



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #528 - 23 November 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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23 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: KURING GAI PAC WEEKEND IN REVIEW

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

6 x Domestic violence incidents

1 x Domestic intimidation offence

2 x breach ADVO

DRUGS:

Hornsby - Cannabis plants seized

BREAK AND ENTER:

Gosford/Berowra – Two offenders charged with Break and Enter, Goods in custody and Possess prohibited drug

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Galston - Galston Recreational Reserve – Toilet block and amenities damaged/smashed.

Hornsby – Numerous vehicles damaged

West Pymble - Bicentennial Park – Graffiti

Hornsby – Police vehicle damaged

TRAFFIC:

Cowan M1 – 6pm Friday evening – 5 vehicle collision - northbound on Brooklyn Bridge

Galston gorge – Motor Cyclist collision – suspected broken leg

Hornsby - High range PCA – licence suspended

St Ives – Mid range PCA – licence suspended

Killara – Glass bottle thrown at another vehicle from party bust – investigations ongoing

Gordon – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision

St Ives – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision

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Thornleigh – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision

Turrumurra – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision

Berowra Heights – Fail to stop and exchange details after collision

VEHICLE FIRE:

Cowan - Southbound M1

STEAL FROM RETAIL:

Hornsby – Coles - cosmetics

Weekend in Review

M1 Friday evening
Brooklyn Bridge



A picture paints a
thousand words



Not
concentrating?

Not keeping a
safe distance
between the car
in front of you
and yourself?



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22 November, from The Hills command: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force and The Hills Police Area Command have arrested a male & female following a pursuit with a vehicle from Acres Road, Kellyville to Gilbert Rd x Ridgescrop Drive Glenhaven at 12.25pm today.

Road spikes were deployed, stopping the vehicle, allowing police and dog squad officers to detain the two occupants. The two are being conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station to assist with enquiries.



19 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND 'MEET AND GREET'

Over the next few weeks, members of the Kuring Gai Police Area Command's Crime Prevention Team will be dropping into a few shopping centres for a 'Meet and Greet' with our local communities

Next Thursday 25th November, we'll be at Berowra Shopping Centre from 9am until 11am

Feel free to stop by and say hi, bring your questions or concerns or simply have a chat.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

BEROWRA VILLAGE

'Meet and Greet'

Thursday 25 November 9am - 11am

Do you have any questions for us?

Do you have any local concerns?

Or just want a chat?



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19 November, from NSW Police: Watch out for scam texts claiming to be from 'Thomas Flynn'.

This scammer is impersonating a real person & company to lure people into investing in fake bonds. Always independently research – scammers often claim bonds are issued by real firms. Delete these texts too!

Hi, I am Thomas Flynn from BMO. I have a viable business proposition for you. Pls, ensure to contact me through email for full details: tflynn@bmo-ca.ws

SCAM

📌 Image and information via Scamwatch

And from our Crime Prevention Officer: Another scam text - same intent - to steal your money. Delete immediately!

18 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your partner didn't wake you when they left for work and you're now running late for work, but you have to drop the kids off at school on the way. The quickest option is to double park outside the school and let them out. What would you do?

- 1. Yes, so long as you have your hazard lights flashing to warn others that you are double parking.
- 2. Yes, only when safe to do so.
- 3. Only when you're running late and in a rush.
- 4. No, not at any time.

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Share

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ANSWER: At no time are you allowed to double park. Not only does it inconvenience other drivers, but it is dangerous to your child, yourself, other traffic and other pedestrians. The penalties are:

- Double park \$275
- Double park in school zone \$352 and 2 demerit points

Please do not double park.

18 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are investigating a break and enter in Dorset Drive St Ives that occurred overnight.

Police are asking those with CCTV cameras in Dorset Drive, Dalrymple Ave, and Vista Street to view their footage from between the hours of 1:30am and 2:30am this morning 18/11/2021. If anything suspicious has been captured, as in persons or vehicles, please contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799** and ask to speak to a member of the Proactive Unit.

CCTV REQUEST

**Break and
Enter
Steal from
motor vehicle**



Where: Dorset Drive St Ives

**When: Between 1:30am and 2:30am
18/11/2021**

Dorset Drive - Dalrymple Crescent - Vista Street



Neighbourhood Watch St Ives received this message:

Hi there, my car got broke in on the 18th too, and I got the CCTV footage, could you please kindly help post in the group to remind the neighbours? Thanks.

