



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

24 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: If you see or hear anything suspicious this evening, call 131444 to dispatch a car

We have extra crews on this evening patrolling all night for Stolen Cars

#9PMROUTINE. Save Triple Zero (000) for Emergencies.



30 August, from Nepean command: OUR FRIDAY FUNNY WITH A DIFFERENCE

We as police get called to help those in need. We often don't know exactly what faces us until we arrive at the scene. The call came in. A young female had been shopping and returned to her vehicle. As she was leaving the Westfield car park, she looked into her rear vision mirror only to see the wannabe car jacker sitting in the rear seat of her car. She screamed and immediately left her vehicle where it was standing, one car length from the exit boom gate. The offender refused to leave her vehicle. Traffic was building up behind her, trying to exit the car park. A car horn sounded, then another, the drivers completely oblivious to the developing situation. Police had been at the shopping centre for a 'walk through" right at that time and responded to the job immediately. They were on scene within one minute of the call coming through. When they arrived, the female was out of her vehicle standing nearby and shaking like a leaf. She pointed towards her vehicle saying he was still in the back seat. After speaking briefly with the young female, the two officers approached the car to deal with the intruder who indeed was still sitting on the rear seat of the vehicle. At first, he appeared passive but as the officers came nearer, the carjacker became more and more aggressive. He pushed himself deeper into the seat making it more difficult for police to remove him. The male officer asked his colleague to help but she had disappeared, nowhere to be seen. Where was she? He didn't have time to mull over her sudden disappearance. He was on his own. He reached for his baton and extended it, striking out at the offender, trying to prise him out of the car. The intruder was surprisingly quick, dodging the blows from the baton, moving to the other side of the car then to the other. Where was his offsideer??? The carjacker wasn't giving up without a fight. The struggle continued for a couple of minutes. Then with a sweeping motion of his baton, the officer managed to make contact, catching the offender off-guard and dragged him backwards out of the car and on to the concrete drive.

The officer looked on as the uninjured Huntsman spider quickly scurried away.
Yes ... a true story. I don't know if my colleague was comforting the young lady, or my colleague was being comforted by her.

Have a great weekend 😊



30 August, Shared with permission from Mt Colah/Mt Kuring-gai Families group: Warning

This man was prowling around at almost 3am today. Did not like the floodlight on our security camera. Parklands Road. Make sure your cars are locked!



30 August, from Hornsby Shire Council: YOUR SAY 🗣️💬

We are proposing changes to car parking in Brooklyn to make car parking spaces available for people visiting and using McKell Park and Parsley Bay and for people wishing to access businesses in the village centre. We also want to identify a location or locations where the river community may park their cars for extended stays. The key points of the proposed changed parking conditions are:

- 👉 Four hour (4P) car parking in off-street carparks servicing Lower and Upper McKell Park and the businesses in the village centre via the Dangar Road/Wharf Car Park
- 👉 Parsley Bay Boat Ramp area – car-only parking for six hours (6P). Car with trailer parking for twelve hours (12P). Flexible parking for car only or car with trailer – six hour (6P)
- 👉 A leased parking area (on Crown Land) available for a cost to NSW residents

At the webpage below you will find further information on the project, including:

- 📄 Key documentation
- 🗣️ A link to a survey where you can submit your thoughts on the proposal

In late September we will be holding two drop-in sessions where staff will be on site at Brooklyn to answer questions and assist with filling out the survey, if required:

- 📍 Baden Powell Hall – Tuesday 20 September, 8am to 1pm

- 📍 Brooklyn Meeting Room – Thursday 22 September, 2 to 7pm

Bookings for the sessions are essential. Please see the project webpage for details.

Alternatively, to submit your feedback you can:

- 📧 Email hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
- ✍️ Write to the General Manager, Hornsby Shire Council, PO Box 37, Hornsby 1630
- ⓘ Submissions are being received until 30 October 2022. Find all the details and more info on how to submit your feedback at: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/brooklyn-car-parking-management>

30 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Worried that you've been a victim of a scam?

Here are some helpful links:

- 🌟 ACCC - Scamwatch to report or find out more about scams- scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam
- 🌟 ATO - ATO's dedicated scam line 1800 008 540 to check legitimacy of a call, text, or email. You can also verify or report a scam online at ato.gov.au/scams
- 🌟 Crime Stoppers NSW - To report a crime or read the fact sheet with advice on how to spot and deal with a phone scam is available at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.

