



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #551 - 03 May 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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## **3 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command**

 **Break and enter offences - Hayle Street, St Ives** 

Police would like to identify the male depicted in the photos below, who may be able to assist with enquiries in relation to break and enter offences in Hayle Street, St Ives on 1 May 2022 approx. 3am.

Any information on the identity of the male, please contact Hornsby Proactive Crime Team on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and quote E 86392620

Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report

information via NSW Police social media pages.



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## 2 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command

A timely reminder now schools zones are back in operation across NSW . 📢

**DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES**

With your help, a safer community.

**Disobey 'No Parking' Sign**  
Fine = **\$196** & Lose 2 Points  
**'KISS & DROP' ZONE**  
ONLY stop to drop off or pick up  
Stay within 3 meters of your car  
Stay less than 2 minutes  
Section 168 Road Rules 2014

**Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign**  
Fine = **\$352** & Lose 2 Points  
**DO NOT STOP** for ANY reason  
Section 167 Road Rules 2014

**Child or Passenger Not Restrained**  
Fine = **\$352** & Lose 3 Points  
Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

**Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law**  
Fine = **\$469** & Lose 5 Points  
Section 300 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014 <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>  
\*Fines as current as of March 2021. Fine amounts change regularly. For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/offences/index.html>

## 29 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: THERE IS HELP OUT THERE. THERE'S NO NEED TO FACE LIFE ALONE

The Crime Prevention Officer from the Kuring Gai Police Area Command and the Multi Cultural Liaison Officer Fiona Zhou attended a community event yesterday at the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College where they met with representatives from organisations that offered a variety of services to the community and the vulnerable within the community.

We had a very informative time

Some of those who attended are:

Sydney North Health Network:

(Improving and better-coordinating healthcare across the local health system for the people of Sydney's North)

Dress for Success:

(A global not-for-profit organisation that empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life)

Women's Shed:

(Providing a safe, inclusive and supportive space for women to learn and connect through sharing stories, experiences and knowledge)

Vinnies:

(Providing services to the homeless in the area)

KNC: Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre

(a non-profit organisation that provides support & services to residents in the Ku-ring-gai area)

Services Australia:

(Centrelink and other services)

NDIS:

(providing all people with disability with information and connections to services in their communities such as doctors, sporting clubs, support groups, libraries and schools, as well as information about what support is provided by each state and territory government)



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**29 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: The NSW Police motto is 'Culpam poena premit comes'**

Our Latin motto translates to 'Punishment swiftly follows crime'

Thanks to some great investigative work from our Proactive Team and collaboration with our Mt Druitt colleagues, a swift and great outcome was

achieved



GREAT TEAMWORK BETWEEN KURING GAI  
AND  
MT DRUITT POLICE

Yesterday, Thursday  
28th April 2022,  
a BMW was stolen from a Pymble address.

Later the same day the vehicle was  
recovered from a Mt Drutt address.

Investigations are continuing.



**NSW Police Force**



**Triple Zero (000)**  
For emergencies of 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**

28 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: We love our Command - so much to see and do and so much history



A little less Police-y  
this afternoon ...

Throwback Thursday  
HOOKHAMS CORNER



  Share



**KURING GAI POLICE  
AREA COMMAND**

Top photograph taken around 1900

The left-hand photograph taken in 1957

And the current.

The left-hand photo of Hookham's Corner, Hornsby, was taken 22nd February, 1959. It shows local resident Jack Nicholson with his 1954 D.K.W. two-stroke motorcycle, on the corner of the Pacific Highway & Galston Road.

The photo is from the late local historian Tom Richmond's collection (originally given to Tom by Vic Nicholson), which has now been left to the Hornsby Shire Historical Society to share with the community.

(Photo courtesy of Hornsby Shire Historical Society).



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### **3 May, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby**

Thank you to Neighbourhood Watch Victoria:

Is your spare house key really hidden from thieves?

If you think your spare key hiding place is sneaky, chances are so does a thief.

We breakdown the most common places people hide their spare keys and what you should do to secure your house from being broken into.

