



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #487 - 09 February 2021

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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09 February, from Ku-ring-Gai Police Area Command

GREAT NEWS!!! ONE ARRESTED – BUT PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT!

Kuring Gai Police have arrested a male in relation to several break and enter offences throughout the North Shore and within our Kuring Gai Police Area Command. The male has been charged with numerous offences and has been

refused bail to attend court at a later date.

Thank you for your vigilance to date. However, we ask you all to continue to be vigilant as there are no guarantees others are not still out there.

We will continue to patrol with our goal to keep you and your property safe and to catch and put before the Courts, those who commit crimes.

Please stay alert and report any suspicious persons or behaviour and contact police as close to the suspicious incident as possible.

How to contact police and when:

“000” Triple zero - for emergency or life-threatening situations

9476 9799 – Hornsby Police station

9418 5399 – Gordon Police station

131 444 (Police Assistance Line) – for non-emergencies

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers) – To provide crime information

09 February, from Ku-ring-Gai Police Area Command

Investigators and forensic DNA experts have discovered that a jawbone found on a beach a decade ago belongs to a mariner lost at sea off the NSW North Coast in 1979.

The jawbone was found washed up on Kingscliff Beach in 2011 (24 September 2011) and prompted an extensive NSW Police Force investigation into the owner’s identity, with the help of NSW Health Pathology’s Forensic & Analytical Science Service.

For nine years, the unidentified jawbone was one of dozens of unidentified remains cases on the Missing Persons Registry, and continuous searches on DNA databases failed to find a direct match.

In August 2020, following a ‘familial DNA’ search, NSW Health Pathology alerted NSW Police to a possible link to a biological relative.

Familial DNA searching uses complex technology to identify potential relatives who have provided their DNA to an existing database. The closer the biological relationship, the greater the chance that a relative will be identified.

The familial DNA link in the jawbone case led investigators to a 34-year-old man imprisoned in Goulburn Jail in 2020 and whose DNA profile had been added to a database for convicted offenders in NSW.

An investigation by the Marine Area Command and State Crime Command's Missing Persons Registry confirmed the inmate was the nephew of a mariner lost at sea 40 years ago.

Bill Moran, then aged 24, disappeared after his motor cruiser sank in rough seas off Evans Head on 24 September 1979. The same day the jawbone was discovered 32 years later.

The return of the jawbone to Mr Moran's family has brought closure after decades of searching for answers.

ABOUT 'LOST AT SEA' PODCAST: The story is the subject of a new podcast which explores a chance discovery of human remains on a beach in 2011. This set-in motion a nine-year investigation by the NSW Police Force and forensic scientists to learn the identity of the individual and the circumstances of their death. The investigation opens the door to an incredible story of five mariners lost at sea in 1979. Finally, after decades of wondering, a family will find an answer and closure.

All episodes of 'Lost at Sea' are now available for streaming on Spotify and Apple. [Click here.](#)

07 February, from Ku-ring-gai command:



This year's first official NSW Police Force podcast is out now! 🎧🎧

A thrilling tale which charts the discovery of a man's jaw on a northern NSW beach in 2011 and the forensic nine-year investigation which followed.

Stream it now [here](#).

04 February, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon

At 2pm today Gordon firefighters assisted Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby

to extinguish a cargo train on fire close to Hornsby train station. Inside a container full of bananas. After a little monkeying around a great team effort prevented a slippery situation from getting even more bent out of shape. We'd also like to thank our friends from

Kuring Gai Police Area Command and NSW Ambulance and Transport for NSW

and their firefighters for their assistance at this job. They truly are a great bunch.

Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'All Areas'

Neighbourhood Watch meeting #29 at 6pm on Wednesday, 10 February 2021 via Zoom.

08 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW

ALERT!

CRIME STOPPERS
.com.au
1800 333 000

PHONE CALL SAYING...
WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST?
#ITSASCAM

...AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WONT ASK YOU FOR PAYMENT USING GIFT CARDS EITHER!

1800 333 000
www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

 **SCAM ALERT** 

If you get a threatening call or email from a supposed government organisation threatening arrest because you haven't paid money, chances are this is a scam.

Scammers will use any means necessary to frighten you into believing them. They will also OFTEN advise you not to tell any relatives or friends what is going on due to protecting their safety.

Furthermore, NO government organisation will require any kind of payment in

the form of itunes cards or the like. If you get a call or email like this, hang up immediately or delete the email!

If you are concerned the call may be legitimate, hang up, research the number for the government organisation yourself and give them a call.

Report the scam [here](#).

08 February, From 7News Sydney

Former NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons is well known for his leadership during last year's bushfire crisis.

