



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #497 - 20 April 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.

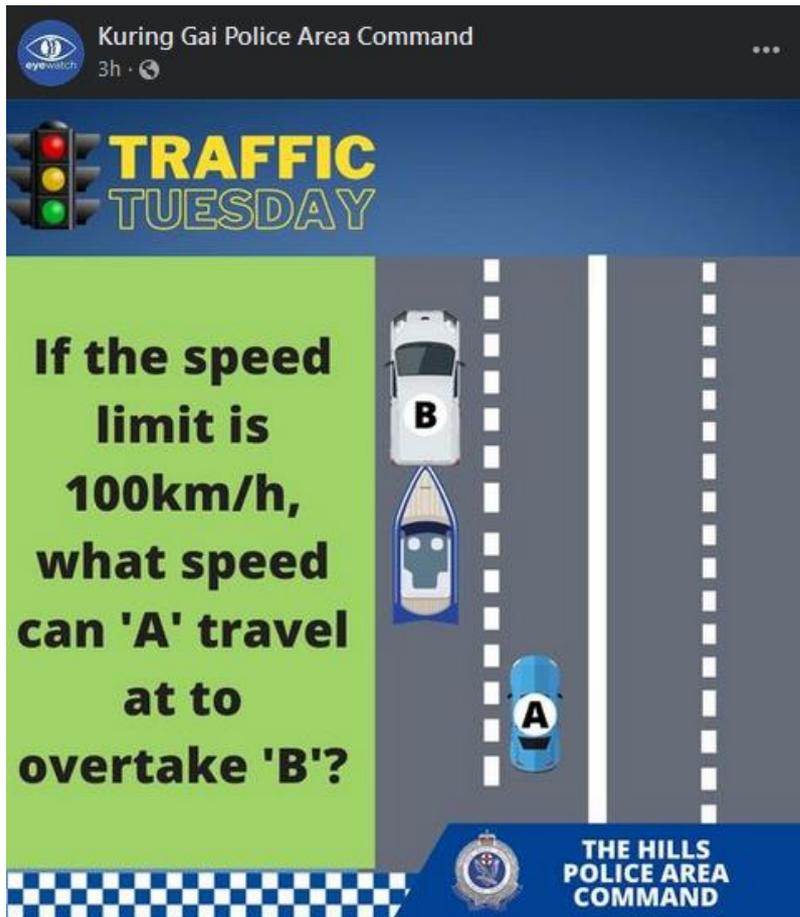
The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork 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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20 April, from The Hills Police Area Command



Give your answer in the Comments, we'll post the correct answer later this afternoon.

19 April, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

🚧 Road closures for ANZAC Dawn Services - Sunday 25th April 🌸

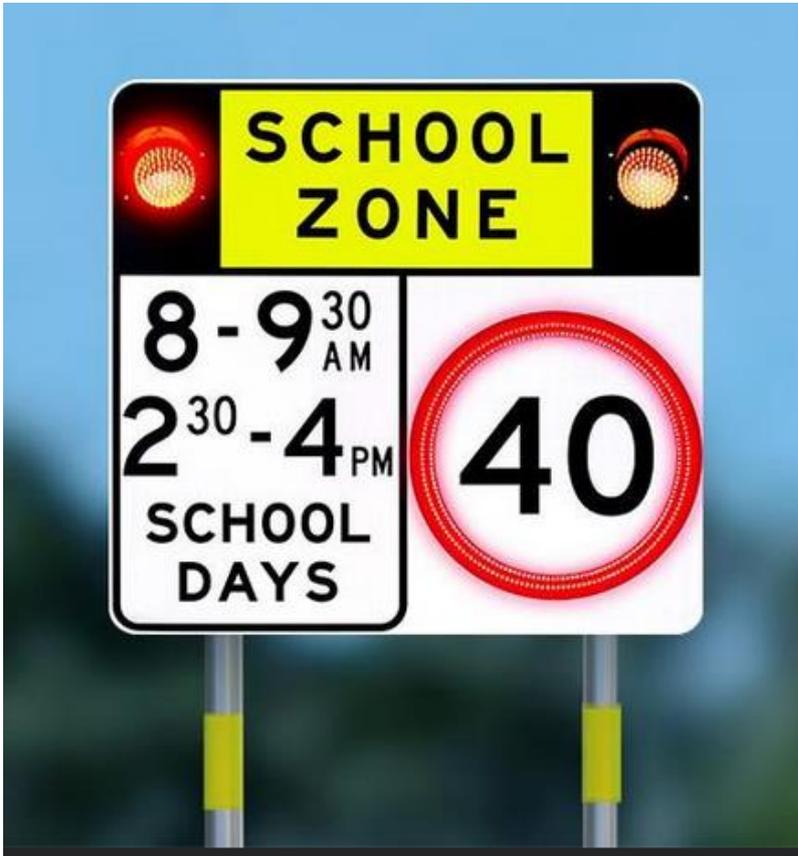
Peats Ferry Road between Dural Street and George Street will be closed from 3.30am and re-open at 6.00am for the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph Park (Hornsby Cenotaph), Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby.

