



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #494 - 30 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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30 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Break and enters have slowed a little which is great news, but we have had a number of stealing from motor vehicles, so please still be vigilant and lock your vehicles when you park and leave them unattended.

To give a little insight as to what we do during our shifts, day and night, I'll ask this question: Have you ever wondered what police do during their shift? This is a question I've been asked a number of times. So, here's a list of some of the jobs we attend on a daily basis throughout the Command. Not all of them every day, thank goodness, but these are pretty much our regulars.

- Abandoned vehicles
- Animal complaints
- Arrests
- Assaults
- Bail checks
- Brawls
- Break and enters
- Concern for welfare
- Deceased
- Domestic violence
- Driving complaints
- Drugs
- Fail to pay (fuel)
- Foot patrols
- Frauds
- Hoodlums
- Intoxicated persons
- Malicious damage
- Marine job / Operation
- Mental health incidents
- Missing persons
- Motor vehicle collisions
- Neighbour disputes
- Noise complaints
- Parking complaints
- Patrols of the streets, parks, hot spot areas

- Person on premises
- Person searches
- Prowlers
- Pursuits
- Rail trespass
- Robbery
- Self harm incidents
- Shop lifters
- Steal from motor vehicles
- Stealings
- Stolen vehicles
- Storm and tempest
- Threatening phone calls
- Traffic incidents
- Vehicle of interest stops
- Vehicle searches

But then, there's the paperwork that follows

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

28 March, from NSW Road Safety: Watch our video to brush up on the road rules for mobile phones.

There are different rules for using your phone depending on your licence.

Find out more: www.mobilephoneroadrules.com.au

Watch reminder video [here](#).

28 March, from NSW Police: Police continue to appeal for public information after a cyclist was seriously injured in Sydney's north last week.

About 12.35pm on Monday 15 March 2021, a male cyclist travelling south bound on Mona Vale Road, St Ives, crashed into the rear of a parked Toyota Hilux utility. The man was treated at the scene by members of the public until paramedics arrived. The 54-year-old was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital, where he remains in an induced coma with serious injuries to his head, neck and face. Officers attached to Kuring Gai Traffic and Highway Patrol attended and have commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash. As inquiries continue, police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident, or has dashcam/mobile phone footage from the area, to contact police or **Crime Stoppers on 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.



26 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: All smiles during a training day at Hornsby Police Station

While we have welcomed our newest officers to the Command, and some of them have already put in four months of their first year at Hornsby after their months at the Police college in Goulburn, this is where their 'on the job' training begins. Make sure that if you see them out on patrol, to say hi and I'm sure

you'll get a friendly hi back from them.



26 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai Police would like to speak with the male pictured below.

Police believe he may be able to assist with enquiries into an incident that occurred on a traveller at Hornsby Westfield Shopping Centre about 3:45pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021. Anyone with information as to the identity of the male pictured is encouraged to contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Case number **C79449642** relates.



25 March, from NSW Police: MEDIA RELEASE

Police re-appeal for help to locate man missing from Berowra Heights
Hornsby detectives investigating the disappearance of a 74-year-old man are appealing for an anonymous caller to Crime Stoppers to come forward. Richard Cleminson was last seen at his home in Easton Road, Berowra Heights, prior to 8pm on Thursday 18 March 2021. His family contacted police who began a search of nearby streets, parks and bushland. There are significant concerns for Richard's welfare due to poor weather conditions in the area, his age, and a medical condition, that requires ongoing treatment. Richard is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 150-160cm tall, thin build, with white/grey hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing black tracksuit pants and a grey shirt.

Police are appealing for anyone with information about Mr Cleminson's

disappearance to contact them. **In particular, they want to hear from an anonymous person who contacted Crime Stoppers on Friday 19 March 2021 who provided specific information relating to the missing person. Investigators are urgently asking this person to come forward again and supply their details.** They should contact **Hornsby detectives (9476 9799) or Crime Stoppers on 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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30 March, from Police Humor on The Local Briefing Post: Be careful out there!

A warning from the USA - the Glock looks so like a toy, doesn't it?



Have you heard about the new .au licensing rules for .au domain names, which come into effect on 12 April 2021?

SPOILER ALERT: These rules will affect Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby, our two websites (NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au and WatchOut.org.au), and potentially the production of this eNewsletter. We will keep you informed.

