



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #536 - 18 January 2022

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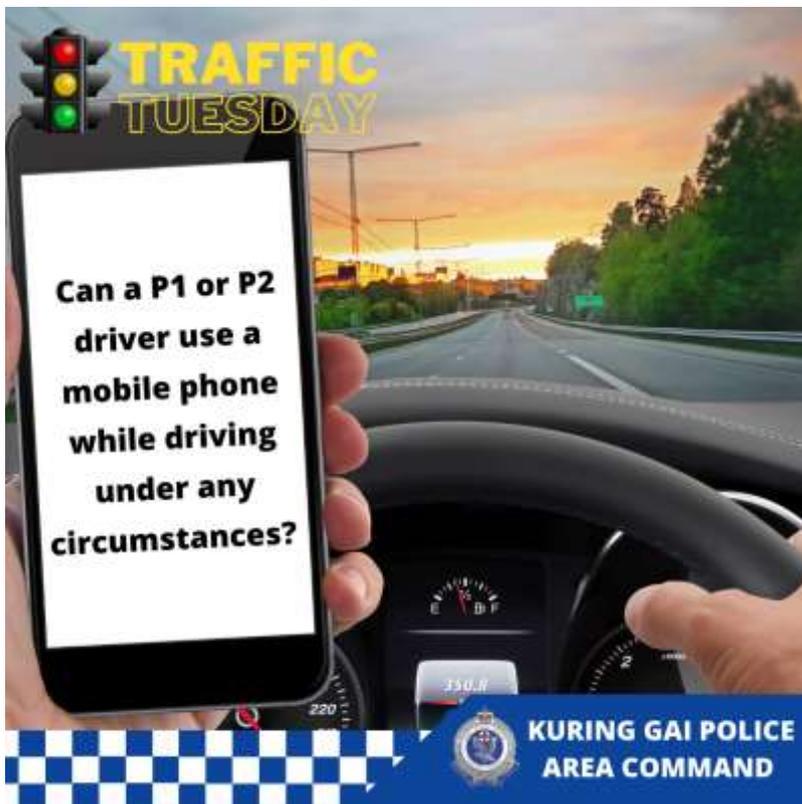
18 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic and/or family violence, report to police or reach out for support.

- 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
- NSW Domestic Violence Line (1800 65 64 63)
- Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491)
- Link2Home (1800 152 152)
- Lifeline (13 11 14)

If you're in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).



18 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Can a P1 or P2 driver use a mobile phone while driving under any circumstances?



Answer: next week

15 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Triple Zero (000) is for medical emergencies, not health advice.

If you are seeking non-urgent health advice:

- - Get in touch with your GP
- - Call Healthdirect for free on 1800 022 222
- - Visit the Healthdirect website: www.healthdirect.gov.au

Most people who get COVID-19 will have mild symptoms and can be cared for at home. You shouldn't call Triple Zero (000) if you have received a positive COVID-19 test result unless you have severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing, severe headaches or dizziness, chest pressure or pain. You should only call Triple Zero (000) if you need emergency healthcare. Let's make sure those who need emergency care can receive it by saving ambulances and emergency departments for saving lives.



14 January, from Ku-ring-gai command:

A sign for "LIQUOR ACCORDS" with a background image of a police officer holding a sign. The sign contains the following text:

NO EXCUSE!
\$550 on the spot fine

You will be refused entry or asked to leave this venue immediately if you are:

- intoxicated
- violent
- quarrelsome
- disorderly
- smoking in a smoke-free area
- using or in possession of prohibited drugs

If you are refused entry, or asked to leave, you must:

- leave the vicinity of the premises (more than 50 metres)
- not re-enter or attempt to re-enter the premises within 24 hours
- not re-enter the vicinity of the premises for six hours

If you don't comply you're committing a crime.

NSW GOVERNMENT and LIQUOR ACCORDS logos are present.

14 January, from NSW Governemtn: Have you tested positive for Covid-19 on a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)? You must:



NSW Government COVID-19 Response

Have you tested **positive** for COVID-19 on a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)?

You must:



Self-isolate at home for 7 days from the date you were tested, even if you're fully vaccinated.



Tell household contacts, any social contacts, and your workplace or school that you've tested **positive**. Your household contacts must also self-isolate for 7 days and have a RAT as soon as possible and again on day 6.



Register your **positive** RAT result on the Service NSW website or app. If you need help, call Service NSW on 13 77 88.



For most adults and children with COVID-19, **recovering at home** will be the best option for care.



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



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



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

13 January, from NSW Maritime: Some decisions matter more than others. A lifejacket can only save your life if you're wearing it.

