



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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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11 January, from Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force



Say **NO** to black market oysters



Operation Trident



OYSTER THEFT IS A SERIOUS CRIME!

- ▶ Black market oysters can be unsafe to eat
- ▶ Don't take the risk
- ▶ Only buy oysters from a reputable supplier

SAY NO TO BLACK MARKET OYSTERS

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS – 1800 333 000

FISHERS WATCH – 1800 043 536

Fines of up to \$275 000 and/or imprisonment apply



Say NO to black market oysters!!!

The NSW Police Force is supporting a multi-agency operation, Operation Trident in an effort to jointly detect and investigate the illegal harvesting of oysters.

Oyster theft is a serious crime.

- * Black market oysters can be unsafe to eat.
- * Don't take the risk.
- * Only buy from a reputable supplier.

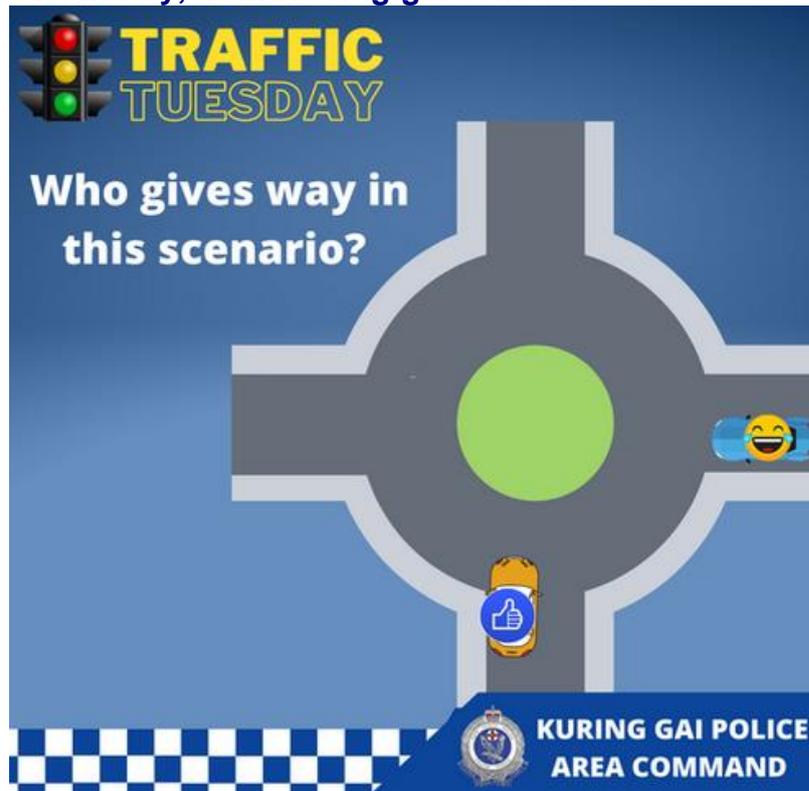
Members of the public are being encouraged to report person/s selling black market oysters and oyster theft.

Please ensure that oyster theft is reported to police and ask the attending police for a COPS Event number.

The Rural Crime Prevention Team take oyster theft seriously. Fines of up to \$275,000 and/or imprisonment apply.

Please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Fishers Watch on 1800 043 536.

11 January, from Ku-ring-gai command



Answer: Next week

10 January, from NSW Health: Have you tested positive for COVID-19 on a rapid antigen or PCR test?



You must:

- Self-isolate at home for 7 days from the date you got tested, even if you are fully vaccinated
- Tell the people you live with, any social contacts, and your workplace or school that you have tested positive

Your household contacts must also self-isolate for 7 days and have a rapid antigen test as soon as possible and again on day 6.

If you are under 65 years of age, have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, do not suffer from any chronic health conditions and are not pregnant, you can safely manage COVID-19 at home.

If you develop severe symptoms call Triple Zero (000) and tell the ambulance staff that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

You can only leave self-isolation after 7 days if you do not have a sore throat, runny nose, cough or shortness of breath. You do not need to have a negative test to exit isolation.

