



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #518 - 14 September 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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**10 September, from Western Sydney Health: 🚩🚩🚩 ALL PEOPLE 18+ can get an AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccination at Qudos Bank Arena from TODAY!**

On-the-spot bookings available. Details [here](#).

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**09 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: SCAMS are still on the rise...**



When you are contacted and asked to supply any of your personal information and/ or login details, whether it be from an IT company, Government Department or Business please BEWARE. A level of scepticism should always be employed in these situations. You may be the target of a Phishing scam. Please see below an important message from our friends at the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC).



Even if the message looks official, an IT company, government department or business will never contact you for your login details. Chances are it's a cybercriminal in disguise. Keep your personal details personal and if you think you have given your details to a cybercriminal, report it to [cyber.gov.au/report](https://cyber.gov.au/report)

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**07 September, from NSW Police: WARNING! The Flubot scammers have updated their text messages yet again.**

A new version of these scam text messages says it's your last chance to collect a package. Don't be fooled and DO NOT CLICK on the link. This downloads malware which gives scammers access to your phone.

Image and information via Scamwatch.



If you CLICK ... the Scammer will COLLECT. DON'T CLICK!!!

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*Creating Safer Communities*

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#### **14 September, from WatchOut.org.au: Where does this link go?**

Blog about the Neighbourhood Watch website 'Watchout.org.au' Internet Safety page:

Are you uncertain when you click on a link? We are too!

In this day and age, using the internet can be scary. Clicking on a link can have disastrous results. WatchOut has a page precisely included for this kind of situation: 'Internet Safety'.

Today, during our regular maintenance checks, we found a dud link and coincidentally (weird, huh?), a resident had informed their local Neighbourhood Watch group of a new URL link checker. Of course we checked it out and updated the page to include this new information: 'Where Goes'. Thank you to Phillip.

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**14 September, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Proud to get a mention in the NSWPF Crime Prevention Command Newsletter (Page 🤔. [Aaaargh, Facebook changes the 8 to an emoji!])**

Photo taken with permission by our Crime Prevention Officer (Senior Constable Colin Mitchell) during our latest 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.



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**02 September, from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation: Together with our key partners, the ACCCE is proud to launch a national campaign to increase awareness and #stopthestigma associated with child sexual exploitation.**

We're urging all Australians to be brave and open up the discussion to help prevent this crime from happening to our children.

You can help to stop the stigma by:

- 1. Knowing where to go for support
- 2. Understanding how to report abuse
- 3. Getting educated on child safety
- 4. Being ready to listen and believe when someone is willing to share their story of child sexual exploitation

Talking about child sexual exploitation is uncomfortable, but nothing is more uncomfortable than the abuse itself.

To hear stories from survivors and experts, and for more information on support services and reporting, visit [accce.gov.au/stopthestigma](https://accce.gov.au/stopthestigma)

**\*\*With respect, we urge you not to share any personal information regarding experiences of child sexual abuse on social media or anywhere online. If you or someone you know needs support or advice there are a number of organisations who provide specific counselling and support services. These services can be found at [accce.gov.au/support](http://accce.gov.au/support).\***

We would like to thank and recognise the official partners of the Stop the Stigma initiative: Act for Kids Bravehearts The Carly Ryan Foundation Inc. Daniel Morcombe Foundation Kids Helpline Official yourtown Australia #ChildProtection

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**13 September, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Electronics clear out?...why not use Arnies.** [This service helps prevent illegal dumping - Ed]

They're having a "drive-by day" on 20th September for Pymble/St Ives. [arniesrecon.com/for-communities](http://arniesrecon.com/for-communities) to book.



**Re-think: e-waste**

Arnie's is still operating as an approved service.

We know you still want to keep recycling. So, we're working with communities to schedule neighbourhood drive-by days

Simply register on our website. We'll drive by your house to collect. Covid-safe, completely free and contactless. Please note, we can only take small items, no large whitegoods.

**ARNIES RECON.**

**PYMBLE/ST IVES DRIVE BY DAY**  
**20TH SEPTEMBER**  
**7:30AM - 11:30AM**

**REGISTER for your free pick up:**  
[www.arniesrecon.com/for-communities](http://www.arniesrecon.com/for-communities)

Want to schedule a pick up in your area?  
Call us on 0472629154

Items we can take:

- Computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Mobiles
- TVs
- Cameras/webcams
- Game consoles
- Video/DVD players
- Video games
- Game consoles
- AV components
- Heaters
- Tools

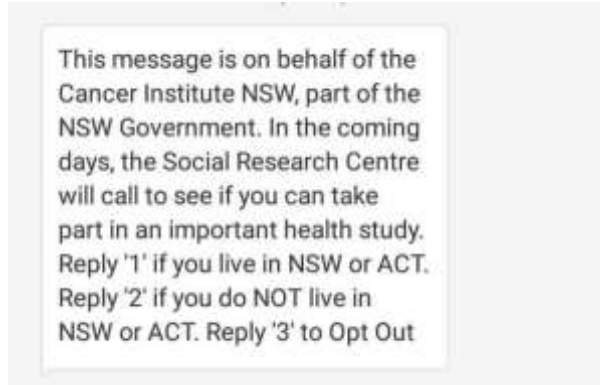


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**13 September, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Another warning from a concerned resident about a scam SMS.**

Please do not respond. Delete it.

