



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #489 - 23 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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19 February, from Burwood Police Area Command



NSW Police Force

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!

SCAM ALERT!

We've had several reports of scammers calling people from what appear to be trusted NSW Police Force numbers and threatening the call recipients with fines or arrest.

These scammers are using technology to make it appear that the calls originate from legitimate police phone numbers; a practice known as ID spoofing. The caller impersonates a NSW Police Force officer and states that the person receiving the call has an outstanding fine or warrant. The scammer demands a form of payment to prevent arrest or further court action.

The NSW Police Force will never call a member of the public and demand payment over the phone in order to avoid going to court or being arrested.

If you get an unexpected call from someone who states they're from the police, and starts asking for personal details or threatens you, please hang up. If you're concerned, you can always verify by contacting your local police or the Police Assistance Line directly on 131 444.

Typically, scammers pretend to be from a well-known trusted business, government department or organisation and they threaten you into handing over your money or personal details.

Be suspicious of calls or messages you receive out of the blue. If a government agency or trusted business contacts you unexpectedly, whether over the phone, by email, in person or through social media, always consider the possibility it may be a scam.

Check their contact details. If you're unsure whether a call or email is real, verify the identity of the person contacting you through an independent source, such as a phone book or online search. Don't use the contact details provided by the caller or in the message they sent to you.

Resist their threats. Don't be pressured by a threatening caller. Hang up, then check whether their story is real.

Do a 'sanity check'. If you're still unsure, speak to a trusted friend or family member about what has happened. Protect your details. Never send money or give your bank account details, credit card details or other personal information to anyone you don't know or trust.

Be suspicious of strange payment methods. A government agency or trusted business will never ask you to pay by unusual methods, such as a gift or store card, iTunes card, wire transfer or Bitcoin.

Don't open attachments and links. Don't open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails and don't click on links or open attachments. Always delete them.

Never give anyone remote access to your computer. Don't let anyone log into your computer from their location, especially if they've contacted you out of the blue, via a phone call, pop up window or email.

[Check here.](#)

To find out more information about scams, or to find out other ways to protect yourself, [visit site here](#). If you have been the victim of a scam, you can report it to local police or to the ACCC online at the 'SCAMwatch report a scam' page.

18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

We are aware that some organisations across Australia have had their Facebook pages removed.

We have been assured by Facebook that this will not impact the NSW Police Force Facebook page, or other law enforcement Facebook pages.

Please remember that you can still get all your latest police news directly from our website [here](#).

17 February, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Three teen girls charged following attempted carjacking, robbery - Pennant Hills

Three teenage girls will face court today charged over an attempted carjacking and robbery in Sydney's north-west overnight.

About 10.30pm (Tuesday 16 February 2021), a 22-year-old man was in his vehicle with three teenage girls on Railway Street, Pennant Hills.

Police have been told one of the girls threatened the man with a pair of scissors and demanded his car keys and wallet, before he ran away and notified police.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended a short time later and arrested a 16-year-old girl who was still in the vehicle.

Following a short foot pursuit, police, assisted by the Dog Unit, arrested two 15-year-old girls near a car dealership on Pennant Hills Road.

The teens were all taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with aggravated assault with intent to take/drive motor vehicle in company, and robbery in company.

One of the 15-year-old girls was also charged with breach of bail.

They were refused bail to appear in Surry Hills Children's Court today (Wednesday 17 February 2021).

The man, who was known to one of the girls, was not injured during the incident.



Neighbourhood Watch

Creating Safer Communities

22 February, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group:

Hi all! If anyone was at Hornsby Westfield today near the escalators between the foodcourt and Timezone at approx 1:50pm - 2pm, there was a group of teenage boys who spat on me (and possibly others) from the top level. They fled when confronted. If anyone saw this occur or incidents like it, please feel free to message me or even Hornsby police with any details. This is disgusting and quite risky health-wise considering current events. Apparently this is an increasing issue and they are already looking through the security footage.

22 February, Shared with permission from the South Turramurra Community group:

Lost - my sons bike and helmet. He left them on the Comenarra Oval on Saturday afternoon. Has anyone seen them??