MAKE THE
RIGHT CHOICE

Make the right choice,

LIFEJACKETWEARIT.COM.AU

Always wear a lifejacket, don't risk your life.

Learn more

Learn more [here](#).

12 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: People who have returned a positive RAT result since January 1 now need to register the test through Service NSW systems went live at 9am this morning.

The link to register is [here](#).

Fines may apply after the 15th of January for failing to comply.



12 January, from The Hills command: Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives have charged a man as part of ongoing investigations into a spate of alleged car jackings, and armed robberies committed at gunpoint in Sydney's north-west at the weekend.

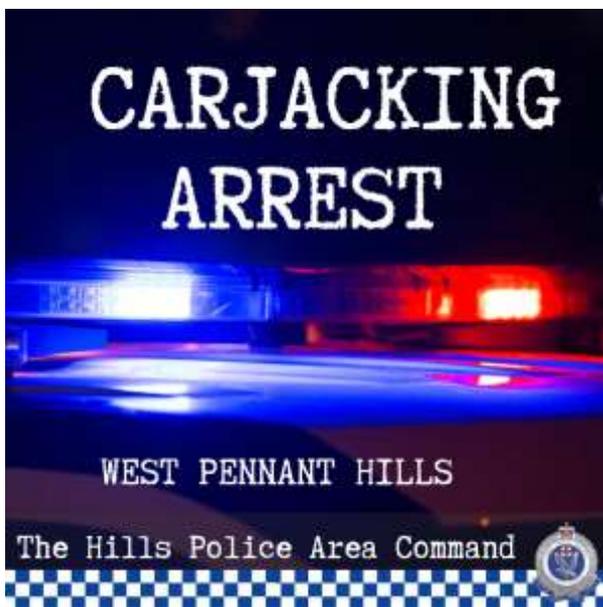
Investigators from the State Crime Command's Robbery and Serious Crime Squad – assisted by officers from The Hills Police Area Command – established Strike Force Bellinger to investigate a number of motor vehicle thefts and assaults which occurred in the early hours of Saturday 8 January 2022. They include;

- About 3.15am, two males armed with handguns approached a man and woman – aged 58 and 59 – travelling inside a black BMW 640i as they drove into the driveway of a West Pennant Hills home. It's alleged the males demanded the keys to the vehicle before smashing the passenger's side window and stealing a handbag, then fleeing in a black Lexus sedan.
- About 3.35am, a 37-year-old man was approached by two males and threatened with a firearm, then assaulted, as he exited a service station on Windsor Road at Northmead. It's alleged one of the males then fled in a white Hyundai, while the second male left the scene in the man's black Range Rover Evoque.

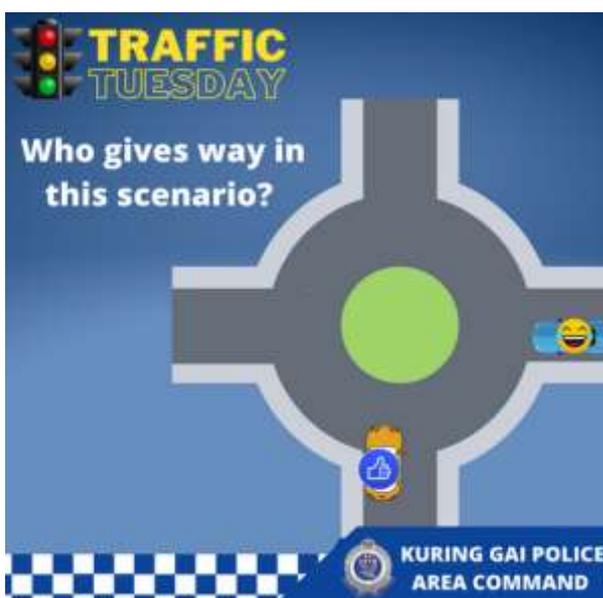
- About 3.50am, a 36-year-old man had stopped his white Hyundai on the side of Prospect Highway, Blacktown, when two vehicles approached his car and stopped; preventing him from driving off. Police have been told two males – armed with a machete and handgun – then forced the man into one of their vehicles, as a third male stole the Hyundai. It's alleged the duo then made a range of demands for cash and other property, before he was eventually released near Girraween.

