



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #540 - 15 February 2022

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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15 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: **PACKAGE THEFT IN KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND**

A method used by criminals to steal your parcels from a unit complex is to enter a lobby by 'tailgating' a resident of a unit block, then take any packages they're interested in from the foyer area. These tips are pertinent for both unit living and standalone home residents. **BEWARE of TAILGATERS !!!**

With an increase in online shopping and deliveries, it's important to take proactive measures to deter theft and protect belongings.

Here are five strategies to help you stop thieves and keep deliveries safe:

HOME SECURITY DEVICES:

- Installing home security devices such as outdoor cameras or a video

doorbell can help deter thieves. While these types of devices are great for capturing the moment of theft, they aren't usually enough to stop the crime from happening in the first place. You can submit the imagery to police for investigation or use it to prove your package was stolen to the retailer.

- You might also consider adding a motion sensor light that will turn on any time it's dark when movement is detected, which can help guests and delivery people, but also deter thieves who don't want to be seen.

SHIP TO A SECURE LOCATION OR CLICK AND COLLECT:

- Australia Post now offers a range of ways to receive a parcel, you can collect your parcel when and where it suits you from any of their collection points – a Post Office, a PO Box or a free 24/7 Parcel Locker.
- A large number of sellers also offer services such as Parcel Point which provides a network of local delivery, pickup and return locations – convenience stores, pharmacies, service stations – all open late and on weekends – all around Australia, where you can have a parcel delivered, and pick up or drop off whenever you like.
- Similarly, most stores offer Click & Collect services for online purchases.

PARCEL DELIVERY BOXES:

- A parcel delivery box at the entryway is a great option for secure package delivery. They are usually tough, weather resistant and virtually tamper-proof.
- With multiple ways to open, such as pin-code and remote opening they are easy for home residents and delivery workers to use.

REQUEST SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION OF DELIVERY:

- If you know you or someone in your household will be home and willing to answer the door, you can add signature confirmation to your delivery. This means that the package can only be left with someone who signs for it rather than just left at the entryway.
- Australia Post will also allow you to direct your parcel to a new delivery

address if plans change to ensure someone is home to receive the parcel, even if it's already on its way to you.

REQUEST PACKAGES BE LEFT IN A SECURE LOCATION:

- When you order something, you may have the opportunity to add a delivery request. In this place you can note the package should be placed out of plain sight, especially from the street, such as behind a plant or under porch stairs.

From making sure you're home to receive a signature confirmation delivery to using a parcel delivery box or having your parcel shipped to a secure location, these tips can help stop thieves from taking your parcel.



14 February, from NSW POLICE Force: 🌹🌹

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Are you sure you're not being scammed?

Don't let scammers steal your heart (or money) this Valentine's Day 

scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/dating-romance

14 February, from NSW Police Force: Do you really know who you're really talking to online?

 Never send money, give credit card details, online account details, or copies of important personal documents to someone you haven't met in person.

 Do a reverse image search of your admirer to help determine if they really are who they say they are.

 If you agree to meet a date in person, tell family and friends where you are going.

To learn more, or to report a dating and romance scam, visit [Scamwatch](https://scamwatch.gov.au).

12 February, from Traffic and Highway Patrol command: Operation Upright will continue this weekend along preferred motorcycle routes in New South Wales.

Unfortunately another motorcycle rider lost their life last weekend while another was seriously injured following separate collisions where the riders failed to negotiate a corner and crossed into the path of an oncoming vehicle, on The Putty Road and Old Pacific Highway. The operation which is focused on high visibility and engagement with recreational riders, will see highway patrol officers patrol popular motorcycle routes and stopping locations. If you are planning on going out this weekend, especially with a group of friends, be sure to ride to your own skill level and the conditions.

For more information about safe riding tips visit www.ridetolive.nsw.gov.au

11 February, from the Hornsby Shire Historical Society: THE PISTOL THAT DELIVERED US HORNSBY

The origin of the suburb names of Thornleigh and Hornsby is a dramatic one to say the least. It goes back to 1830 and a bushranger named John MacNamara, and his accomplice, William Dalton, who were the basis of the “North Rocks Gang”. ...

Read more [here](#). [Facebook access may be required? Interesting article, but unfortunately it was too long to include in this eNewsletter - Ed. Email us for a copy: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com]



09 February, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): The Australian Federal Police is today revealing common grooming tactics used by child sex predators to highlight how quickly children can be coerced into producing sexual content.

The AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) has

released examples of common conversations between offenders and children. These constructed conversations are based on real interactions recorded and disrupted by investigators. In some conversations, predators have managed to coerce a victim into getting naked in front of a camera following just a few messages. One example shows it can take just three messages from an offender before a victim could be willing to provide intimate photos.

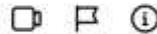
The AFP has recently updated key resources available through the ACCCE and ThinkUKnow Australia by translating them into more than 100 languages: www.accce.gov.au/

From Ku-ring-gai command: It's important to have healthy discussions with your children about these possible grooming techniques and to encourage them to report to you any instances they encounter.

