



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #550 - 26 April 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.

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26 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are driving at the speed limit listening to 2GB talkback radio when a vehicle comes out of nowhere and sits behind you. They are persistent and continue to tailgate you. You're concerned because if you must stop quickly, the vehicle behind you won't have time to stop, which will result in a collision. Before you answer, ask yourself this question. Do you want to teach them a lesson or avoid a collision?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 1. Keep driving at the speed you were travelling at, completely ignoring the tailgating driver?
- 2. Slow down just to annoy the tailgating driver?
- 3. Let them pass then catch up and tailgate them to show them what it feels like to be tailgated?

- 4. Call Ray Hadley, telling him you're being tailgated by a kumquat?
- 5. Try to stay calm and let them pass by turning off, pulling over or merging to the left, because you can control how you drive but have no control over how the tailgating driver drives?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are driving at the speed limit listening to 2GB talkback radio when a vehicle drives up close and sits right behind you.

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 **KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND**



26 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: KUPAC WEEKEND IN REVIEW

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

14 x Domestic violence incidents

2 x Domestic assault

ASSAULT:

HORNSBY – Car ownership dispute

AFFRAY:

HORNSBY – Hornsby Railway station – male and female assaulting each other

ANIMAL CRUELTY:

THORNLEIGH – Labrador kicked three times at dog park – Labrador is uninjured

DRUGS:

HORNSBY - Drug seized Westfield Mall – fountain area

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

THORNLEIGH – Malicious damage to Thornleigh West PS

HORNSBY – Westfield car park – bonnet of parked vehicle scratched

MOUNT COLAH – Damage to garage roller door

ASQUITH – Two letter boxes smashed

TURRAMURRA – Driveway lights damaged

BEROWRA – objects thrown at a house

ROBBERY / SEXUAL TOUCHING / ASSAULT:

BEROWRA Skate Park

TRAFFIC:

NORMANHURST – Low range PCA

WAHROONGA – Mid range PCA

Waitara – Low range PCA

ST IVES – Breach of bail, Learner's drive whilst licence suspended (Learner) - positive to methamphetamines, cocaine and cannabis

NORMANHURST – Expired registration - Random drug test – positive to methamphetamines

WAHROONGA Pacific Highway– Random drug test – 2 x positive to methamphetamines

WAHROONGA – Third time charged with drive without a driving licence

WAITARA – Drive whilst licence suspended

COWAN – Vehicle not comply – Drug test – positive to cannabis

WAHROONGA – Assault – road rage incident

STEALING:

WAITARA – Orana Street - Parcel theft

FRAUD:

SEXTORTION - the practice of extorting money or sexual favours from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity. – Money transfer scam

MOUNT COLAH - Fail to pay for fuel

KILLARA – Obtain benefits by deception - \$13,000 stolen

BREAK AND ENTER:

ST IVES – Jewellery and cash stolen – entry made from 1st floor balcony door

Weekend in Review

Say NO to domestic violence

Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non-emergencies.

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information, it can be anonymous.

KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND

25 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: With numerous steal from motor vehicle offences occurring throughout the Command, please remember to **REMOVE** all your valuables, **LOCK** your vehicle and **REPORT** any suspicious behaviour to the Police Assistance Line 131444.

REMOVE IT!
Remove all valuables

LOCK IT!
Lock your vehicle

REPORT IT!
Report suspicious activity - 131444

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Kuring-gai Police Area Command

21 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: FOUND – Did you lose a tool kit yesterday in Mt Colah?

Image is indicative of a tool kit only. It is NOT the actual tool kit handed in to the station. A tool kit has been found and handed into us at Hornsby Station. Found on Excelsior Road, Mount Colah around 2:00pm yesterday, Wednesday 20/4/2022. If you have lost one, please contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 and provide us with a detailed description of the Brand, types of tools contained within and any other details which would identify you as the owner set and we will gladly return it to you. **Event number E 87686246** relates.

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20 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: There were seven break and enters throughout the command last long weekend alone.

Most were in the Pymble, St Ives and Gordon suburbs with Ryde, North Ryde and Lane Cove being targeted as well. Some of the break and enters occurred in home units with units from the ground floor to the second story being targeted. Please ensure your balcony doors and windows are closed and locked and secured.