Breaking into houses is a largely opportunistic crime. Thieves may see something they want to steal and when they get the chance, they seize the opportunity and go for it.

One of the most effective ways of preventing this type of crime is to make it more difficult for thieves to take their chance at entering your home.

Where are people hiding their keys?

Some of the most common places people hide their spare house keys are:

Door mat

Pot plant

Grill/BBQ

Mailbox

Fake rocks

Ledge above the door

While these places may be convenient for family members or friends to use when they need to access your house, they are just as convenient for thieves to use.

So where should I hide my spare house key?

The most secure place you can hide your spare keys is with trusted neighbour, friend or family member close by. Keeping your keys away from your house takes away an opportunity for a thief to break into your house and can help protect your house from theft.

If this isn't an option, it might be time to get creative with hiding spots.

One inventive way we have recently heard is to hide your key in a park that is 10 minutes away from your house! Although we don't recommend this to everyone, it shows how you might start thinking outside the box for your next hiding spot.

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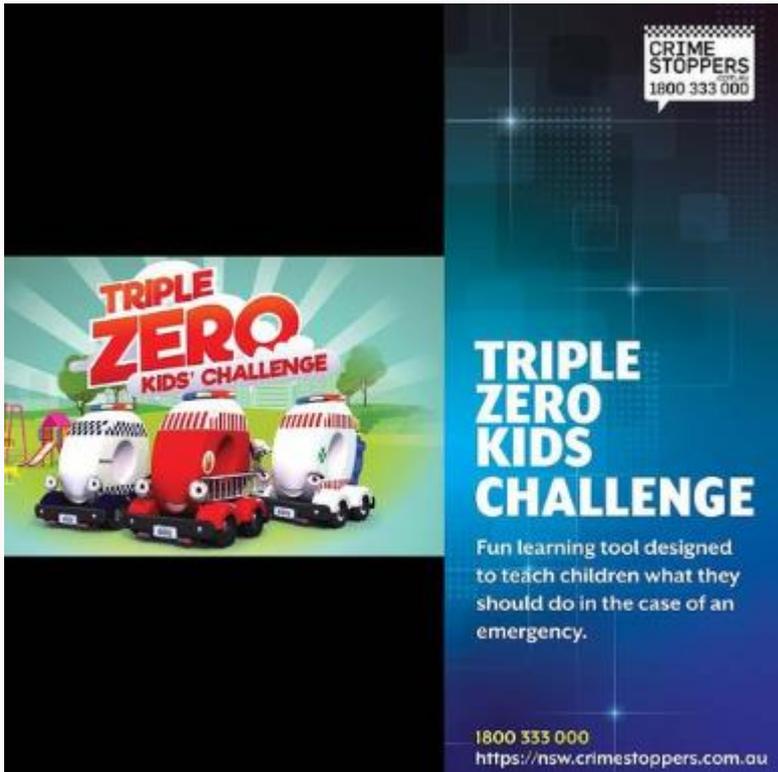
**2 May, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW: Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group:**

Hello peepz 🙌

I'm not a part of your beautiful community, but my kids father is a local. My kids have spent the weekend there for my sons birthday and unfortunately today he lost his wallet at Gordon recreational park. It had all his birthday money in there, his opal card for school, his house key, student ID and a Westfield gift card that had \$250 on it that he got from his grandparents 🙏🙏 please if anyone has found it can you please inbox me! It's a billabong wallet, blue with orange green and maybe yellow and white! It's Velcro with a side zipper. it also has a photo of him as a baby in it with his poppy and it's the only copy there was! Please contact me if you have found it or know anything about it. Thank you

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**2 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are you looking for a super fun and educational activity to do with your kids?**



The Triple Zero Kids Challenge is an online fun learning tool designed to teach children what they should do in the case of an emergency.

Kids will learn about getting help by playing games and solving mysteries.

They'll learn about safety messages and hear what happens when they call Triple Zero.

Find it [here](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au). Or find the app in your app store.