You will receive an SMS from NSW Health after 7 days, but you do not have to wait for this SMS to leave self-isolation if it has been 7 days since you were tested.

More info [here](#).

10 January, from NSW Police Force

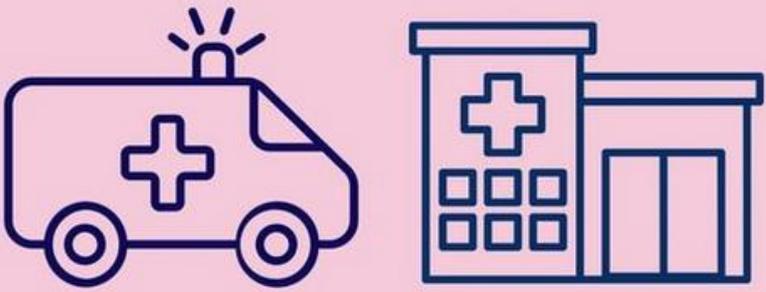
How to stop scam calls and messages.
Out-smart the scammers.
You don't have to be tech-savvy to stop scams.

<p>Ask for help:</p> <p>Ask your family, carer or friends to turn on spam protection on your mobile phone</p> <p>Ask your phone company how to block calls on your home or mobile phone</p> <p>Tell someone – if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't</p>	<p>Take these simple steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't answer if you don't know who it is Don't click on any links Don't ever give personal details Don't ever send money	<p>Find out how to protect yourself at acma.gov.au/scams</p> <p>Call out the scammers by reporting to scamwatch.gov.au</p> <p>Scams target everyone </p>
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08 January from Ku-ring-gai command: SAVE 000 FOR SAVING LIVES

SAVE TRIPLE ZERO (000) AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR EMERGENCIES AND SAVING LIVES





NSW Ambulance is currently experiencing unprecedented Triple Zero demand on our call takers, dispatchers and paramedics.

Every non-emergency call we take keeps us from taking a call that may help save a life.

Please save 000 for medical emergencies.

For those managing COVID-19 at home who aren't experiencing a medical emergency and don't need a lights and siren response, NSW Health's COVID-19 Care at Home Support Line is also available on 1800 960 933.

For minor illnesses and injuries consider self-care, attending a pharmacy or contacting your usual healthcare provider such as your General Practitioner for advice.

If unsure or need general health advice call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222 (available 24 hours) or see [here](#).

05 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Comment on wait times or issues in comments below. Please check link [here](#) prior to leaving home for testing locations and times.



The newest definition of close contact will be officially released today, however until then, only line up if you :

- Have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive rapid antigen test
 - Are a household contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive case
 - Have been in a venue where there has been high transmission such as a club
 - Have been in a setting with vulnerable people, such as an aged care facility, which is experiencing a current outbreak
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Traffic Tuesday Question from last week



Most Relevant Answer:

No arrow in left lane allowing right turn from it.

B is the answer. If it were otherwise then there'd be no reason why you couldn't turn left from the right lane.



Thursday 13 January: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting for all groups and volunteers in the command. 6pm via MS Teams.

NB: The decision has been made to not hold this scheduled meeting as a Face-

to-face meeting @ the PCYC. An email will go out to all those on the distribution list giving a link to a MS Teams (similar to Zoom) meeting with a copy of the agenda. New volunteers welcome! We will be joined by our local Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby police station, Snr Cst Colin Mitchell, who will give us an update on the crime situation within the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command and how we can best protect ourselves.

Email [here](#) for a meeting link and more info.

11 January, from Australian Communications and Media Authority

There are rules restricting gambling ads during live sports, whether on TV, radio or streamed online. Find out more about what's allowed and how to complain if you think a gambling ad breaches the rules [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

09 January, from abc.net.au: Omicron has arrived, here's how to prepare for a COVID-19 case in the home

This time two years ago, many Australians were organising their bushfire go-bag; a kit of emergency items set aside to ensure families were able to evacuate safely at a moments notice.

We're now facing a different disaster: a growing COVID-19 outbreak that has seen cases around the country skyrocket to previously unfathomable numbers.