(Thanks for taking the photo Melinda)



22 February, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group:

My daughter and her boyfriend were in a bad car accident on cnr of Killeaton St and Cowan Rd, St Ives today around 10.30am. If anyone witnessed what happened could you pls PM me. Thanks.

22 February, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

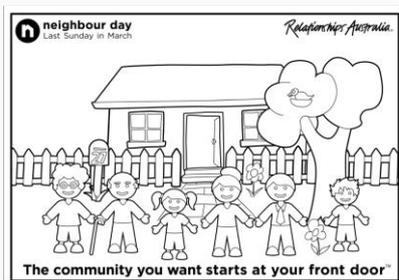
Crossing the road in front of a bus can be dangerous. It's important to cross the road in a safe place where you're visible to other vehicles and to look left and right continuously as you cross.

[Watch video here.](#)

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 21 March to Sunday 28 March: Connected Communities - From Harmony Day to Neighbour Day, celebrating diversity and strengthening community connections. Virtual events. [Info.](#)

Sunday 28 March: Neighbour Day. [Info.](#) Download FREE Neighbour Day Colouring-in [here.](#)



21 February, from NSW Police Force



Police are seeking public assistance to find a man reported missing from Cammeray.

Lincoln Ryan-Coulter, aged 26, was last seen at leaving a home on Carter Street, Cammeray on Saturday 6 February 2021. Lincoln sent a text message on Tuesday 16 February 2021 but has not been seen or heard from since. Officers from North Shore Police Area Command have concerns for his welfare due to him having a medical condition.

Lincoln is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 185cm tall with a medium build.

He has brown short hair and brown eyes.

Anyone who has seen Lincoln, or has information about his whereabouts, is urged to call North Shore Police Area Command or Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [visit site here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

20 February, Post from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Page

Just wanting to let the community know.

My daughter was walking home tonight after seeing friends at about 8:30pm, she was on the corner of Ruddock and Quarter Sessions crossing the road. A car stopped and a man told her to get in the car. She said no and walked in the opposite direction, he drove away. I have notified the police however I just wanted to make the community aware. She was able to describe the man, but not the car. (I think she was in a bit of fluster). All details have been passed on to the police.

19 February, from 9news.com.au: ATO warns a new scam is draining entire bank accounts from victims

There's a new Australian Tax Office scam sweeping Australia, draining victims of their entire bank accounts.

The ATO has issued a warning following a spike in automated scam calls impersonating the tax office, claiming they've suspended their target's tax file number following suspected fraudulent activity.

Assistant Commissioner Trent Jakubowski has condemned the fraudsters saying "while the number of people paying these scammers is low, the large amounts being lost per person is alarming".

Full story [here](#).

18 February, from Julia Applerly, Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch

Hi all - just a heads up that last night my 17 year old daughter was flagged down in her car by a guy waving frantically with his bonnet open at the truck stop as she pulled off the freeway at Mooney Mooney heading north.

Thinking he was in trouble she tried to stop. Fortunately it took her a while to come to a stop, and when she wound down her window she saw him approaching with a knife.

She was able to pull away quickly, and even though he tried to follow her in his car, she was too far ahead and he turned the wrong way on the Old Pac.

She has reported this to the police.

Please be aware and let your families know not to stop.

Thanks

17 February, from youtube.com

Thank you to Hornsby Shire Council:

Legal Aid NSW has developed a set of short videos on elder abuse. The links to the YouTube videos are:

Part 1. Elder abuse - what is it? [Click here.](#)

Part 2. Ageism and signs of elder abuse. [Click here](#)

