



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #516 - 31 August 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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**31 August, from NSW Police:** 🚤 **Attention Boaties** 🚤

KNOT too SHORE what the latest COVID-19 restrictions are?

We ask that you take the time to familiarise yourself with restrictions that relate to you/your area.

For more information, visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules>

## Boating in NSW: what you can do under the COVID-19 restrictions

With COVID-19 rules including stay at home orders in place across NSW, there are certain implications for maritime activity depending on where you live. Please ensure you stay up to date with the latest rules at [nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au). Remember, physical distancing, mask-wearing and gathering rules apply at all times – including at the boat ramp and on your boat.

### Exercise and recreation

For those living in NSW (except those in LGAs of concern):

- ✔ You can undertake passive craft water sports as exercise, such as sailing, jet-skiing, water skiing, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, etc.
- ✔ You can powerboat as recreation, as long as you observe the rules around social gathering, physical distancing and mask-wearing.
- ✔ Boating is limited to two people or more if all from the same household.
- ✔ Whilst boating you must be within your LGA or no further than 5km from your residence.
- ✔ Coastal waters are included, so you may be up to 3 nautical miles off the coast, adjacent to your LGA area.

Additional rules apply for those living in LGAs of concern:

- ✔ You may exercise within 5km of your residence for up to one hour a day, in groups of no more than 2 people (unless they are members of your household).
- ✔ Fishing from a vessel is allowed as it is considered to be "exercise".
- ✘ General boating and powerboating are considered recreation and are not allowed in LGAs of concern.

### Maintaining and servicing your vessel

The following activities are considered reasonable excuses to leave your home to ensure the safety of a vessel or undertaking a legal obligation and are not limited to your LGA:

- ✔ Complete urgent repairs or urgent maintenance to a vessel at a marina or mooring.
- ✔ Taking a vessel directly to a marina or boat shed for urgent repairs.
- ✔ Picking up a vessel from a marina or boat shed after having urgent repairs and returning the vessel directly back to its marina or mooring.
- ✔ Moving a vessel between marinas or moorings for relocation purposes if a commercial agreement has ended and the vessel must be moved.
- ✔ Delivery of a vessel or relocation of a vessel after the purchase of a vessel.
- ✘ Note that non-urgent repairs and maintenance to your vessel is not a reasonable excuse.

Physical distancing and gathering rules are to be observed at all times during any of the above activities.

### Obtaining your boat licence

While trainers and educators are allowed to operate, applicants and trainees can only gather in groups of two, if not from the same household, and must stay within their LGA or no more than 5km from their home.

Virtual training via an online platform is allowed, but practical training of more than two people outside their own LGA is likely to be impractical and is not recommended.

 **HELP US STOP THE SPREAD**

For the latest information about COVID-19 visit [nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au)



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### 30 August from Ku-ring-gai command: Are you unsure about what you can or cannot do during current restrictions?

Head on over to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules> for clarification.

In the immortal words of Dwight K Schrute, "Learn your rules, you better learn your rules. If you don't, you'll be eaten in your sleep."

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### 30 August from Ku-ring-gai command: Want to know how far you can go?

✔ NSW, excluding LGAs of concern: 5km from home (even if that means another LGA), or stay within your Local Government Area (can be over 5km from home)

Check your address: [nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules)