And like bushfires, it can [pay to be prepared](#) — especially if you live in a sharehouse or multigenerational household. Only this time the preparation will not be for an evacuation but quite the opposite: being isolated at home if someone in the household tests positive.

Read full article here.



Note: This article has some practical information to help manage the #COVID19 virus at home.

As delivery services are extremely busy (some unable to deliver for several days) and those affected by the virus and their households need to isolate, What else can be done on a larger scale to support those isolating or managing the virus at home?

Please share your ideas.

07 January, from NSW Police Force: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant.



Kevin Smith, aged 37, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding arrest warrant for murder.

Officers from Newcastle City Police District and specialist units have commenced inquiries into his whereabouts.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, between 180cm to 185cm tall, of thin build, with green eyes, brown hair, a beard and a moustache. He has a distinctive tattoo on the right side of his face.

He is known to frequent the Newcastle area, but has ties to several locations including Sydney and Northern NSW.

Anyone who may have seen Mr Smith is urged not to approach him and to call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [site here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

06 January, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group:

Seeking help to locate my kids scooters. I think we have left them on the side of the road in Rosedale Street at Gordon Recreation Grounds, last Thursday.

Took me a while to work out the last place we used them and would absolutely love to get them back. Note that they could have been mistaken for a rubbish collection as they were just sitting next to a driveway. If anyone noticed them please contact me. Thank you in advance

Dates for the Diary

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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.

06 January, from Ku-ring-gai Council

The Council's waste contractor is experiencing staff shortages due to COVID-19 illness and the need for some staff to isolate. Every effort is being made to cover these shortages by extending collection times and undertaking weekend collections if needed. Red bin waste is being prioritised. Bin repairs are being delayed until Saturday 8 January, along with some other waste collections.

If you experience delays in having your waste collected please keep your bin out on the kerb and it will be collected as soon as possible. If there are further changes to waste services as a result of the COVID-19 situation we will keep you updated.

05 January, from Hornsby Shire Council



ON THE ROAD 🚧 | Do you commute via Fox Valley Road?

⚠️ From 9 pm Sunday 9 January to 5 am Wednesday 19 January, access to Fox Valley Road at the Pacific Highway end will be closed in both directions. The road closure is while Transport for NSW continues upgrading the Pacific Highway at Fox Valley Road and Redleaf Avenue in Wahroonga.

Find all the details [here](#).

Drive safely everyone!

05 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Hornsby

Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group:

HELP! Has anyone seen or heard trucks moving around early this morning on Montview Pde? Could anyone advise what time they arrived? The truck has badly hit our car that was parked next to our house at 7 Montview Pde, just across the Montview oval and did not leave any message or so. All I heard was a very bad squeaky sound and very loud noise of the truck, I did not realise that our car was hit by the truck, I thought it made a very bad turn:((If someone has seen or heard anything, please reply! If anyone knows or saw the name of the company to which the trucks belong, I would really appreciate this information. The cabin of the car is damaged. The boot of our little Mazda lorry was badly damaged and could not close so that when my husband was trying to close the boot, it fell on him and injured his head.

Note: An update from me: thanks everyone for taking care and helping us with the investigation, we finally found the driver who hit our car. It was the truck that was delivering the pool, not the company with the crane, apparently, there were two separate companies involved in pool installation. The driver admitted his responsibility. Thank you!

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

Tip #3. JOIN IN WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. They are your eyes and ears when you aren't at home. Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to find out about a group in your area. Maybe set up an 'eWatch' for your street or building

Tip #8. BEWARE DOOR-TO-DOOR OFFERS OF WORK FROM ROGUE TRADESMEN. Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Register for your FREE Welcome Basket to see local businesses & services: www.welcomebasket.com.au.

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 #17. NOTE WHERE YOUR ELECTRICITY MAINS SWITCH IS AND THE

WATER & GAS SUPPLY SHUT-OFFS FOR YOUR PROPERTY. Consider an ETSA padlock on the meter cupboard (a special lock available from locksmiths).

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](#).

Dog: I'd like to report a missing owner

Officer: how long they been missing?

Dog: at least 12 minutes



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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)
