonal violence hospitalisations in 15-24 year old males were around four times that of females in the same age group.

As well as the serious and obvious health consequences of excessive drinking, alcohol places the drinker and those around them at considerable risk of harm. Alcohol use, particularly excessive use can increase young people's risk of becoming a victim and / or an offender of alcohol related crime, often violent crime such as sexual assault, physical assault, robbery, driving accidents, violence and antisocial behaviour offences.

In NSW, laws regulate the sale, consumption and provision of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years (minors). These laws are covered in the Liquor Act 2007 click [here](#) and the Summary Offences Act 1988 click [here](#).



10 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Bushfire Arson is one of the most devastating crimes to property, animal life and tragically even human life.

- If you see something that looks out of place, this may be what police are looking for.

- If you can, record the details of suspicious vehicles such as the make, model and registration – also the appearance of any person acting suspiciously. This information goes a long way in helping police solve these heinous crimes.
- If you know about someone who is committing bushfire arson – don't hold onto that information, contact Crime Stoppers today by reporting online [here](#) or by calling us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).



09 November, from NSW Police: Know what to do when you hear a siren or see the flashing blue or red lights of an approaching emergency vehicle?

When you hear a siren or see the flashing blue or red lights of an approaching emergency vehicle:

- Give way to the emergency vehicle – if you are stopped do not move until it is safe to proceed, even if the traffic light is green. If you are moving, you must slow down and stop if necessary to avoid a collision with the emergency vehicle.
- Move out of the way as soon as you can safely do so

- Move over as much as you can to the left-hand side of the road or, if possible, move onto the road shoulder or breakdown lane. On multi-lane roads, try to move into the left lane to let the emergency vehicle pass
- Drivers on both sides of the road should be prepared to move out of the path of emergency vehicles
- Emergency vehicles with sirens sounding or lights flashing responding to urgent situations are not required to follow the rules, as long as it is safe for them to do so. Drivers should always be extra cautious when they see flashing lights or hear sirens.

More info [here](#).



Dates for the Diary

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

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

Monday 23 November: 10am-12noon “Healthy Relationship = Harmonious Society” online program for Chinese community to - better understand about Domestic & Family Violence and Elder Abuse. **Meeting ID: 832 7892 0451 Passcode: 489568**

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 passcode.

Wednesday 25 November - Thursday 10 December: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

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

Monday 30 November: “Know What to Do For Me and My Community” organised by Kuring-gai NSWPF command, Hornsby Council, and TAFE NSW. **Contact:** Lilian on 0426 453 619. **Meeting ID: 889 3972 6285 Passcode: 08WhSe**

Tuesday 08 December: 10am-12noon “Care for Seniors” online program for Chinese

community to

- better understand about Domestic & Family Violence and Elder Abuse. **Meeting ID: 843 4692 6346 Passcode: 363940**

09 November, from Fiona Yanfang Zhou, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Attached is the flyer of an online information session “Know What to Do For Me and My Community” organised by Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC), Hornsby Council, and TAFE NSW. The information session includes waste management from Council’s Waste Team, bush/ fire safety from Hornsby RFS. backyard swimming pool requirements and safety from council’s Certification Team, Personal Safety tips from Hornsby Police, and course & services from Hornsby TAFE.

**Know What to Do
For Me and
My Community**

Hear from local experts on what you can do for our environment and to keep you and your family safe during this summer & coming holiday season.

10am-12pm Monday 30 November

Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939726285?pwd=Z28ySzY0R2l3aWw5ZUtrUjJlUxUkU0Q>

Meeting ID: 889 3972 6285
Passcode: 08Wh3e

Contact:
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06 November, from the government's Stay Smart Online: ⚠️ SCAM ALERT
⚠️ Scammers are calling individuals pretending to be from the Australian Cyber Security Centre.

The Australian Cyber Security Centre will never contact you by phone to request access to your computer. Nor will they ask you to install software, transfer money or ask for banking details. If the scammer calls, hang up!

More information [here](#).

06 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY LIGHTING

- 💡 Criminals don't like to be seen. Security lighting can be installed around the perimeter of your property, including over entry ways, along your driveway and the back of the house, revealing any possible hiding places for thieves.
 - 💡 The lighting should be checked regularly and maintained.
 - 💡 Consider using light timers to turn these lights on/off when not at home.
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04 November, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group: Be careful when having parcels delivered.

Today we had a content of the delivery package stolen from our front porch. The Australia post texted saying the parcel will be delivered today and if no one is home, it will be taken to the post office. Instead they left it on our front porch. When I noticed an hour later that the parcel is on our front porch, I realised that was cut open and the box was empty. I reported it to the police but they said they can't do much as we don't have security cameras. We will be following up with Australia post and really hope that we can get our money back as what was meant to be inside of the package wasn't cheap 😞

Edit: I have also lodged a complaint with Australia post.