Tactics used by online child sex offenders



Josh_sxc02
Active 7m ago



u must be really popular at school.
u r so pretty ❤️❤️

omg you must be blind I'm not
pretty and not popular at all 🤡 haha

no I'm serious! honestly i cant stop looking
at ur IG and you take realy nice pics

aw thanks haha xx

hey we've been talking for weeks now I
want to ask u something. Do u like me??
I really like u haha x

yeh i do. you make me feel good about
myself and i love talking to you xx

omg i love talking to u to. Do u wanna
take it to next step? I realllly wanna see
more pics of u haha x

Image sent



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accce.gov.au/report

Tactics used by online child sex offenders

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Ur so good at Fortnite. Do u play all the time?

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

Yeah I play heaps

83BHW19XI

Do u hav to play with ur parents around?

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

nah

83BHW19XI

u alone now??

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

yeh

83BHW19XI

add me on sc my name is gamergirl2005xx

JONNY_ROX@FN_09

k I just added u



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☰ Nick_99



TODAY

Nick_99

Hey I saw ur SC handle on Insta
Love your style and dances

ME

omg thanks xx

Nick_99

as!?

ME

15 g melb

Nick_99

nice. do u do any other pics or vids? haha

ME

no just dances for tik tok, insta and my yt channel. pls subscribe xx

Nick_99

done. If u want I can send you uber eats vouchers for more vids?

ME

umm okay but wdy want?

Nick_99

idk haha something cute



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83bhW19xi

Add me on Skype and ill giv u 5 diamonds

Jonny_rox@MC_09

ok whats ur unname

83bhW19xi

isabell_MC_gamer06

Jonny_rox@MC_09

ok ill-add u when u send the diamonds

83bhW19xi

sent - add me and vid call me

Jonny_rox@MC_09

y?

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i can send u more diamonds if u vid call and do what I say

Jonny_rox@MC_09

ok ill call u in 2 mins when my mum goes to shops



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Tactics used by online child sex offenders

I don't think I should have sent you that photo. You know I'm 15 right?

It's okay, your photo is safe with me. Let's talk about it tomorrow

I don't want to talk to you anymore, this feels wrong. Please stop messaging me.

What's wrong? I thought we were friends? I hope we're okay.

Please leave me alone. If you message me again I'm going to tell my parents.

If you tell anyone, they're gonna be so angry at you, they're gonna blame you for this. Do you really want that?

IF ANYONE FINDS OUT I WILL SEND THIS PHOTO TO YOUR PARENTS AND EVERYONE ON YOUR FRIENDS LIST WHICH I HAVE SCREENSHOTS OF

Please don't do that. I won't say anything I promise.



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09 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police News - last 24 hours

TRAFFIC:

Berowra M1 - At 6:30am on Tuesday 8th February a southbound truck caught fire on the M1 whilst travelling southbound. Driver managed to exit the cab before it caught fire.

(Photographs - NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts News and Information)

Asquith – Fail to stop and exchange details

ROBBERY:

Hornsby Railway Station

STEAL FOM DWELLING:

Hornsby Heights – Stolen jewelry

STEALING:

Fagan Park – Photographic equipment stolen

STOLEN VEHICLE:

Waitara – Stolen motorcycle

SEXUAL TOUCHING:

Hornsby

ASSAULT:

Turrumurra - assault

FRAUD:

Hornsby – Fraud – Fraudulent prescriptions

Turrumurra – Fraudulent prescriptions

Hornsby – Electronic funds transfer

St Ives – Unauthorised access to funds



15 February, from NSW Police Force: Can you help The Hills Police Area Command after an attempted ram raid last month?

About 11.30pm on Sunday 30 January 2022, police were called to a shopping centre on Old Northern Road, **Glenorie**, following reports of an attempted robbery, using a white Toyota Hilux, of an ATM outside the shopping complex. An hour later, emergency services attended a vehicle fire on McClymont Road, Kenthurst. Initial inquiries have led police to believe the vehicle was stolen.

Full Media Release [here](#).

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

15 February, from NSW Police Force: *A geo-targeting alert has been issued for Christopher Tucker to the Roseville area. If you receive a message from +6144444444, it is not a scam*****

*****It is believed Christopher may have been in the Roseville area about 3.30pm.*****

Can you help us locate Christopher? Christopher Tucker, 51, was last seen in Frenchs Forest on Thursday 10 February 2022. Christopher is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170cm to 180cm tall, of medium build, short brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a black singlet, black shorts and carrying a khaki back pack. Initial inquiries have led police to believe he may be in the North Shore or Northern Beaches areas.

More information [here](#). Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.



14 February, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Sunday):

Bracelet lost in Wahroonga village or carpark on Thursday. Very sentimental. Reward offered. Please call **0418 978 644**.

