



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #500 - 11 May 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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11 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: NSW Police Community Portal

It's where you can report a new incident or view and update an existing report. It's as simple as click on this [link](#).



I WANT TO REPORT:

- Lost property
- Theft
- Fraud
- Intentional damage or graffiti
- Minor traffic crash Contact
- Crime Stoppers

I WANT TO APPLY FOR:

- NSW Police Check
- Fire arms application
- Insurance related Police event report
- Access to information

Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

NSW POLICE Community Portal

For a safer community
A Community Police Officer (CPO) is a police officer who works in a community police area. They are responsible for providing a range of services to the community.

NEW YORK STATE

- How to apply for a license
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11 May, from The Hills command: Traffic Tuesday

Can a P1 or P2 driver use a mobile phone while driving under any circumstances?



ANSWER

Rule 300-1 of the Australian Road Rules (2014) NSW states “The driver of a vehicle (except an emergency vehicle or police vehicle) who is the holder of a learner licence or a provisional P1 or P2 licence must not use a mobile phone, whether or not held by the driver, while the vehicle is moving or is stationary but not parked.”

Exemptions exist for circumstances where the phone is being used as a payment device (e.g. drive through) for electronic access device to access an area or producing a digital driver licence on request.

Using a mobile phone includes “operating any other function of the phone” and L, P1, and P2 drivers are prohibited from using a phone, whether it is being held or not. For that reason activities like using a phone to play music, using navigation apps, or using car play is also illegal for L, P1 and P2 drivers.

10 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Missing man located - Brooklyn

Monday, 10 May 2021 06:59:53 PM

A man missing in Sydney’s north has been located safe and well.

The 52-year-old man was last seen at his workplace on Kowan Road, Mooney Mooney, about 8.30am on Saturday (8 May 2021). Officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command were notified of his disappearance after he failed to return home and a coordinated search was conducted on the Hawkesbury over the weekend, after his ocean ski was found. About 6.30pm today (Monday 10 May 2021), police were notified that the man had returned to Brooklyn, safe and well. He has since been spoken to police. Police would like to thank the media and the public for their assistance.

07 May, from The Hills command: Which one is a toy?



The Hills Police Area Command
May 6 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

[The above is a screenshot of a shared video, showing each gun in more detail. In the video we see the **ANSWER:**]

They're all firearms, however B, D, E and G are Gel Blasters (air guns). If you can't tell the difference, neither can we, on the street when confronted.

07 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.
Hope you have a really enjoyable and safe one.



**07 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: The concept of Cause and Effect -
Some just don't get it!**



05 May, from Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC): Be aware - more scams about

The ACCC is aware of advertisements on Facebook about cryptocurrency products featuring the name or image of an Australian public figure. These advertisements might look like articles or posts in your Facebook newsfeed. We are concerned that the advertisements may be false or misleading...

More info and how to report, [here](#).



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11 May, from Hornsby Hospital: VISITOR INFORMATION

From today, visitors to the emergency department will need to use a new entrance. Due to redevelopment works, the emergency department has temporarily relocated. The new entrance to emergency is directly next to the old entrance, and used to be the former entrance to the paediatrics department. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding as our emergency department undergoes a refurbishment.

10 May, Shared with permission from a resident: I received this text message.

I am concerned that it is fishing for info about whether I am a child or not, and I would never advise my child to respond to this. Can you please check it out? Thank you.

Our response: SPAM. In future you can easily check a number to see if it is known as spam using the reverse number look up, [here](#).



10 May, from the NSW Police: Scam Alert! The Australian Taxation Office is receiving reports of a new email scam that asks people to update their myGov or myGovID details.

Scammers pretending to be from the 'myGov customer care team' are emailing people and telling them they need to verify their identity by clicking on a link. The link goes to a fake myGov logon page designed to steal their personal information. If you receive an email like this, don't click any links and don't provide the information requested. A genuine ATO, myGovID or myGov message will never ask you to access online services via a hyperlink. If you receive an SMS or email that looks like it's from myGov, but it contains a link or appears suspicious, you can report it to ScamWatch. If you have clicked on a link or provided your personal information, you can contact **Services Australia's Scams and Identity Theft Helpdesk on 1800 941 126**. Visit www.ato.gov.au/scamalerts to find out more.

