



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #490 - 02 March 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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02 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Recently we have had several motor vehicles stolen from within the command.

Please be vigilant and ensure you not only close your windows and doors to your homes, but lock them as well. Thieves are targeting vehicles to be used for joy rides or to be used in committing other offences. They break into your

home and steal your keys. Unfortunately, some of our victims have inadvertently left doors and windows unlocked, giving these criminals relatively easy access to their homes. Try keeping your keys out of sight when at home and not sitting on the kitchen bench where they can be easily seen, even from outside your home. We know the days and nights have been warm with the temptation to leave windows and doors open for that cooling night breeze, but please remember to lock your doors and windows when you've arrived home and go to bed. And if you see someone acting suspiciously please call police as soon as practicably possible, as this gives us the best opportunity to cross paths with them and deal with them accordingly.

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

02 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Lunar New Year is celebrated by many east Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Singapore and South Korea.

This year, it started from 12th Feb to 26th February. Last Friday on 26th February, Superintendent Vincent from the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, along with other VIPs attended the Lunar New Year Celebration held at Gordon Library's Secret Garden. With COVID-19 restrictions, only a limited number of guests and community members attended the celebration. However, the wonderful program still attracted around 130 people on the day and over 1000 who watched either on live stream or Facebook. The program on the day provided a full and happy festive atmosphere with lion dancing, cultural performances, cultural sharing and interactive games. For a full recording of the

program please visit [here](#) [possibly only accessible to Facebook subscribers? - Ed].



24 February, from North Shore command: North Shore Police Area Command have become aware of information being shared on Facebook community pages for the East Lindfield Area.

The information suggests that around 840am Tue 23/2/21 a vehicle stopped near a child on Melbourne Road, East Lindfield and a male passenger approached a female child.

At this time, 8.30am 24/2/21, North Shore Police have not received any information from the Girl or her parents/guardians. If this incident did occur we would like to hear from the girl, her parents/guardian or any witnesses immediately on **9414 8499 (Chatswood police station)**. North Shore Police are concerned that this information being disseminated in the community may be due to a miscommunication regarding a similar reported incident in Roseville on 2/2/21.

While we support community pages as they are a helpful conduit to our communities, misinformation can be extremely harmful to investigations. Please discuss stranger danger with your children and always contact police regarding any behaviour that may seem strange, out of place or suspicious.

23 February, from NSW Police: A man will face court today charged after the large-scale seizure of \$700,000 worth of 'magic mushrooms' in Sydney's west.

In January 2021, detectives attached to Cumberland Police Area Command established Strike Force Bagster to investigate the suspected manufacture of illicit drugs in the Greystanes area. Following inquiries, investigators stopped a Nissan X-Trail on **Pennant Hills Road, West Pennant Hills**, about 12am on Wednesday 3 February 2021. During a search of the vehicle, officers seized psilocybin, commonly known as magic mushrooms, cocaine, more than \$50,000 cash, and two knives. The driver, a 26-year-old man, was charged and remains before the courts.

As part of inquiries, Strike Force investigators executed a search warrant at a home in Merrylands Road, Greystanes later that day. At the premises, officers located an active clandestine laboratory used to manufacture psilocybin. Over three days, with the assistance of the State Crime Command's Chemical Operations Unit a total of 46.3 kilograms of psilocybin, with an estimated street value of nearly \$700,000, was seized. Following further inquiries, investigators attended a Silverwater facility and arrested a 26-year-old man about 10am yesterday (Monday 22 February 2021). He was charged with manufacture prohibited drug - large commercial quantity, supply prohibited drug - large commercial quantity, and organises/conducts/assists drug premises. He was refused bail and will appear at Parramatta Local Court today (Tuesday 23 February 2021).

Investigations under Strike Force Bagster are continuing and anyone with information is urged to contact Cumberland Detectives or **Crime Stoppers on**

1800 333 000.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

01 March, from NHWA: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia has a leaflet to download, with ideas on how to be a good neighbour.

Have you introduced yourself to your neighbours? Sometimes we need reminding...

Download 'Be a Good Neighbour' flyer [here](#).

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

How to get help:

Phone triple zero (000) for immediate Police assistance

- Police Non Urgent Assistance
- Police: 131 444
- Translating & Interpreting Service (TIS Online)
- 131 400 If you require an interpreter (phone TIS are able to be connected to any of the services above)
- Hearing Impairment National Relay Service
- 106 (Emergency)
- 0427 131 444 (Non-urgent) TIS: 131 444

Introduce yourself to your neighbours

Join a Neighbourhood Watch group in your area

in your neighbourhood

An Australia Government Initiative



01 March, from SMH: Talk to your child about sexual consent – because schools can't manage this alone

Opinion: Stories of sexual assault are a reminder that parents need to be having conversations with their sons and daughters about consent, assault and rape. Those conversations will leave 'where did I come from?' in the dust.

