



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #502 - 25 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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21 May, from NSW Police: We are saddened to report that officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command have found the body of a 46-year-old man missing from his Killara home.

Police thank everyone who shared our appeal for assistance.

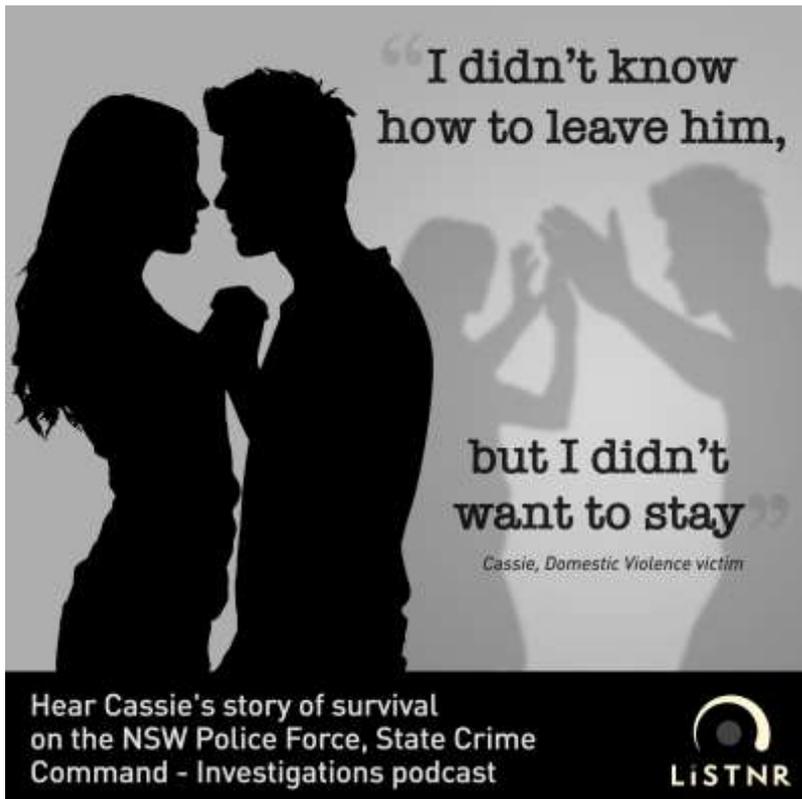
21 May, from Ku-ring-gai command:



20 May, from NSW Police: Cassie was 29 when she met and married her partner after he moved to Australia to be with her.

The couple welcomed a son in 2014. Throughout their three-year relationship, Cassie endured controlling, jealous and violent behaviour at the hands of her husband before she finally left him in 2015. Hear more of Cassie's story in the latest podcast series titled 'Control', available now on the NSW Police State Crime Command podcast. LiSTNR

Listen [here](#).



20 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 have all been options used by neighbours of arguing couples at different times.

Collectively, we have to say NO to domestic violence!



 **Ku-ring-gai
Police Area Command**

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

*You're at home watching a movie when you hear a neighbour in a heated argument with their partner. You hear items being thrown around.
What would you do?*

1. Would you ignore them as it is none of your business?
2. Would you shout at them to keep the noise down?
3. Would you go next door and tell them to be quiet?
4. Would you record the argument on your phone and go to police the next day and show them the recording?
5. Would you call police at the time?



The answer we need to see is "5".

Domestic violence is an insidious blight on our society that we as police come across every shift of every day of every week of the year. Domestic violence takes the form of a verbal argument, emotional and psychological abuse, physical assault to worse. Many victims of domestic violence are reluctant to report their experiences to police for numerous reasons and many start to believe that they themselves are to blame. This perception is often due to the controlling, manipulative and narcissistic behaviour of their partner. This is where victims of domestic violence need everyone's help. Please, if you hear a heated argument call police and we will attend and investigate. You don't have to get involved physically yourself, but we would encourage you to call police at the time it is occurring.

20 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: "I had no reason" she said!