Research recently undertaken has confirmed that 82% of Australians feel safer when Crime Stoppers is actively involved in the community.

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## 28 April, from Australian Federal Police



Today is International Girl's in ICT Day - a perfect opportunity to showcase some of the AFP women who use Information and Communication Technology to help solve crimes, both on and offline.

We're fortunate to have smart and dedicated women within our ICT sector, like Debbie, Emily and Kate.

Systems Administrator Debbie Yung, who started in the AFP as a graduate in 2018, said she thoroughly enjoys her work: "I've had nothing but fantastic support from everyone I've encountered... there have been a few exemplary women who have mentored me over the years, cheering me along the way in all my endeavours."

"The biggest challenges I've faced have been confronting imposter syndrome. What I learned over the years is to believe in my ability to learn. Even if I don't understand a technical concept the first time, I keep trying until I do."

Developer Emily Donald also experienced imposter syndrome at the start of her career, but eventually pushed through that roadblock: "I worked alongside some really kind people who were really great at what they did, and they were very inspiring."

"What I love most about ICT, and particularly development work, is that you can be both creative and methodical. Problem solving takes a lot of creative thinking, which makes every day interesting and exciting... regardless of what

aspects you enjoy or excel at, there are ICT positions for it!”

Fellow developer Kate Hanbury joined the AFP at the age of 18, and says her career puts a smile on her face: “I like the work that I am currently doing as it is making a difference, it challenges me and it makes me happy.”

“The AFP has introduced me to a whole new and very exciting world with limitless boundaries. I certainly agree that the AFP takes a 21st century approach to law enforcement, working in Australia and internationally with our partners to outsmart crime.”

➔ If you're interested in an ICT career within the AFP, view our current opportunities and Graduate Program, click [here](#).

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**28 April, from NSW Police Force**



Working in HR for the logistics, transport or supply chain industry?

Register your organisation and complement your recruitment process by conducting National Police Checks through the NSW Police Force.

Click [here](#) for details on police check.

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28 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW:



It is well documented that domestic and family violence is a significantly under-reported crime and a complex crime for police to provide an effective response to.

For many victims of domestic and family violence they do not want to end their relationships with their abusive partners, they just want the violence to stop. Others require assistance from police and human services agencies to assist them in leaving their violent relationships.

▲ If Domestic Violence is occurring now ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000).

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Crime Stoppers solves crimes every 14 minutes, 24x7, somewhere in the world.

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**28 April, from 9now.nine.com.au: Widow loses \$760,000 after scammer impersonates bank staff**



Jacomi Du Preez was relocating from Perth to Melbourne with her two teenage kids when her husband Zak drove separately to meet the family in their new hometown.

However, Mr Du Preez never made it to Melbourne after being involved in a fatal car accident, three hours out of Perth, on December 2 last year.

Mrs Du Preez received \$760,000 from his life insurance payout. While grieving, she wanted to do the right thing by her family and invest the money in a "2.5 per cent" term deposit for their future.

"I completed the online form with personal information like your name and contact details, and it gave me a notice to say Macquarie [Bank] will be in contact," Ms Du Preez said.

She thought she had found the best rate for a one-year deposit, with what appeared to be Macquarie Bank.

A man calling himself "Mark Dickinson" had called her mobile number.

"He sounded very sophisticated, (he had a) British accent, sounded like a banker. (He was) very polished in his talking ... explain(ed) exactly how the process works, sounded ... 100 per cent like what I would have heard at 10 other banks in the past," she said.

She Googled the name "Mark Dickinson" and found a legitimate LinkedIn profile for that name.

But she was not talking to the real Mark Dickinson.

Read details [here](#).

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**27 April, from NSW Police Force**



Organised Crime Squad detectives probing a syndicate allegedly involved in money laundering and drug supply offences have arrested two men and seized nearly \$1.2 million cash and jewellery.

Earlier this year, detectives from the Organised Crime Squad's Anti Money Laundering Unit established Strike Force Aldred to investigate the activities of an alleged criminal syndicate involved in money laundering and drug supply offences.