More info [here](#).

30 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Riding a motorcycle is far more

physically and mentally demanding than driving a vehicle.

For motorcyclists, the real problem in battling fatigue is a lapse in concentration. It's tempting to think that you can go just a little bit further, but the more tired you are, the harder it is to assess your level of tiredness and the more likely you are to crash. Make sure you:

- 🏍️ Start your journey well rested, with a good night's sleep
- 🏍️ Drink lots of water
- 🏍️ Eat lightly and snack
- 🏍️ In winter don't make yourself too warm and snug
- 🏍️ Stop and take regular breaks, even if you think you're not tired.

Visit: <http://ridetolive.nsw.gov.au> for more great tips and information for motorcyclists.

29 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: POTHOLE PATROL 🚗🚗 | Help us to keep an eye out for potholes!

You may have already been bumping over one or two, as they tend to pop up when there is a lot of rain saturating the ground. Let us know where they are so we can get them fixed as soon as possible. It's easy to report any issue by phone or online: 📞 9847 6666 📱 <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/contact-us>
Thanks everyone! 👍



Dates for the Diary

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. [Info here](#).

27 March, from The Telegraph: The boss of a construction company has said his failings weigh heavily on him as he was hit with a massive fine over a worker's death at a building site in St Ives

'Measures not taken': Company slammed over tradie's death

A construction company has been issued a six-figure fine after a worker died following a fall at a building site on Sydney's upper north shore.

Full article [here](#). [for those with a subscription - not our volunteers]

27 March, from cac.works: STOLEN...last night Friday 19th.

Has anyone seen this ute stolen middle of last night from Scenic hwy, Terrigal near Georges fruit barn?

LATEST UPDATE...8.30pm Saturday

10.30am roughly - was seen with P plates still on going very fast on M1 heading Sydney bound.



27 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Reckless driving is a hazard to the driver, their passengers and every other person sharing the road.

Habitual reckless driving such as speeding, driving whilst intoxicated or drug affected, burnouts, tailgating and road rage make our roads dangerous for everyone.

If you have information please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call us on **1800 333 000 (24/7)**



24 March, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community News: More details on the fatality at Glenorie today

Warning, this is a very upsetting story so we have provided as a link in case readers do not wish to read the details.

Full article [here](#).



24 March, from Daily Telegraph: A man trusted to protect the community

has faced court after he unleashed a BIZARRE attack on four boys riding their pushbikes through Hornsby Mall, leaving one nursing a broken arm.

MORE 🙌🙌

An off-duty policeman's bizarre attack on kids pedaling through a shopping centre plaza, leading to an 11-year-old breaking their arm, has been revealed.

Full article [here](#). [Unfortunately our volunteers have no subscription.]



24 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Bullying at School

Bullying at school is when another student, or group of students, uses behaviour that is cruel or hurtful to you. This includes someone being physically violent, making threats or harassing you. Harassment means ongoing verbal or physical attacks against you. Bullying includes things like:

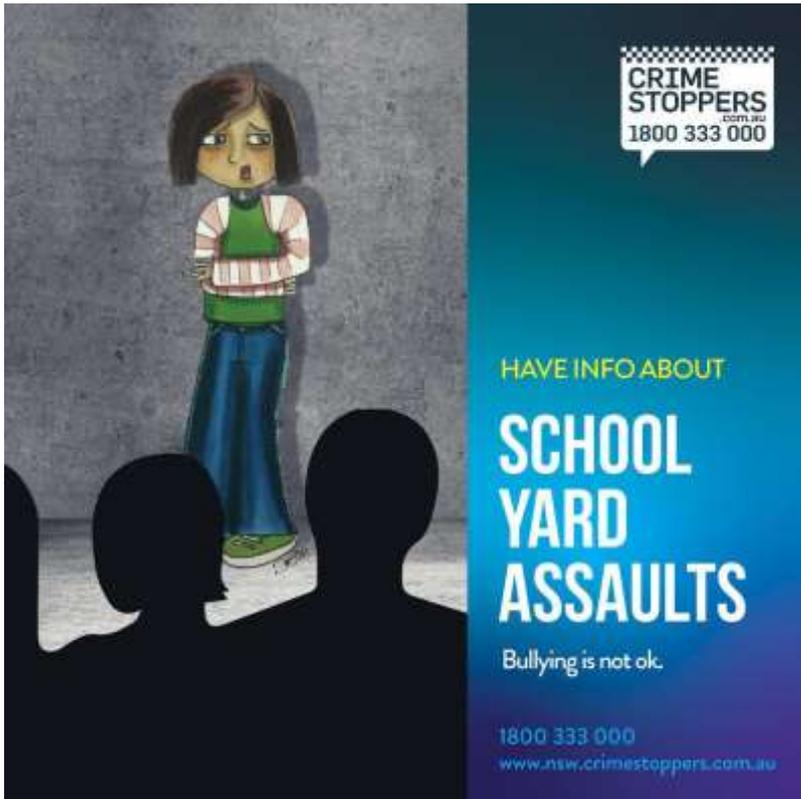
- Teasing and calling you names
- saying things to put you down or make fun of or humiliate you
- excluding you from groups or activities
- making nasty comments because of your race or your sex or your sexuality
- pushing or hitting you or being violent in some other way
- making threats or saying things that make you or others scared
- forcing you to do silly or dangerous things
- damaging, hiding or breaking your things
- demanding money or food or other items

