



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #478 - 08 December 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.

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08 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: TARGETING THE ELDERLY!

Be aware Scammers about - A message from Kuring-gai Police Area Command.

If you haven't solicited work from any so-called trades person, please DO NOT engage in their so-called services. Some of the works scammers pretend to

offer or carry out are tree lopping, cleaning of driveways and roofs and general home or garden maintenance. In the last few weeks scammers purporting to be tree loppers have scammed two elderly residents in our Command. These scammers returned to one of the victims and attempted to scam them a second time. They will typically knock on the victim's door and offer to do work for the victim, only to either overcharge or do little or no work at all. If approached by someone you haven't solicited work from and you feel something is not quite right, please call your local police station – **Hornsby 9476 9799 and Gordon 9418 5399** and report the matter. (Please share with any elderly or vulnerable person you know).

08 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: This time of year, can be a problem for noise issues.

Neighbours throw more parties, the music is louder, and illegal fireworks get let off. For noise complaints you can contact **Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799**.

WHEN NOISE IS A ONE-OFF PROBLEM:

If you are disturbed by an incident like amplified music, contact your local council or the local police station. They can issue a warning or issue a noise abatement direction directing a person to stop making the offensive noise. A noise abatement direction may be issued at any time of the day or night and can remain in force for up to 28 days from the time it was issued. A person who fails to comply with it can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$300. Noise abatement directions cannot be appealed against. The police and authorised officers of councils have powers that allow them to seize equipment used to make noise (e.g. a sound system in contravention of a noise abatement direction). For further information about what constitutes offensive noise see the [NSW EPA - Noise Guide for Local Government](#).

Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council have some power to investigate offensive noise, though it is generally best to try to resolve the problem without involving police.

- **Step 1:** Keep a noise diary to record when and how the noise is affecting you.
- **Step 2:** Discuss your concerns with the person causing the noise. Often people do not realise they are being noisy and will work with you to solve the problem. You could also send them a letter outlining your concerns. Keep a diary of the incidents.
- **Step 3:** If the noise continues, seek mediation with your neighbour through the Community Justice Centre – <http://www.cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au>.
- **Step 4:** If the noise continues you can report the matter to Council, along with your completed noise diary. Council officers will need to see documentation from the Community Justice Centre to prove mediation has been attempted.

Tip for party goers: Remember to be aware of the fact that there are people around you who may not wish to participate in the level of noise that you are making. Consideration of others can go a very long way in keeping neighbourhood relationships positive and avoiding any knocks on your door by police.

08 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: About 2.45pm (Wednesday 25 November), officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command were called to St Johns Avenue near the Pacific Highway, Gordon, after reports approximately three female teenagers – one aged 19 and two aged 18, have attempted to steal a handbag from a female victim.

The victim has only been described as Asian in appearance. When officers arrived, the victim had left the scene. The three female teenagers have since

been identified. Investigations are still continuing.

Police are appealing to the public to identify the victim or if the victim could come forward and speak to officers from the Ku-ring-gai Proactive Unit.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au> or contact **Ku-ring-gai Proactive Unit on 9476 9799** and quote **E 76318070**. Information is treated in strict confidence.

05 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: HELP TRIPLE ZERO (000) FIND YOU

Being able to give your precise location in an emergency can save vital time and lives. Make sure you are prepared this summer by downloading the free #emergencyplus app with @what3words built in (as well as street address and GPS Coordinates) so you can #HelpTripleZeroFindYou.

- Available on the App Store [here](#)
- Android App available on the Google Play Store [here](#)



03 December, from Crime Stoppers: Texting or using your mobile phone while driving is a serious offence and can lead to an injury or death.

If you are distracted driving, you are breaking the law. Someone is watching and you will get caught. Everyone can help keep our roads safe. If you see, suspect, or know something call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.



03 December, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Northern Beaches Highway Patrol detect Learner rider at 152km/h in an 80km/h zone on Warringah Road Roseville Chase.

