



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #498 - 27 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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27 April, from The Hills command: #TrafficTuesday

There are no other signs and 'A' has a green light. Can they legally do a U-turn?



26 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Children in car involved in high-speed pursuit - Mooney Mooney

Monday, 26 April 2021 09:43:22 AM

Three children aged five and under have been found in a car being driven by an unlicensed driver involved in a pursuit with police in Sydney's north-west overnight. About 11.20pm on Sunday 25 April 2021, officers from Kuring Gai Highway Patrol were conducting speed enforcement on the M1 motorway, Mooney Mooney, when they detected a Holden Commodore allegedly speeding; a pursuit was initiated when the driver failed to stop when directed. Police will allege the car reached speeds of up to 200km/h during the pursuit in a signposted 110km/h zone along the M1 motorway. A short time later the car stopped after hitting a concrete barrier. Checks revealed the 35-year-old male driver – who held an expired learner permit – was disqualified. A 28-year-old woman, two boys aged seven months and five years, and a three-year-old girl, were passengers in the car. The children were taken to The Children's Hospital at Westmead to be checked as a precaution; the girl has been treated for bruising. The driver was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with police pursuit – not stop – drive dangerously, drive motor

vehicle while disqualified, drive with low-range PCA, and speeding. The Tregear man was refused bail to attend Hornsby Local Court today, (Monday 26 April 2021). A child at risk notification has been made by police.

26 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Rider killed following motorcycle crash - Turramurra

Sunday, 25 April 2021 07:56:55 PM

A man has died following a motorcycle crash in Sydney's north today. About 9.10am (Sunday 25 April 2021), a motorcycle was travelling along The Comenarra Parkway at Turramurra, when the rider lost control and crashed into a tree. Emergency services were notified and arrived a short time later. The 30-year-old man was treated at the scene before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where he later died. Officers attached to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command established a crime scene, which has been forensically examined. Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed or have dashcam footage of the incident to contact Crime Stoppers. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

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 information via NSW Police social media pages.

23 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: This last week there have been several thefts throughout the Command where computers and electrical equipment had been targeted by thieves.

Cabling from most of the equipment had been stolen. This has caused concern throughout the community generating public interest with the media requesting a briefing on the latest updates. Hornsby detectives have been investigating and when asked how the progress of the investigation was progressing, the

Police spokesperson replied, "Unfortunately, at this stage, we don't have any leads".

On a more serious note, please remain vigilant. While we have had some success recently in apprehending some who have broken into homes and stolen property, if you see anyone or anything that appears suspicious to you, please report it immediately or as close to the time of the incident as possible. Timely reporting gives police the best opportunity to find and engage the person and check their bonafides. We would rather attend a false alarm than not be told of an actual offence being carried out. Have a great weekend!

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

23 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Did you know that shop lifting costs the Australian community over 3 billion dollars each year?

