



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #510 - 20 July 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 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Numerous firearms and firearm parts, ammunition, various other prohibited items, as well as an amount of Cannabis were seized from a residence in the Command, by Ku-ring-gai Police.

The items included three Air Rifles, six Long Arm Gel Blasters, four BB Gun

Pistols and two Gel Blaster Pistols.



14 July, from NSW Police: Domestic and Family Violence is a crime

The NSW Police Force and Domestic Violence Frontline Services are prepared and ready to support victims and their families at any time, particularly during this latest wave of COVID-19 in NSW. #noexcuseforabuse

Services Available

The following services are available to anyone experiencing domestic or family violence:

1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

A confidential information, counselling and support service;

NSW Domestic Violence Line (1800 65 64 63)

A state-wide telephone crisis counselling and referral service for women;

Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491)

Provide telephone counselling, information and referrals for men;

Link2Home (1800 152 152)

Can help refer women experiencing domestic violence to crisis accommodation;

Lifeline (13 11 14)

A national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.



#noexcuseforabuse



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Rabbit baiting will take place from Thursday 15 July to Friday 29 July, in the following suburbs: Lindfield, Killara, W. Pymble, Gordon, St Ives, Turramurra, Wahroonga and N. Wahroonga. Baiting sites will be safe to re-enter from Saturday 30 July.

More info [here](#).

20 July, from NSW Health: Wishing you a blessed and safe Eid-Al-Adha
For a video message from Sheikh Nami Farhat and the tile below in 12

languages go to [here](#).

No Visitors at Home during the Stay at Home Order

The tile is available in 56 languages [here](#).



19 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Many people are confused about who they need to call or where they need to look for Covid-19 related matters.

So we thought we'd make it easy.

For latest Covid information relating to rules and restrictions:



Go to your Service NSW App and click on Covid-19 Resources, or



Visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> or

 Call the Covid-19 Hotline - 13 77 88 (24/7)

 **To see what Covid related financial assistance may be available to you**, you can visit: <https://disasterassistance.service.nsw.gov.au/covid>

 **If you have symptoms or wish to speak to someone**, call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

 **To report Covid Public Health Order breaches:** please report to Crime Stoppers at

 www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au, or

 1800 333 000 (24/7)

 The Police Assistance Line 131 444 (24/7) is the non-emergency Police number.

 ALWAYS save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.

17 July, from NSW Police: • At 12.40am today (Saturday 17 July 2021), police spoke to a man who was asleep in the rear of a white Volkswagen Tiguan on Booner Street, Hawks Nest.

The 60-year-old man said he travelled from his **Turrumurra** home to the area for some peace and quiet. After being reminded of the current stay-at-home order, he was issued a \$1000 PIN before being directed to return home via the most direct route.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 30 July: International Day of Friendship

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

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

Monday 13 September: eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Selling Safely Online 10-11am Info & Register [here](#).

Monday 11 October: eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Protect Yourself Against Scams 3-4pm Info & Register [here](#).

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

19 July, from The Hills command: Our Click & Collect service has been going for many years and more recently with your patronage our workload has increased.

If you have any unwanted friends or relatives who have warrants, selling drugs, unregistered firearms or committing crimes, click here and we'll come and collect: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/cs.aspx>



19 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ILLEGAL HUNTING affects everyone

The damage to farmers' property can potentially run into thousands of dollars and include injury or death of livestock, damage to fences and crops or even straying stock. What can you do to help prevent, stop or report Illegal Hunting:

- record all incidents of illegal hunting on your property
- install quality farm camera
- lock gates
- place 'Private Property' or 'No Trespass' signs on gates and fences
- photograph offenders and vehicles if this can be done safely.

If ILLEGAL HUNTING is 'occurring now' always call **Triple Zero (000)**. If you have information about ILLEGAL HUNTING call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7) or report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au. It's the information that's important. Not who you are.



Illegal hunting is a crime.

Turn it into time. **SPEAK UP.**

CRIME STOPPERS
com.au
1800 333 000

NSW
000
EMERGENCY
See something, suspect something, say something.

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CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

17 July, from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Post: The Council is concerned that vulnerable residents are being coerced to remove trees, which could leave them open to being fined.

It follows a spate of incidents across Ku-ring-gai involving tree loppers pressuring people.

Full article [here](#).

16 July, from NSW Police Force: Police are appealing for public assistance as part of ongoing inquiries into several alleged assaults on the transport network in Sydney last month.

About 5pm on Sunday 20 June 2021, police responded to reports of commuters being assaulted at the light rail stop at Central Railway Station. Officers attached to the Police Transport Command attended and were told a male allegedly assaulted a number of passengers, including a man in his 70's, before leaving the scene prior to police arrival. An investigation into the incident commenced and as part of inquiries, images have now been released of a man who may be able to assist investigators.