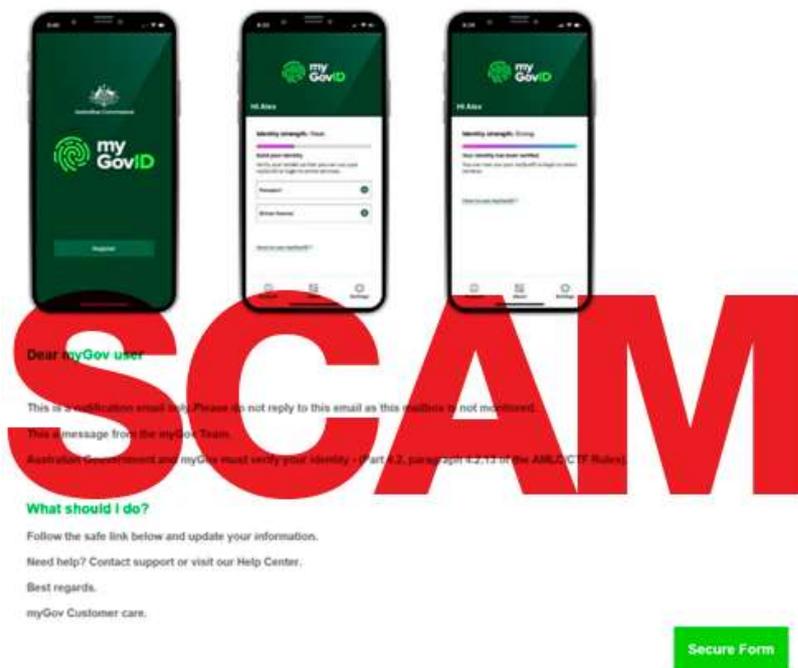


Image and info via ATO

Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 19 May: Ku-ring-gai Council - Law Week talk "Your Neighbours & the Law". 6:30-7:30pm @ Gordon Library. [Info](#).

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

10 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Crime Stoppers has partnered with BikeVault and Bicycle NSW to help reduce theft and increase the chances of stolen bikes being recovered.

Bike owners now have access to a free community service provided by BikeVault, where bike owners can store their bike's details. So, in case it's stolen and recovered, the bike can be tracked and returned to the owner. More information or to enter your bike's identification details can be found at:

<https://www.bikevault.com.au>.

NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service - you must do your own research.



10 May, from Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC): 10 May 2021 Dear ACSC Alert Service subscriber

The ACSC has seen a number of organisations that have been impacted by ransomware activity from the Avaddon group within Australia. This targeting has occurred across multiple industry sectors. In addition to encryption of data, victims are threatened with the publication of stolen data, as well as Distributed Denial of Service against their network.

The ACSC has provided analysis of the malware including detection methods, indicators of compromise and mitigations.

Read this alert on the website [here](#).

Are you a victim of cybercrime? Visit [ReportCyber](#) to take your next steps. We use hyperlinks to give you more information. If you don't want to click hyperlinks, you can search for the information on the [cyber.gov.au](#).

10 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday:

Parked on Kendall St, someone has knocked my side mirror off. They must have been traveling at a high speed as I've found parts of their car and their mirror a few meters down the road. If anyone saw anything or has any dash cam footage please PM me. This is the 2nd time this has happened with my car parked in the same spot.

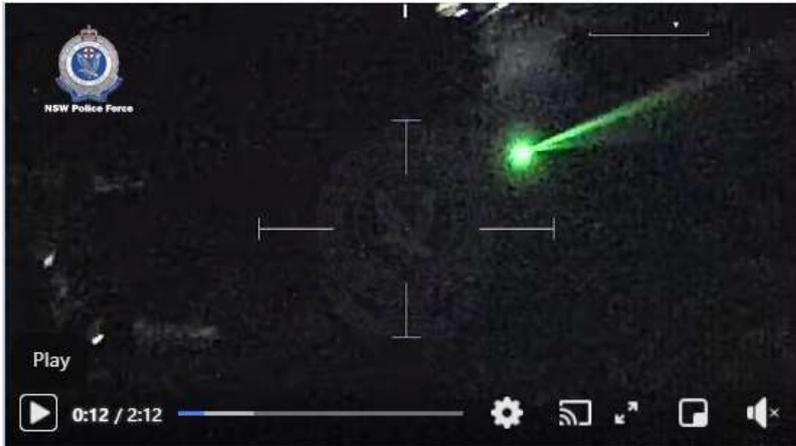


07 May, from NSW Police: The NSW Police Force Aviation Command is concerned by a spike in laser pointers being aimed at aircraft in recent weeks.

The Command has recorded a number of laser strikes on PolAir and other aircraft around Sydney. Police are warning the community about the dangers of laser pointers to the crew and public and are encouraging more reporting of incidents.

Watch the NSW Police video [here](#).

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>



07 May, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's Upper North Shore.

Christopher Buckle, aged 30, was reported missing after leaving the family home at Turramurra in early March. He was spoken to by Police on Monday 8 March 2021, after his car became bogged along Riverview Road, Narooma. Six days later (Sunday 14 March 2021), Christopher was last seen on the Princes Highway at Moruya. He has not made contact with family or friends since. Checks revealed his vehicle – a **Blue Ford Escape with NSW registration BTA84A** – was last seen at the intersection of Ford and Cross Streets in Moruya. Police and family hold concerns for Christopher's welfare, as he has a medical condition. Christopher is described as being of Caucasian appearance, between 170cm tall, of medium build, light brown long hair and blue eyes.

Police are urging anyone who has seen Christopher or has information about his whereabouts to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



7 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble Facebook group: Warning!

