



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #572 - 27 September 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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27 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: IDCARE

IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity & cyber support service. Our service is the only one of its type in the world. We have helped thousands of Australian and New Zealand individuals and organisations reduce the harm they experience from the compromise and misuse of their identity information by providing effective response and mitigation.

Official website [here](#).

27 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: 👁️ Are YOU a money Mule? 👁️

Money Mules are often recruited through a job advertisement which offers work as a 'financial agent' or similar. Beware of people you have met over the phone or online who ask you to accept money from strangers or send it to someone else.

ARE YOU A MONEY MULE?

Many people don't even realise that they are being used as Money Mules.

Money Mules are people who at someone else's direction, receive and move money unlawfully obtained.

NEVER do any of the following on behalf of someone else:

- Transfer, deposit or move money
- Open a bank or cryptocurrency account
- Receive packages

This practice is illegal and if you act as a Money Mule you commit a crime.



27 September, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen 36-year-old Adrian Liu?

He was last seen in Peakhurst about 9pm on Tuesday 13 September 2022. Adrian is described as being of Asian appearance, between 160-165cm tall, of thin build, with short black hair and brown eyes.

If you have seen Adrian, or have information about his whereabouts, please contact police or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

➔ More details [here](#).



27 September, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen this man?

Earlier this month, a 14-year-old boy was on a bus at Kingsford, when he was allegedly approached by a man who demanded his bag. When the child refused, the man assaulted him and took his wallet. The bus stopped on Gardeners Road and the man fled on foot. He is described as being of Pacific Islander/Maori appearance, aged between 20-25, with a chipped front right tooth. He is depicted in the images as wearing a green hi-viz jumper, black shirt with light coloured writing, and black tracksuit pants with three stripes down each side. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Eastern Beaches Police (Maroubra police station 02 9349 9299) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

➔ More details [here](#).



25 September, from NSW Police Force: A heart-warming reunion for World Heart Day



Earlier this year, two-year-old Lily appeared to have a seizure in her car-seat. Lily's mum, Sam, pulled over but not long after calling Triple Zero (000), Lily stopped breathing altogether. She commenced CPR on the nature strip, under the guidance of the

operator. Within minutes, officers from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command and The Hills Police Area Command arrived and took over CPR. After 27 minutes of resuscitation, Lily finally began breathing again. NSW Ambulance paramedics along with the critical care team from the CareFlight helicopter arrived and treated Lily before taking her to The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Lily has since made a full recovery and - along with her family - have reunited with the officers that saved her life.

This Thursday (29 September 2022) is World Heart Day, so we're reminding everyone about the importance of first aid in the initial and critical minutes after a heart-related medical episode.

10 police vehicles across The Hills Police Area Command will also now carry defibrillators for a 12-month trial.



22 September, from Parramatta command: Restoring the grave of Parramatta's town Constable, killed on duty in 1826.

A recent search led to the discovery of the final resting place of Constable Benjamin Ratty, a former convict who served as a Police officer in NSW until his death in 1826. Believed to be one the oldest known Police graves in Australia, Constable Ratty's final resting place was found in Australia's first European Cemetery, St John's at Parramatta. Built in 1790, it's where several prominent people from the first fleet were laid to rest. Unfortunately, the gravesite has fallen into disrepair. In the lead up to the 200th anniversary of his death, Police attached to Parramatta Police Area Command with support from The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee MP - Member for Parramatta, Parramatta Local Council and Parramatta Leagues club have launched a project to restore Constable Ratty's resting place which includes the installation of a plaque dedicated to his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made.

On 19 September 2022, A/Inspector Rob McDonald from Parramatta Police Area Command led a contingent of staff from various organisations to carry out well overdue maintenance of not only Constable Ratty's gravesite, but the entire grounds of St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. The following organisations provided staff to complete the maintenance in the lead up to the Police Remembrance Day later this month;

- Parramatta Police Area Command
- North West Metropolitan Operations Support Group (NSW Police)
- Parramatta Leagues Club
- City of Parramatta Council
- Rotary Club of Parramatta
- Friends of St Johns

On Police Remembrance Day, 29 September 2022, the unveiling of the restoration will take place at St John's Cemetery, Parramatta.





27 September, from the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC): The Australian Cyber Security Centre continues to provide cyber security advice and technical assistance, following the recent cyber security incident affecting Optus Australia.

To help protect yourself online, our 'Have You Been Hacked?' tool guides you through what you can do if you think you're at risk. Visit: www.cyber.gov.au/have-you-been-hacked. Additionally, to help protect against fraud Optus customers are encouraged to refer to:

- moneysmart.gov.au/banking/identity-theft
- Identity fraud - Home (oaic.gov.au)

26 September, from Lifeline: People bereaved by suicide may experience a wide range of emotions and they need to be reassured that they are not alone. It is vital that, as individuals and communities we respond to people bereaved by suicide with compassion and continue to support them through their grief.

