



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #576 - 25 October 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.

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

25 October, from Ku-ring-gai Command: How to avoid scams after the Optus Data Breach?

🛑 **STOP** – Don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure. Scammers will offer to help you or ask you to verify who you are. They will pretend to be from organisations you know and trust like Optus, Services Australia, police, a bank, government or a fraud service.

🗨️ **THINK** – Ask yourself could the message or call be fake? Never click a link in a message. Only contact businesses or government using contact information from their official website or through their secure apps. If you're not sure say no, hang up or delete.

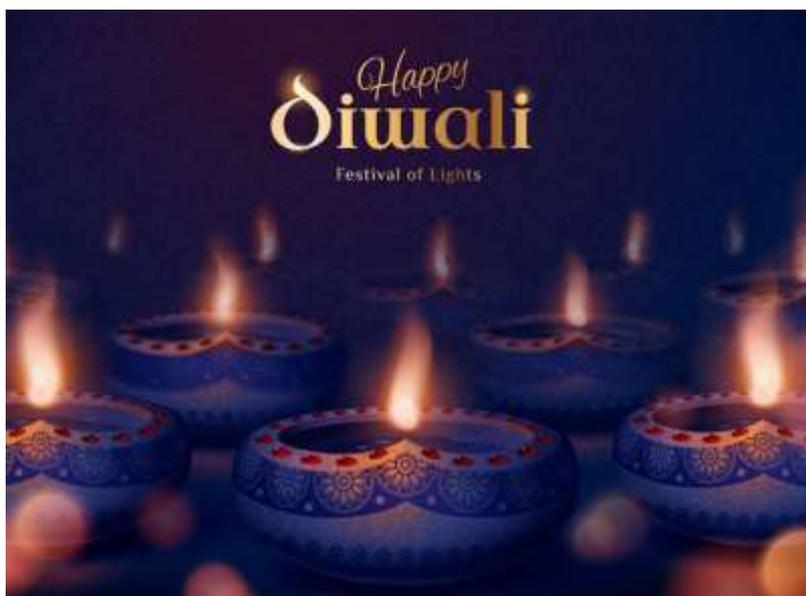
👉 **PROTECT** – Act quickly if something feels wrong.

Contact your bank if you notice some unusual activity or if a scammer gets your money or

information. Seek help from IDCARE and report to ReportCyber and Scamwatch.

For more info click [here](#).

25 October, from NSW Police Force



May this Diwali bring new beginnings, fresh hopes and bright. Wishing you a Happy festival of lights from the NSW Police Force.

24 October, from NSW Police Force: Do you know where wanted man, Mark Horne, is?



We are re-appealing to the community for further information, as inquiries expand to include points of international departure to locate a man wanted for breaching his bail.

The 32-year-old was last known to have been on Coorabin Place, Riverwood, about 6.15am on Friday (21 October 2022), where it's believed he entered an unknown vehicle which was last seen heading westbound on the M5 Motorway.

Detectives from the Criminal Groups Squad, assisted by interstate and Commonwealth law enforcement partners, are conducting extensive searches and inquiries at airports and ports, as well as other transportation routes across NSW and Australia.

Their inquiries suggest Mark may be attempting to travel to Queensland to flee to Southeast Asia – and most likely by sea.

Anyone who sights Mark, or who has information about his whereabouts, is urged not to approach him, and to call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

24 October, from NSW Police Force: Happy #MeetTheTeamMonday everyone!



Some of you might recognise today's team member from his stellar performances on reality TV series – Australian Ninja Warrior.

So, say hello to Jeffrey 🙌

Jeffrey is a Senior Constable and has been in the NSW Police Force for 16 years – with 12 of those spent serving in our Public Order and Riot Squad.

Now, Jeffrey's journey to becoming a police officer started more than 5,500km away in an island country of Southeast Asia – the Philippines.

It was here that Jeffrey lived in a shanty home in a small village with his mum and sister. He grew up in poverty – running around barefoot and exposed to death and disaster from a young age.