As part of ongoing inquiries, detectives – assisted by Raptor Highway – stopped a Toyota Hilux on Kleins Road at Westmead about 12.30pm on Wednesday 24 March 2022.

During an initial search of the vehicle, police seized more than \$12,000 cash, numerous mobile phones and an amount of cocaine.

A further \$300,000 cash was then located within a hidden compartment in the Hilux.

Two men – aged 26 and 30 – were arrested and taken to Merrylands Police Station.

Later that day investigators – assisted by South West Metropolitan Operation Support Group (OSG) – executed numerous search warrants at homes at

Cabramatta and Kenthurst, and a business at Castle Hill.

During the search at the Castle Hill business, officers seized more than \$860,000 cash.

Both men have since been charged with knowingly deal with proceeds of crime and supply prohibited drug.

They were both granted strict conditional bail and are due to appear at Parramatta Local Court today (Wednesday 27 April 2022).

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### **26 April, from NSW Police Force**

NSW Police are reminding drivers about their responsibility to drive safely after four people lost their lives on the roads across the ANZAC Day long weekend.

The ANZAC Day traffic operation commenced at 12.01am last Friday (22 April 2022) and concluded at 11.59pm yesterday (Monday 25 January 2022).

Double demerit points were in force for the duration of the operation for speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt, and motorcycle helmet offences.

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, together with local police, patrolled roads across the state, targeting double demerit offences and the Fours Ds – drink, drug, dangerous and distracted driving – with the aim of preventing injury and death.

During the period, police saw a number of dangerous driving incidents, including excessive speed, drink-driving, and reckless driving.

Across the state, police issued 7,217 speed infringements, laid 236 drink-driving charges, attended 267 major crashes, and conducted 114,477 breath tests.

Four people died in crashes over the weekend.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Assistant Commissioner Brett McFadden, said police will continue to run these operations in order to keep the community safe and target dangerous and irresponsible driving behaviour.

“During what has been a busy period on our roads with school holidays, Easter and the ANZAC long weekend, unfortunately police are still seeing risky driving behaviour,”

“Those individuals who thought they could drink and drive without being caught have learnt the hard way this weekend. This is a timely reminder to have a plan B to make sure you return home safely.”

“Whilst the ANZAC Day operation may have concluded, police will continue

proactive taskings to keep the community safe.”

Read more [here](#).

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### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 09 May:** Neighbourhood Watch representatives will be talking during 4-6pm with Tina Brown on Triple H Community Radio 100.1FM.

**Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May: FREE** Chemical Cleanout. 9am - 3:30pm @ St Ives Showground

**Sunday 22 May:** FREE Clothing & Linen Collection 10am-3pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#)

**Thursday 26 May:** FREE Domestic Violence Awareness presentation. 7:30pm @ St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra. Speakers: Snr Cst Tash Doggett (DVO) & Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womens Shelter.

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

**Wednesday 20 or 27 July:** Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #34 @ 6pm online or at PCYC tbc

**Sunday 18 September:** Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

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

**Tip #1.** DO KEEP YOUR LETTERBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it. Consider using a 'Tubular Pin Tumbler Lock' which cannot be copied.

**Tip #2.** DO EMPTY YOUR LETTERBOX EACH DAY.

**Tip #3.** DO CONSIDER A POST OFFICE BOX (P.O. BOX) FOR SECURE ITEMS. For example, credit cards, cheque books.

**Tip #8.** ASK A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR TO CLEAR YOUR LETTERBOX WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ON HOLIDAY.

**Tip #9.** CONSIDER A 'HOLD' ON YOUR MAIL WHILST YOU ARE AWAY. (Also known as 'Stopping the mail'.)

**Tip #10.** SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP.

(Don't know? Phone Hornsby Police Station and ask for the Crime Prevention Officer. Isn't one in your area? Maybe offer to organise something yourself? )

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](#).



Thanks to Wal Knowles

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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

**Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**  
**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)  
**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)  
**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



**WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**  
**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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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