12 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural AREas: Reported by a resident on Cobah Rd Arcadia

Hi Arcadians, letting you know we had a man sneaking around our property around 9.00pm last night. My daughter was in her room when she heard what she thought was the dog outside her window, when she opened the blind to look, she saw a man hard up against the wall trying to avoid detection. When he realized she saw him he ran like a startled gazelle across the paddock and over the front fence. He was approx. 5'10" tall, short dark hair, brown skin, around 23 years of age wearing a white tee-shirt and grey tracksuit pants. Please let me know if you or someone you know have seen anyone lurking around your property so I can let the police know when they come round, or report it on 131 444.

We have 12 CCTV cameras and sensor lights right around the house, yet this mongrel managed to avoid all of them. This isn't luck, I'd say he has done his

homework and knew exactly what he was doing. Keep diligent folks as these people don't tend to stop at one home?

10 February, from the eSafety Commissioner: What should you do if you're experiencing serious online abuse?

We're here to help; these are the steps you can take to make a report. The definition of what constitutes adult cyber abuse is available [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

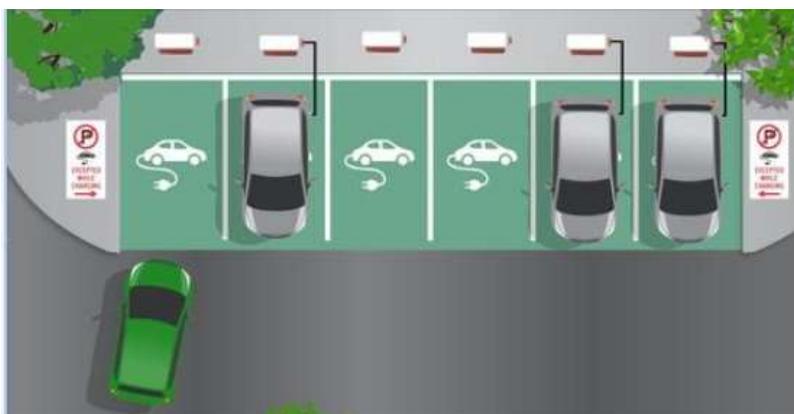
Sunday 06 March: Clean Up Australia Day

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**.

Thursday 24 February: 6-7:30pm Hornsby Shire Council - Teaching your Learner Driver - GLS Presentation via Zoom Bookings/Info [here](#).

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

10 February, from 9News.com.au: Can You Park in an EV Charging Spot?



9NEWS.COM.AU

Can you park in an electric car recharging spot?

Australia is the land of some strange and wacky road rules - not all ...

Do you know some of the rules surrounding electric cars? Transport and Main Roads Queensland has posed a question about electric cars and parking on social media.

The green car is electric but isn't planning on recharging their vehicle. Are they allowed to park here?

The answer is no.

It is an offence for a driver to stop in a designated parking area for the charging of electric-powered vehicles unless they are driving an electric vehicle and it is plugged into an external power source.

10 February, from Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch: A warning shared with us by a resident last night (Wednesday night):

Suspicious gentleman on Bridge St last night trying to get into a few buildings at approx 1am. Said he was 'homeless and looking for somewhere to sleep' but very clean cut, and his actions didn't match his story. Has been reported to police, and they are sending a patrol car. All ok, but the community should be on watch.

09 February, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

This Ute - not much of a help I know - backed into a lovely grey Jeep parked outside 1 Parklands today at about 4:30pm. I heard it but didn't see it and a friend of mine took this photo as the guy in the Ute briefly stopped then turned towards Hornsby at the lights. I've left a note on the windscreen. I know the bottle shop has cameras and maybe the Ampol. If anyone saw anything you can message me and I will pass it on to the owner when they contact me.

Thanks 😊



From Hornsby Shire Council: ON THE ROAD 🚧 | Council's contractors will be soon undertaking roadside maintenance and repair works on Dangar Island.

The works will include:

- ✓ roadside table drain maintenance work along sections of Riverview Avenue and Yallaroi Parade, and;
- ✓ asphalt pathway edge break repair along the southwestern section of Grantham Crescent.

The works are proposed to be carried out between, **Tuesday 22 February and Thursday 24 February**, weather permitting, from 7am to 5pm. Signs and barricades will be in place on-site during the construction period. Take extra care in the vicinity of the road works, paying particular attention to warning

signs and directions by workers on site.

Find details of current and upcoming road works at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/roadworks

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

- **Tip #2:** Know your immediate neighbours - In front, behind and 2 either side. Feel confident to ask your neighbours for help. Buddy with a neighbour— look for the opened curtains signal that all is OK.
- **Tip #14:** Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "***We can't come to the phone right now...***", even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it, "***Don't worry—I'll get it!***" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.
- **Tip #16:** Don't leave the door unlocked when expecting a visitor.
- **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 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](#).

14 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: North Sydney HWP - Kuring-gai HWP - Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

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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

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Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org
Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@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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