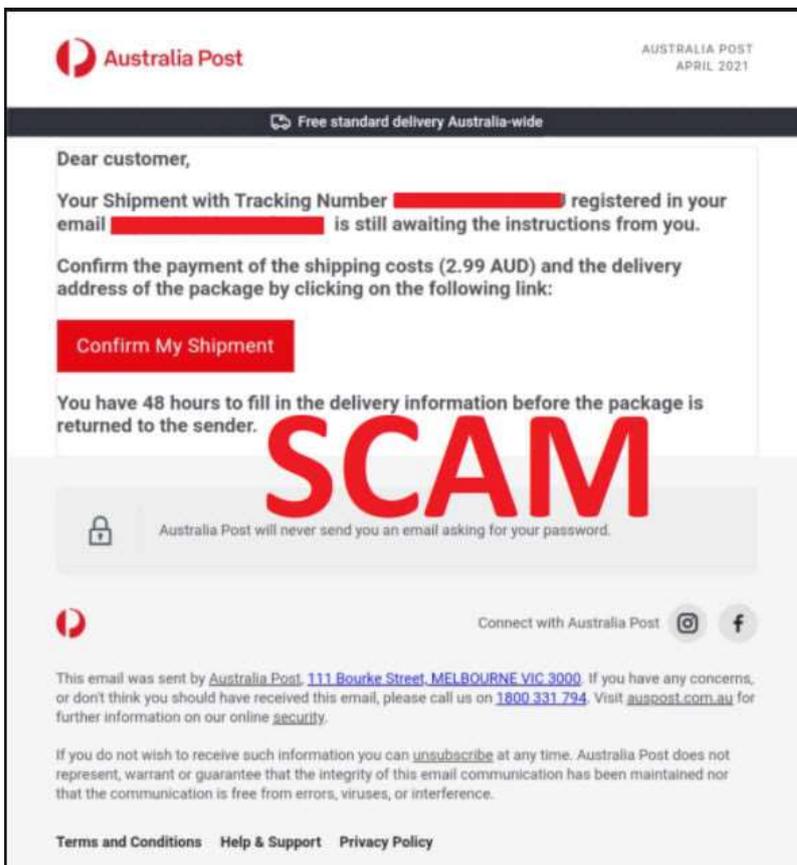
Shop lifting operations are arranged to catch thieves stealing from retail stores. Yesterday plain clothed officers from the Ku-ring-gai PAC conducted an Operation working closely with individual shops and Westfield security. By the end of the operation, four persons were arrested with seven charges preferred, one Criminal Infringement Notice issued and two Youths are to be Cautioned. Two additional persons were identified as being in possession of drugs. Some of the items stolen included containers of clothes washing liquid. Upon further investigation it was found that the offender had been charged for stealing similar items on two previous occasions this year. His 'clean getaway' didn't quite go to plan on this occasion either. During the operation police also

arrested a 20 year old male who was wanted for stealing cigarettes and multiple bottles of alcohol from a local hotel. He has a total of 15 charges for a variety of offences and will appear at Hornsby Local Court today.

20 April, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT!

Scammers are continuing to impersonate Australia Post by claiming you need to pay a small shipping fee for your parcel. The emails may look legitimate with real logos and contact details, but are just an attempt to steal your credit card details. Just delete the email.

Image and info via @Scamwatch



If the speed limit is 100km/h, what speed can 'A' travel at to overtake 'B'?

The answer to last week's traffic quiz is 100km/hr.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

27 April, Shared with permission from the Warrawee Valley and Surrounds group: Did any one have a door knocker around 12:30pm yesterday trying to sell a book of love poems?

We were out for 15 mins, came home and a woman was skulking around our front porch, when approached she said she's going door to door selling books. Something about it doesn't sit right. Her behavior was unusual. She wasn't at our front door - but more on our porch. I walked up to the street after she left and she just stood on the road a couple of houses up for a while. Husband came up and then she went to another house. Could absolutely all be a coincidence but we're always home and happened in small window when our car wasn't in driveway.

NHW's response was for the person posting to give this information at the time to **Hornsby police station 9476 9799**, or after the fact to **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 111**.

27 April, from Tony in the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group: Does anyone have any videos or photos of this accident on Junction Road on Saturday 1145am?

Please let me know.



26 April, Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group: Asking for a friend

My son dropped his phone on Billyard Ave this morning and someone picked it up. We tracked it to the catholic church and then back to Eulbertie St, but it was then turned off. I'm just hoping we can get it back as it has some photos we need for a funeral on Thursday.

Please leave a message below or PM me.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 04 May: St Ives Crime Prevention Forum 7-830pm @ Turramurra Bowling Club. Our Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) S/C Colin Mitchell will be discussing the crime situation. Julia Eagles and NHW volunteers will be there to answer NHW questions and give out NHW goodie bags. Thank you to Penny Howell for organising.