About 9am on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 officers were conducting stationary speed enforcement on Warringah Road when they detected a Triumph motorcycle travelling at 152km/h. Officers stopped the cycle and the rider produced an NSW Learners Class Riders licence. The cycle had no L plate displayed, also the rider had his mobile phone mounted to the handlebar and was using an application on the phone. The rider's licence was suspended on the spot for a period of 6 months and the registration plates of the cycle confiscated for a period of 3 months. He received the following penalty notices. In relation to his speed the rider stated, "I'm running late to my P's Test".

- Class A m/v exceed speed > 45 km/h.
- Learner drive motor bike not display L plate as prescribed.

- • Learner licence holder use mobile phone while driving.
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03 December, from Quakers Hill command: DON'T BE SCAMMED!!!

A string of scams are taking place asking people to make payments over the phone for things such as taxes, hospital bills, bail money, debt collection, and utility bills. The scams are committed using many methods, including gift cards. As the fraudsters are sometimes requesting codes from App Store & iTunes Gift Cards or Apple Store Gift Cards, we want to make sure our customers are aware of these scams.

Regardless of the reason for payment, the scam follows a certain formula:

The victim receives a call instilling panic and urgency to make a payment by purchasing App Store & iTunes Gift Cards or Apple Store Gift Cards from the nearest retailer (convenience store, electronics retailer, etc.). After the cards have been purchased, the victim is asked to pay by sharing the code(s) on the back of the card with the caller over the phone. It's important to know that App Store & iTunes Gift Cards can be used **ONLY** to purchase goods and services from the iTunes Store, App Store, Apple Books, for an Apple Music subscription, or for iCloud storage. Apple Store Gift Cards can be redeemed **ONLY** on the Apple Online Store and at Apple Retail Stores.

If you're approached to use the cards for any other payment, you could very likely be the target of a scam and should immediately report it to your local police department as well as the Australian Tax Office and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).



02 December, from Hornsby Shire Council: ON THE ROAD 🚧 | Asquith is getting new pedestrian fencing on the median strip on Pacific Highway, just across from the train station.

The work will be carried out on weeknights between 8pm and 5am until Friday 18 December. Please be careful and look out for traffic changes during these times. Find all the details of upcoming road works at <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/roadworks>. Drive safely everyone!



02 December, from Inner West command:



Phone call advising there is a
WARRANT
FOR YOUR ARREST?



Never buy gift cards or iTunes cards to make a payment

IT'S A SCAM

If you have been contacted and asked to do this,

REPORT IT TO POLICE



#itsascam

Australian government departments won't ask you for payment using gift cards either!



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

08 December, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: November 2020 crime stats for the suburbs covered by the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC).

Suburb / Compass Category	2020-11
Asquith	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	1
Steal From Dwelling	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Retail Store	1
Berowra	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Malicious Damage	10
Steal From Dwelling	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Berowra Heights	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Malicious Damage	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Berowra Waters	
Steal From Motor Vehicle	2
Stolen Vehicles	1
Stolen Vessels	2
Brooklyn	
Steal From Dwelling	2
Steal From Motor Vehicle	2
Steal From Retail Store	1
Stolen Vehicles	1
Cowan	
Malicious Damage	1
Galston	
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	2
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Glenorie	
Malicious Damage	1
Stolen Vehicles	1
Gordon	
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	10
Robbery	1
Steal From Dwelling	3
Steal From Retail Store	2
Hornsby	
Assault (Non-DV)	10
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	7
Steal From Dwelling	1

Suburb /	2020-11
Compass Category	
Steal From Motor Vehicle	4
Steal From Person	3
Steal From Retail Store	22
Stolen Vehicles	1
Hornsby Heights	
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	2
Killara	
Malicious Damage	4
Mount Colah	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Malicious Damage	2
Steal From Dwelling	2
Stolen Vehicles	1
Mount Kuring-Gai	
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Normanhurst	
Malicious Damage	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Retail Store	1
Stolen Vehicles	1
Pymble	
Assault (Non-DV)	1
Malicious Damage	3
Steal From Dwelling	1
South Turramurra	
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	2
Steal From Motor Vehicle	2
St Ives	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2
Malicious Damage	8
Robbery	1
Steal From Dwelling	4
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Retail Store	6
St Ives Chase	
Steal From Dwelling	2
Thornleigh	
Malicious Damage	2
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Retail Store	1
Stolen Vehicles	1
Turramurra	
Assault (Non-DV)	1
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1