18 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: UPDATE ON STOLEN BROMELIADS

Due to a combination of high vigilance from the owner and timely action from Kuring Gai Police, the thief has been weeded out with charges pending. All plants were recovered and returned to the owner. A blooming great result 👍

17 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Hey, Learners, P1 and P2 drivers - This post is to save you from being fined and losing points for not complying with displaying your "L" and "P" plates correctly

The rules are

- • Display CLEARLY on the vehicle
- • On the front AND back of the vehicle
- • On the OUTSIDE of the vehicle
- • The letter L, P MUST NOT be hidden

Have L plates displayed (black L on an orange/yellow background) clearly at the front and back of the vehicle, on the outside, or an L sign on the roof, when driving. The letter L on the plate must not be hidden

Display P plates (red P on a white background) clearly on the front and back of the vehicle, on the outside. The letter P on the plate must not be hidden. If you're towing a trailer, a P plate must be on the back of the trailer

Display P plates (green P on a white background) clearly on the outside of the front and back of the vehicle. The letter P on the plate must not be hidden. If you're towing a trailer, a P plate must be on the back of the trailer

Penalties apply:

Remember that displaying only one (1) L or P plate does NOT comply

- Learner driver not display L plates as prescribed \$275 plus 2 demerit points
- Not comply P1 licence condition not display P plates (Class C licence holder) \$275 plus 2 demerit points
- Not comply P2 licence condition not display P plates \$275 plus 2 demerit points

Displaying L P1 & P2 plates



Must ...

- Be displayed on front **AND** back of vehicle
- Be displayed outside the vehicle
- Not obscure registration plate
- Not be obscured by registration plate



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17 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: THIEVES ARE ABOUT AND ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE PAC

Don't make it easy for them. Please ensure you lock your vehicle when parking it in your driveway. Too many vehicles are left unlocked with valuables in view of prying eyes, as in one case, a laptop, wallet and car keys were stolen from the vehicle which had been parked, unlocked in the driveway.



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DRIVEWAY.



STOLEN
Laptop
wallet
car keys

Vehicle was unlocked



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Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/Pymble/St Ives Neighbourhood

Watch: Good evening,

This is a gentle reminder that this Wednesday is our Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) AGM/End-of-year get-together for Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/St Ives/a teeny bit of Pymble? It is being held **via MS Teams at 7pm on Wednesday 24 November 2021.**

The meeting link is: bit.ly/3l2fOlx (lowercase letters L and Uppercase letter O). Simply click the link - no passcode necessary. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they live, especially because we have two great speakers that are pertinent to residents all over the command. You will have the opportunity to ask Colin or Ruby any of your questions.

- Snr Cst Colin Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer with NSWPF Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC) based at Hornsby Police Station will be giving us an update on the current crime situation in the command and will offer advice on how to prevent becoming a victim.

- Ruby Koop from 'Snap Send Solve', speaking about easy reporting of local issues using their mobile phone App.

Please invite your friends, colleagues, family and neighbours. We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22 - 28 November: Asbestos Awareness Week

Wednesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/Pymble/St Ives 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. [Email us](#) for details. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 25 November - 10 December: The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. [Info](#).

Thursday 25 November: 9-11am Ku-ring-gai command 'Meet & Greet' at Berowra Village.

Saturday 27 November: PCYC Annual online fundraiser 6-7:30pm Peter Overton (9 News) is our MC, keynote speaker is NSW Police Force Commissioner Mick Fuller, special performance from singer/songwriter, Pete Murray. [Tickets & Info](#).

Tuesday 30 November: Ku-ring-gai High School's 'Untangling teens from Tech: practical & positive strategies to empower parents' 7pm 90min **FREE** webinar, Jocelyn Brewer. Register [here](#)

Tuesday 07 December: Ku-ring-gai command 'Meet & Greet' at St Ives Shopping Village TBC

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Our 2022 road safety calendar is now available and will appeal to all age groups.

Look for tips on visibility for vulnerable road users, getting to school using active travel, safe parking tips and more! While stocks last!

Read more [here](#).



From Hornsby Shire Council: WASTE MATTERS 🇺🇸 | A reminder that there are strict guidelines for the disposal of Asbestos, and fines are issued for the unlawful disposal of this hazardous waste type.