Full article [here](#).

28 February, from NHW - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural (Rural Areas): Please be aware

We have just had a most troubling incident (in Galston). Our daughter was followed home by a guy in a ute with theknife.com.au He picked her up on Arcadia Rd, followed her into Gartung Rd and then into Halls Rd and waited behind her for our automatic gate to open and then followed her into the property. He sat in his vehicle for a couple of minutes whilst she called us to alert us of the issue. He then drove down to our stables to turn his vehicle around. I confronted him as to his motives - and he claimed he was just out for a drive and thought he was turning into a street. Unsure how he could have

been confused given he's waited behind her for the gate to open and then waited a bit longer when she didn't get out of the car. His said his name was Michael. Grey dual cab with tool boxes.

Please be vigilant and stay safe.

Reminder to not go home when being followed, drive to a police station or where there are a lot of people around that you know will help you.

28 February, from Brooklyn NHW : Sometime in the last 24 hours, the railway gates on the road to Long Island had hinges broken on the railway fence.

The hinges were unbolted and the welds broken. I'd suspect damage done by someone with a vehicle who'd driven in when the gates were open, but became locked in when authorized persons locked the gates.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 07 March: Clean Up Australia Day [Info](#)

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](#).

Wednesday 21 April: Ku-ring-gai Council 'Everything for Seniors Day' 10am-2pm @ the Turramurra Uniting Church Hall & meeting rooms and the Turramurra Seniors Centre. Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall at this event.

25 February, from Brooklyn NHW: Neighbourhood Watch sees a lot of frustration in Brooklyn, and that is what has prompted this post.

We can't improve the situation without your help. We need residents to report illegal activity to the police as soon as they know about it. This can be done anonymously if you prefer. If everyone reports, then the stats will reflect this. If the stats reflect this, then the police can do more. Please would you help us? PLEASE NOTE: Facebook is not for reporting crime to the police, and will not be recorded in the crime stats.

We have jotted down a few examples of things that have been happening recently and the best way to report them:

- Drunken youths are collecting and the situation sounds like there may be a potential problem soon => please phone Hornsby Police Station **9476 9799**, so that if a car is available they can drive by.
- A load of garbage has been left, the morning after a gathering => please phone Hornsby Shire Council Waste Management team, Email waste@hornsby.nsw.gov.au (a photo may help?) or call Council's Waste Hotline on **9847 4856**. [Note: This is not recorded in crime stats]
- In the garbage you have found evidence of a crime (discarded used drug

paraphernalia, bong) => please phone the Police Assistance Line **131 444** to report to the police a non-emergency crime.

- You have knowledge of someone local breaking the law => please phone Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000** and remain anonymous if you prefer. Or report online: <https://crimestoppers.com.au/>
- In the night, you hear a group of drivers doing donuts => please phone **000** to report a crime happening/about to happen.
- You see cars parked illegally in a 'No Stopping' zone => please phone council: **9847 6639** or email (with a photo showing the infringement and the sign) to: hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
- You see newly-painted graffiti on public property (council, amenities, government) => report to the relevant authority for cleaning using the VandalTrak App: <https://www.vandaltrak.com/> **AND** please phone the Police Assistance Line **131 444** to report to the police as a non-emergency crime.

The NSW police also have a Community Portal, for reporting online. This is available for some non-emergency crimes, including malicious damage and graffiti (photos can be uploaded). It does get recorded in the crime stats. <https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au/> In some instances we have been told that you must be the victim/owner of the property to report using the Police Assistance Line. If you are told this and aren't the victim/owner => please phone Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000**.

All the above suggestions have been checked with our Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station. Thank you for your help.

REPORTING CRIME TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE

All criminal offences should be reported to the NSW Police Force. This may mean that the information you provide to community groups is not always the most up-to-date. It is important to report any crime to the NSW Police Force as soon as possible and to provide as much information as you can. This will help the NSW Police Force to investigate and bring offenders to justice. Information is also used by Council in developing relevant programs, such as community education.

NATIONAL POLICE HOTLINES

Police Force 1800
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 0000

LOCAL POLICE STATIONS

Contact your local police station directly if you witness someone committing an offence or you would like to report a crime. Neighbourhood Watch is not a police station.

COUNTRY TROOPERS

1800 753 800
 Call the National Security Hotline to report any suspicious activity or information relating to security or terrorism.