Crime scenes were established at multiple locations and several items were seized by investigators – including the stolen Lexus and Range Rover – which were located abandoned later that day and have since undergone forensic examination. Following extensive inquiries, strike force investigators arrested a 24-year-old man on O'Connor Street in Lithgow just before 2pm yesterday (Tuesday 11 January 2022). With assistance from local police, a search warrant was then executed at a Mount Wilson address, where investigators located and seized clothing and other items, which will undergo further forensic examination. The man was taken to Lithgow Police Station and has since been charged with destroy property in company use fire, three counts of robbery while armed with dangerous weapon and take/detain person in company with intent to obtain advantage. The Mount Wilson man was refused bail to appear at Lithgow Local Court today (Wednesday 12 January 2022). Investigations under Strike Force Bellinger continue.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Bellinger investigators is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.



LAST WEEK'S QUIZ - 11 January, from Ku-ring-gai command



Answer: The blue car gives way to the yellow car, which is already on the roundabout.

Road rules: Roundabouts: "When you approach a roundabout, you must slow down or stop to give way to all vehicles already in the roundabout. This means giving way to vehicles already in the roundabout on your right, and vehicles that have entered the roundabout from your left or from directly opposite you." Read the roundabout road rules [here](#).

18 January, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: The Summary Notes from last week's Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #32 are available.

Please [email us](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com) for a copy: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

One of the attachments distributed along with the notes was a Community Recognition Notice given by Matt Kean MP in Parliament on 11 November 2021. Thanks, Matt!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH KU-RING-GAI AND HORNSBY

Mr MATT KEAN (Hornsby—Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment)—Today I would like to acknowledge the work of the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. With the recent Sydney lockdown impacting and isolating many in our community they came up with a way for us all to help our neighbours. The Neighbour Card, an idea of Thornleigh resident Peter Heggie, is a way for people to easily reach out and offer assistance to those doing it tough in our community. It is simple idea. Just download the card from the Neighbourhood watch website, print and fill in your details and what help you can provide. It could be something simple like watering the plants, picking up the shopping or bringing out the bins each week. The cards can then be dropped into letterboxes in your local area. This is a wonderful way for locals to pay it forward and I would like to congratulate the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby on this initiative. I hope many take it up and help continue to foster a strong sense of community throughout Hornsby.

17 January, from Australian Cyber Security Centre: Turn On, Update and Save Time

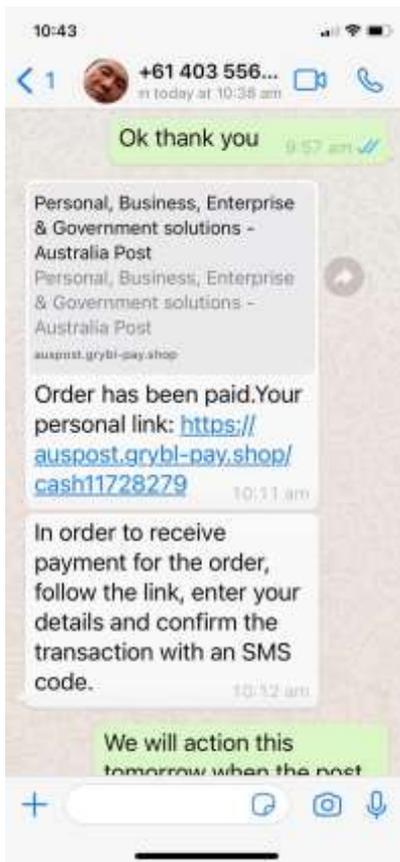
Turning on automatic software updates on your devices will reduce the chance of a cybercriminal using a known weakness to hack your device.

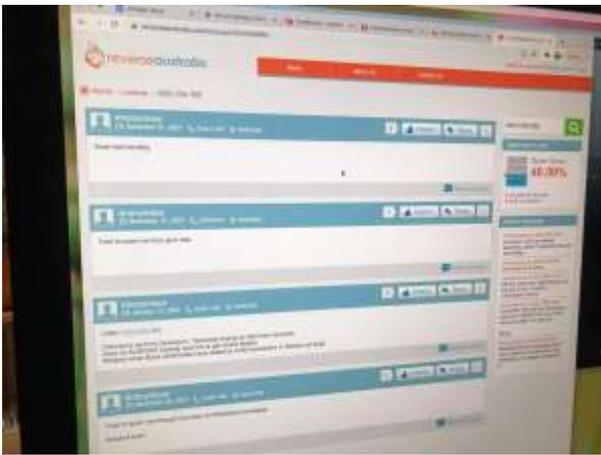
Learn more [here](#).

16 January, shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Scam warning

I'm currently selling a drum kit on marketplace and Gumtree. Someone contacted me via WhatsApp saying they saw my ad on Gumtree. They asked some questions about the drums and then said they wanted to buy them and would transfer the money via Australia Post, and then once I have the money they would have a courier collect the drums. They sent a link to the Auspost payment thing. I immediately thought he's a scammer and googled his phone number and name and sure enough he is. I thought it worth sharing.