Suburb / Compass Category	2020-11
Steal From Dwelling	1
Steal From Retail Store	1
Wahroonga	
Assault (Non-DV)	1
Break And Enter - Dwelling	3
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	3
Malicious Damage	2
Steal From Dwelling	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	2
Waitara	
Assault (Non-DV)	2
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	7
Steal From Dwelling	2
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Retail Store	1
Warrawee	
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	1
Steal From Dwelling	1
West Pymble	
Assault (Non-DV)	1
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2
Malicious Damage	2

08 December, from the Sydney Morning Herald: Kellyville High School deputy principal charged with online child exploitation offences

A deputy principal at Kellyville High School in Sydney's north-west has been charged with online child exploitation offences after allegedly attempting to lure a 14-year-old girl for sex...

Full article [here](#).



07 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra: A car and some properties were broken into on Kywong Rd/Redwood Ave/Overten Ct/Yallabee Rd, Sunday morning around 1.50am.

Team of 3 on foot with what appears to be a car supporting them. These incidents have been reported to the police. Anyone who may have seen anything please contact **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799.**

07 December, from Hornsby Advocate: Matthew David Smith who claims to run a carpet laying business, according to his social media profile, has been sentenced over a string of driving and drug-related offences.

He was caught carrying out other serious offences in 2018 and 2019 involving fraudulent drug prescriptions.

Full article [here](#). [Behind a paywall]



07 December, from NSW Police: A water safety video is today being launched in a bid to protect international students from drowning in NSW this summer. [edited]

NSW Police Force in partnership with Surf Life Saving NSW, Royal Life Saving NSW and Northern Beaches Council are launching the video today (Monday 7 December 2020), which was funded by Study NSW. The video, which is subtitled in eight different languages, encourages international students to enroll in swimming lessons and familiarise themselves with water safety when swimming in the ocean, rock pools, rivers and pools or rock fishing. Some of the recommended safety tips include:

- Never swimming alone
- Wearing a life jacket when fishing and boating
- Avoiding alcohol around water and not drinking if you plan to swim
- Learning Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Full Media Release [here](#).

06 December, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Cheers to the low lifes who stole our flowering cactus from our front porch last night... Anembo Rd.



04 December, from NSW Police: A fifth person has been charged over his alleged involvement in a spate of graffiti attacks that caused damage at train stations across Sydney and the Central Coast.

In September 2020, Strike Force McCarten was established to investigate malicious damage offences involving graffiti at train stations across the Sydney Metropolitan area and Central Coast. The alleged offences occurred between May 2018 and November 2020 at Central, Newtown, St Peters, Redfern, Macdonaldtown, Dulwich Hill, **Normanhurst, Mt Kuring-Gai**, Point Clare, **Gordon** and Jindabyne. Police will allege the cost of the damage was \$74,000. As part of ongoing inquiries, three men – aged 20, 25 and 26 – and an 18-year-old woman were charged last month. They remain before the courts. Following further investigations, strike force investigators arrested an 18-year-

old man at a home at Wamberal, on the Central Coast, about 3.45pm yesterday (Thursday 3 December 2020). He was taken to Gosford Police Station and charged with shoplifting, destroy/damage property in company <=\$2000 and go onto or into or remain on or in running lines etc. The Wamberal man was granted conditional bail to appear before Gosford Local Court on Thursday 17 December 2020.

Dates for the diary

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**

Friday 11, Wednesday 16, Friday 18, Tuesday 22 December: Apex Santa trips thru Berowra. Santa Tracker Info [here](#).