When he was nine, Jeffrey's family journeyed to Australia in search of a better life.

Jeffrey says this move was their second chance – and becoming a NSW Police Force officer was his way of returning the good fortune that Australia gave to him and his family.

He has certainly done us proud – and being part of the Public Order and Riot Squad is no easy feat 🚔 – it's a highly sought after and physically demanding position.

Along the way, Jeffrey has also served in general duties at Hurstville and completed rotations with the Raptor Squad and Recruitment Branch. In 2009, he was nominated as a finalist in the Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards.

A highlight for Jeffrey was competing on Australian Ninja Warrior, where he was a finalist in two seasons. He wanted to inspire others to follow their dreams and to share an insight into

the world of frontline workers.

Not many people know that Jeffrey has since gone on to continue his on-camera appearances 🎬 – working on film sets and performing alongside stunt doubles!

We thank you for sharing your story Jeffrey, and for your service 💙

To find out more about becoming a police officer, head to site [here](#).

21 October, from Ku-ring-gai Command

Man charged with high-range PCA after crash with child in car - Ryde

A man has been charged with high-range PCA after he allegedly hit a parked vehicle while driving with a child in his car in Ryde yesterday.

About 10.15am (Wednesday 19 October 2022), officers from Ryde Traffic and Highway Patrol Command were called to Argyle Avenue following reports a vehicle was travelling south when, at the intersection of Princes Street, it hit a parked vehicle.

The driver – a 31-year-old man – and his passenger – a seven-year-old girl – were uninjured during the incident.

The man was subjected to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result.

He was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station, where he underwent a secondary breath analysis, which returned an alleged reading of 0.182.

The man was issued a Court Attendance Notice for one count of drive with high range PCA and his driver's licence was suspended.

He will appear at Hornsby Local Court on Thursday 24 November 2022.

21 October, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen Michelle?



Michelle Van Dam, aged 49, was last seen at a home on Sampson Crescent, Bomaderry, about 8pm on Wednesday 19 October 2022.

Police and family have serious concerns for her welfare.

Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

More information [here](#).



24 October, Recently we were asked by a resident:

Thought will check with you about a phone call I received today, which looks like a scam. He said he was a police officer and would like me to sponsor a police fundraiser. He was actually reading out statements about me. Quite suspicious. I said no to donation. But how do we check the authenticity of such calls?

Our volunteer's reply:

It's getting difficult, isn't it?

There is an organisation called [NSW Police Legacy](#), which collects funds for families of fallen officers.

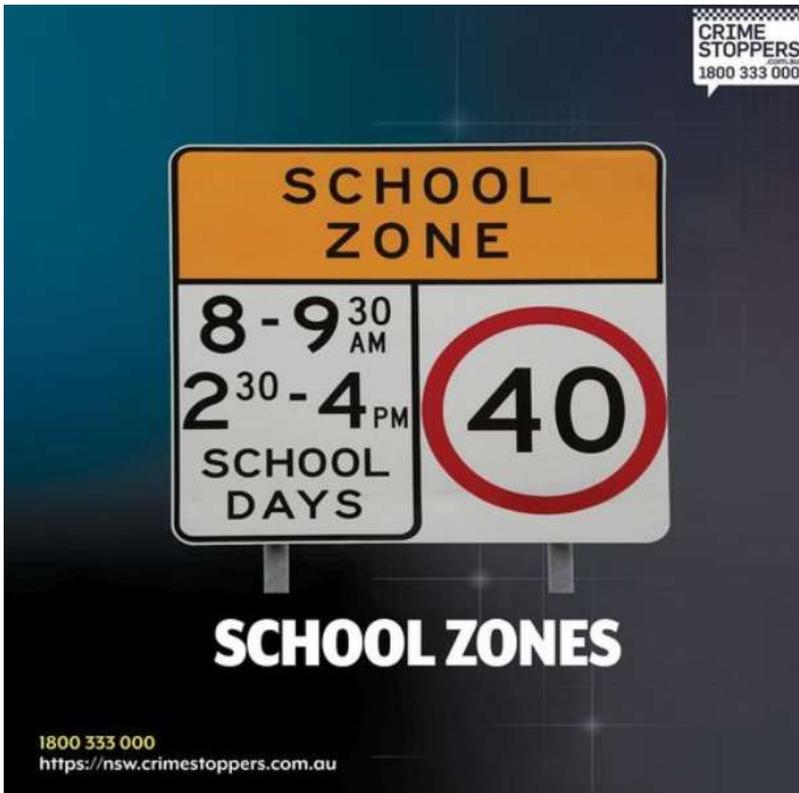
You could always phone and double-check if they are currently phoning people for funds. General enquiries: 9264 1311. If they are, then you can then give during this phone call that you instigated under your control, if you so wish. Or via their website.

