



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #530 - 07 December 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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07 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police would like to speak with these two males who may be able to assist them with enquiries regarding a stealing at BWS Gordon on Friday 26th of November 2021

If you know who these persons are, please contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Event E 84490806 relates.**





07 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Thank you for dropping by and saying hi to our team and your local Neighbourhood Watch representatives. It was great meeting so many today. We met some shy kids who were assured we are there to help them if ever they need us, we answered questions, addressed some concerns brought to our attention, gave some advice, handed out safety and crime prevention literature. On top of this we managed to fit a coffee in and have a friendly chat with a number of passers-by. Thank you to the management team at the Village for your hospitality and we look forward to doing it all again sometime next year.

ST IVES SHOPPING VILLAGE 'Meet and Greet'

We had a great time
meeting and speaking
with you all today.

Thank you for dropping
by and saying "hi"



KURING GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND

07 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Is it illegal for a front passenger to use a tablet to watch a movie?

 **TRAFFIC
TUESDAY**

**IS IT ILLEGAL FOR
A FRONT
PASSENGER TO
USE A TABLET TO
WATCH A MOVIE?**



YES



NO



KURING GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND

From the NSW Road Users Handbook pg 57 Safe driving behaviour:

Digital screens and GPS Digital screens, also known as visual display units, include devices such as tablets and laptops, as well as dashboard screens.

The rules: You must not drive with a digital screen on if you can see it, or it could distract another driver, unless you're using it as a driver's aid. In this case, it must be in a holder fixed to the vehicle or built into the vehicle. **Driver's aids include:**

- navigation devices, for example, GPS
- dispatch systems
- reversing screens
- CCTV security cameras
- vehicle monitoring devices.

Your passengers can use digital screens, but the screens must not:

- be visible to you from the normal driving position
- distract another driver.

06 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Buying a pet for Christmas?

Watch out for pet scams! Try & see the pet in person, Google the ad (hot tip: if the same phrases are in multiple ads, it's likely a #scam), seek advice from a breeders association & don't believe requests for more \$ for transport/insurance/vet bills!

I paid \$3000 for you and your flight I'm not even real it's all a scam



Image and information courtesy of Scamwatch

06 December, from NSW Road Safety: As the festive season starts to heat up remember to plan ahead if you're having a few drinks.

Organise a lift, get a taxi, ride share or public transport and get home safely.

06 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police will announce a \$1 million reward for information into the murder of a grandfather and fruit grower killed during a home invasion in Cherrybrook.

Homicide Squad detectives are appealing for public assistance and have released CCTV of a vehicle of interest to the investigation into the death of a man in Sydney's north-west last year. Just before 12.30am on Wednesday 29 April 2020, emergency services were called to a home on Tallowood Avenue, Cherrybrook, following reports two men had forced entry to the home. Police attended and located the occupants, an 86-year-old man and 83-year-old woman, with serious head injuries. They were treated at the scene before being taken by NSW Ambulance paramedics to Westmead Hospital, where the man, Kalim Saliba, later died.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene, which was examined by specialist forensic officers, and commenced inquiries into the incident before detectives from the Homicide Squad took carriage of the investigation under Strike Force McCleery. As their inquiries continue, detectives have released CCTV of a grey Audi TT RS, which was seen

travelling in the vicinity of Tallowood Avenue, Cherrybrook, prior to – and immediately after – the murder took place. Homicide Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Daniel Doherty, said an extensive review of CCTV from the surrounding areas at the time of Mr Saliba’s murder identified the Audi as a vehicle of interest. “Over the last 18 months, investigators have worked tirelessly to locate the Audi, which we believe was used in this heinous crime, and we’re now asking for public assistance in the hope someone may recognise it,” Det Supt Doherty said. “This is a luxury, high-performance car and we believe it would’ve been noticeable to residents and others in the Cherrybrook area late at night, when the violent murder of Mr Saliba took place. “I urge anyone who recognises this vehicle, or who may have information about its owner or current location, to contact police,” Det Supt Doherty said. Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force McCleery investigators is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.



06 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police investigate single-vehicle crash - Waitara

Sunday, 05 December 2021 04:18:49 AM

Police are investigating a single-vehicle crash on Sydney's Upper North Shore overnight. About 10.15pm (Saturday 4 December 2021), emergency services were called to the intersection of Alexandria Parade and Romsey Street, Waitara, following reports of a crash. Officers attached to Kuring-Gai Police Area Command attended and found a silver Ford Territory crashed into a tree. The driver, a 43-year-old man, was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics for a head laceration before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for mandatory testing. Five passengers suffered minor injuries. Two boys – aged six and three - were taken to Westmead Children's Hospital for assessment, along with a 36-year-old woman. A 29-year-old woman and a 28-year-old man were taken to Hornsby Hospital for assessment. Inquiries are continuing.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

06 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: If you park your car on the street, please lock your car and secure your keys before you go to bed this evening.