COMMUNITY ALERT!

Break and enters occurring in unit blocks in the lower part of the Command.

Some were also recorded in neighbouring Commands.

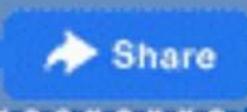
Please ensure your balcony doors and windows are closed and locked, whether on the ground floor or on higher levels



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25 April, 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:

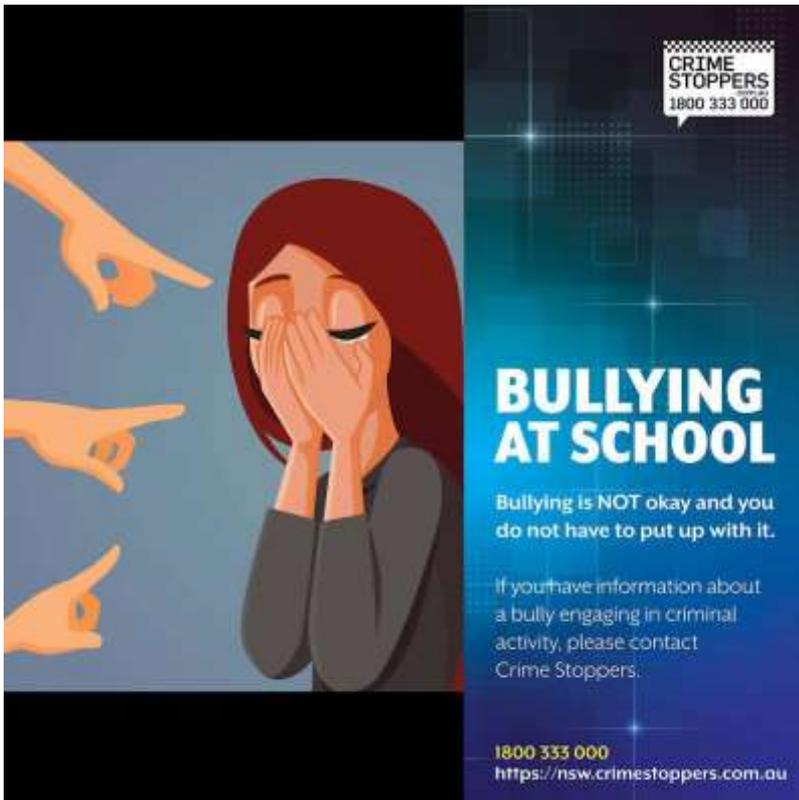
- Teasing and calling you names
- saying things to put you down or make fun of or humiliate you
- excluding you from groups or activities

- • 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. Bullying must be treated seriously. It can amount to a criminal offence, when there is physical violence, intimidation or even threats made to harm you. If you are being bullied at school or outside school, tell someone about what is happening to you.

- • Talk to the School Counsellor and ask them to help you do something about it.
- • Tell your Parents so they can talk to the school about it.
- • Tell your Teachers or the Principal, so they can talk to and punish the bully/bullies.
- • Keep telling people, until someone helps you.
- • If you have a friend that is being bullied, try to support them. Talk to them about what is happening and ask them if you can help them to do something about it. You could offer to go with them to talk to the school counsellor or the teacher or the principal.

You can also call the **Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800**. Make a formal complaint to the school. Bullying is NOT okay and you do not have to put up with it. If you are not getting satisfactory response from your school, you can contact a community legal centre and get legal advice. If someone has been physically or sexually violent towards you, or threatened to be physically or sexually violent towards you, or has damaged or stolen your things, you can tell the police. These behaviours are against the law and if the bully is over 10 years of age, they could be charged or given a warning by the police.



22 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group

There is an upcoming event that may be of benefit to anyone who might be in a tough spot or concerned about a friend. St Marks Anglican Church, Berowra is hosting a Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness evening at 7:30pm on Thursday 26 May 2022. There will be S/C Tash Doggett, the DV officer from Hornsby police station and someone from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, who will be providing information about services available - court and police, all our processes, AVO's and forms of Domestic Violence and Abuse. Info is below. There will also be a counsellor onsite on the evening if anyone is triggered by the content. This event is for ages 16+ due to the nature of the content.