Now a giant portrait of him has appeared at Erskineville train station.

It's part of a drive to rid Sydney of graffiti vandalism, while acting as a reminder of bravery and resilience.

[Watch video here](#).

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 10 February: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting for coordinators & volunteers via Zoom @ 6pm. [Email us](#) for more info, or suggestions for discussion.

Saturday 13 February: Launch of NHW Belrose, Davidson & Frenchs Forest, 830am-3pm @ Glenrose Shopping Centre.

07 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra

Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Our car was broken in to on Woodcourt Rd last night. Passenger door was left open, petrol cap was open, a few things taken and all compartments were left open/rummaged through. Please let me know if you saw/heard anything.

06 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Find out how at esafety.gov.au/sid



This Safer Internet Day, it's time to [#StartTheChat](#) about online safety. Join us in creating a safer online community - [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) resources can help you get started.

05 February, from Australian Federal Police:

The only person that calls to check up on me every day



🚨🚨 SCAM ALERT 🚨🚨

We've received a significant number of reports of scam callers claiming to be from the AFP.

Scammers are advising victims their identity has been stolen or breached. They are then pressured to urgently transfer whatever money is in their bank account to another bank account provided by the scammer, or onto gift cards.

The AFP will never call you and make you transfer money to a bank account or onto gift cards.

These scammers use fear and confusion to trick you. Do not follow their instructions or keep them on the line. If you are contacted by a scammer, please terminate the call immediately and report the matter via the Scamwatch website [here](#).

04 February, from Janelle McIntosh - Hornsby Shire Councillor



HEARING CHOPPERS ABOVE YOUR HOUSE?

You're not alone - and if you're like me, the sound of a helicopter makes me think, with some alarm, there's an emergency somewhere.

Well it could be an emergency, but it also be this:

Ausgrid are flying Bushfire Prevention Patrols in our area during the period 1 February - 7 June. They'll be using drones, helicopters and light aircraft to inspect powerlines, poles and other equipment to assist in bushfire preparedness. The choppers will fly between 8:30am - 4pm (weather permitting) and will fly low: 500-100 ft and at speeds of 18-55 kmhr. Drones will be lower still, no higher than 35 metres. These low altitudes can be alarming for pets and livestock.

Here's the schedule for Hornsby / Ryde areas (taken without amendment from the Ausgrid updates) and as you can see the flights are scheduled to start this week:

Name: HORNSBY & RYDE

Description:

Flight Schedule 1 Pole Top Inspection

1/2/21 - 24/3/21

Flight Schedule 2 Drone Use - Pole Top Inspection

1/2/21 - 26/2/21

Flight Schedule 3 Vegetation Inspection

1/4/21 - 3/4/21

Area includes:

ARCADIA, ASQUITH, BEECROFT, BEROWRA, BEROWRA CREEK, BEROWRA HEIGHTS, BEROWRA WATERS, BERRILEE, BROOKLYN, CARLINGFORD, CASTLE HILL, CHATSWOOD, CHATSWOOD WEST, CHELTENHAM, CHERRYBROOK, COWAN, DENISTONE, DENISTONE EAST, DENISTONE WEST, DUNDAS, DUNDAS VALLEY, DURAL, EAST RYDE, EASTWOOD, EPPING, ERMINGTON, FIDDLETOWN, GALSTON, GLADESVILLE, GLENHAVEN, GLENORIE, GORDON, HENLEY, HORNSBY, HORNSBY HEIGHTS, HUNTERS HILL, HUNTLEYS COVE, HUNTLEYS POINT, KILLARA, KU-RING-GAI CHASE, LANE COVE, LANE COVE NORTH, LANE COVE WEST, LINDFIELD, LINLEY POINT, MACQUARIE PARK, MARSFIELD, MEADOWBANK, MELROSE PARK, MIDDLE DURAL, MOUNT COLAH, MOUNT KURING-GAI, NORMANHURST, NORTH EPPING, NORTH ROCKS, NORTH RYDE, NORTH TURRAMURRA, NORTH WAHROONGA, PENNANT HILLS, PUTNEY, PYMBLE, RIVERVIEW, ROSEVILLE, RYDE, SOUTH TURRAMURRA, ST IVES, ST IVES CHASE, TELOPEA, THORNLEIGH, TURRAMURRA, WAHROONGA, WAITARA, WARRAWEE, WEST PENNANT HILLS, WEST PYMBLE, WEST RYDE, WESTLEIGH

Want more info? Head here to the Ausgrid website for details [here](#).

03 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Did you know that Australia has one of the highest rates of illegal use per capita of drugs in the world?