Road closures on Old Northern Road, Glenorie will commence at 5:30am and re-open at 7:30am for the Dawn Service at the Wal Buckingham Gardens (Glenorie Cenotaph), Old Northern Road.

Detours will be in place on Old Northern Road between Cairnes Road, and Timarua Street, Glenorie.

Motorist are advised to use an alternative route and allow extra travel time when driving through the area.

19 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Just a reminder, school zones are in operation. Slow down and look out for children crossing.

16 April, from NSW Police Force: Good news!

The missing 83-year-old man from Hornsby was found in Hornsby just before 8am as a result of the geo-targeting SMS alert issued to local residents. Thank you to the media and community who helped.

14 April, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

What would you do?

Scenario:

It's 11pm on Friday night. You're relaxing at home, listening to some Barry Manilow 😊 when you hear loud shouting and music coming from the adjoining park. You look outside and see about 12 youths shouting and consuming alcohol and smoking.

What would you do?

1. Would you leave your home, approach them and ask them to quieten down, as they are only young kids?
2. Would you shout from your balcony or front garden to tell them to be quiet and move away?
3. Would you turn Barry up louder?
4. Would you take photographs of them to give to police as evidence of anti-social behaviour in your local park?
5. Would you call the police?

Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Ok, some funny and interesting answers here but, although the scenario appears fairly basic, it is a real one often played out in the command. We often attend jobs just like this when we receive calls from frustrated residents who want a little peace and quiet or are sick and tired of the broken bottles, graffiti and bongs left in parks and children's playground areas.

1. Would you leave your home, approach them and ask them to quieten down, as they are only young kids?

ANSWER: Some people may do this. It may work but leaving your home to address them could end up badly for you. If there is the consumption of alcohol and or drugs, any type of response from the group is possible. It is best to call police.

2. Would you shout from your balcony or front garden to tell them to be quiet and move away?
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ANSWER: You could shout out at them. They may disperse but, on many occasions, they have turned on the resident by harassing them and threatening them. Best to call police.

3. Would you turn Barry up louder?

ANSWER: This was simply a teaser for a bit of fun – Barry isn't that bad though, is he?

4. Would you take photographs of them to give to police as evidence of anti-social behaviour in your local park?

ANSWER: You could do this but how close are you going to get to obtain sufficient identification? If you were to take photographs of them and give them to attending police, please ensure it is from a distance and you don't use a flash. Best to call police.

5. Would you call the police?

ANSWER: This is what we would prefer. Unfortunately, if we never really know what people are consuming until we arrive at the scene. Their reaction as individuals or as a group could turn violent. You don't know what they are carrying or capable of doing.

Please call police at the time of the behaviour and let us deal with it. Please do not put yourself in harm's way.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

19 April, Shared with permission from the Pymble/West Pymble Community group yesterday:

I am helping an elderly neighbour, who doesn't have Facebook, to locate a gentleman who fell off his bike Sunday morning on Ryde Road (near Yarran Street corner), or his relations, in order to return an item of property that he dropped near the site of the accident. If you are related to the man who fell off

his bike, please call my neighbour Rod on 0427 400 573 to arrange return of the item.