A caller ID can be faked/ghosted/spoofed.

I personally do not deal with any charity over the phone, or at the door - that is the statement I make if called/approached. That would always be my advice.

If it is a scam, it should be reported to the government at the ACCC Scamwatch [here](#). Neighbourhood Watch has the WatchOut! website with a page with links for Scams info. Click [here](#).

24 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: TOP 10 MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES – SCHOOL ZONES



- 👉 A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs, drivers must obey the school zone speed limit.
 - 👉 The school zone speed limit applies on NSW gazetted school days and during the times detailed on the school zone sign. School zone hours are normally 8:00am–9.30am and 2.30pm–4:00pm.
 - 👉 Pupil free days fall within the gazetted school days, thus school zones are operating and enforceable.
 - 👉 Details on NSW gazetted school days can be located [here](#).
 - 👉 Some non-government schools do not operate on gazetted school days. Motorists should be aware that school zones still operate and are enforceable on these days.
 - 👉 There are a small number of schools with different school zone times – these will be detailed on the school zone sign.
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24 October, from Hornsby Shire Council: TRAIN DISRUPTION ALERT 🚗⚠️



Transport for NSW is advising that Sydney Trains is planning the closure of the North Shore Line between Wynyard and Hornsby on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November 2022. During this period, buses will replace train services over the full closure extent.

Here are the key points: 📅

⚠️ The closure affects all stations between Wynyard to Gordon on the night of 04 November 2022 from 10:30pm until last service and Wynyard to Hornsby on Saturday 05 and Sunday 06 November 2022.

⚠️ Replacing Wynyard to Gordon services on Friday night will be rail replacement buses:

🚌 Route 21T1: Chatswood all to Wynyard and return 📅

🚌 Route 75T1: Gordon all stations to Chatswood then Wynyard and return

⚠️ Replacing Wynyard to Hornsby services on Saturday 05 and Sunday 06 November 2022 will be rail replacement buses:

🚌 Route 20T1: Wynyard to Milsons Point and return 📅

🚌 Route 21T1: Chatswood, all to Wynyard and return 📅

👉 Arcadia Road, Arcadia between Wylds Road and Roscommon Road on Sunday, 24 October 2022 and Monday, 25 October 2022 between 7pm and 5am (Road closed and traffic diversion will be in place)

24 October, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Do you have a new learner driver in your family?



Come along to our FREE online workshop on Thurs 17 November to find out everything you need to know to be a great supervisor for them. There will also be a chance to win 1 of 3 Safer Drivers Course vouchers.

Bookings essential [here](#).

24 October, from casa.gov.au: Drones



When you fly your drone, you're sharing the skies with others. By following these simple rules, we can all enjoy the air together.

Click [here](#) for more.

23 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Hi everyone,

I was at Thornleigh Bunnings today (22nd Oct 3:45-4:20pm) and someone hit my back tail

light (my car is a red Mitsubishi) in the parking lot and pretended to leave a note (all they wrote was "please call me" and left no number).

