



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #506 - 22 June 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.

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22 June, From our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Cst Colin Mitchell: Did you lose a gent's signet ring recently?

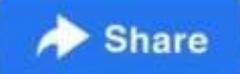
One was found in a car park on the corner of Gilroy Ave and Turramurra Ave, Turramurra yesterday and handed in to us. If the ring is yours, please call us and describe it to us and we'll gladly return it to you.

HAVE YOU LOST A RING?

Found yesterday in car park
corner of Gilroy Ave & Turamurra Ave
Turramurra

Hornsby Police on 9476 9799
or
Gordon Police 99418 5399

Describe it to us and
if it matches the description,
we will gladly return it to you

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22 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: BANYULA PLACE, KILLARA

Anyone in Banyula Place Killara who has CCTV cameras is asked to view their footage from between the hours of 11:15am and 11:50am yesterday 21st June 2021.

If you see something or someone suspicious, please contact Hornsby Police Station so we can obtain a copy of the footage. Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby. Phone: 9476 9799. Thank you.



19 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: A man's been charged following a pursuit in Sydney's north this morning.

Just after 9.30am (Saturday 19 June 2021), officers attached to North Sydney Traffic and Highway Patrol attempted to stop a Subaru WRX on the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga. When the vehicle failed to stop a pursuit was initiated, allegedly reaching speeds of 200km/h in a signposted 110km/h zone. The car crashed into a guard rail while exiting the freeway at the Berowra off-ramp a short time later. The 44-year-old man was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics for minor abrasions to his hands, then arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with,

- • Police pursuit – not stop – drive recklessly
- • Drive recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous
- • Exceed speed more than 45 km/h – estimated

- Exceed speed more than 30 km/h – lidar

He was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Bail Court tomorrow (Sunday 20 June 2021).

18 June, from Police Transport command: On Thursday 17 June 2021 Police Transport Command have been notified of a male who was performing sexual acts in two separate incidents whilst travelling on the train network from Wynyard to Hornsby in the presence of young person's travelling to school.

The incident was reported to Sydney Trains at Gordon Railway Station, Sydney Trains Security commenced CCTV monitoring, Police Transport Command were notified and attended Hornsby Railway Station where a 52-year-old male was identified and arrested. The male has been charged for Carry out sexual act with another without consent x 2 and Goods in custody.

18 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: With the high density residential blocks throughout the Command, we occasionally experience break and enters and stealing from garage storage cages.

So here's a few tips on how best to minimise the risk of having your property stolen from your storage cage.

- CONSIDER the structure of the storage cage. Ensure it cannot be accessed, forced open or climbed into
- LOCK storage cage at all times with a high-quality lock
- AVOID storing expensive items in storage cage
- CONCEAL property so it is not easily identifiable. E.g. Cover with a tarp
- ENSURE carpark is secure
- DON'T prop doors open

- • ENSURE doors lock and close securely
- • CHECK the garage door is closed completely so potential offenders can't sneak in
- • DO NOT allow any unauthorised entry to the building
- • INSTALL CCTV which covers entrance and exit points
- • INSTALL signage which states the area is under constant CCTV surveillance and that no valuables are stored in the storage cages
- • RECORD serial numbers of items and photograph
- • INSTALL good lighting
- • BE a good neighbour -keep watch for any suspicious activity
- • REPORT any suspicious activity and incidents to police

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

STORAGE CAGE THEFTS

A few tips to make your storage cage safer



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18 June, from Ku-ring-gai command:



School Zone **DON'T FORGET**

Parking Infringements

No Parking Zone

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.

Penalty: \$116 or \$194 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

Bus Zones

- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

Penalty: \$272 or \$349 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.

