



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #546 - 29 March 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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25 March, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: We need your help! It seems some drivers don't understand the words on this sign 😞

If the speed limit is over 80km/h on a multi lane road you must keep left if you are not overtaking.

If you find yourself alone in the right lane you face the possibility a fine and loss of demerit points.

Let people know by sharing this post that you prefer drivers to keep left (unless they are overtaking 😊).



25 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Do you have dashcam footage?

About 1:50pm on Thursday 10th March 2022, a collision occurred between a Blue Holden Commodore Ute and a White Toyota Hiace passenger Van, on Edgeworth David Avenue and Palmerston Road, Waitara.

Police are appealing for anyone with dashcam footage, or witnessed the accident to contact with **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799** or **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000** and quote **Event number E 86127230**.



24 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: MAKING U-TURNS 🚗

When making a U-turn, a driver must:

- ✓ Have a clear view of any approaching traffic
- ✓ Be able to make the turn without unreasonably obstructing the free

movement of traffic

- ✓ Give way to all vehicles and pedestrians.

Drivers are not allowed to make a U-turn:

- ✗ At an intersection without traffic lights, where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed
- ✗ At a break in a driving strip where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed
- ✗ Across any of the following:
 - ■ a single continuous dividing line
 - ■ a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line
 - ■ two parallel continuous dividing lines.

At traffic lights, drivers are not permitted to make a U-turn at traffic lights unless there is a U-Turn Permitted sign displayed.

24 March, from NSW Road Safety: Don't overtake turning heavy vehicles.

Trucks and buses need lots of space and are permitted to turn from the lane furthest from the direction they're turning.

#RoadRules2022

Find out more: nswroads.work/HeavyVehicle.

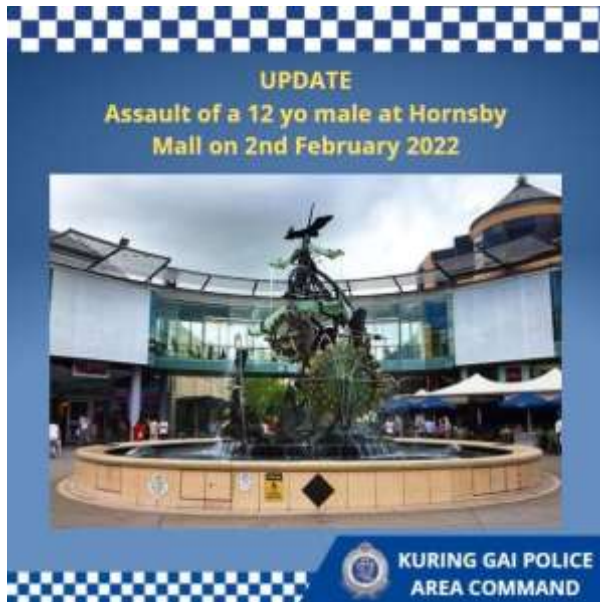


23 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

A few weeks ago, Kuring Gai Police Area Command appealed for public assistance on our Eyewatch page, seeking the identity of a male who may have been able to assist police with their enquiries into an assault of a 12 year old male at Hornsby mall near the fountain.

Due to the tremendous support from the community, the male was identified by a member of the public and as a result, a Hamlyn Terrace male been charged with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm Common assault and Destroy property.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.



23 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: DO YOU HAVE CCTV FOOTAGE?

WAHROONGA

On Monday 21 March 2022, around 6:45pm a male exposed himself to a female who was walking her dogs on Carden Ave near Carden Avenue Park, Wahroonga. If you have a CCTV security system, we ask please that you review the pedestrian footage captured between 6:30pm and 7pm on Monday 21st March 2022. A brief description of the alleged offender is a male, height about 160cm tall and of medium build, possibly wearing shorts and a hoodie. If you do have footage, please contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799** and quote **Reference number E 89619688**.