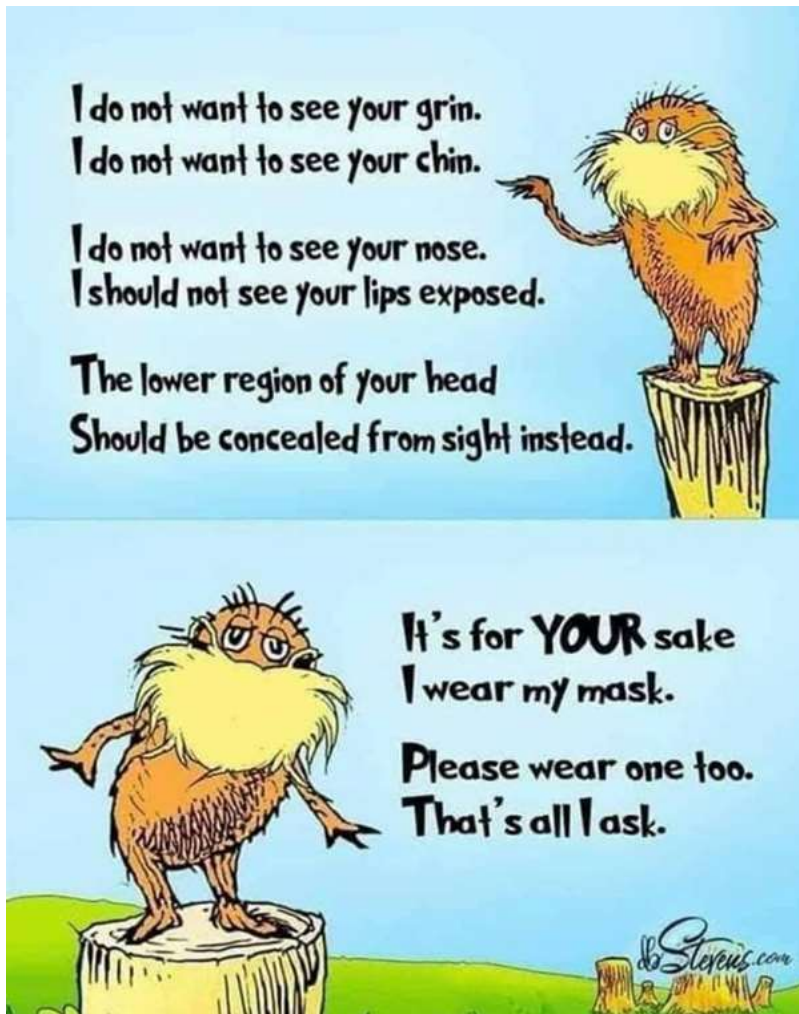


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**27 August from Ku-ring-gai command: "Sacrifices are not in vain. At the end, everything will pay off."**

~Gaby Douglas~

Have a great weekend all. 🌞😊



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**27 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: TRENDING CRIME: Catalytic converter theft**

Ku-ring-gai Police area Command has recently seen an increase in catalytic converter thefts. These thefts are occurring predominantly at commuter car parks, railway station car parks and car dealerships. The catalytic converter forms part of your car's exhaust system (see below image) and was fitted to all Australian vehicles from 1986 onwards as a means of pollution control. The main reason that catalytic converters are often stolen is due to them being valuable to scrap metal dealers. They contain precious metals, including rhodium, platinum, and palladium.

**Preventative measures:** Try and park your car in a well lit area and if near a railway station find a CCTV camera and park nearby.



Image: Courtesy of Google

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**27 August from Ku-ring-gai command: Greater Sydney restrictions - You must stay at home. Only leave your home if you have a reasonable excuse.**

Just a reminder from the NSW Government in relation to the current stay at home orders specifically that "only one person per household may leave the home to obtain food or other goods and services each day (you may take a dependent person with you if that person cannot be left at home on their own". This should only occur once a day where possible in order to eliminate the risk of further community transmission.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney...>