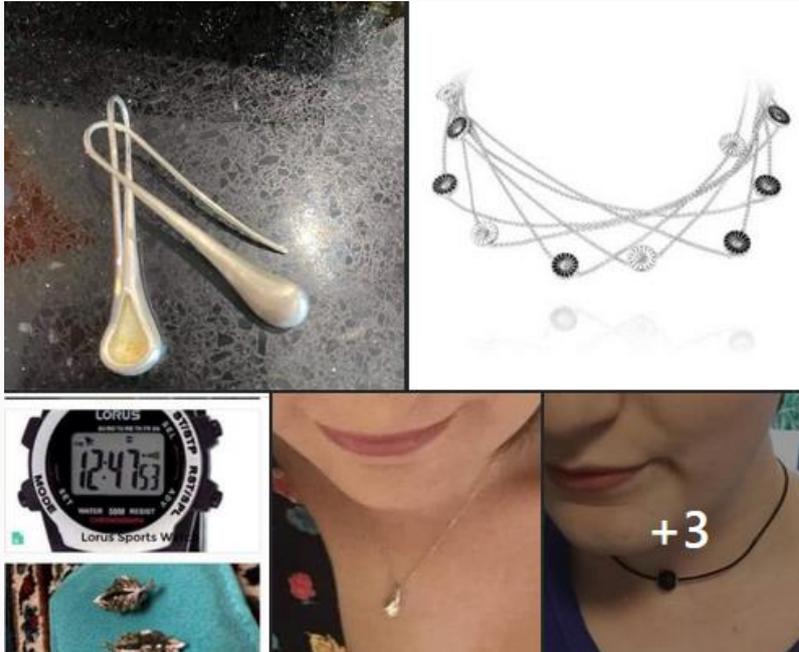
Part 3. Case studies. [Click here.](#)

Part 4. What to do if you suspect elder abuse. [Click here.](#)

Part 5. Supporting your clients and patients - and extra resources. [Click here.](#)

Each episode is about 16mins. It is a great resource for your in-house training. It can also be incorporated into your team meetings followed by a facilitated discussion or debrief.

17 February, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Council Areas



UPDATED 17/02/21: Hello lovelies!

I managed to find some photos of the stolen items that were taken on Saturday. Other items were taken, but unfortunately they were one of a kind and we can't find photos.

Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hello! Unfortunately my family had a break in last week (on Saturday morning around 11:30am) and we lost most of our valuable possessions; many of which were my mothers wedding presents or family heirlooms.

Please if you see any of these for sale on Gumtree etc, let us know. We would also love to buy replacements, so if anyone is selling any of the ones listed below please contact me.

Georg Jensen:

- daisy stud earrings
- multichained daisy necklace
- moonlight blossom necklace
- strata necklace

Catherine Jones

- Celtic knot necklace and bracelet
- Silver twist necklace
- Stirling silver and rose gold plated necklace with matching bracelet

Pandora:

- Tropical starfish necklace and earrings

Ice:

- Purple wrist watch

Raymond Weil:

- Gold oval watch

Citizen:

- Silver and gold watch

Casio:

- Men's G shock G540D-2AV

Antique marcasite frog brooch (belonged to my great great grandmother)

Antique marcasite silver necklace (also a family heirloom)

17 February, from Australian Federal Police



A big phish on the hook...

A man allegedly behind one of the world's largest phishing services has been arrested in the Ukraine following an international investigation sparked by the AFP.

The alleged offender developed a phishing package and administrative panel involved in approximately 50% of all phishing scams in Australia in 2019.

The total number of victims and amount stolen as a result of these scams is still being determined with investigations continuing.

17 February, Shared with permission from Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families yesterday:

2 males trying to break into cars in Mount Colah, Northumberland area, please double lock your cars and make sure valuables are in your home.

And in the comments:

My car was broken into a couple of months ago in Hornsby Mittabah Road.
Apparently not first time in street.

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated'

Tip #4. Try and stay connected with your community. Use the network of services available, such as from your council, or non-government organisations, such as The Shed. Some organisations can arrange return transport from your home. Ku-ring-gai Shed: 99839732, Hornsby Shed: 96346037, Berowra Shed: 0490 149 262.

Tip #5. Consider joining in with the Safely Home program—wandering persons ID and rapid return program. Contact: Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Hotline 1800 100 500. fightdementia.org.au

Tip #6. It can be a relief to talk to someone who cares: Lifeline Crisis Support 13 11 14. Lifeline.org.au

Tip #7. Red Cross Telecross Service 1300 885 698 gives those alone a daily call. It gives the confidence to remain independent via daily human contact. redcross.org.au/telecross

Tip #10. NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit 1800 628 221. EAHRU provides information, support and referrals relating to the abuse of older people in NSW. Anyone can make the call. elderabusehelpline.com.au

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](#)
Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Twitter [@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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

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