Penalty: \$272 or \$349 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

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Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

18 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Another busy week in Ku-ring-gai Command

- 3 x positive drive with illicit substance in system
- 12 x Domestic Violence incident
- 2 x DV assaults
- 1 x Breach Apprehended Violence Order
- 1 x breach Personal Violence Order
- 2 x assault (Non DV)
- 4 x lost property incidents
- 9 x frauds and fail to pay for fuel
- 5 x malicious damage incidents
- 5 x steal from retail
- 1 x steal by find
- 7 x break and enters

- 7 x fail to stop motor vehicle collision
- 1 x single vehicle collision with numerous defects recorded
- A pedestrian hit by vehicle in Westfield Shopping Centre car park
- 1 x stealing and knife in public place (Flick knife)
- 2 x surrendered firearm
- 2 x low range drink drive
- 1 x mid range drink drive
- 1 x drive unlicensed, drug detection
- 1 x lost bush walker but found shortly after
- 1 x Fail to quit a licensed premises / assault
- 1 x house fire

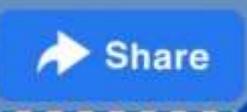
OUR WEEK IN REVIEW

CHARGES

11 X FACED COURT, CHARGED WITH VARIOUS OFFENCES

Police pursuit
 Drink driving
 Drug detection
 Domestic Violence
 Assaults
 Steal from retail
 Motor vehicle collisions
 Knife in public place
 Fail to quit licensed premises
 House fire
 Arrests
 Breach AVOs
 Frauds
 Surrendered firearms
 Patrols



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 **KURING GAI POLICE
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17 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Did you know it is an offence to drive a motor vehicle with your pet animal in your lap?

Always, in your daily travels and as we head into school holidays shortly,

please ensure your pet is PROPERLY RESTRAINED, both within the vehicle or in the back of your Ute. It is an offence for your pet animal to obstruct your vision or distract you or other drivers.

A COUPLE OF FINES THAT MAY APPLY:

- * Drive motor vehicle with person or animal in lap - \$464 fine and 3 demerit points
- * Drive motor vehicle with person/animal in lap (in school zone) - \$581 fine and 4 demerit points

OTHER FINES THAT COULD ALSO BE ISSUED:

- * Drive without clear view - \$349 fine and 3 demerit points
- * Drive without clear view (in school zone) - \$464 fine and 4 demerit points
- * Drive without proper control of vehicle \$464 and 3 demerit points
- * Drive without proper control of vehicle (in school zone) - \$581 and 4 demerit points

And please note: Your dog will not be fined unless it is a Sheep Dog and off to the Sheep Dog Trials 😊

DID YOU KNOW?

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 **Kuring gai Police Area Command**

And our CPO also posted this response in another local Community Facebook group:

There seem to be a few questions in relation to this so forgive me for the rather generic reply.

Not specifically for inside the car. But in the tray of a ute or truck, the dog must be restrained by a leash or in a suitable cage or confined area. This would be an offence if the animal is not restrained appropriately.

Inside a car however, it is more of a safety issue for your dog. So, there is no fine for having your dog unrestrained inside your car but there is if it is on your lap or it is causing you a distraction. The safety issue here it to think of your pet and how they would come out of a collision. Would they be injured? If so, then would it not be in their best interest to have them harnessed or restrained in the safest spot (maybe the rear seat).

If for example, you are distracted by your unrestrained dog in the car, the fine of "Drive without proper control..." may apply, if it can be shown that the animal caused your distraction. This is really about the safety of your pet and of course

others in the vehicle if you have a collision. No one would want their dog to be a missile inside the vehicle if it was in a collision.

Under the Prevention of Cruelty Act, there is an offence which carries a fine, where if the animal is injured if you haven't provided as safe as possible mode of conveyance. See 'The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Section 7 (1)' for the definition.

17 June, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen these 'just for fun' or 'getting to know you better' posts on social media?

Be aware that this information can be used by scammers to hack into your accounts and take over your social media profiles. Limit the amount of private information you share on social media, and don't copy & paste or re-post this type of content.

Where did you grow up: STOP

Favourite colour: GIVING

First pet's name: PEOPLE

Street you grew up on: YOUR

Lucky number: PERSONAL

Favourite sport's team: INFO

Favourite food: TO

What was your first car: GUESS

Mum's name before she was married: YOUR

Favourite holiday destination: PASSWORD

First job: AND

Favourite band: SECURITY

Star sign: QUESTIONS

17 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Over the last few weeks we have attended Hornsby Westfield, Berowra Village, St Ives Shopping Village and St Ives Chase Shopping Centre, speaking with shop owners/managers and the local community.

Yesterday we enjoyed meeting and speaking with a couple of the shop owners and local residents at St Ives Shopping Village and St Ives Chase Shopping Centre. So, if you see us when we're next there, please come on over and have a chat.