23 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: OVERNIGHT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

3 x Domestic violence incidents

1 x DV assault

1 x DV malicious damage incident

9 x ADVO compliance checks

WILFUL AND OBSCENE EXPOSURE:

Wahroonga – Male willfully and obscenely exposed himself to a female walking her dogs

TRESPASS:

1 x trespass – Pymble

STEALING:

Stolen traffic monitoring cameras

Gas meter stolen in Pymble

DRUGS:

1 x drive motor vehicle with illicit drug in system

Berowra – Drive with illicit drug in system

South Turrumurra – 1 x youth – possess cannabis

FRAUD:

Berowra – 2 x Fail to pay for fuel

MISSING PERSON:

Galston - 1 x Missing person



22 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: NO PARKING ZONES 🚫

Keep an eye out for 'No Parking' signs – and be sure you understand them!

- ✓ Drivers may stop in a 'No Parking' zone, both to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes. ⌚
- ✓ The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- ✗ The vehicle must not be left unattended.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

These rules apply for 'No Parking' zones outside schools. If picking up students from a 'No Parking' zone, please only stop there when the passenger is waiting for you.

Penalty: \$117 or \$196 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points



29 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: 🚨 SCAM ALERT 🚨

There are a few community selling sites around where members of the public will list an item for sale for other community members to buy. Unfortunately scammers are all over these sites and many people are losing out big time after being scammed out of their property or money.

Tips:

- ➡ Be aware that scammers are using these sites – if something feels 'off' be extra cautious proceeding with any transactions.
- ➡ Insist on using reputable pay services such as PayPal.
- ➡ Don't automatically BELIEVE their copy of a transaction receipt. Many scammers are sending the sellers a receipt of payment that is fake, whilst insisting the seller sends the item straight away. ALWAYS confirm with your financial institution or PayPal on your end first that payment has gone through BEFORE sending your item to anyone.
- ➡ When meeting someone who wants to purchase a vehicle and take it for a test drive, go along for the ride! You wouldn't hand your keys over to

any stranger on the street – this is no different. Many cars are being stolen because the owners are letting potential ‘buyers’ drive away with their vehicles. Make sure you take a photo of their CURRENT drivers licence before you let them test drive your vehicle.

- ➡ If you are meeting someone you have never met to sell or buy an item, arrange to do so in a public place. Even better, choose somewhere where you know there is CCTV footage.

If you have been scammed, contact the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444** (24/7) who will complete a fraud incident with you.

If you have information about scammers, contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



POTHoles

Ku-ring-gai Council - Report a pothole on a council road

Submit location information [here](#).

Hornsby Shire Council - Report an Issue (including potholes)

Submit via their Online Services Portal [here](#).

How to Report a pothole or damaged road NOT managed by council

Submit the information for Transport for NSW [here](#).

Or use the Snap Send Solve mobile phone App - more information [here](#).

27 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Riding a motorcycle is far more physically and mentally demanding than driving a vehicle.

For motorcyclists, the real problem in battling fatigue is a lapse in concentration. It's tempting to think that you can go just a little bit further, but the more tired you are, the harder it is to assess your level of tiredness and the more likely you are to crash. Make sure you:

- Start your journey well rested, with a good night's sleep
- Drink lots of water
- Eat lightly and snack
- In winter don't make yourself too warm and snug
- Stop and take regular breaks, even if you think you're not tired.

Visit: ridetolive.nsw.gov.au for more great tips and information for motorcyclists.

27 March, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Hello, wondering if anyone witnessed a car backing into my black Mercedes at West Pymble shops car park between 1.10-1.30pm yesterday, Wednesday 23 March. Many thanks 🙏

26 March, From the Australian Cyber Security Centre: Backup your devices and protect your data on World Backup Day 31 March

Dear ACSC Partners,

World Backup Day is 31 March. The day to backup and better protect your data. The Act Now Stay Secure Campaign is encouraging all Australians to backup their most important documents and precious memories, and encourage their family and friends to do the same.

Backing up your data makes it faster and easier to restore your files if they become lost, stolen or compromised. So, to ensure your documents are secure, it is vital that all Australians and Australian businesses backup their data.

What can you do?