Unfortunately nearly all the luxury cars stolen in the past two weeks, were taken with the car keys left on the kitchen counter and car doors left unlocked, enabling access using the garage door remote. This simple habit will make it harder for them to steal. We are making arrests, and have extra crews on between 2am and 5am, but we need your help also for prevention.



05 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: You can upload your CCTV photos of offenders.

We have upgraded our capacity for certain crimes to allow your CCTV stills to be uploaded directly to police reports. We are committed to attend your home for Break & Enters, stolen cars, or other crimes where you require our help.

See link below for more info. <https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au/>

02 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: You are invited to this Online Safety Seminar to help you be prepared during this summer and festive season.

Our main presenters are:

- - Road Safety Officer from Hornsby Shire Council on Pedestrian Safety and Council run programs, including their Child Car Seat safety check voucher program; Teaching Learner Driver program and more.
- - Crime Prevention Officer from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command on current local crime trends, including personal and home safety tips.

- - Community Engagement Officer from Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade on home and fire safety, and how you can be well prepared for the fire season.

You will also hear from Multicultural Integration Community Support (MICS) and Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) to share their services that can either support you or provide you with the opportunities to be involved within your communities.

There will be Q&A time for you to ask questions and chances to win a lucky door prize.

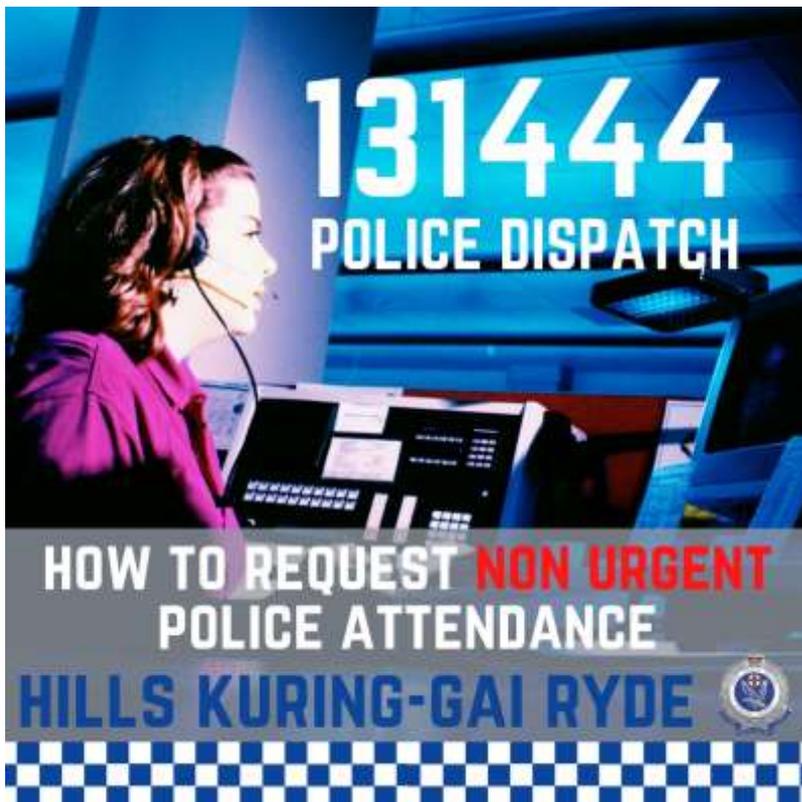
Time/date: 12pm – 1:30pm, Thursday 9th Dec 2021

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86075943203> (NO PASSWORD OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

02 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: For life threatening emergencies or crimes occurring now ALWAYS call 000.

However if you require a police car to attend your location, then the quickest way is to call **131444**, where police dispatchers will immediately put out the call. You can still call police stations to make appointments or follow up investigations, but for non-urgent police attendance to your location call **131444**. Examples include:

- *Hoodlums at train stations or parks causing trouble.
- *People causing trouble at shopping centres.
- *Cars racing.
- *Suspicious behavior
- *Found property
- *Abandoned vehicles.