16 June, from NSW Police Force: “A cop helped change our tyre on the side of a highway” Alanna & Britt

📷 @.alannabanana @tiktok

Watch video [here](#).



16 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Please check your CCTV footage for between the hours of 7pm and 8pm on Friday 11th June.

Some break and enters have occurred in and around Shinfield Ave, St Ives. Please review your CCTV footage and send to me via Messenger. Thank you.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

22 June, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia , Dural - Rural Areas: Reports of cars being vandalised in Arcadia. Please ensure your security cameras are working and show your cars.

Post from Arcadia community page: Did anybody hear or see anything 4am this morning, sounded like gun shots?

My rear window of my car was smashed in and my husband's car tyres slashed. We are on Blacks Rd. Police said another property on the same road also had windows smashed on vehicles. Please report to 131 444 if you know anything.

A comment on this post said:

I'm on Blacks Road. My dog was going mental at 4:30am and found our truck windows smashed. Unfortunately my security cameras didn't cover the truck. We think that's why the other cars weren't targeted.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 06 July: NightDrive for Learners FREE. Info & bookings [here](#).

Tuesday 03 August: NightDrive for Learners FREE. Info & bookings [here](#).

Tuesday 07 September: NightDrive for Learners FREE. Info & bookings [here](#).

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

21 June, from Northern Beaches command: Vaping is a growing trend among teens.

It involves sucking in vapours from a battery operated device that heats flavoured liquids. Products bought in Australia are not supposed to contain nicotine.

Those bought elsewhere, including on-line, often do, whether the labels say so or not. This means they can be highly addictive, some even more so than cigarettes. Added to that, they can contain chemicals known to cause cancer - propylene glycol, glycerol and ethylene glycol to name some. For these reasons, selling or providing e-cigarettes and accessories to anyone under the age of 18 is illegal. Police also have the power to confiscate vaping products from minors carrying or using them in public.

VAPING/E-CIGARETTES

Illegal to sell to minors

Under the *Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008*:

- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes and accessories to or buy these products on behalf of a person under 18 years of age.
- E-cigarettes and accessories cannot be seen by the public, displayed or advertised anywhere inside or outside a retail shop.
- E-cigarettes and accessories cannot be sold from temporary and mobile premises such as a market stall or stand, a tent or a car, and cannot be given out as a free sample.
- Retailers can only sell e-cigarettes and accessories from a single point of sale in each retail outlet and cannot promote or include these products in a shopper loyalty program. A police officer may seize a tobacco product, non-tobacco smoking product or e-cigarette in the possession of a person in a public place if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is under the age of 18 years.
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21 June, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group: Did anyone else's cars get broken into lastnight? In Pitman.

And in the comments:

Oh really, so just round the corner. I just had gold coins and my old GPS taken that I haven't used in forever. Nothing valuable.

Yes, my daughter heard a car and some noise around 9:30 but didn't wake me or have a look ! Be nice if some of the other victims had cctv footage ?

I'm in Koorawatha St and my car was rummaged through last night

Mine did, took my Makita radio and couple of fat max utility knives 😡

I'm on Camiri and they rummaged through my car too! Left all the doors open as well. The one night I forgot to lock it.

We noticed a very shady character on a BMX bike at the top of Olsson Close on Saturday night. He was heading towards Jenolan Close where turned left and disappeared. Was wearing Black clothing and hoodie and didn't look local. I mentioned to him that I didn't see him when he flashed behind my car trying to

notify him it was dangerous and he threw his bike down and headed for the car ready to get stuck in.

19 June, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group (from 3 days ago - Wednesday): Did anyone happen to be travelling on the Pacific Hwy near Ryde Rd turn at 4:30pm this afternoon?

If so, did you see a teenage boy daft between traffic? Or do you have dash cam footage you could pass on to police?

The boy appeared to me to do it intentionally... He appeared to wait until myself and the car next to me were close enough that we'd have to dodge to miss him, before pulling up his hood and running in front of moving traffic. The car next to me did indeed have to dodge to miss him. I have reported it to police but if anyone else saw it or has footage of that section of road at that time, it would be helpful to pass on. Thanks

19 June, Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group (location confirmed as Braeside, Wahroonga): We had a car broken into around 1am this morning.

Not a lot taken but an olive green canvas Assembly Label bag was taken with work quotes receipts and samples. If anyone sees it please contact me. In the meantime make sure your cars and gates are locked and cameras on if you have them.