More information [here](#) or phone our **Waste Hotline 📞 on 13 70 30** for assistance. It's Asbestos Awareness Week, 22 – 28 November!



22 November, from Marine Area Command: On Sunday 21 November evening, Broken Bay Water Police were called to assist a 13.9m ex naval tugboat taking on water in Brooklyn with the male owner onboard.

Prior to contacting police, the owner attempted to pump water however was not successful. With water at knee level, water police were contacted and immediately headed toward the vessel. During this time, the tugboat listed heavily to port and within a few seconds sank to the bottom with only the starboard side above water. On arrival, the uninjured owner was located on the exposed area of the vessel and assisted onboard the police launch where he was conveyed to a nearby marina. Owner will arrange salvage of his vessel.



21 November, from 9News: Man charged over alleged sexual touching of two teenage girls at Sydney hairdresser

A man in Sydney's north-west has been charged over the alleged sexual touching of two teenage girls at a hairdresser. On November 19, police arrested a 68-year-old man at Hornsby Police Station. He was charged with sexually touching another person without consent and intentionally touching a child between the age of 10 and 16.

Full story [here](#).

20 November, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah /Kuring-gai Families group:

Mt Kuring-gai Public School (MKPS) was broken into last night or this morning. It was vandalised and an epipen was also stolen. Epipens are life saving devices but dangerous in the wrong hands so if anyone sees one, please take to your nearest pharmacy. Police are currently fingerprinting the school.

From Ku-ring-gai High School: We are very excited to have secured a webinar on 'Untangling Teens From Technology'.

The webinar will be presented by renowned psychologist, Jocelyn Brewer and focuses on providing parents and carers with practical and positive strategies to support children navigating the online world. Join us online on Tuesday 30 November at 7pm.

Info & register at: <https://bit.ly/UntanglingTeensFromTechnology>

19 November, from Ryde command: Detectives are appealing for public assistance to locate high-performance and luxury vehicles stolen during recent aggravated break-ins at homes in Sydney's north.

As part of proactive targeting of members and associates of criminal networks across Sydney, Strike Force Hawk officers are conducting inquiries into activities and crimes suspected to be related to the preparation for public acts of violence. Criminal Groups Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Grant Taylor, said the suppression of the use of stolen vehicles in organised criminal activity was a key strategy under Strike Force Hawk.

“We have previously seized more than 40 luxury stolen vehicles used in crimes across Greater Sydney – including vehicles used in an alleged murder attempt at North Sydney earlier this year and a double murder at Guildford last month,” Det Supt Taylor said. “A number of people are before the courts for their alleged roles in facilitating the use of these stolen vehicles, and investigators are now seeking further assistance from the public to locate additional cars stolen from Sydney's north in recent times.”

The break-ins and thefts, which have occurred in Sydney's north since Monday 25 October 2021, include;

- Between 11.45pm on Monday 25 October 2021 and 6.15am on Tuesday 26 October 2021, a blue 2019 Volkswagen Golf Highline with registration 'EAQ55W' was stolen from Gladesville.
- Between 10pm on Thursday 28 October 2021 and 8.20am on Friday 29 October 2021, a grey 2017 MINI Cooper with registration 'DLT21S' was stolen from a **Warrawee home**. A white 2017 BMW 530i sedan was

also stolen from this property and has since been recovered.

- • Between 11pm on Monday 1 November 2021 and 8am on Tuesday 2 November 2021, unknown people gained entry to an Abbotsford home and stole a key for a 2014 grey Porsche Macan S with registration 'FP6666', before stealing the vehicle from the roadway outside the property.
- • About 3am on Tuesday 2 November 2021, a white 2014 Mercedes A200 with registration plates 'CRY80M' was stolen from the garage of a Frenchs Forest home.

“Detectives have reason to believe these cars – particularly the Porsche and Mercedes – may be used to facilitate other serious crime and possibly contain cloned number plates of an identical make and model,” Det Supt Taylor said. “We know these high-performance vehicles may be stored in areas or locations which are unusual for the type of car; therefore, we’re urging anyone who may’ve seen something out of the ordinary, to come forward and contact police.”

Meanwhile, police are urging the community to take extra precautions in terms of securing their home and property to reduce the risk of becoming the target of thieves. NSW Police Corporate Sponsor for Crime Prevention, Assistant Commissioner Gelina Talbot, said criminals are opportunists and usually seek out homes with poor security.