02 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: KU-RING-GAI PAC - LAST 24 HOURS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

2 x Domestic violence incidents

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE:

South Turramurra – wallet stolen from unlocked vehicle

STEALING:

Gordon - Rego plates stolen

STEAL FROM DWELLING:

Berowra – stolen jewelry

TRAFFIC:

Gordon – Fail to stop and exchange details – 1 driver verses 2 parked vehicles

South Turramurra – Fail to stop and exchange details

Si Ives – Fail to stop and exchange details

Vehicle defect – wheels protruding side of vehicle

Wahroonga – Unlicensed QLD driver

ASSAULT:

Pymble – Two males fighting

FRAUD:

Turrumurra - Cryptocurrency investment scam

Waitara – Counterfeit notes

Wahroonga – Fail to pay for fuel

St Ives - Deceit/trickery by a person

St Ives – Facebook and Instagram hacking

STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE:

Gordon – BWS – vodka stolen

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

St Ives – Graffiti

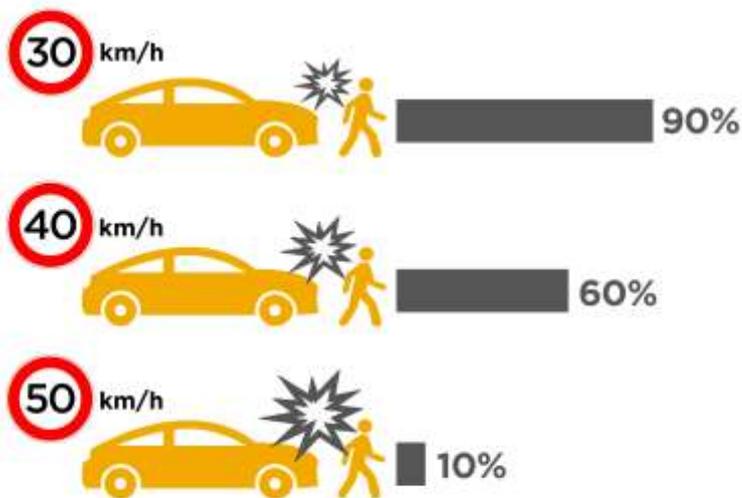
MISING PERSON:

Berowra Heights – person now located

02 December, from NSW Road Safety: Small increases in speed can have serious consequences.

Casual speeding. Every K counts.

Chance of survival for a pedestrian being hit by a car



*Based on young adult pedestrians

01 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: 'WALK THE TALK' EVENT AT HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI PCYC.

This morning, officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command's Crime Prevention Unit joined with representatives from local councils and supporting services, local community members from different cultural backgrounds, and representatives from local high schools, wearing ORANGE calling for actions to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts, and share knowledges in the fight against Domestic and Family violence.

We were there collectively to say, "NO TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE".

Our Superintendent Barry Vincent spoke on behalf of NSW Police and the Command.

"We come together as part of the 16 days, to shine a light on this insidious form of violence, and we SAY NO TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE. The NSW Police Force is always seeking to improve the response to and support of victims of Domestic and Family Violence – at its core is us, not only as police but community members recognising the many ways that Domestic and Family Violence can be perpetuated – assault, stalking, controlling behaviours, social isolation, and financial deprivation ..."

"Beneath my orange shirt I am a police officer, but I am also a PARENT, a SON, a NEIGHBOUR, a FRIEND, a COLLEAGUE. You too are all of those things – together as we say No to Domestic and Family Violence, we must also be ready to say, are you okay? Are you safe? How can I help? What can I do?"

A time of sombre reflection was had when the names of each female victim in Australia who had been killed this year as a result of domestic violence, was read aloud. This was followed by one minute's silence dedicated to those victims.



01 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police would like to speak with this female who may be able to assist them with enquiries regarding a fraudulent transaction in Thornleigh on Wednesday 16th November 2021. If you recognise yourself, or know who this person is, please contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or **Crime Stoppers** on 1800 333 000. Event E 85287754** relates.



30 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: How close to another vehicle can you park?



Answer: For other vehicles to be able to exit safely, leave a gap of at least one metre.

30 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Can you legally drive with a pet on your lap?



Answer: In NSW, you are obliged to make sure your pet is secure when travelling in a motor vehicle. You can be fined and lose demerit points for having a dog on your lap when driving (you, not the dog!). This incurs a fine of up to \$400.