Tuesday 11 May: 'All Areas' NHW Coordinator & Volunteers meeting #30 6pm via Zoom (enabled by NHW NSW). Email us any agenda items:

NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Tuesday 08 June : Hornsby Shire Council Volunteer Expo 11am-1pm @ Hornsby Mall. NHW will be participating with a crime prevention stall.

Did you know? Car owners should secure their vehicles (incl windows) and it is an offence not to.

[Similarly residents should secure their homes; however the consequence is to be uninsured, rather than it being an offence.]

New South Wales Legislation ROAD RULES 2014 - 213 Making a motor vehicle secure

- (1) This rule applies to the driver of a motor vehicle who stops and leaves the vehicle on a road, except so far as the driver is exempt from this rule by an exemption order under rule 213–1 or an exemption under rule 313A(2).
- (2) Before leaving the vehicle, the driver must apply the parking brake effectively or, if weather conditions (for example, snow) would prevent the effective operation of the parking brake, effectively restrain the motor vehicle's movement in another way.
- (3) If the driver will be over 3m from the closest part of the vehicle, the driver must switch off the engine before leaving the vehicle.
- (4) If the driver will be over 3m from the closest part of the vehicle, and—

- (a) there is no-one left in the vehicle, or
- (b) there is only a child or children under 16yrs left in the vehicle,
- the driver must remove the ignition key before leaving the vehicle.
- (5) If the driver will be over 3m from the closest part of the vehicle and there is no-one left in the vehicle, the driver must—
- (a) if the windows of the vehicle can be secured—secure the windows immediately before leaving the vehicle, and
- (b) if the doors of the vehicle can be locked—lock the doors immediately after leaving the vehicle.
- (6) For the purposes of subrule (5), a window is secure even if it is open by up to 2cm.

Full NSW legislation incl penalties [here](#).

26 April, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Good afternoon everyone

This is to confirm that the **St Ives Crime Prevention Forum** previously mentioned is now confirmed for **7pm-830pm on the evening of Tuesday 04 May 2021 at the Turramurra Bowling Club**.

The organiser, Penny Howell, has approached our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Colin Mitchell, to give a talk. Colin is answering these questions and more:

- How does St Ives compare with other suburbs in the Kuring Gai Police Area Command in relation to crime?
- When do I call police to attend an incident and what is the best number to call them on?
- Can I get involved in my local Neighbourhood Watch program?

Colin says he is looking forward to meeting you all. Penny is interested in the possibility of doing more with NHW in St Ives. Julia Eagles will be giving a brief outline of what has been done by NHW in the past, and our current way forward for St Ives (and the command). Please would you consider joining in, especially

if you live in St Ives? Anyone is very welcome to attend the Forum. We shall bring along all the NHW materials and (limited) goodies, so that we can set up a Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention table. We will have all the usual NHW window stickers, letterbox plaques, Do Not Knock stickers, garbage bin stickers, Car rego plate locking screws, Crime Prevention Tips, Colouring-in, fridge magnets, etc, to offer in a goodie bag to attendees. There will be tea/coffee and a bar. Maybe see you there?



26 April, from Hornsby Advocate: New Milat victims? Cops refuse to answer cold case questions [Sorry, but our volunteers don't have a subscription.]

Police have been questioned over whether the 42-year missing persons case of Stephen Laphorne and Michelle Pope from West Pymble were ever investigated by Ivan Milat team. It comes after a van almost identical to the one the couple were last seen in was discovered 50km from the Belangalo State Forest.

Full article [here](#).