20 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol command: National Road Safety Week - 16th to 23rd May 2021

If you see stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks and breakdown assistance vehicles displaying flashing lights, remember to slow down to 40km/h in speed zones of 80km/h or less when passing. In speed zones of 90km/h or more, slow down safely and move over to give them space. #NRSW #driveSOS

#ThankYouSES #WOWDay

Watch video [here](#).



Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force
May 19 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

19 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: A little bit of trivia for you this afternoon.

Did you know the notorious bush ranger, Ned Kelly's half-brother John (also known as Jack Kelly) became a police officer in the Western Australian Police Force on 12th March 1906? He was initially recruited as a horse breaker and riding instructor becoming a Probationary Constable in the Western Australian Police Force and a Second-Class Constable on August 1st of the same year. Please click on the link [here](#) and enjoy this very interesting piece of W.A. Police history.



19 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Our Brooklyn Launch is used by General Duties Police to attend jobs such as patrolling the waterways, water safety operations, concern for welfare incidents, domestics, search and rescue and any other jobs that require police to attend around and on the islands.

Someone has to do it!



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Are you displaying a Neighbourhood Watch window sticker on the front of your home?

And one at the back? NHW window stickers are FREE from our website [here](#). Please nominate Hornsby or Gordon police station for pick-up.



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Great news! Our old website is now redirecting to our new website. New legislation has meant that we are no longer eligible to have a .org.au suffix on our domain name. So NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au will be replaced at the next renewal in August to **au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org**. This should enable us to continue with our online endeavours, especially this weekly crime update eNewsletter. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been, and still are, involved with this big change - soft copies, hard copies, strategy, red tape, etc. You know who you are! 😊

We also say thank you to Neighbourhood Watch NSW for taking over our **WatchOut.org.au** website.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 27 May: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 10-12noon @Turrumurra Masonic Centre.

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

Wednesday 13 October: Turrumurra (Gordon 3/4) NHW meeting. TBC

25 May, from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation: An ongoing trend we see is online child sex offenders making contact with young people through online gaming direct message functions.

After initiating contact in an online game, the offender will ask to move to a different platform, usually one with image and video sharing capabilities. The below is a common scenario that we see in reports, and something all parents and carers should be aware of. It's critical for parents to foster relationships with their children where they are comfortable disclosing something they think is embarrassing. If children don't feel they'll be supported when they disclose something serious, it can put them at further risk. Our operational teams work hard alongside the Australian Federal Police and State and Territory Police to deter and track down offenders, however, there is more we can all do to educate and protect our children.

For advice on how to have these conversations, visit

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers> #ChildProtection

Tactics used by online child sex offenders

83BHW19XI

Ur so good at Fortnite. Do u play all the time?

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

Yeah I play heaps

83BHW19XI

Do u hav to play with ur parents around?

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

nah

83BHW19XI

u alone now??

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

yeh

83BHW19XI

add me on sc my name is gamergirl2005xx

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

k I just added u



Australian
Centre to Counter
Child Exploitation

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U
KNOW

accce.gov.au/report

24 May, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group. Do you have CCTV?

This mess has been dumped on Arthurs Circle at the bus stop near the intersection to Excelsior Rd. What gives anyone the idea that because we are about to have a bulk cleanup it's appropriate to dump this filthy smelling pile of carpet and underlay on our street? I have reported it to council, if anyone has security cameras near this, it would be fantastic to catch the culprit. 😡



24 May, from NSW Police: Scamwatch has received reports of emails pretending to be from Amazon.

They claim you have won a prize and attempt to steal your personal information. It's a scam, so don't click the link and delete the email.

Subject: congratulations we have tried to reach you for your reward
Date: Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 9:26:12 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time
From: amzn.com.au
To: [REDACTED]

[congratulations we have tried to reach you for your reward](#)

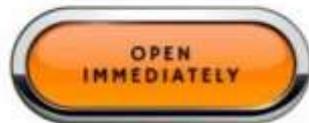


Image and information via Scamwatch

24 May, from NSW Police: The Marine Area Command is appealing for information after a rare \$400,000 Rigid-Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) was

stolen from Rose Bay Marina earlier this month.