If you would like to report it to the government, spam/scam SMS messages can be forwarded to the Australian Communications & Media Authority (**ACMA**) on **0429 999 888**. You will receive a confirmation reply SMS.



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**13 September, from Marine Area Command: There have been a number of incidents recently involving people on kayaks and stand up paddle boards having difficulty on the water - resulting in them requiring assistance.**

Please do not enter or go on waters that you are not permitted to enter or if you are inexperienced. Attached are a number of safety tips and information. [nsw.gov.au/topics/waterways-safety-and-rules/resources/boating-handbook](https://nsw.gov.au/topics/waterways-safety-and-rules/resources/boating-handbook)

Importantly, always be prepared, stay safe and check weather conditions before you consider heading out on the water;

[bom.gov.au/marine/about/check-the-weather.shtml](https://bom.gov.au/marine/about/check-the-weather.shtml)

## Surf skis

It's recommended that people using a surf ski wear a lifejacket at all times.

If your surf ski is up to 4.8m long, you must follow the same rules as for powerboats and sailing boats up to 4.8m long.

There is an exception for surf club members involved in lifesaving, training or competition – unless the event organiser says you must wear a lifejacket.



**|** *It's recommended that you wear a lifejacket when using a surf ski.*

## Stand-up paddle boards

It's recommended that people using stand-up paddle boards (SUPs) wear a lifejacket. If this is not possible, it's recommended that you use a leg rope so you do not get separated from your board.

## Paddlecraft

### Canoes and kayaks

People in canoes and kayaks must wear a lifejacket:

Enclosed waters	Alpine waters	Open waters and crossing coastal bars
At night (between sunset and sunrise) Or When alone on your canoe or kayak (including when you have children aged under 12 on your canoe or kayak)	At all times	At all times
Level 50S or above	Level 50S or above	Level 50S or above



**I** You must always wear a lifejacket in a canoe or kayak when alone in your vessel.

## Rowing vessels

People in rowing boats, rowing dinghies, rowing skiffs or small unpowered inflatable boats must wear a lifejacket:

Enclosed waters	Alpine waters	Open waters and crossing coastal bars
At night (between sunset and sunrise) Or When alone on your vessel (including when you have children aged under 12 on your vessel)	At all times	At all times
Level 50S or above	Level 50S or above	Level 100 or above

People in rowing (racing) shells, dragon boats and outrigger canoes do not have to wear a lifejacket. This is because they are often part of organised activities and in larger vessels.

It's recommended that you wear a Level 50S or above lifejacket when alone on an outrigger canoe.



**September 10, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We've been asked to share with our network these new guidelines and fact sheets about "Suspected or confirmed cases and close & casual contacts".**

Please share with your networks too 😊 Suspected or confirmed cases and close and casual contacts

- - Quick guide to isolation and testing  
Overview of COVID-19 contact types and their testing and self-isolation requirements [here](#).
- - People with COVID-19 symptoms  
Fact sheet for people who develop symptoms of COVID-19 [here](#).
- - Confirmed cases  
Fact sheet for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 [here](#).
- - Close contacts  
Fact sheet for people who have been identified as a close contact of a person with COVID-19 [here](#).
- - Secondary close contacts  
Fact sheet for household members and people who have been in close proximity to a close contact [here](#).
- - Casual contacts  
Fact sheet for people who have been identified as a casual contact of a person with COVID-19 [here](#).

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**Crime stats are available for August 2021 for the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC).**

Please view them in our group: [facebook.com/groups/NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://facebook.com/groups/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)  
or email us for your suburb's: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** This is the last month that we will receive crime stats from our NSWPF Ku-ring-gai Command. Thank you to their intel guys for helping us out over the many years. In future we will have to refer to [BOCSAR statistics](#), which have great information via their crime maps, however, unfortunately they run 6 months behind the real world.

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**07 September, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Update: Peats Bite Restaurant, Sunny Corner near Berowra Waters.**

Crews have now contained the fire after it was first reported around 7:30pm tonight. Unfortunately the restaurant has been destroyed. Firefighters from NSW RFS and FRNSW will remain on scene extinguishing hot spots and ensuring the fire is extinguished. All residents have been accounted for.



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**Dates for the Diary**

**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 Ruby Koop - Snap Send Solve App.

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

**Tip #18.** If you are a carer, leave notes for the next carer out-of-sight, never on the front door.

**Tip #19.** Don't sign anything. But, if you have, use any cooling-off period to discuss issues with trusted friends or family.

**Tip #20.** Keep emergency numbers (see table below) as easy dial/memory on your phone. Keep the phone by the bed, along with a torch for emergencies. Report anything suspicious.

FOR <b>EMERGENCIES</b> (Including anyone on your property)	<b>000</b>
TO REPORT ANYTHING <b>SUSPICIOUS</b> (Crime Stoppers)	<b>1 800 333 000</b>
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	<b>131 444</b>
IF YOU'RE <b>NOT SURE</b> (Hornsby Police Station)	<b>9476 9799</b>
TTY—To ask for Police, type <b>PPP</b>	<b>106</b>
SPEAK AND LISTEN	<b>1800 555 727</b>

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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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Thanks to David for this week's humour. The US humor translates into Australian humour fairly well ;)



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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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Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

**Our mailing address is:**

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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station  
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Hornsby, NSW 2077  
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