Yes, you can help disrupt the distribution. Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7) to report information about drug dealers.

03 February, from Hills to Hawkesbury Community News



CareFlight landed at Glenorie this afternoon after a 22-year-old woman riding a horse on a private property fell and was trampled, sustaining chest injuries. CareFlight's Rapid Response Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance at 1pm and landed in a neighbouring property 20 minutes later. The aeromedical team were the first emergency services personnel to arrive at the scene of the incident.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic performed a clinical assessment on the woman, including an ultrasound to evaluate her internal injuries, and administered pain relief. Paramedics from NSW Ambulance and NSW Police later arrived and provided additional assistance.

The woman was taken by road in a stable condition with NSW Ambulance to Westmead Hospital under ongoing observation from CareFlight's clinical team.

03 February, From Hornsby Shire Council



CHILD SEAT CHECK 🚗 | You may have a great child car seat ... but is it fitted correctly? Grab one of our free child car seat safety check vouchers. Have your child car seats checked for safety and correct fit by an authorised restraint fitter at a date and a location that suits you.

Be quick, these vouchers are strictly limited and usually go in no time. [Click here](#)

For Hornsby Shire residents and rate payers only.

03 February, from Hornsby Shire Council (follow the link below):

Have Your Say

Council invites your comments on the proposal by close of business Tuesday 30 March 2021.

Please mark your submission Draft Off-Leash Dog Park Strategy – Reference Number F2020/00302 and address it to:

The General Manager

Hornsby Shire Council

PO Box 37

Hornsby NSW 1630

or email to hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

For more information please contact Zoe Cooke, Landscape Architect/Project Manager, Parks, Trees and Recreation on (02) 9847 6885.

[Here is the link.](#)

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire Issues':

Tip #8. KNOW ABOUT TOTAL FIRE BANS:

X CHECK THE RFS WEBSITE, OR PHONE RFS INFORMATION LINE ON 1800 679 737 TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE.

X BEWARE SPARKS: BBQs, incinerators, welding, angle-grinders, cigarettes, etc.

X KNOW THE LAW: eg, to use an the electric/gas BBQ you must have available “an immediate and continuous supply of water”.

X TOTAL FIRE BAN & CURRENT FIRE DANGER CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Tip #10. KNOW YOUR LOCAL... [Why not google them?]

X COMMUNITY ‘FireWise’ GROUPS (CFGs) supported by NSW Rural Fire Service. CFGs have planned strategies, build knowledge & understanding, are locally specific, establish ‘telephone trees’ and “build strong social networks with neighbours”.

X COMMUNITY FIRE UNITS (CFUs) supported by Fire & Rescue NSW. “Being a CFU member is about preparation, prevention and protection from bushfires”.

X NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES (NSPs) (NSW Rural Fire Service). “An NSP is a place of last resort for people during a bush fire & is an identified building or space within the community that can provide a higher level of protection.”

Tip #13. REGULARLY MONITOR INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SERVICES:

X Local Police: [facebook.com/Kuring Gai LAC](https://www.facebook.com/Kuring-Gai-LAC)

X Fire & Rescue NSW: [facebook.com/frnsw](https://www.facebook.com/frnsw)

X Rural Fire Brigade (Arcadia): [facebook.com/arcadiarfb](https://www.facebook.com/arcadiarfb)

X Rural Fire Brigade (Berowra): [facebook.com/BerowraRFB](https://www.facebook.com/BerowraRFB)

X Rural Fire Brigade (Berowra Waters):

facebook.com/BerowraWatersRuralFireBrigade

X Rural Fire Brigade (Cowan): facebook.com/Cowan RFS

X Rural Fire Brigade (Dural): facebook.com/DuralRuralFireBrigade

X Rural Fire Brigade (Galston): facebook.com/Galston-Rural-Fire-Brigade

X Rural Fire Brigade (Glenorie): facebook.com/Glenorie-Rural-Fire-Brigade

X Rural Fire Service (Hornsby/Kuring-gai): facebook.com/HK.RFS

X Rural Fire Brigade (Hornsby Heights):

facebook.com/HornsbyHeightsRuralFireBrigade

X Bush Fire Brigade (Ku-ring-gai): facebook.com/KuRingGaiBushFireBrigade

X Rural Fire Brigade (Middle Dural): facebook.com/MiddleDuralRFS

X Rural Fire Brigade (Mt Kuring-gai):

facebook.com/MtKuringgaiRuralFireBrigade

X Rural Fire Brigade (Westleigh): facebook.com/RFSWestleigh

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try the " page on our WatchOut website [here](#), for links to great information available on the internet.

Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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](#)

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