- belittling your abilities and achievements
- writing mean or spiteful notes or graffiti about you or others
- making fun of how you look

Bullying can happen in the playground, in the toilets, going to and from school or in the classroom. Bullying must be treated seriously. It can amount to a criminal offence, when there is physical violence, intimidation or even threats made to harm you. If you are being bullied at school or outside school, tell someone about what is happening to you.

- Talk to the School Counsellor and ask them to help you do something about it.
- Tell your Parents so they can talk to the school about it.
- Tell your Teachers or the Principal, so they can talk to and punish the bully/bullies.
- Keep telling people, until someone helps you.
- If you have a friend that is being bullied, try to support them. Talk to them about what is happening and ask them if you can help them to do something about it. You could offer to go with them to talk to the school counsellor or the teacher or the principal.
- You can also call the **Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800**
- Make a formal complaint to the school.

Bullying is NOT okay and you do not have to put up with it. If you are not getting satisfactory response from your school, you can contact a community legal centre and get legal advice. If someone has been physically or sexually violent towards you, or threatened to be physically or sexually violent towards you, or has damaged or stolen your things, you can tell the police. These behaviours are against the law and if the bully is over 10 years of age, they could be charged or given a warning by the police.



23 March, from Michelle Foster: ♥ APPEALING FOR HELP..

Last Monday - March 15th at around lunch time 12:00ish, our much loved brother/brother-in-law Andrew, was cycling west along Mona Vale Rd towards St Ives. He was training for his 28th Ironman competition and is an experienced cyclist/athlete. Inexplicably, he ran into the back of a stationary Ute (parked opposite Hassal Park) and sustained serious spinal cord damage that has left him paralysed. It appears from his injuries and damage to his bike and helmet that he may have been forced into the stationary vehicle by a passing car.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. If you were driving towards St Ives from Terry Hills around 12-12:30pm last Monday and have dashcam please check it for a cyclist wearing a fluorescent yellow jersey No matter how insignificant, please contact **Constable David Burke at Gordon police station on 9418 5399 or**

message/call 0416 084 235.

2. If you think you SAW the incident, PLEASE come forward to tell us what you know using the above contact details.
3. Failing the above, please share this post anywhere that you think may help locate a possible witness to this tragedy.

Surely someone somewhere saw something!

Pictured is a recent photo of Andrew together with his family.





From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Letterboxes'

Tip#1. DO KEEP YOUR LETTERBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it. Consider using a 'Tubular Pin Tumbler Lock' which cannot be copied.



Tip#2. DO EMPTY YOUR LETTERBOX EACH DAY.

Tip#3. DO CONSIDER A POST OFFICE BOX (P.O. BOX) FOR SECURE ITEMS. For example, credit cards, cheque books.

Tip#7. REDUCE AND REMOVE UNWANTED JUNK MAIL. You can get various 'No Junk Mail' and 'Addressee Only" stickers to reduce the amount of

literature delivered to you.



Tip#8. ASK A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR TO CLEAR YOUR LETTERBOX WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ON HOLIDAY.

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 Cop Humour UK

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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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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