19 June, Shared with permission from IGA Liquor St Ives: Around 6pm last night, we were the victims of an attempted robbery of liquor.

Myself and my staff member, Jess, with the help of Chris from Bellini's Restaurant and a customer of ours performed, I guess what you would call, a

Citizen's Arrest. We held the perpetrator in our shop, until the Police arrived. I just wanted to use this page to thank our wonderful (all female) staff last night, Chris and our customer for their invaluable assistance. The concern shown by the members of our community, who were in the vicinity at the time means so much. To know everyone cares and was concerned for us, is heart warming. We are all doing fine, there was minimal damage and the perpetrator left with the Police.

19 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Losing your licence can be a hassle and a worry as you cannot legally drive without a licence on your person and you may be worried that if it gets into the wrong hands, it could be used for identity theft.

There are some things you can do:

- 1. Call the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444** (24/7) to report your licence lost or stolen. You will be given an Police Event Number.
- 2. Order a replacement drivers licence online through Services NSW **here**.
- 3. Contact ID Care who will respond to many types of identity and cyber security concerns including your lost or stolen credentials. Visit **here**.
- 4. Download your digital copy of your drivers licence through the Services NSW app on your smart phone.



17 June, from the Daily Telegraph: [Behind a paywall.] 🔒 A senior bikie has fronted court over a 14-year-old cold case in Sydney's north after his DNA was found to match blood in a car.

Full article [here](#).

17 June, from Marine Area command: Search completed for suspected missing diver - South Coast

Officers from South Coast Police District have completed a search for a diver after spearfishing equipment was found in waters near Mollymook. The equipment was recovered by a fisherman from about 6m of water approximately 100m off Narrawallee Beach Headland, Narrawallee, just north of Mollymook Beach, about 3pm (Tuesday 15 June 2021). The equipment was handed to officers from South Coast Police District a short time later and an

investigation commenced, with assistance from the Marine Area Command, to locate the owner of the property. Officers from South Coast Police District, with the assistance of Polair, conducted a land and sea search in the area of Narrawallee from 10.00am this morning (Wednesday 16 June 2021).

Following a public appeal, a 30-year-old man from **Roseville** contacted police and identified himself as the owner of the equipment. As no missing persons have been reported in the area, the search has been completed. Police would like to thank the media and the public for their assistance.

17 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Child sexual abuse material consists of images, videos and live streamed footage that shows the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of children.

Child sexual abuse material is obtained and shared in several ways:

-  A predator records their sexual abuse of a child then uploads or shares it online.
-  A predator contacts a child through an app or service on a connected device and tricks or coerces them into producing and sending sexually explicit images and videos of themselves. Predators encourage this through 'grooming' the child to trust them, and through manipulation and intimidation.
-  A predator shares images or videos of children 'stolen' from social media accounts.

The trade in child sexual abuse material online is global and abhorrent. Every time an image or video of a child being abused is shared or distributed, demand is fostered for new and more extreme material.

If you know or suspect someone is producing, downloading or sharing child sexual abuse material you can make a confidential report to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Child sexual abuse material can be reported anonymously to the eSafety Commissioner at esafety.gov.au/reportillegalcontent.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security'

Tip #16. Request your Body Corporate pursue Crime Prevention initiatives, eg: 'Rapid Removal' graffiti policy, monitored CCTV, landscaping to reduce the opportunity for crime, secure fences & gates, security lighting.

Tip #17. Do not leave your car park remote control or any valuables on view in your vehicle, even if it is locked and in the secure parking area.

Tip #18. Consider replacing the main door lock(s) with high-quality deadlocks. Replace any screws with longer ones to secure any doorchain/doorbar.

Tip #19. Fire exits are a risk. Never leave fire exit doors propped open.

Tip #20. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level

balconies, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.

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](#).

From The New York Post 03 June 2021: In Wisconsin state at 1:00am on 1 June 2021 police chase of a suspect that went for 13 miles (21km) through the City of Baron county until the suspect sped past a farm and was blocked by a large herd of cattle.

The stopped suspect was then arrested. On Sheriff's Department Facebook page the police thanked the "Baron County Bovine Unit" for ending the chase!



Thanks to David.

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](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)
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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)
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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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Our mailing address is:

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