19 April, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group yesterday:

Hoping someone could help - last weekend my daughter lost her black purse with initials JN embossed on it.

Inside is her licence, cash, uni ID, bank cards, makeup and goodness knows what else 🙄 - we have searched and searched - if any one finds it (we don't care about the cash) but everything else is so important and a pain to replace. Please PM me if anyone has found it. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Dates for the Diary

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](#).

Tuesday 08 June : Hornsby Shire Council Volunteer Expo 11am-1pm @ Hornsby Mall. TBC if NHW will be participating.

18 April, from M1 Pacific Motorway, NSW



A sign used in Australia to advise that slow drivers are about to temporarily increase their speed

18 April, from NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force is now using geo-targeting to locate high risk missing persons, sending emergency alerts to mobiles in the area where the person went missing.

We remind you that if you receive a text message from 0444 444 444 this is an official alert to seek your assistance. This text will provide you with information and a link to an image.

NSW Police Force's latest podcast will share our emotional story in locating a 75 year old man. Listen to the journey which you can download [here](#):

Watch video [here](#).

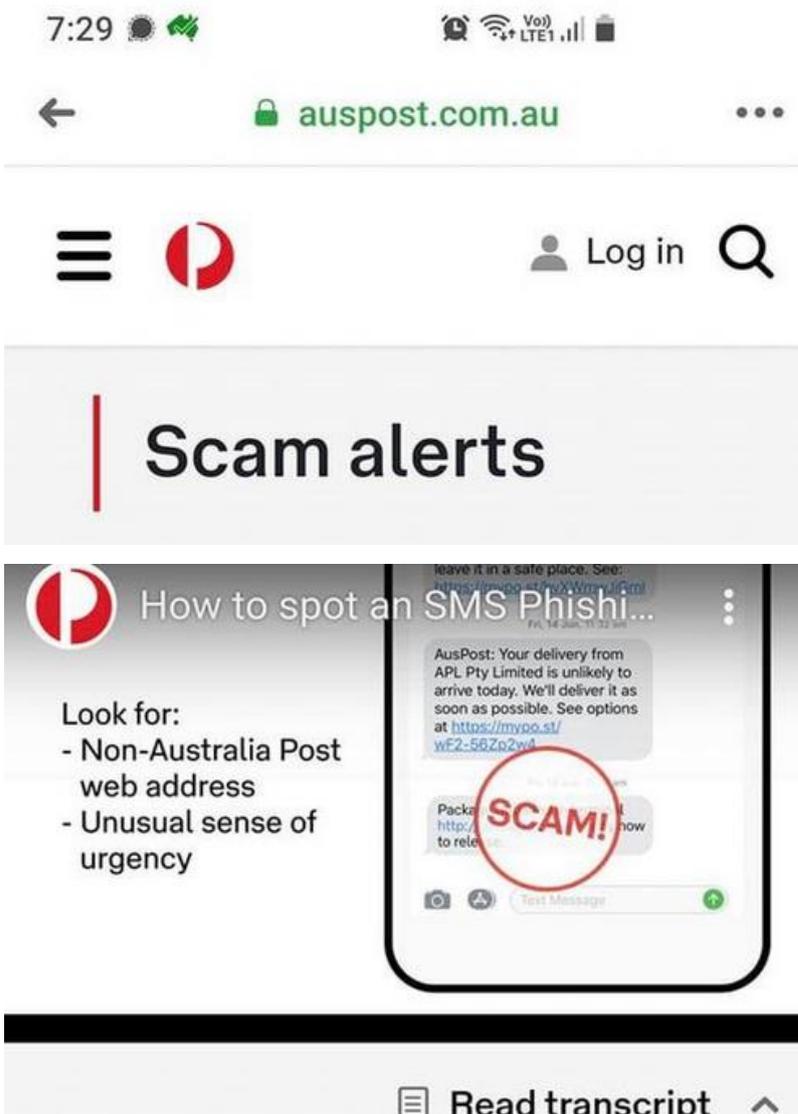
17 April, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group:

Just put this up in the hope my bird bath is returned, stolen from my garden, sentimental value, Northumberland Avenue. Please



15 April, from auspost.com.au:

There's lots of sms scams around at the moment pertaining to be from Australia Post, requesting a \$4 fee outstanding on a package delivery. Please do not click on the link in the scam sms message. Please watch the video on the Australia Post website for more detailed information.