He is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, about 175cm tall and of thin build. At the time of the incidents, he was wearing a light-coloured baseball cap, white jumper, dark pants, black shoes and carrying a blue shoulder bag.

Anyone who has information about this incident is urged to contact the **Police Transport Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



13 July, from Northern Beaches command: Of all the calls we get at our police stations, cars blocking driveways is up there.

People trying to leave home for work, take their kids to school, do the shopping, etc., who've found themselves locked in by an illegally parked car.

The rule is clear - A driver must not stop on or across a driveway or other accessway to a property unless they're dropping off or picking up passengers, and then, only if:

- - they do not leave the vehicle unattended (this means they're not more than three metres from the vehicle)
- - they stop for no more than two minutes.

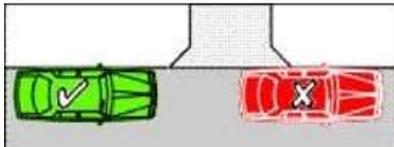
Failure to comply will bring a fine of \$275.

B.T.W.: This applies also to your own drive.

Parking across a driveway, even if it is your own driveway, is deemed a safety

issue as it stops emergency services from having easy access to the property and can obstruct the line of sight for other drivers entering and leaving other nearby properties.

Parking across a driveway



Illegal
\$275 fine

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby has a driveway white line marking stencil for you to borrow FREE. It comes as a kit with the council rules, high vis vests and cones, with recommendations on how to use it. Request it from our website Borrow page: <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/borrow/>

[Please note, the stencil is unavailable to borrow until after the lockdown. We are maintaining a shortlist.]

13 July, Shared with permission from the West Lindfield and Killara

Community group: Hi, Just letting you know that we had two bikes stolen from our carport overnight!!!

One was brand new (my fault for leaving it out) but so horrible. So if anyone happens to see one dumped anywhere please let me know x

EDIT: One found.

From the eSafety Commissioner: Selling Safely Online

With more and more people seeing the benefits of online shopping, now is a great time to begin selling online. Before you get started learn some simple tips and tricks to help you confidently sell on the internet and, most importantly, learn how to keep yourself safe while enjoying the benefits selling online can

bring.

Join our 1-hour webinar to learn:

- What to sell online
- How to get started on the top three online selling platforms
- How to open a PayPal account and accept payments
- How to keep yourself safe while selling online

13 September 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Info & Register [here](#).

From Neighbourhood Watch NSW: Do you know a business or an organisation that would love to assist NHW NSW, please?

Sponsorship opportunities start from as little as \$1,000.



Please share this Sponsorship Proposal to assist a great organization with \$0 funding and run by thousands of volunteers within your neighbourhood.

View the NHW NSW website [here](#). Request the Sponsorship Proposal document [here](#).

16 July, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Community support

Council is offering a range of support to residents across Ku-ring-gai. If you need assistance with shopping, meals or transport read below for a list of community organisations who can help.

More information [here](#).

Thank you to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Post July edition page 21 [see online edition [here](#)]: Road Safety Tips by Senior Constable Colin Mitchell

The roads are there for all of us to share. Whether driving for work, on holidays or just down to the shops, our roads are an essential part of most of our lives. As a road user, you have a responsibility to drive within the road rules and in a manner that's safe for all of its users.

Poor driving practices, delays, or just general traffic can cause frustration and lead to aggressive behaviour whilst you or others are trying to get to your destination. This can lead to accidents, aggressive or predatory driving or even violent conflict by road users.

Here are some simple steps we all can take to help protect ourselves from conflict on the roadways.

Prepare yourself for the road

- ALWAYS plan and allow yourself plenty of time to get where you are going.
- ENSURE your vehicle is properly maintained and has an adequate amount of fuel for your drive.
- NEVER drive whilst you are overly fatigued. Allow yourself sufficient rest before and during any journey. Don't trust your tired self.

Protect others on the road

- NEVER allow yourself to be distracted whilst driving. Leave your telephone alone when you're in the car. Get Your Hand Off It.

- ALWAYS try to be courteous and patient. Stay within the speed limit. Drive defensively.
- DO NOT engage in or encourage aggressive behaviour in others.

Protect yourself on the road

- ALWAYS stay in your car if confronted by another motorist. Do not take things personally.
- NEVER over use your horn. It is designed as an immediate warning device, not a substitute for yelling.
- ALWAYS report dangerous driving or aggressive motorists to the Police.

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

Tip #17: Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Supervise them all the time in your home. You are probably NOT insured for theft by tradesmen or visitors - this includes party guests and buyers at a garage sale.

Tip #18: Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

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](#).



Thanks to Philosophy Matters.

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 au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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](#)

[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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