REPORTING CRIME IN KU-RING-GAI

How to report crime in Ku-ring-gai Council, the NSW Police Force and other state government support services.

REPORTING CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS TO COUNCIL

It is your community's responsibility to report crime to the report the number of the police station or the community of the town.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It is your responsibility to report crime to the police. Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program. Contact your local police station for more information.

WHO TO CALL AND WHEN

1800 753 800
 Police will advise you of the correct police station to call. Call 1800 753 800 if you are in a rural or remote area.

- Someone is seriously injured or in danger
- There is a serious risk to life or property
- A crime is being committed or a crime has just been committed
- Someone you suspect has committed a crime is driving in their location in town, and there is an opportunity to apprehend the offender
- Witnesses may have the names of a crime or evidence might be lost if police do not get there quickly
- A crime is seriously threatened

CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 0000
 Report information anonymously about a crime, criminal or suspicious behaviour. A reward is offered for any information leading to a successful prosecution. Report crimes that are not in progress and/or those that are minor (theft, vandalism, etc.).

BROKEN OR FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

1800 644 308
 Report broken or faulty street lights to Ausgrid.

ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Report abandoned shopping trolleys to:
 Woolworths | Big W | Bunnings | Target
 1800 644 308
 1800 644 308
 1800 644 308

REPORTING GRAFFITI

It is your community's responsibility to report crime to the police. Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program. Contact your local police station for more information.

1800 333 0000
 Call the National Security Hotline to report any suspicious activity or information relating to security or terrorism.

Download the '[Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai](#)' leaflet [here](#), or from our website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au, or from our WatchOut! website Contact List page [here](#). Or email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox. NOTE: The police information is relevant to the Hornsby Shire Council area despite the naming.

23 February, from Mt Colah NHW: Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group: Looks like of our local graffiti artists is back.

The tag STASH has been appearing again after a few months of being inactive (or away). It's being strayed in either red or white paint. So once again I ask mums and dads of teenaged (and older) boys to look at their scribble pads, school books, pencil cases etc and see if you can identify any word that reads 'STASH' (in typical loser graffiti style of writing). Myself and other residents

have some plans to catch him if it continues but hopefully a parents firm word will act as a wise deterrent in advance.

23 February, from Brooklyn NHW: To the hardcore Tim Tam-mer that visits Parsley Bay from time to time.

DISPOSE OF YOUR RUBBISH PROPERLY.



23 February, from NHW Australasia: Good Neighbourhood ABC's - W is for Welcome

It can be intimidating being the newbie in town but there are lots of ways to make new neighbours feel welcome:

- Leave a welcome note in the letterbox with useful information like rubbish and recycling days.

- If you see them in the yard, stop and introduce yourself.
- Make a list of useful community contacts and information to give to them.
- Invite them to get involved in a community group, say like Neighbourhood Watch 😊😊.
- If you see them on moving day, offer to help.
- Leave a small house-warming gift like a potted plant, to make them feel welcome.
- If you know others in the neighbourhood, arrange a small gathering to introduce the new neighbours.



From NHW Australasia: #QuickTip

If you like shrubs under your windows, choose thorny varieties to deter intruders... ouch!

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity'

Tip#1: Consider using a third party payment system for internet transactions, such as PayPal, in order to avoid entering credit card details. Consider having another credit card with a low credit limit to be used specifically for internet purchases, or for overseas.

Tip#5: Encrypt and password protect all sensitive files. Consider encrypting your device. Use encrypted messaging systems (such as Signal). Consider using Virtual Private Networks (VPN). Forget wi-fi networks once used. Browse using 'incognito' mode, in order to stop the logging of browser history.

Tip# 6: Be aware of wi-fi security, especially items such as baby monitors. Ensure you set a new secure password on all items, especially wi-fi devices, internet router, computer, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, telephone answering-machine, smart TV – look around your home – also known as the 'Internet of Things' (IoT).

Tip#18: NEVER let your credit card out of your sight in a café or restaurant – go with it! Consider using Radio-frequency identification (RFID) protection (sleeves, wallets, bags etc) for credit cards and passports. If possible, collect new credit cards from the bank branch.

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

COMING SOON: Translation of tips into Hindi, thanks to Kanak.

Reader humour, thanks to Robyn: DECEASED MAN FOUND IN CHICKPEA PROCESSING FACILITY

Police believe it may hummuside.

and thanks to Cop Humour UK: I saw a Farmer spinning a Police Officer in a

field today.

He told me it was a Cop rotation.

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](#)

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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)



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Our mailing address is:

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