Think before you click.



Don't respond to messages from callers you do not know. They will normally send you a link and ask you to click on it. This gives criminals access to your personal information. The best way to protect what's yours is not to share any information with them.

If you have been a victim, contact your financial institution or card issuer.



Say "bye bye" or kiss your ca\$h goodbye.



Be suspicious of callers you don't know.

Scammers find ways to get you to share your personal information, credit card or account details. The best way to protect what's yours is not to share any information with them.

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28 August, from Lost & Found Ku-ring-gai: Lost: grandma's wedding ring

Date: Sunday 17 July 2022. Location: Golden Jubilee Oval, Wahroonga

Big Reward offered!



STOPit App.

Allows individuals to anonymously report safety, misconduct, or compliance concerns to help others or connect with a Crisis Counselor from the Crisis Text Line to help themselves. Creating Safer, Better-Connected Schools, Workplaces, and Communities. Join the millions of students, employees, and citizens who trust STOPit Safety & Wellness Solutions to help protect their physical, social and emotional well-being.

More info [here](#).

27 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Wahroonga: Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group

Need to reach out to community who may have witnessed any incident along kerb side which resulted in extensive damage of my car parked on top end of Lucinda ave (nearer Pacific highway, next to School). Car was parked from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Wednesday 24/8. Any information would be appreciated.



27 August, from 9News.com.au: Can you get more than one ticket for parking in a spot too long?

Full article [here](#).

27 August, from 9News.com.au: What is your liability if your dog is involved in an attack in NSW?

Full article [here](#).

26 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Wahroonga: We were contacted by a resident with a warning to share with you:

One of my neighbours in Braeside St, Wahroonga told me that at 12.45am last Tuesday (or Thursday???) their dog woke them - telling them they were being burgled. The resident had not locked the car, nor garage, which they entered, but ran off when the dog barked. They did not properly report it to the police because they did not want the kids to find out. Plus, I think they were embarrassed because they had made it easy for the burglars and also the burglars had stolen nothing. I told her she should report the incident to the police, to help the police know what is going on. The resident is now going to install cameras.

And in the comments: Had my car entered into a few months back in Wahroonga. Nothing taken, but annoying. Reported it, even though I assume the car was accessed because I had not locked it.

Our comment: Please always report incidents no matter how small. It gives the police the bigger picture. Phone the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 at the time. And please don't be embarrassed. Everyone please always lock your doors and vehicles, even in the garage.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 September: National Child Protection week

Thursday 08 September: RU OK? Day [Info](#).

Wednesday 14 September: 10am-12noon Hornsby RSL Coffee Club - Speaker: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

Sunday 25 September: St Ives Food & Wine Festival 10am - NHW crime prevention stall?
tbc

Wednesday 05 October: International Coffee with a Cop Day

Wednesday 26 October: 6pm NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers meeting @ PCYC, Waitara. Date/Venue tbc.

November: Neighbourhood Watch Week

Wednesday 30 November: 7pm NHW Gordon/Killara/East Killara/part Pymble/part St Ives AGM @ St John's Anglican Church, Gordon. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

25 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: HOW TO SPOT A “GROW HOUSE”

There have been plenty of examples where ordinary homes are turned into makeshift cannabis grow houses, so we need your help to shut them down.

Click the link to find out some signs to look out for: crimestoppers.com.au/resource/how-to-spot-a-grow-house/



23 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Do you have information about Money Laundering?

Organised criminals use professional money laundering syndicates to conceal the illicit nature of funds sourced from criminal activities, including human trafficking, child exploitation, drug trafficking, cyber crime, fraud offences and other financial crime.

You can report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au/home or call us on **1800 333 000**.

More information [here](#).

An advertisement for Crime Stoppers NSW. On the left, a 20 Australian dollar banknote is hanging from a clothesline, held by a red clothespin. The background is a blurred outdoor scene. On the right, a dark blue vertical banner contains the following text:

CRIME STOPPERS
NSW
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<https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

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

Tip #12. Display a sign “All valuables have been removed from this vehicle”. Consider leaving the glove box and/or centre console open. This proves to thieves there is nothing worth taking.

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 on the kitchen counter.

Tip #19. Lock car doors when traveling at night. Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car is broken down. Instead, help by phoning the Police.

Tip #20. If you leave a key with a valet attendant or mechanic, leave only the ignition key.

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 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.

[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](#)

[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:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station

292 Peats Ferry Road

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