The ACSC has developed 3 Step-By-Step guides to help you learn how to backup the data on your personal computers, phones or tablets to the cloud, or external hard drives. These include:

Backing Up and Restoring for Microsoft Windows:

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/guidance/back-and-restore-microsoft-windows>

Backing Up and Restoring for Apple iOS: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/guidance/back-and-restore-apple-ios>

Backing Up and Restoring for Apple macOS:

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/guidance/back-and-restore-apple-macos>

Take our Backups Quiz to test yourself on your

knowledge: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/learn/backups>

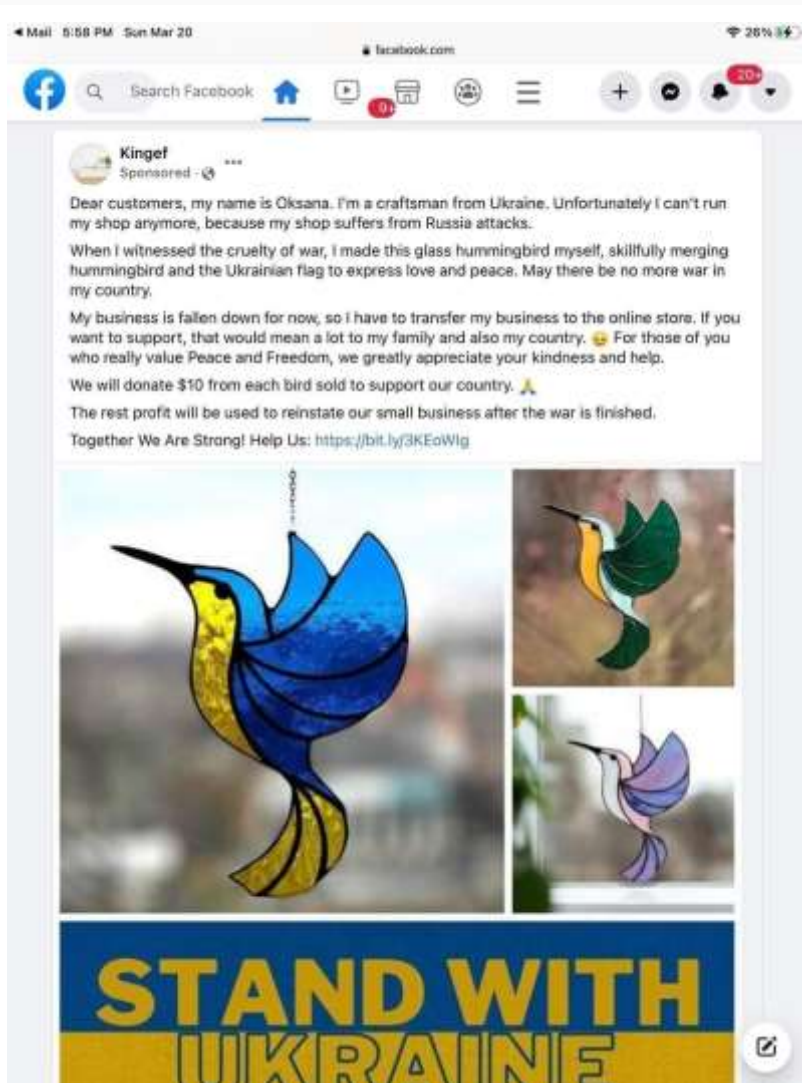
and view our learning resources: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/learn/backups> to understand how to backup your files and protect yourself from data theft or ransomware.

23 March, Shared with permission from the Scam Watchdog Australia ii group:

This is a scam page selling handmade glass items in order to profit from the war in Ukraine, while at the same time promising to donate part of your payment. The items are readily available on Amazon. Once they have your money you can't contact them and you don't receive the product. **DO NOT BUY FROM THEM!**

Edited to include further warnings:

I've reported this numerous times but it keeps reappearing. They also do glass hearts and bracelets. It's incredible the amount of people who fall for it. It just shocks me.







23 March from Resilience NSW: Natural disasters, cleaning up and recovery can take a toll on your mental and physical health.

Support is available to help you look after your own and your loved ones' wellbeing. Below is a list of resources and information to help you stay safe while you head home to clean-up or re-build.