“People should be observant of any suspicious activity around their homes and ensure to record a description of any people or vehicles that appear out of place,” Assistant Commissioner Talbot said. “If you own a luxury car and park it in your driveway, you should take extra steps to ensure your home is adequately protected from any intruders. Store the vehicle’s keys in a secure location – away from any doors or windows. “Make sure your home is fitted with quality security doors, locks, alarms, lighting, and warning signs, and that all windows, doors and garage doors are secured,” Assistant Commissioner Talbot said.

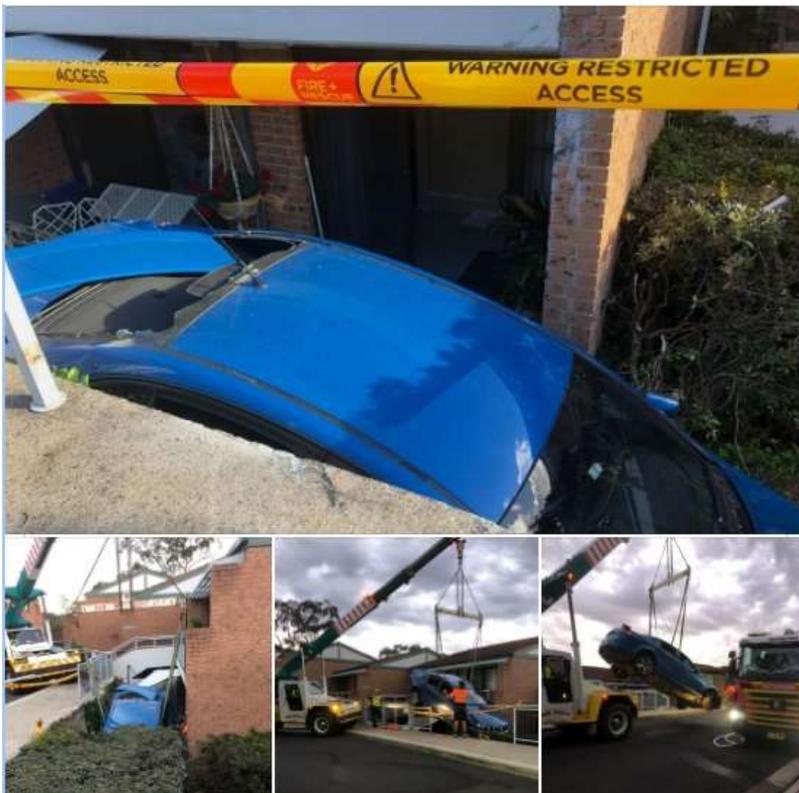
Further information about crime prevention, including hints and tips, can be found [here](#).

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Hawk investigators is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or

<https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

17 November, from Fire & Rescue NSW Station 040 Willoughby: Just before 5pm today crews from Willoughby and Gordon were responded to an incident involving a car into an apartment in Lindfield and persons trapped.

Upon arrival Fire and Rescue crews worked alongside Ambulance NSW crews and coordinated the safe removal of a patient from the vehicle. The driver was transported to hospital by paramedics. Because of the unusual circumstances Paul Keavy from Mona Vale Mobile Cranes and his team were called and coordinated the safe and tricky retrieval of the vehicle. Hazmat crews were also responded once the car was recovered to assist with the management of a fuel leak from the vehicle. A lengthy and well-coordinated job by all agencies involved.



17 November, from 9News: Supermarkets to be hit with fines over abandoned trolleys under new laws

Supermarket operators would face on-the-spot fines for not collecting abandoned shopping trolleys under new laws currently before the New South Wales Parliament. Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock introduced the bill last week. Up-front fines of \$660 would be issued to any supermarket that fails to collect a shopping trolley from a public space within three hours of being notified it is causing an obstruction or safety risk, or within seven days of being notified it is left unattended in a public place.

Full story [here](#).

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

Tip #16. Record description/model/serial number for all valuable property. Photograph all jewellery, alongside a ruler for scale. Keep these records off-site. Consider borrowing a FREE engraver and/or FREE UV light pen from your local Crime Prevention Officer and engraving/markings your property with your Driver's Licence Number. Check adequate levels of insurance cover.

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](#).

This is a bird box in Billingham built by a 44-year-old dad to slow down passing drivers. Brilliant.



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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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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Our mailing address is:

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