



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #492 - 16 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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### **16 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are investigating a single vehicle (bicycle rider) accident on Mona Vale Road, St Ives.**

About 12.10pm on (Monday 15 March 2021), emergency services were called to Mona Vale Road, St Ives (between Kitchener Street & Walker Avenue), following a bicycle rider had collided heavily into the rear of a metal tray of a

parked white Toyota Hilux utility. The 54-year-old male bicycle rider was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with serious head injuries.

Investigations into the accident are continuing and officers from Traffic and Highway Patrol would like to speak to any person who witnessed the accident and has not yet spoken to police. Police are encouraging any person who has DASH Cam, Go Pro or mobile phone footage to contact police. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this accident to call **Traffic and Highway Patrol (Gordon Police Station) on 9418 5399 or 9418 5348** and quote **E 79521142** or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

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**16 March, from NSW Police: Scamwatch has received numerous reports of scams relating to COVID-19 vaccination.**

These vaccine-related scams target individuals in an attempt to steal their information or money. To avoid these scams, we recommend getting information from trusted sources, such as government websites, your GP or local health authorities.

You can find out more about COVID-19 related scams by visiting [here](#). NSW Health is working closely with the Australian Government to plan and implement a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination program in NSW. To find out more, visit [\[link broken - Ed\]](#)

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**15 March, from Quakers Hill command: Minor Collisions and Driver Responsibilities**

You've had an accident. No one is injured, no one needs to be towed and Police aren't required to attend the scene. As the driver of a motor vehicle

involved in a Minor Collision, you **MUST** exchange particulars/information with the other driver... what particulars/information do you exchange and how should you record it?

**NEVER** allow someone to photograph your driver's licence or on-screen Digital Licence. There has been a rise in frauds, related to persons stealing your identification through such practices.

See ABC News article [here](#), "**Driver's licences the 'golden ticket' of ID theft as authorities struggle to protect fraud victims**".

Giving your details to other driver: Under NSW Road Rules, drivers involved in an accident must stop at the scene of the accident and give their details to the following people, where possible:

- any other driver involved in the accident
- any other person involved in the accident who is injured
- the owner of any property or vehicle damaged in the accident.

What you need from the other driver: If you had an accident with another car, you should ask the other driver to show you their driver licence. Look at the back of the licence, to see if they have a new address. Under NSW Road Rules, you must exchange some details. These include:

- the driver's name and address
- if the driver is not the owner of the car, the name, address of the person who owns the car
- the car's registration number
- any other information necessary to identify the car.

It is an offence to not exchange details. You should also find out and write down:

- • the driver's phone number
- • the make, model and colour of the car
- • the other car's insurance policy details.

Record the details on paper or within your phone's "notes" app and take photographs for your insurance purposes.

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### **15 March, from NSW Police: VICTIM CARDS**

From this week, Police Area Commands and Police Districts will receive new Victim Cards – an important document that provides anyone who has been a victim of crime with essential information, including contact details of the PAC/PD, officer-in-charge of your matter and Event number.

These new cards feature QR codes for quick and easy access to services available to victims. The NSW Police Force is responsible for keeping victims of crime informed and is dedicated to providing excellent customer service to the community. The new version of the Victim Card has been developed following consultations with people who have been victims of crime, stakeholders and agencies within the Department of Communities and Justice and the Department of Customer Service.



**NSW POLICE FORCE**

**Command/Police Station & Address**

Phone TTY (02) 8211 2776 (hearing/speech impaired only)

Phone	Fax

Time & Date of report

Event Number

Police Officer in charge of your matter

Message/Details

**ARE YOU A VICTIM OF CRIME?**

The NSW Police Force plays a vital role in responding to and providing support for victims of crime.

For information on reporting crime, the initial police response, the investigation, attending court, victim registers, the return of property and more please visit: [www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety\\_and\\_protection/victims\\_of\\_crime](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_protection/victims_of_crime) or scan the QR Code on your device






**SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS**

**VICTIMS SERVICES - Victims Access Line: 1800 633 083**  
**Aboriginal Contact Line: 1800 033 123**

Victims of violent crime can access:

- Counselling
- Financial assistance
- Recognition payment

Support for family members of homicide victims is also available [victimservices.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://victimservices.justice.nsw.gov.au)

Support services for families and friends of missing persons: [missingpersons.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://missingpersons.justice.nsw.gov.au)

**SAFE PATHWAY**

Support for victims of domestic and family violence.