[NB: the photo used is believed to be of a Japanese actor - Ed]

16 January, shared with permission from the Warrawee Valley & Surrounds Community group yesterday (Saturday): Hi everyone, just wanted to let you know my bag / wallet was stolen from my car a few nights ago (followed by an online shopping spree which I was thankfully able to stop by locking all my cards!)

When police visited our property they mentioned there was quite a bit of theft in the area. Chatting to our neighbours, a similar incident occurred this time last year nearby. Anyway, just a reminder to lock all doors and be vigilant! Take care.

Dates for the Diary

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

Saturday 19 March: FREE Rural e-waste drop off day 8am - 2pm @ Rural Sports Facility, 18-20 Bayfield Road, Galston (Entry via Mansfield Road, Galston) [Info](#) or phone **13 70 30**.

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

14 January, from 9News.com.au: Woman hospitalised after falling into freshly laid hot tar in Sydney

A woman has been hospitalised after she fell into hot tar that had been freshly laid outside a home in Sydney. Paramedics were called to **St Ives** just before

10am this morning. Four ambulance crews and a Careflight helicopter attended the scene.

Full article [here](#).

13 January, from the Australian Government: A new Australian Warning System has been implemented for bushfires and will be introduced across other hazards.

Learn the signs before disaster strikes.

The Australian Warning System is a new national approach to information and warnings during emergencies like bushfire, flood, storm, extreme heat and severe weather. The System uses a nationally consistent set of icons, like those below.

Full information [here](#).



12 January, from NSW Fair Trading: Serial offender Matthew Rixon has been sentenced to 16 months' jail after leaving consumers thousands of dollars out of pocket and with incomplete fencing work.

Mr Rixon [also known by aliases Matt Andrews, Matthew Douglas, Matt Ewing, Joseph Geraghty, Scott Mandeville and Matt Rickson - Ed] was convicted on seven charges under the Crimes Act for dishonestly obtaining financial advantage by deception.

Always check the credentials of builders and other tradespeople before engaging a contractor through the online [home building licence check](#), or call **13 32 20**.

Full Media Release [here](#).

11 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ☀️ Summer is here – and for many of us, that means holidays, travelling and time with family and friends.

Warm weather also brings increased danger of fire – so you need to take extra precautions to keep yourself and loved ones safe.

- **KNOW THE BUSH FIRE DANGER RATING:** If you're hitting the road and travelling this summer, know the Bush Fire Danger Rating for the area you're travelling through or staying in. Also check for total fire bans in the area.
- Check out the Fire Danger Ratings Page [here](#).
- **STAY UP TO DATE IF THERE'S A FIRE WHERE YOU ARE:** Fires can move quickly and catch people off-guard. If you're travelling, you may not be familiar with the area or with roads.
- Check out the Fires Near Me Page [here](#).
- **CARAVAN AND CAMPING SAFETY:** If you're planning to enjoy the great outdoors you need to take extra precautions – ESPECIALLY if you plan to use a fire or cooking equipment.
- Check out the Guide to Bush Fire Safety for Travellers [here](#)
- **BUSHWALKING SAFETY:** It's the perfect time of year to enjoy the Australian bush, but it can also be dangerous. Be aware of the heat, and risk of fire.
- Check out the Guide for Campers and Bushwalkers [here](#)
- **ENJOY A BBQ - BUT STAY SAFE:** If you're having a BBQ with your family and friends, play it safe. Before you light up, check the hoses and connections on gas BBQ's for any leaks.
- Check out the Tips on Having a Safe BBQ [here](#)

Information obtained and adapted from [here](#)

It's what you know, not who you are that's of importance to us.

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

- **Tip #12:** PLEASE DON'T RACE THE TIMERS! Pedestrian countdown timers have replaced the flashing red man at some intersections in NSW.
- **Tip#13:** RESPECT CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS, sometimes helped by

lollipop men/women. Take extra care looking for little feet behind and under cars, rolling balls, children running with over-balancing backpacks, etc. Children can be difficult to see and may act unpredictably. Children under 8yrs should hold a parent's hand when crossing a road, or in a carpark. See also <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/pedestrian-safety/>

- **Tip#14:** PLEASE DO NOT CLIMB OVER FENCING, if pedestrian fencing is in place to direct pedestrians to better crossing points.
- **Tip#15:** REFUGE ISLANDS ARE **NOT** PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. Please do not treat them as such. They are to help you cross the road in two stages, when traffic is busy or the road is wide. A driver should not stop for you at these islands.

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](#).



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! - the NHW NSW 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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