A reasonable excuse is if you need to

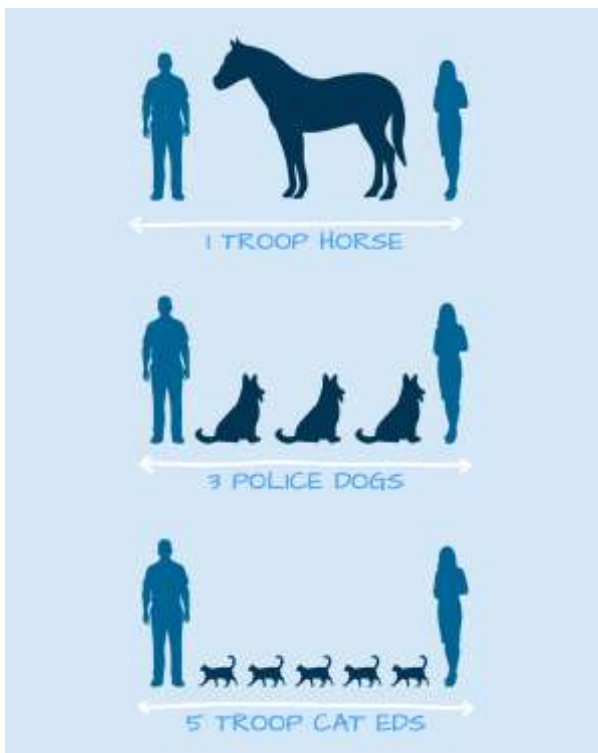


- obtain food or other goods and services
  - for the personal needs of the household or for other household purposes (including pets)
  - for vulnerable people
  - only one person per household may leave the home to obtain food or other goods and services each day (you may take a dependent person with you if that person cannot be left at home on their own)
  - the goods and services must be obtained within the local government area where you live, or within 5km of where you live, but not in an area of concern, unless the goods or services, or their equivalent, are not reasonably available within the local government area where you live, or within 5km of where you live.

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**26 August from NSW Police: When leaving your house for a reasonable excuse, it's important to stay 1.5 metres away from people you don't live with.**

Not sure how far 1.5 metres is? Here's a physical distancing guide... NSW Police Force style 🤪







## Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

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**31 August, from Scamwatch: As COVID-19 restrictions start to ease for vaccinated people in some parts of Australia, beware of scams relating to vaccine passports.**

These can look convincing but are a scam designed to steal your personal info. If you receive a message like this, just delete it!

Scamwatch has a webpage devoted to COVID-19 vaccination scams [here](#).



Image and information via Scamwatch

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**30 August from NSWPF: Charges laid following drug supply investigation - Dural**

Monday, 30 August 2021 06:00:23 AM

Penrith RES investigators have charged two people following inquiries into the supply of prohibited drugs across Sydney's north-west. In June this year, investigators attached to Penrith Region Enforcement Squad (RES) commenced an investigation into the supply of prohibited drugs in the Dural

area.

Following extensive inquiries, officers arrested a 62-year-old man and 37-year-old woman during a vehicle stop at the intersection of Windsor Road and Olive Street at Baulkham Hills, about 12.45pm on Thursday 27 August 2021. In a subsequent search of the Ford Falcon, investigators seized cannabis, methylamphetamine (ice) and a mobile phone.

A short time later, police executed a search warrant at a unit at Stonelea Court, Dural. Investigators were assisted by North West Metropolitan Region Operations Support Groups (OSG) and the Dog Unit throughout the operation. During the search at Dural, police seized 12g of cannabis, six LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) tabs, a baton and electronic devices. All items seized during the operation will undergo further examination.

The Dural man was taken to Castle Hill Police Station and charged with six counts of possess prohibited drug, supply prohibited drug, possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit and fail to comply requirement public health order - COVID-19.

He was granted strict conditional bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

The Baulkham Hills woman was issued a Court Attendance Notice (CAN) for fail to comply requirement public health order - COVID-19. She will appear at court at a later date.

Anyone with information about the supply of prohibited drugs is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**30 August, screenshot from The Daily Telegraph:**





True Crime Australia > Police & Courts NSW

## 62yo Gary Halford allegedly ran drug ring in Dural retirement home

Gary Dennis Halford, 62, had allegedly been supplying prohibited drugs including cannabis, ice and LSD from his unit at the Mountainview Retreat Retirement Village at Dural.



Josh Hanrahan



@JHanraDT



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**27 August from The Hills command: Now more than ever, is our Next of Kin program so important to elderly family members living alone [edited to include our local Police Area Command details]**

### **WHAT IS THE NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM?**

The Next of Kin Program helps people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local police station. The contact details of the Next of Kin, as well as the nominated doctor, dentist and any medical alerts that would help in an emergency situation will be entered onto a register. Any information provided will be securely stored and only accessed by NSW Police. This information may assist the police and emergency services to contact a relative or other nominated person if needed in an emergency situation.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Contact your local police station and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer about the Next of Kin Program.

The Next of Kin Program is a FREE to join. Visit [here](#) to download the Next of Kin application form.

Drop completed form into: Hornsby Police Station, 272 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby 2077.