About 9pm on Sunday 9 May 2021, two unknown men untied the Ribco Seafarer 36 and towed it to a nearby boat ramp, where it was loaded onto a trailer attached to a dual cab utility. The vehicle is described as a white Volkswagen Amarok, with an aluminium tray and black roof racks. It was last seen travelling north on New South Head Road, Rose Bay. As police continue to investigate the theft, they're appealing for anyone with information to contact the **Marine Area Command on (02) 9320 7499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. The RHIB, which belongs to a charter company, is 36-feet long, with a black hull, white interiors and **registration AIS241N**. Police understand there are only a few of its kind in Australia.





23 May, shared from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: We have been contacted by a resident. Can you help?

Hello Could you please post to ask if anyone has had plants destroyed in their front gardens in Thornleigh area recently? My family had a beloved tree stomped on during Friday night/ Saturday morning of the 21/22nd May. Other neighbours suffered similar damage but not to this extent.

We cannot believe that anyone could be so stupid and heartless. We have reported to police. Thank you.



22 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group: It occurred on Thursday 20/05 in middle of day

PSA A few days ago, in broad daylight, and unidentified intruder came through our side gate. He/she was scared off by dogs before he/she got to backdoor. My husband had earphones in but after hearing dogs then heard running footsteps and gate slam. We are usually a bit of a Fort Knox but had left gate unlocked due to construction work we are undertaking. We're going to download and go through video footage to see for good photo and will contact police. Before you ask - was definitely not a meter reader (had been a week or so earlier) or delivery person. Just hope it wasn't someone scoping to break in later - we have an alarm system but still made me nervous.

21 May, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group yesterday: PLEASE HELP!!!

My work vehicle was stolen last night from my apartments at 177 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. I'm absolutely devastated and now unable to work as all my plumbing tools were in my Ute. It was taken sometime between 6pm and 6:00am this morning, if anyone has seen anything suspicious or has seen my Ute please contact me or Gordon police station, any help would be greatly appreciated. Even if it seems like the smallest thing, it might lead to recovering my Ute or at the least the culprits who have done this. Many thanks.



20 May, from Nine.com.au: Smishing: The new scam fleecing Aussie victims of thousands

Australians are being inundated by a new form of scam whereby victims are sent text messages asking for them to share personal details which are then on-sold.

Full article [here](#).

20 May, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday: Anyone else's car damaged on Highfield Road today?

Any details or witnesses appreciated.



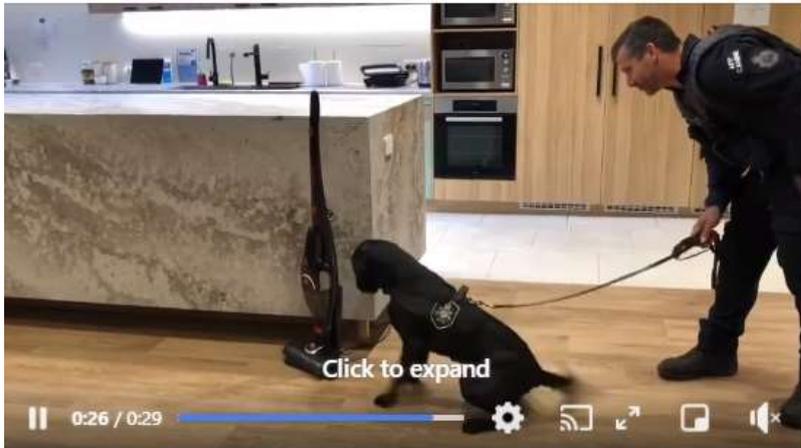
19 May, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and

Normanhurst Community group: Today an individual took it upon themselves to walk onto my property, up to my gate (down the side of my house) and start interacting with the dogs.