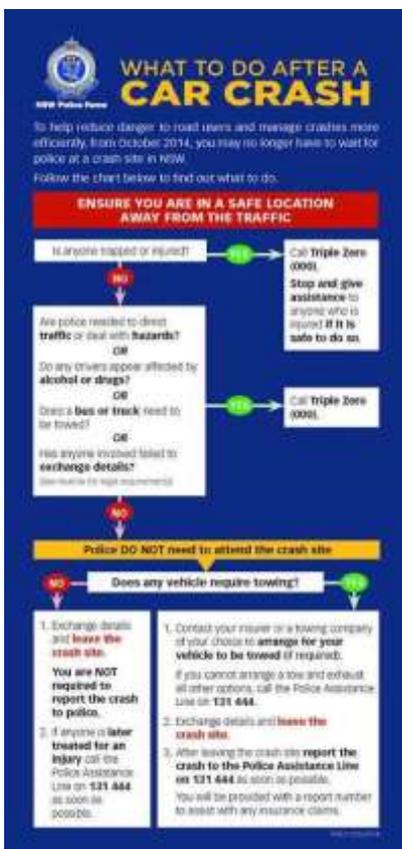
24 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Did you know that if you are involved in a Minor Traffic Crash where a car has been towed and/or where you

have become aware of injuries sustained AFTER 24 hours – you can report this accident online via the NSW Police Force Community Portal?

The Community Portal is simple to use and you can even upload images of the accident into your online report. Below is an easy to follow guide on what to do if you are involved in an accident.

NSWPF Community Portal is [here](#).

Email us [here](#) for your pdf of the **Crash Card**.



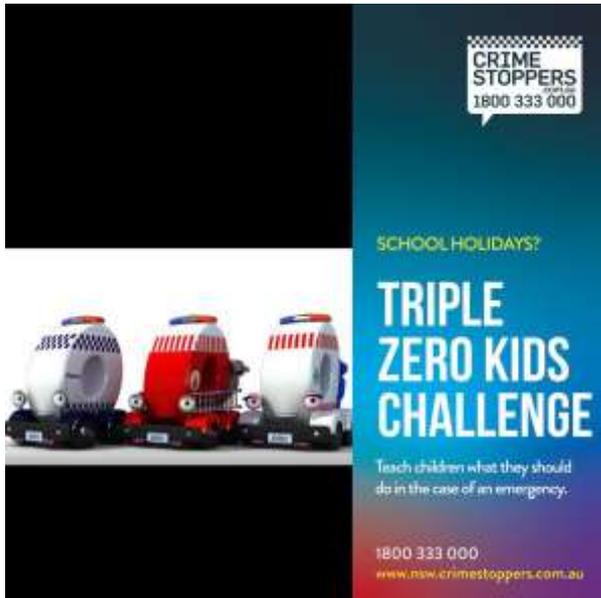
24 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are you looking for a super fun and educational activity to do with your kids?

The Triple Zero Kids Challenge is an online fun learning tool designed to teach children what they should do in the case of an emergency.

Kids will learn about getting help by playing games and solving mysteries.

They'll learn about safety messages and hear what happens when they call Triple Zero.

Find it [here](#).



24 April, from North Shore Times: Scam alert: North Shore Police are encouraging residents to be wary of fraudsters after ongoing incidents on online and phone scams in the region.

Here are some of the latest reports:

👉 An 81 year old Lindfield woman was deceived out of thousands of dollars by scammers. The lady received a call from a person posing as an employee of St George Bank who stated that her account had been compromised. The lady was asked to withdraw cash from her account and give it to a man who claimed to be a detective working to catch the computer hackers. A man came to her home address and collected the cash and claimed she would be reimbursed after the investigation.

👉 A Waverton resident was scammed by \$100,000 by a business email compromise scam. The fraud involved scammers contacting the victim by email

purporting to be a business that the victim owes money to, using an email address similar to the business's email. The scammers then provided bank account details for the payment to be transferred to.

[**NOTE:** Fraud is the fastest growing crime in our command - Ed]

22 April, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for organising the 'Everything for Seniors Day' yesterday.

Although the numbers seemed low, I know Neighbourhood Watch helped quite a few people with locking screws, crime prevention tips, window stickers, colouring-in, etc. We counted around 40 visitors to our little crime prevention stall. We always say that each person helped probably goes home and tells a few more people, so the reach ends out being good. Thank you to Gay, Kanak, Mary, Julia and Kerrie. We hope the other stall holders enjoyed the day, the information and the food as much as we did.