22 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Child sexual abuse material consists of images, videos and live streamed footage that shows the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of children.

Child sexual abuse material is obtained and shared in several ways:

- A predator records their sexual abuse of a child then uploads or shares it online.
- A predator contacts a child through an app or service on a connected device and tricks or coerces them into producing and sending sexually explicit images and videos of themselves. Predators encourage this through 'grooming' the child to trust them, and through manipulation and intimidation.
- A predator shares images or videos of children 'stolen' from social media accounts.

The trade in child sexual abuse material online is global and abhorrent. Every time an image or video of a child being abused is shared or distributed, demand is fostered for new and more extreme material.

If you know or suspect someone is producing, downloading or sharing child sexual abuse material you can make a confidential report to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or at www.crimestoppers.com.au/home.

Child sexual abuse material can be reported confidentially to the eSafety Commissioner at esafety.gov.au/reportillegalcontent.



22 April, from our Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Facebook group: Hello everyone

Thank you for accepting me. My name is RC. I use alias on Facebook coz I don't wanna share personal information.

On the 4th of April I was riding my motorbike on Sherbrook Road, close to Edgeworth David Ave and a car, silver colour, hit me from the back and run away at 13.20pm. I was riding a Kymco 125 plate OQM76. I spend one week in hospital with broken ribs and a operation on my right feet due too this incident. If someone else have any information about that day would be greatly appreciated as police still didn't track him down. Thank you all

For our Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Facebook group click [here](#).

20 April, from Crime Watch Victoria: *** WARNING - SCAMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Scams on the internet are becoming more prevalent every day and we urge everyone to take care. We have recently been made aware of a rental scam on a Facebook community page that has been targeting our area. The scammers post a picture of a house for rent and then ask for money upfront and in some circumstances send a fake rental agreement through. Do not fall for this scam – only rent through reputable companies and do not hand over any money sight unseen. If a rental is on offer and they will not allow you to inspect the property – IT IS A SCAM. In saying that, it appears that this also goes for any item that can be sold on social media – again if you have not seen the item – do not send any money. Scammers are offering fake items that they do not own and again asking for money up front. Please be

vigilant and be mindful that any interaction with a stranger could be a scam so -

- ** Never give your bank details or any personal information out
- ** Do not send any money without seeing the item
- ** Always confirm the legitimacy of any website or social media site offering goods for sale or rent

For more information on recent scams please go to:

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) [ScamWatch](#)

Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA) [Scams & Online Misinformation](#)

Last week we shared the crime report given by our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Colin Mitchell, at the 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby meeting #33.

This week we'd like to share Colin's advice. Colin explained the community could help by the following:

- o Empty your letter boxes regularly.
- o Keep your house doors closed and locked.
- o Keep your car doors locked; do not leave valuables in the car seats for all to see.
- o Do not leave garage openers in the car; when the car is stolen, thieves can get entry into the house via the garage.
- o Report fraud and other crime as and when they happen.
- o Be security aware; make sure CCTVs are installed and ensure they are in working condition.

For a copy of the NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby meeting #33 Summary Notes email us [here](#).

#34 @ 6pm online or at PCYC tbc

Sunday 18 September: Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

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

Tip #10. Leave a spare key with a trusted friend or neighbour, never hidden outside. Keys should not be left in view. Keys should not be left in locks when you are absent. Car keys should NOT be kept by the front door or on the kitchen counter. Keep car keys by the bed – be aware they can include a panic alarm. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

Tip #11. Consider an intruder alarm system. Utilise the alarm's 'Home' and 'Away' settings, especially at night when sleeping. Consider having the alarm monitored (back-to-base). Consider a system with cctv cameras that can be remotely viewed from a mobile phone. Review your system – technology is constantly changing.

Tip #13. Windows should be solid and frames anchored securely. All windows should have keyed locks, including skylights. Don't leave keys in locks. Alternative holes can allow a locked-while-open position for ventilation. Consider replacing glass with stronger laminated glass. Be aware of the vulnerability of leadlight windows, especially to the side of a front door. Consider shutters/grilles.

Tip #18. Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799

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](#).

It's like a scarecrow for humans



Thanks to Throttle.

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](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 \(Lynbara Ave\)](#)

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