This person spoke their mind aloud on the fact that the dogs were outside alone, couldn't believe that we would leave them (the dogs had been barking because they were playing), that they could just take our dog home because it's so cute and had been left by itself....and made disparaging remarks about our house and yard and started moving items to get closer to the gate and dogs. What they failed to realise is that the dogs were not home alone, that humans were listening, and completely terrified by the presence of someone lurking in the yard. This individual did this twice today - midday and 5pm. They are lucky it was not me who was home. Rest assured that should this person return to our yard, police will be called as they have made proclamations on taking our dog, have trespassed, and terrified my teen. Please keep an eye on your animals and Lock your gates.

18 May, from Australian Federal Police: Staying a scent ahead. We've had a major boost in our capability to catch criminals with new funding for extra tech dogs.

So what is a Technology Detection Dog? In a first for Australian law enforcement, tech sniffer dogs specialise in the detection of devices such as USBs and SIM cards at crime scenes or search warrants. Given their size, you can imagine how easily they can be hidden from police to conceal evidence. Since 2019, our three AFP Technology Detection Dogs have located more than 120 devices during search warrants. Over the next three years, at least 12 more dogs will be trained and deployed across the country. These dogs will boost the AFP's ability to collect vital digital evidence, bringing to justice online child sex offenders, violent extremists and those involved in organised crime. Check out AFP Technology Detection Dog Georgia showing off her skills and finding a phone hidden in a vacuum cleaner - video [here](#).



Australian Federal Police 
May 18 at 3:03 PM · 

[See that tail wag! - Ed]

Shared, thanks to Haylee: Since our recent event with Winston me and the girls purchased the Apple Airtag from Amazon.

It works with find my iPhone and you can attach it to keys, luggage, and bags but we thought it would be smart to put one on a dog! Right now they are \$29 on Amazon and you can buy the holders separate. The battery lasts a whole year and you can replace the battery also which is the same one you put in your key fob. It shows you gps directions to get to the air tag and also plays sounds to help find it. Great if you have an escape artist!

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research. We simply bring new products to your attention.



18 May, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group: Thank you to the person who hit my car leaving bad damage and didn't leave a note between 1-2pm on Saturday at pennant Hills Park.

Causing us a flat tyre, loss of income for my daughter today and will cost me an increase in insurance premiums because we have no idea who did this. 🤔🙄😡



From Ku-ring-gai Council: Temporary road closures - Ku-ring-gai Chase Fun Run

The following roads will be closed for the Ku-ring-gai Chase Fun Run in North Wahroonga on **Sunday 30 May, between 8am - 11am.**

- Westbrook Avenue
- Hampden Avenue
- Cherrywood Avenue
- Clissold Road

Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

Thanks to the Sydney Observer May 2021: Taken from the article on “What is Gaslighting?” on page 36.

See the online edition [here](#).

There are various types of gaslighting, and it can be difficult to detect such red flags among our daily conversations. ImpactforWomen.org.au lists the following as points to consider:

- 1. Confusing: Are you being told you're crazy? Is your partner twisting things around to make it seem you're being irrational or unreasonable?
- 2. Self-Doubt: Are you second guessing yourself?
- 3. Isolating: Are your thoughts and feelings being trivialised?
- 4. Avoidance & Denial: 'You must have dreamt that! I don't know what you're talking about.'
- 5. Walking on Eggshells: Are you constantly apologising because you're made to feel as if you were wrong, even if you weren't?
- 6. Diversion: 'You're imagining things.'

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated'.

Tip #7: Red Cross Telecross Service 1300 885 698 gives those alone a daily call. It gives the confidence to remain independent via daily human contact.
redcross.org.au/telecross

Tip #8: If you live on your own, request details of the **Next Of Kin Register** from **Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799**.

Tip #9: Try the **Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre 9988 4966**– Neighbour Aid Friendly phone calls, Companionship home visits, Social Support, Shopping Bus, Transport to Essential Appointments. Ask about their Mahjong dates. Centres based at St Ives, Berowra & Galston. knc.org.au

Tip #14: Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "***We can't come to the phone right now...***", even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it, "***Don't worry—I'll get it!***" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.

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 UK Cop Humour

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](#)

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[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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