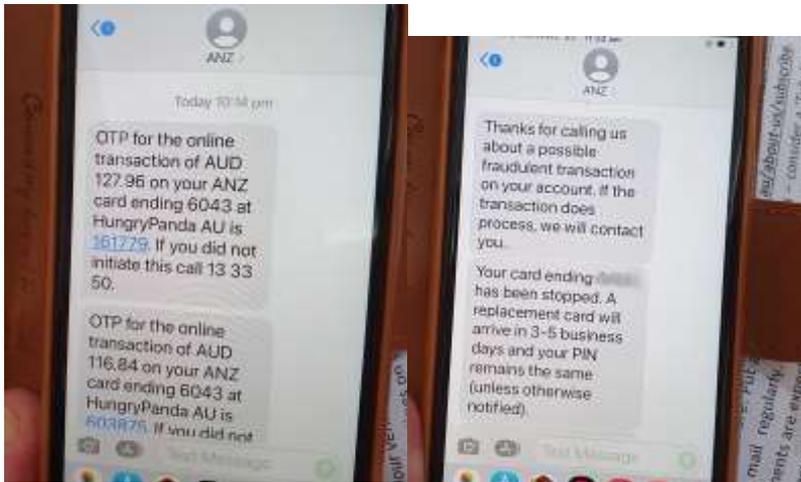


Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

07 December, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: Remember a few years ago when the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) had a data breach?

Well this incident with a linked credit card to the RMS happened yesterday as a consequence. Thank you to the resident who shared it with us today. The resident received several SMSs from the bank (shown in the first screenshot), revealing that over \$3000 was taken by the RMS from her credit card account for 'unpaid fines'. The second screenshot shows the response from the bank

when the resident reported it to them. Our advice is to do exactly what the resident did today: contact your bank immediately. Don't click on any links. Stop the credit card. Share the incident with the community as a warning to others.



06 December, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community page group yesterday:

Just a heads up that our car on Holliday Avenue was rummaged through during the night. Nothing important taken, but just be wary 😞

From Hornsby Shire Council: WASTE MATTERS 🗑️ | We are pleased to announce that from this week x-rays will be accepted at our Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (CRC)!

X-rays contain silver which can be recycled, saving precious natural resources. The CRC is located at 29 Sefton Road, Thornleigh and is open Tuesday – Saturday. For more details click [here](#).



03 December, from the eSafety Commissioner: Our protections will be enhanced by the new Online Safety Act from 23 January 2022.

Changes do not include powers related to defamation; we cannot investigate whether material published online is true or not, nor seek its removal due to this reason. We will focus on our regulatory priorities: adult cyber abuse, cyberbullying of children, image-based abuse, and illegal and restricted online content.

For more information click [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 09 December: 12-1:30pm FREE Zoom Safety Seminar. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86075943203> (NO PASSWORD/REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Tuesday 08 February 2022: Safer Internet Day 2022 - Play it safe & fair online. [Info](#).

Friday 24 March 2022: Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day - crime prevention stall - TBC.

30 November, from Property Plus: Unfortunately it's that time of year when the chancers are about.

When you lock your door at night, place a cup on the handle and you will know if someone is trying your door 😊 Stay safe 💙



29 November, from Boys on the Line: Consent. Get it. Always.



Thank you Lunarbaboon

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

Tip #6: STORE YOUR NEW EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN LANDLINE & MOBILE PHONES. Include:

- **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799**
- **Gordon Police Station: 9418 5399**
- For **EMERGENCIES** (Including anyone on your property) **000**
- **Crime Stoppers NSW** (To report anything suspicious) **1 800 333 000**
- **PAL, Police Assistance Line** (To report non-emergency crime & request non-urgent police attendance) **131 444**

Tip #14: UPDATE YOUR HOUSE INSURANCE. WALK ROUND THE HOUSE WITH A VIDEO CAMERA, RECORDING OBJECTS & CONTENTS IN EACH ROOM, OPENING ALL DRAWERS & CUPBOARDS. Include the shed, garage, garden ornaments, roof space, cellar, etc. Store this video safely off-site (eg at work or with a trusted relative).

Tip #16: ENGRAVE YOUR LICENCE NUMBER ON VALUABLE PROPERTY. SENSITIVE ARTICLES (eg screens, laptops) CAN BE MARKED WITH AN ULTRA-VIOLET PEN. Ask Neighbourhood Watch for the loan of an engraver and/or UV Pen.

Tip #20: REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VIEW IN YOUR CAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OR ON THE STREET. This includes any GARAGE REMOTE CONTROL, as these can be used to get into your home at a later time.

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 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

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 \(The Chase\)](#)



share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our 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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