After an incident:

1. Police will refer you to a specialist support service in your area
2. The service will contact you to discuss support options

[www.dcf.nsw.gov.au/families-and-communities/info-pathway](http://www.dcf.nsw.gov.au/families-and-communities/info-pathway)

**STATE INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (SIRA)**

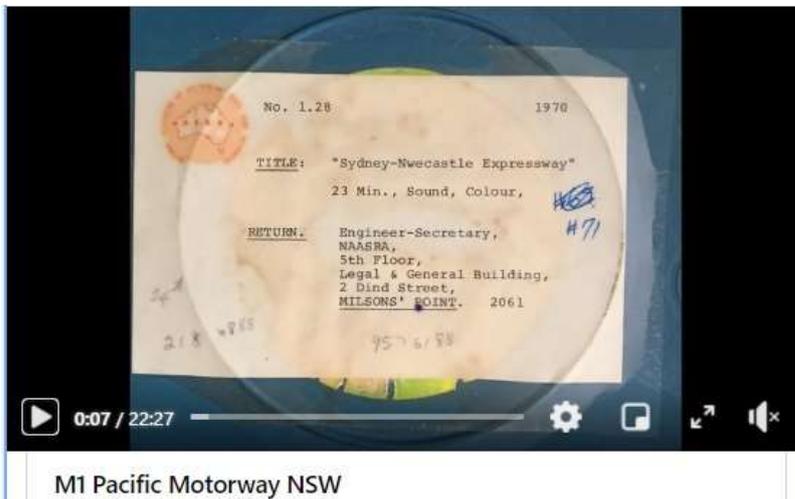
Have you been injured in a motor vehicle accident?

You may be able to claim for treatment expenses and income support under the Nihil CTP Green Slip scheme. For more information:

- Contact CTP Assesit **1300 656 919** or [cpasassess.nsw.gov.au](http://cpasassess.nsw.gov.au)
- Visit: [www.sira.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au)

**12 March, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW: Sydney to Newcastle Expressway - Berowra-Hawkesbury River (1969).**

Watch restored historical video [here](#).



M1 Pacific Motorway NSW

M1 Motorway website [here](#), for live traffic camera, news and incident reports.



## Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

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### **16 March, from Mt Colah NHW: Heard on the grapevine from a Mt Colah resident**

Around 10:30 this morning NSW Police were on the ground with dogs and in the air, searching for an aggravated Break & Enter criminal in Mt Colah. The man had entered a house through an unlocked door, where he was confronted by the home owner. He ran away. The dog followed his scent to the garden in the property next door, where the criminal had been inside their shed and ran away.

We understand the man was arrested on Amaroo Av, Mt Colah.

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### **Crime Stats for February 2021 for Asquith**

<b>Asquith</b>	
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	4
Steal From Retail Store	2

Join our Facebook group: [Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby](#) or look for your suburb's Neighbourhood Watch page (see trailer at end of this eNewsletter)

or email us for your suburb's crime stats: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

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**Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting (Thursday 11 March 2021) - SNIPPETS**

Thank you to Gay and Peter for representing Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) at CSPC.

Generally, the 3-month crime figures were lower than they were during the same period last year, mainly due to COVID-19.

Councillor Christine Kay mentioned ongoing graffiti incidents and street racing along Mona Vale Rd, St Ives

Alister Henskens MP raised concerns that the volume of trucks travelling on the Pacific Highway has increased with the opening of NorthConnex road link.

Police to consult with RMS.

Peter mentioned motorists drive too quickly for the conditions on The Esplanade Thornleigh, drive into the bike lane to undertake traffic turning right, that at the traffic control lights at the railway station, drivers drive in the left lanes, vehicles turning right, at speed and this could be dangerous for pedestrians, and that drivers run the red light often at the railway station. Concerns to be passed on to Highway Patrol command.

Cllr Christine Kay asked if there had been an increase in prosecutions due to police officers wearing body cam equipment. Yes.

Gay enquired about NHW receiving crime stats for a more extensive range of crimes. No.

Minutes can be requested from us at [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

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**15 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: YOUR SAY   | What are your thoughts on a raised pedestrian crossing at Quarter Sessions Road in Westleigh/Thornleigh?**

We think it would greatly improve pedestrian safety when crossing the road between Duneba Drive and Timbarra Road.