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### **27 August from The Hills command: Hills Police are part way through a 100% inspection of safe storage of all licenced firearm holders in the Hills Area**

Whilst in Lockdown, to ensure you comply, the pictures below are an example of a gun safe with separate lockable ammunition storage which, when correctly mounted, would comply with the basic safe storage requirements for firearms under a Category A&B firearms licence. You don't have to get this particular safe, however you must comply with the standards listed below.

The receptacle should be mounted flush with the floor and/or wall and secured through the floor and/or rear by expanding anchor bolts (or similar).

Firearms Dealers and Major Hardware stores offer click and collect for Firearms Safes.

For further information about safe storage, click [here](#).

Anyone found not complying with safe storage regulations will have their firearms seized and licence suspended.





## If you are subject to stay at home directions in NSW, remember:

**FLEEING A VIOLENT OR AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP OR SEEKING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE-RELATED SERVICES ARE REASONABLE EXCUSES TO LEAVE YOUR HOME.**

Other lawful reasons to leave your place of residence include to:

- provide care or assistance (including personal care) to a vulnerable person or to provide emergency assistance
- access social services, employment services, services provided to victims (including as victims of crime), domestic violence services, and mental health services
- undertake legal obligations
- avoid injury or illness or to escape the risk of harm

**#noexcuseforabuse**



**Triple Zero (000)**  
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

If you would like to speak to a support service, contact  
**1800RESPECT (1800 737 732)**  
or the Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491).



For up to date COVID-19 rules and restrictions in NSW, please visit [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)



From the September 2021 Bush Tele online edition [here](#).

**140 ADDITIONAL CAR PARK SPACES ON THE WAY** Planning is underway for a new commuter car park at Hornsby. This carpark will provide around 140 additional car parking spaces thanks to the NSW Government's Commuter Car Park Program. The new ground level car park on Jersey Street follows consultation with council and stakeholders on plans for the former TAFE site.

Full article on Page 17.

**SAFER CONDITIONS FOR BEROWRA CYCLISTS** Cyclists of Berowra will have improved safety thanks to improvements to the cycleway out of Yallambee Road. Additionally, raised islands will be installed with an additional Giveway or Stop sign to improve conditions in the area and HELP prevent future right-turn cycle crashes out of the locally acknowledged 'notorious' intersection where Yallambie Road meets the Pacific Highway.  
Full article on Page 25.

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**From the Sydney Observer September digital edition [here](#).**

**Local Dog Attacks Rise Amid Lockdown** It's sad to say that amid our current lockdown, Ku-ring-gai Council has seen a substantial increase in local dog attacks since the beginning of the lockdown. Council staff recently compiled data showing a significant increase in dog attacks during the period of the last few months compared with the same monthly periods in 2019 and 2020. There have been 33 incidents in the 10-week period between 1st June – 6th August involving dogs showing aggressive behaviour or physically attacking other dogs and people in the Ku-ring-gai area. "It seems because people are working from home, many dogs are not used to having their owners around so much. When out walking some are displaying overly protective behaviour," notes Mayor Jennifer Anderson.

Full article on Page 9.

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**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

**Wednesday 24 November:** Gordon/E. Killara NHW AGM online via MS Teams @ 7pm. Special guests: S/C Colin Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, and Snap Send Solve App.

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### **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities'**

- **Tip #4.** FIT KEYED LOCKS ON SLIDING DOORS /WINDOWS. ALTERNATIVE HOLES CAN ALLOW A LOCKED-WHILE-OPEN POSITION for ventilation.
- **Tip #5.** PHOTOGRAPH JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS ITEMS. Place a rule adjacent to the item for scale.
- **Tip #7.** KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone
- **Tip #11.** Use ATMs inside the bank. TAKE YOUR TIME. If you are worried about someone nearby, cancel the transaction. HIDE THAT CASH! DON'T ADVERTISE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE MONEY. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase necessary?

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](#).

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**"So the reason I stopped you is because your registration plate is pants..."**





Thanks to Cop Humour UK

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### 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](http://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](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



### **WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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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**Our mailing address is:**

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby  
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station  
292 Peats Ferry Road  
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