04 November, from Bush Tele Weekly: Berowra's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Ralph Stein speaks at the Crime Prevention meeting held last night at the Berowra Community Centre.

Statistics indicate that Berowra is still 'a beautiful place to live with a relatively low crime rate'. However local residents representing Berowra Public School, Brooklyn Residents' Association and local shopping Centre Berowra Marketplace beg to differ. It appears that much of the graffiti, vandalism, break and enters and antisocial behavior is not being adequately reported, therefore not appearing on Police statistics. The resurgence of Neighbourhood Watch is

aiming to resolve this and make our leafy suburb as crime free as possible. Kathie Comb Reporting for The Bush Tele.



04 November, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Just an update on the recent break-ins, Police have positively matched finger prints.

04 November, from NHW NSW: On the 25th October Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales held its first AGM since the formation board was created in 2019.

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were declared vacant. As written nominations were received for all 4 positions there was no call for nominations from the floor and all 4 positions were filled unopposed. The new Executive Board for NHW NSW INC is:

- President: Bill Hackney Hunter Region
- Vice President: Wayne Deaner Wagga Wagga
- Secretary: David Watmore Newcastle
- Treasurer: Patrick Winsbury. Sydney

So congratulations to the new executive. In accordance with the NHW NSW INC Constitution the new executive held a meeting on Sunday 01/11 to select the remaining 3 ordinary board members and the independent board member. The remaining board members are as follows:

- Julia Eagles Sydney Ordinary Board Member
- Christine Clarke Sydney Ordinary Board Member
- Kate Clare Armidale Ordinary Board Member
- Jacob Givney Raymond Terrace Independent Member

So congratulations to all of the NHW NSW board members both returning and new. The new board members can be contact through the **NHW NSW State Office: Phone: 02 4048 1068 Mobile: 0401 384 003 Email: admin@nhwnsw.org.au**

Taken from 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Personal Safety':

1. LIMIT WHAT YOU CARRY WITH YOU. If you carry a bag, keep it close to your body and keep a firm grip. Carry any wallet in your front pocket. If someone does attempt to take your property, do not resist. Throw it away from you.
3. WHEN OUT, STAY ALERT, KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR SURROUNDINGS, AND BE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND YOU AT ALL TIMES. Don't be distracted. If listening to music, remove one ear bud, or set volume to low.
4. WHEN TRAVELING ON A TRAIN, SIT NEAR THE GUARD'S

COMPARTMENT. Try not to fall asleep. When traveling on a bus, sit near the driver. When taking a taxi, before getting in, verify the authority card photo matches the driver.

10. NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN A HIDING SPOT OUTSIDE THE HOME. Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

12. DON'T TELL BURGLARS YOU LIVE ALONE. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "We can't come to the phone right now... " even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary roommate that you will answer it, "Don't worry—I'll get it!" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.

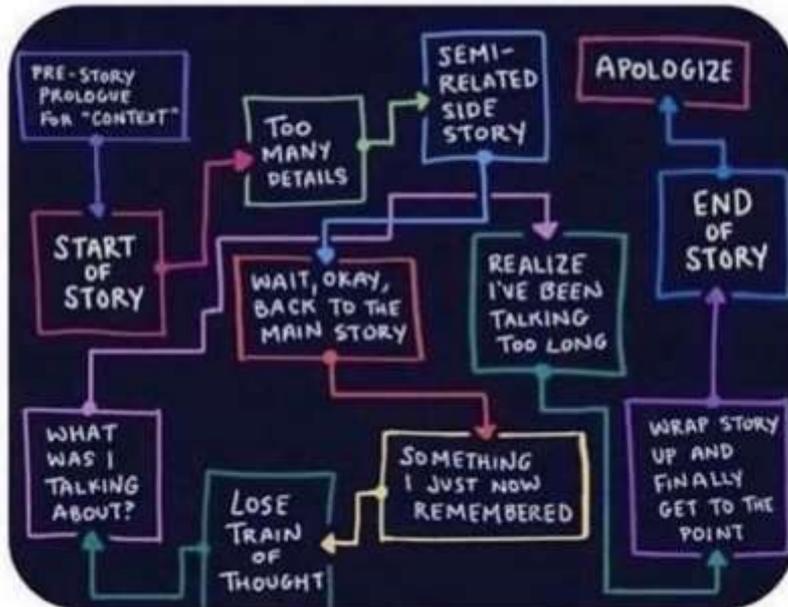
16. WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD & AT INTERSECTIONS, NEVER ASSUME AN APPROACHING DRIVER CAN SEE YOU. Get eye contact. Pedestrian crossings don't give you protection.

For more tips, visit our Neighbourhood Watch website's Tips page [here](#). Or [email us](#) for your own copy.

How a normal person tells a story



How people giving statements tell a story



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

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au

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

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

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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:

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