Have a look at the proposed plans and have your say by close of business on Tuesday 16 March [here](#). [Apologies we've missed the deadline - Ed]



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**14 March, from 7News: A man who stabbed his wife to death in their Sydney home before stuffing her body in a freezer and fleeing overseas will likely be tried for her murder in China, an inquest has heard.**

Sydney man fled country with kids after 'murdering wife, stuffing her body in freezer' in their Pymble home.

Full article [here](#).



Chan Chen, left, was stabbed to death in Sydney by her husband, who fled to China after the attack. Credit: AAP

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### **11 March, from The Guardian: SMS alerts to help find missing people**

NSW Police will soon be able to send text messages and photos to people with mobile phones in the vicinity of where a missing person was last seen. It's hoped the SMS geo-targeting alert system will help police quickly find high-risk missing persons. A text message would be sent to all mobile devices in a defined area with a brief description of the missing person and details of how to report a sighting. It's the same technology used by Australia's states and territories to send alerts during emergency situations, such as floods or bushfires.

Full article [here](#).

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### **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 & Booking](#). Mandarin and Korean speaking interpreters will be available for the three Zoom sessions below.

**Sunday 21 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - multicultural concerts through [council's Facebook page](#) or [YouTube page](#). Featuring Peking Opera, Martial Arts, Choir performances, Bharathnatyam Dancers and more.

**Monday 22 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring Korean and Japanese Traditions [Zoom session](#) & opportunity to win prizes

**Wednesday 24 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring South Asian Customs [Zoom session](#) & opportunity to win prizes

**Friday 26 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring Chinese Heritage [Zoom session](#) & opportunity to win prizes

**Saturday 27 March:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

**Sunday 28 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Creative Connections through [Hornsby Council's Facebook](#) or [Youtube page](#).

Featuring multicultural performances and a virtual trip through the Shire's most picturesque neighbourhoods.

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

**Sunday 28 March:** Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#).

**Thursday 08 April:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

**Thursday 15 April:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book 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.

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**10 March, from NSW Police: A man has been shot in the hand during a home invasion in Sydney's north west this morning.**

About 4.20am (Wednesday 10 March 2021), emergency services were called to a home on Kenthurst Road, Dural, following reports a man had been injured during a home invasion. Police have been told entry was forced to the home, before the occupant, a 21-year-old man, was shot in the hand. He fled to a neighbouring property to seek assistance. The injured man was treated at the scene before being taken to Westmead Hospital. Officers from The Hills Police Area Command established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**10 March, From the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) alert service: [HIGH ALERT] ACT QUICKLY: For organisations using Microsoft**

## Exchange

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) advises organisations using Microsoft Exchange to urgently patch the following Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs):

- CVE-2021-26855 - server-side request forgery (SSRF) vulnerability in Exchange.
- CVE-2021-26857 - insecure deserialization vulnerability in the Unified Messaging service.
- CVE-2021-26858 - post-authentication arbitrary file write vulnerability in Exchange.
- CVE-2021-27065 - post-authentication arbitrary file write vulnerability in Exchange.

If successfully exploited, these CVEs would allow an unauthenticated attacker to write files and execute code with elevated privileges on the underlying Microsoft Windows operating system.

View full alert [here](#).

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**08 March, from 9News: CHERRYBROOK Dump truck loses brakes, crashes into backyard swimming pool in Sydney's north-west**

Full article [here](#).



9NEWS.COM.AU

Truck crashes into backyard swimming pool

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### From Hornsby Shire Council: WASTE MATTERS 🛠️

Do you have a damaged recycling bin, garbage bin or green waste bin? Bin lids and wheels can be repaired, please phone **Council's Waste Hotline on 9847 4856** and we will repair or replace your bin for free.

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### From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes'

**Tip #1.** Clearly display your home's street number at the front of your property. It must be visible at night. This assists emergency vehicles as well as visitors.

**Tip #2.** Display warning signs around the perimeter or on your home. e.g. "Trespassers will be prosecuted", "This property is under electronic surveillance", Neighbourhood Watch window stickers/plaques, dog warnings, etc.

**Tip #6.** Get a strong letterbox and lock it with a strong lock, preferably keyed with a non-copy-able round keyed mailbox security lock. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive.

**Tip #7.** The power board should be housed in a secured cabinet. Consider an

ETSA padlock on the meter cupboard (a special lock available from locksmiths).

**Tip #18.** Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rigo – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

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. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).



Thanks to NHWA.

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## 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

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**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)  
**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)  
**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



**WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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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Hornsby, NSW 2077  
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