Saturday 19 December: 5pm Makeup Masterclass raising money for Care Australia. \$20pp. St Ives. **Info 0414989642.**

Sunday 20 December: 3pm Makeup Masterclass raising money for Care Australia. \$20pp. St Ives. **Info 0414989642.**

Sunday 20 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Annual Santa Run 8:30am, Westleigh & parts of Thornleigh & Normanhurst. Collecting non-perishable food to be donated to The Salvation Army Hornsby Gateway Corps

05 December: Happy International Volunteers Day to all our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers!

We appreciate your gift of time and expertise. 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

08 December, from Gordon Area 24/12 NHW: We held our

Gordon/Killara/E Killara/St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM on the evening of Tuesday 24 November via Zoom.

Here is a report from the meeting. Thank you to all those who took part in this inaugural Zoom get-together. Yes, we made some mistakes, however, the overwhelming response was that Zoom works and that we should consider holding another. Questions? Images too small? Email us at NHWGordon@gmail.com for your copy of the report.



Shared with permission from the Gordon NHW/Community group: 

DECEMBER MAKEUP MASTERCLASSES

Raising money for CARE Australia. Info: Phone Hannah Frykberg **0414989642**.

MAKEUP MASTERCLASS

90 minute small group makeup workshop
with a professional makeup artist



Perfect for all ages!

Learn how to create your perfect look
and leave looking amazing!

Improve on techniques such as:

- Contour and highlight
- Smokey eyes
- Bronze summer glow

\$20PP



All proceeds go to CARE, an Australian organisation helping the world's most vulnerable communities to fight poverty and create equality especially among women and girls



5PM SATURDAY 19TH
3PM SUNDAY 20TH
St Ives

*Clean personal brushes and toxin-free
makeup will be provided for use along
with light refreshments*

Spots limited. To book or for any questions contact 0414-989-642

Taken from 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security:

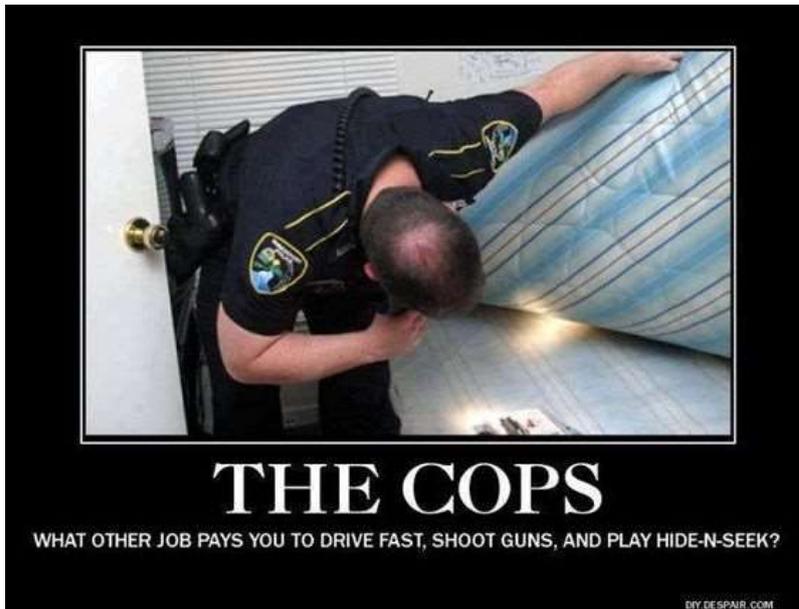
Tip #16: Request your Body Corporate pursue Crime Prevention initiatives, eg: 'Rapid Removal' graffiti policy, monitored CCTV, landscaping to reduce the opportunity for crime, secure fences & gates, security lighting.

Tip #17: Do not leave your car park remote control or any valuables on view in your vehicle, even if it is locked and in the secure parking area.

Tip #18: Consider replacing the main door lock(s) with high-quality deadlocks. Replace any screws with longer ones to secure any doorchain/doorbar.

Tip #19: Fire exits are a risk. Never leave fire exit doors propped open.

Tip #20: Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.



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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

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