You can watch video [here](#).

15 April, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance following an armed robbery in Sydney's north this morning.

About 4.40am (Thursday 15 April 2021), police were called to a service station on Warringah Road, near Cook Street, Forestville, after reports a man – armed with a knife – entered the store and threatened the attendant.

Police have been told the armed man stole cash, before fleeing on foot.

No one was injured during the incident.

Officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene.

As inquiries continue, police would like to speak to a man who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

He is described as being aged in his 20s or 30s and wearing a face covering.

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 crime via NSW Police social media pages.

14 April, from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Post

Thank you to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Post.

Read their digital edition [here](#)

Safety tips for seniors from police

TO be safe from crime and violence is a fundamental right for everyone in our community.

As we grow older, several factors can impact on our confidence and quality of life.

Take a few extra precautions and be prepared when a risk is identified.

This can go a long way to improve your feeling of safety when out in public spaces and at home.

Here are some simple tips we all can take to help protect yourself, your family and friends from the effects of crime.

How to contact police and when

For emergency or life-threatening situations:

“000” Triple zero

Hornsby Police: 9476 9799

Gordon Police: 9418 5399

For non-emergencies:



Protect yourself at home

- Never let anyone you don't know and trust inside your home.
- Always secure your homes doors and windows.
- Do not leave valuables, mobile devices or keys (home or vehicle) in clear view.
- Always report suspicious behaviour within your neighbourhood to police.

Protect yourself

14 April, from dailytelegraph.com.au: ‘Very sorry’: Physio’s apology on CCTV after alleged breast massage. A physio accused of putting a towel over a patient’s eyes before massaging her breasts was captured on CCTV after apologising, a court heard.

A North shore physio who is accused of massaging the breasts of a patient told her he was “sorry” and “embarrassed” in CCTV footage just after the alleged

incident but he told the court that the apology had nothing to do with the charges against him.

[Our volunteers do not have a subscription.]

13 April, Shared from our Crime Prevention Officer:

Some more good news for the Command and our community.

Ku-ring-gai Police have been working in conjunction with another command and have arrested a male who has now been charged with break and enter offences within our Command and others.

The hard work and diligence of both our teams have paid off with the arrested male being refused bail until at least a court hearing date in the near future.

With timely reporting from our community of suspicious behaviour, our chances of catching others like this male increases.

Please keep up the vigilance and remember, we'd rather attend nine false alarms than not get a call relating to an actual break and enter.

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

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners:

Tip #6. PARK IN WELL-LIT, HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREAS, PREFERABLY WITH CCTV. AVOID CAR PARKS WITH A HISTORY OF BREAK-INS.

Tip #7. STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR

BEFORE GETTING IN.

Tip #10. DON'T LEAVE PERSONAL PAPERS SUCH AS LICENCE OR REGISTRATION IN YOUR VEHICLE. They may be used to dispose of the vehicle. However, do keep with you a note of your vehicle registration & information no. (VIN).

Tip #17. CONSIDER NOT INCLUDING 'HOME' IN YOUR GPS, BUT A NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS NEARBY. If your car is stolen & you have a garage door opener, the thief won't have easy access to your house.

Tip 19. LOCK CAR DOORS WHEN TRAVELLING AT NIGHT. DON'T STOP TO ASSIST A STRANGER WHOSE CAR IS BROKEN DOWN. Instead, help by phoning the Police.

Tip #20. IF YOU LEAVE A KEY WITH A VALET ATTENDANT OR MECHANIC, LEAVE ONLY THE IGNITION KEY.

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](#).

I have a photo of a friend with a beer in his hand, taken at around 4.00am. He had worked night shift, then driven a couple of hours to get to an event, cracking a can at 4.00am was no different to a day shift worker doing the same after work at 5.00pm

Thanks to Colleen Clancy

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)