- 🛠️ Clean up info: nsw.gov.au/floods/clean-up-advice
- 📄 Practical tips from the SES: ses.nsw.gov.au/media/4356/210328nsw-ses-recovery-guide.pdf
- ❤️ Health
advice: health.nsw.gov.au/emergency_preparedness/weather/Pages/staying-healthy-during-and-after-flood.aspx
- 🗣️ Mental health support: call the 24-hour NSW Mental Health Line on

1800 011 511 or visit nsw.gov.au/floods/mental-health-support

-  Dealing with mould: health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/mould.aspx
-  Asbestos advice: asbestos.nsw.gov.au/
-  Emergency insurance and legal support: nsw.gov.au/floods/legal-and-insurance-support
-  General support and financial assistance: call Service NSW on 13 77 88 or visit service.nsw.gov.au/floods

If you're seeking emergency accommodation due to floods, you can request this through evacuation centres or by calling Service NSW on 13 77 88. For anyone requiring further support or information, Resilience NSW has worked with partner agencies and organisations to provide community Recovery Centres to help get people back on their feet after the floods. For more information on Recovery Centres, visit service.nsw.gov.au/floods/recovery-centres.

23 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Bullying at School

Bullying at school is when another student, or group of students, uses behaviour that is cruel or hurtful to you. This includes someone being physically violent, making threats or harassing you. Harassment means ongoing verbal or physical attacks against you. Bullying includes things like:

- • Teasing and calling you names
- • saying things to put you down or make fun of or humiliate you
- • excluding you from groups or activities
- • making nasty comments because of your race or your sex or your sexuality
- • pushing or hitting you or being violent in some other way
- • making threats or saying things that make you or others scared
- • forcing you to do silly or dangerous things
- • damaging, hiding or breaking your things
- • demanding money or food or other items
- • belittling your abilities and achievements
- • writing mean or spiteful notes or graffiti about you or others

- making fun of how you look

Bullying can happen in the playground, in the toilets, going to and from school or in the classroom.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 31 March: World Backup Day

Thursday 31 March: Hornsby Shire Council. FREE Scams - staying safe online via Zoom 10-11:30am presented by Nick Baron, IT 4 Retirees. [Bookings](#).

Sunday 29 May: Ku-ring-gai Chase & Barry Ease Walk through Wahroonga

Sunday 18 September: Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

From Hornsby Shire Council: Scams - staying safe online

Online via Zoom 10-11:30am Thursday 31 March 2022 Webinar with Nick Baron, IT 4 Retirees.

Do you feel anxious every time you go online in case you become a victim of cybercrime? If so, join Nick Baron from IT 4 Retirees as we explore helpful strategies, useful tools and basic guides to arm you with the information needed to protect & keep your personal details secure online. Learn how to easily recognise a scammer knocking on your door or identify a fraudulent call, text or

email to help you stay safe. Discover easy ways to manage your passwords on all devices to keep one step ahead of these dishonest people. An hour and a half of your time could save you thousands!

Register in advance for this meeting. A link to the recording and PDF of the PPT will be emailed to you post the event.

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Bookings essential.

FROM NSW IN KURUNG-GAI & HORNISBY. Our 201 favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners'

Tip #15. USE A HANDS-FREE KIT FOR YOUR PHONE. Preferably, keep phone calls & messaging for later.

Tip #16. CHECK THE PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITY REGISTER www.ppsr.gov.au TO SEE IF A VEHICLE HAS AN OUTSTANDING DEBT. (You can also check machinery, crops, livestock & accounts. It accesses the NATIONAL EXCHANGE OF VEHICLE & DRIVER INFORMATION SYSTEM (NEDVIS) ie whether the car has been written-off, stolen, its make, model, colour etc.

Tip #17. CONSIDER NOT INCLUDING 'HOME' IN YOUR GPS, BUT A NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS NEARBY. If your car is stolen & you have a garage door opener, the thief won't have easy access to your house.

Tip #18. KEEP YOUR CAR KEYS BY YOUR BED AT NIGHT. The remote control can be used as a panic button in an emergency, setting off the car alarm. DON'T BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE KEYS ON THE TABLE BY THE FRONT DOOR OR KITCHEN COUNTER.

Tip #19. LOCK CAR DOORS WHEN TRAVELLING AT NIGHT. DON'T STOP TO ASSIST A STRANGER WHOSE CAR IS BROKEN DOWN. Instead, help by phoning the Police.

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](#).

We're watching you Matts... 👁️👁️



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](#)
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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