22 April, from NSW Central Coast Dashcams: REQUEST FOR DASHCAM

FOOTAGE

Please contact Krysten McDonald if you can help.

Quoted text:

"Please help, my youngest daughter was in a bad accident yesterday (Wed) on the M1 about 5.00 pm heading north between Mooney Mooney and Berowra. Gabrielle was travelling in the middle lane when a light coloured vehicle moved to her lane hitting the rear passenger side of her grey Suzuki Swift causing her to spin around and crash into the rock wall. The driver of the other car took off leaving Gabrielle in shock, pain and very upset. If anyone has any dash cam evidence, please help it was hard to miss, her car is a write off. Thank You to Sienna a nurse who stopped and came to her aid , also two tradies who came running to help her. She was taken to Hornsby hospital by ambulance and had to stay overnight, she has a displaced fracture of her sternum from the seat belt, bruising and in a lot of pain. I thank my lucky stars or whoever that it wasn't any worse. Please help if you can thank you."



21 April, from Brooklyn NHW: Parsley Bay this morning



Thank you to Lea.

22 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SAFETY FOR SENIORS... (part 3 of 7)

If you have an elderly loved one, you can sometimes worry about their safety. Elderly people can be more trusting and come from a time when things were simpler. Share with them these tips to help keep them safe.

CON ARTISTS...

They're friendly and clever. And they want to trick you out of your money or property. If they attempt to bully you, call the police. Beware of:

- ➡ something for nothing
- ➡ "you have won a contest"
- ➡ cash only "opportunities"
- ➡ home improvement offers
- ➡ get rich quick schemes
- ➡ "service calls" you didn't request.

Always call Triple Zero (000) if you feel in danger.

If you have information about Con Artists report online at

www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).

22 April, from the Australian Federal Police: ! Crypto scam alert !

Did you know that Australian businesses lose billions from cyber security incidents each year?

Cybercrime is a vastly changing threat to our community, and it is up to us all to stay a step ahead and become aware of the warning signs.

Scams are everywhere online, and cryptocurrency exchanges are no different.

Cryptocurrency or digital currency scamming is an emerging threat with cybercriminals around the world targeting those most vulnerable. The offenders are capturing bank details and other sensitive credentials and then using this information to gain unauthorised access to personal accounts and transfer the money out where it is then received by money mules.

With the ongoing COVID-19 environment, increased use of cryptocurrency has opened up new vulnerabilities for Australians. You can protect yourself from becoming a victim:

- • Be sceptical of websites or services promising high returns or unrealistic investment opportunities.

- Only send cryptocurrency to trusted third parties. Search for publicly verifiable reviews or articles involving the website/service.
- Be aware of grammatical errors in communications or on websites. Scammers often make grammar or spelling mistakes.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

22 April, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes' has been translated into Hindi.

Thank you to Kanak and Punam. It has been uploaded to the Tips page on our website, for you to download easily as a pdf:

[https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/.](https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/)



From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes:

Tip#14: Consider an audio/video intercom to vet your visitors, or install a peep-hole, security door-chain or door-bar, and/or a security door. (Flyscreens are not security doors.)

Tip#19: Suggest an arrangement with neighbours for when any of you are on vacation, eg for regularly checking your home, clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, mowing grass strips, etc. Consider placing old items on the washing line. NEVER advertise your travel plans on social media. Consider re-

directing/holding your mail.

Tip#20: Consider promoting a dog on site: a dog water dish, dog lead and warning signs. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can 'bark' (or 'chirrup') as a warning/deterrent.

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](#).

21 April, from NSW Police: Practising for TikTok (1981)





Thank you to Townlife Magazine

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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