Here is a short guide on the do's and don'ts when speaking to someone bereaved by suicide:

DO

- Acknowledge the death as soon as you can
- Allow emotions to be expressed
- Talk about the deceased and your memories with them
- Provide empathetic and non-judgemental support
- Encourage positive activities

DON'T

- Don't ask for details

- Don't avoid talking about the person who has died
- Don't say things such as "They've gone to a better place" or "They're at peace now"
- Don't say things such as "You need to move on"
- Don't presume you know how others feel

For support, contact Lifeline via our phone service on 13 11 14 (24 hours, 7 days) or via our online text service 0477 13 11 14 or chat service (<https://www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat>) (also 24 hours, 7 days).

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Lifeline

23 September, from News.com.au: Popular women's fashion label Witchery targeted in online scam

A popular Australian women's fashion label is the latest target of a scam circulating on social media conning customers out of hundreds of dollars. Witchery has been targeted by "sophisticated scammers" who are posting fake links on Facebook and Instagram advertising clearance and sale websites for the brand.

Full article [here](#).

23 September, from Neighborhood Watch Australasia: 56% of homeowners don't have security cameras

If you have them, great! Now's the time to clean them – remove dust from the lens, clean the cords and ensure they are pointing to the entry ways. Even if you don't have one, consider adding a warning sticker to your front fence as a way to make an intruder think twice before they enter your property.

More security tips [here](#).



23 September, from 9News.com.au: Search continues for Optus hacker after major cyberattack

The search continues for the mystery actor behind a massive cyberhack on telecommunications company Optus that potentially compromised the personal information of millions of Australians.

Full article [here](#).

21 September, from NSW Police Force: Arson Unit detectives are appealing for information after a home in Dural was destroyed by fire in Sydney's north-west earlier this year.

About 4pm on Sunday 30 January 2022, emergency services responded to reports of a

house fire at a property on Muraban Road at Dural. NSW Rural Fire Service crews attended and extinguished the flames, before a crime scene was established by officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command. The premises was unoccupied at the time. A forensic examination by specialist officers determined the fire had been deliberately lit, and the matter was referred to detectives from the Financial Crimes Squad's Arson Unit, who commenced further inquiries under Strike Force Ashscrub. As they continue, police have released mobile phone vision of the fire quickly spreading throughout the home and are appealing for any witnesses or those with dashcam vision from the area at the time to come forward. Investigations under Strike Force Ashscrub continue.

Anyone with information that may assist Arson Unit investigators is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers:1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.



21 September, from Fossbytes: Australian company Tarmac Linemarking, in collaboration with OmniGrip and Vic Roads, completed a “trial run” of new photoluminescent linemarkings in May and its photos are now making rounds on social media.

The ‘smarter path’ line markings use the natural science of photoluminescence – similar to the process used in glow-in-the-dark childrens’ stickers, toys or watches. When it’s dark, the coating emits light it has absorbed and stored through the day, so that the lines and pavement markings can be better seen.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 05 October: International Coffee with a Cop Day

Wednesday 26 October: 6pm NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers meeting @ PCYC, Waitara. New volunteers welcome!

Monday 07 - Sunday 13 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. All residents welcome!

Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Council: ⚠️ Track closure

Trackwork is planned on the North Shore line between Gordon and North Sydney, which will be closed between Monday 3 October and Friday 7 October. The line will also be closed from Hornsby to Wynyard on Saturday 8 October and Sunday 9 October. Commuters who use these rail lines are encouraged to make alternative travel arrangements and plan ahead as limited replacement bus services will be running.

More info [here](#).

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect your Identity'

Tip #1. Consider using a third party payment system for internet transactions, such as PayPal, in order to avoid entering credit card details. Consider having another credit card with a low credit limit to be used specifically for internet purchases, or for overseas.

Tip #4. Never share your PIN. Beware sharing the 3-4 digit Card Verification Value (CVV), usually on the back of a credit card. Immediately sign new cards. Check internet sites are secure for payment by looking on the address bar for the the padlock symbol, green background colour, or the 's' in the 'https' prefix. Untick the box: 'Keep these payment details on file'.

Tip #10. Sign up for the alerts from the government:

- www.staysmartonline.gov.au
- www.scamwatch.gov.au
- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/subscribe>

Tip #20. If you think your identity has been compromised – act quickly. Contact the Police (PAL 131 444) and iDcare (1300 432 273). Tell your bank or financial institution, eg the ATO. To protect others, report all suspected frauds/scams – use

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>. For Cybercrime, report to the Australian Cyber Security Centre ReportCyber (previously ACORN) cyber.gov.au/report. Check your credit report annually (FREE if not in a hurry) and as soon as you are concerned:

www.mycreditfile.com.au.

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 The Hills command.

White or Yellow dividing lines separate vehicles travelling in opposite directions. Generally, you must always drive to the left of dividing lines, whether they're single or double, broken or unbroken. You can cross a white dividing line to avoid an obstruction if:

- you have a clear view of approaching traffic
- it's necessary and reasonable
- you can do so safely.

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)

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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](#)

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[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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