Wade Lane car park has changed! The council has rezoned the first 6 car spaces on either side upon the entrance of the middle section. It is now “permit parking only”. If you park, you will get a \$116 fine. The council simply put up the signs and, if you’re like me, you’ve parked there for years, and you don’t read the signs.



07 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SAFETY FOR SENIORS... (part 6 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.

BANKING

- Vary the routine of your banking: days, times and branches.
- Put away your money before leaving the teller.
- If you must carry a large sum of cash, place it in an inside pocket.

St Ives Crime Prevention Forum held 04 May 2021

Thank you to everyone who supported the St Ives Crime Prevention Forum on Tuesday evening at the Turramurra Bowling Club. For those who couldn't attend we have some notes which have the salient points and messages given at the forum. Please contact NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com for your copy. Thank you to Penny for organising, S/C Colin Mitchell for speaking, all the attendees and the Turramurra Bowling Club for hosting.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Announcement of grant funding to combat illegal dumping

Hornsby Shire Council will receive a \$71,000 grant to assist in its fight to stop illegal dumping across its Shire. Working in partnership with the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority, as part of the Combating Illegal Dumping: Clean-Up and Prevention Program, Council will use the funding to undertake targeted enforcement and education activities to tackle illegal dumping within Hornsby Shire.

Full Media Release [here](#).

Thanks to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Post [[click here](#) for latest digital version]
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News across Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai

Police tips for keeping safe

WHEN shopping, please think about where you store your valuables and goods you purchase.

Throughout the national lockdown, many small items from vehicle offences. Shopping centres are an easy target for the thieves who are out there.

Keep your vehicle locked, your windows up and valuables out of sight. This way, you'll give yourself the best chance of not having your vehicle broken in to.

On February 8, between 10.30am and 12.30pm, police conducted a car park audit of the 30 free shopping villages.

Police conduct these audits to make you aware of the risks of leaving your vehicles unlocked, windows down and/or property within view of the public.

Thieves look for any opportunity to quickly break into your vehicle and take your possessions.

The less time they spend breaking into your car, the better for them. The more interesting the object in your car, the more likely they are to break in and take it.

Your backpack may only have food or supplies in it, but the thief doesn't know this, so will break in and take it then discard the bag elsewhere.

The Australian and New Zealand Police have the damage certified, the finding of having your personal space (your car) violated, is horrific.

During the audit of 30 free shopping villages, the following items would be of interest to thieves:

- A bracelet on front passenger seat, a suitcase, a Newlook to passenger foot-well, a ladies' garment, backpacks – three on front passenger seat and three on rear seat, 11 ladies' handbags – all front passenger seat and in foot-well including a Gucci bag – genuine or not, this could be sufficient for a thief to break in and take it.
- A front passenger window was down. Also, another vehicle was unlocked, two vehicles with items visible in front console – \$5 to \$4 just reach but sufficient for a thief to break in and take it.

There were numerous articles left with personal addresses seen from outside the vehicle, bags containing clothing, gifts etc – not food items.

There were items showing home addresses of recipient, including the owner isn't home and their house not occupied at that time.

Remember that old saying, "Out of sight, out of mind"?

Well, the same goes for anything from your vehicle.

Crime prevention tips for car owners:

- When you leave your car unattended for even a short period of time, close all windows, remove the key from the ignition and lock your car doors.
- Don't hide the spare keys in your vehicle.
- Ensure your valuables are removed from view.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Consider installing a good quality alarm.
- Don't leave personal papers in your vehicle.
- Ensure you lock your vehicle once when parked in driveway.

[Trouble reading? Use ctrl and + to enlarge your screen, then ctrl and - to shrink back. Or view online [here](#).]

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: '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#6: KNOW YOUR LETTERBOX IS PERFECT FOR 'IDENTITY THEFT'.

Thieves love your date of birth, middle initial, Tax File Number, bank accounts, Medicare Number, loan information, etc.

Tip#18: IF YOUR LETTERBOX ISN'T SECURE, ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE MADE SECURE, THROUGH YOUR STRATA MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE), OR THROUGH A LOCAL TRADESMAN. Is it time for a new letterbox? Should the locks be replaced with a '**Tubular Pin Tumbler Lock**'? (see Tip #1)

Tip#19: BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR AND OFFER TO COLLECT THE MAIL FOR THOSE INCAPACITATED, SOCIALLY ISOLATED, OR AWAY FROM HOME.

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 Sydney City Police Area Command (PAC)

Have you been ripped off by your dealer? Are you tired of meeting up in a back alley? Are you ready for a positive change in your life?

Call the number below and ANONYMOUSLY give us all the details of your dealer. In turn, they could be the lucky winner of a glamorous overnight stay - all expenses paid! Stay Includes:

- - Ergonomic Stainless Steel Bed
- - Onsite Concierge (sort of)
- - Free Microwave Meal
- - Paperwork Provided On Departure

But wait, there's more...! Dob in a 2nd dealer and we will throw in the satisfaction that you are helping your community - absolutely FREE!

Don't miss this chance to be a true blue legend! CALL NOW!!!



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](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

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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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