I would just like to ask the community if you were there and if you saw anything, please contact Bunnings Thornleigh.

22 October, from news.com.au: Brisbane woman and Sydney man lose fortunes to 'sophisticated' scam A Sydney man has been left hiding a life-changing secret from his wife, after he invested \$80,000 only to find out his dream was actually a nightmare.

Thank you for the proof of payment, I confirm we have received it. Our team will confirm receipt on clearance of funds.

Tomorrow I will attend to do another for \$20,000.
Thanks so much Steve

A group of sophisticated scammers has ruined the lives of two more Australians after stealing \$150,000 and \$80,000 from their latest two victims.

Including those most recent losses, the fraudsters have stolen at least \$2.73 million that news.com.au knows of from eight Australian victims. The highest individual loss totalled \$750,000 and even an accountant in his 40s fell for the con.

The cyber criminals have been operating two different schemes in Australia since at least February and now victims are speaking out in an attempt to warn others.

The scammers used legitimate business numbers confirmed by ASIC, employed receptionists to man phone lines, created complex website portals and paid back dividends to maintain the charade.

They impersonated two different companies – Capel Court and EQR Securities – which really

are existing investment firms, although they have not operated for some time.

Janis Thomson, in her 60s, is now living in a sharehouse with her son and her son's friend after she was tricked into handing over her \$150,000 fortune.

Meanwhile, another man gave away \$80,000, the sum total of his family's life savings, and has yet to break the news to his wife that it all turned out to be a scam.

Read more [here](#).

22 October, Bureau of Meteorology Updated their Profile Picture



Bureau of Meteorology icon showing a map of Australia

Dates for the Diary

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

Monday 07 - Sunday 13 November: Neighbourhood Watch Week

Friday 11 November: Bunnings NHW Week/Coffee with a Cop 10am - 2pm @ Bunnings, Pymble. Joint NSWPF/NHW Crime Prevention stall with goodies.

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!

21 October, from Australian Cyber Security Centre



Have you heard of multi-factor authentication (MFA)? MFA offers another layer of security by requiring two forms of verification, like a password and a code as a text or an email.

This #AusCyberMonth we are encouraging you to turn on MFA starting with your important accounts such as email, social media and online banking accounts.

Turning on MFA is simple with our new MFA guide available [here](#).

21 October, from 9news.com.au: Sydney swim coach cleared of further charges



Sydney swim coach Kyle James Henk Daniels has been acquitted of four further sexual abuse charges while a jury remains split on others.

The jury's latest verdicts, handed down on Friday, mean Daniels has been found not guilty of a total of nine of the 21 charges brought against him.

On Thursday, the jury delivered not guilty verdicts on three counts of sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 10, an alternate count of indecent assault, and a count of sexual touching.

Daniels, who turns 24 this month, was then acquitted of one count of indecent assault of a child, an alternative count of indecent assault, and two counts of sexual intercourse on Friday.

These latest acquittals relate to alleged conduct against three students at a swimming pool on Sydney's north shore.

On Monday the jury will resume deliberations regarding the other 12 counts, which include the genital touching of students on the outside of their swimming costumes.

Read more [here](#).

18 October, from NSW Government



Interacting with the Government should be easy and (dare we say) enjoyable for everyone. We're working hard to make these six expectations a reality 🙌

We recently asked what your experiences were like, and here's what you told us 🙌 [Click here.](#)

18 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Text Message
Today 6:23 am

LKT-SMS: Due to E-tag detected failed in your vehicle, your trip on 10/09/2022 was not charged successfully. Further information click <https://B9lrsF.com>

Before you panic and click on links, ask yourself...

👉 Does this make sense?

👉 Does this seem unusual?

👉 Is this the normal method of communication?

Links like this are scam attempts and malware.

Never click on unusual links.

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

Tip #1. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC ON DISPLAY. Thieves will distract you and take your property. Personal items should be kept in a locked cabinet/drawer.

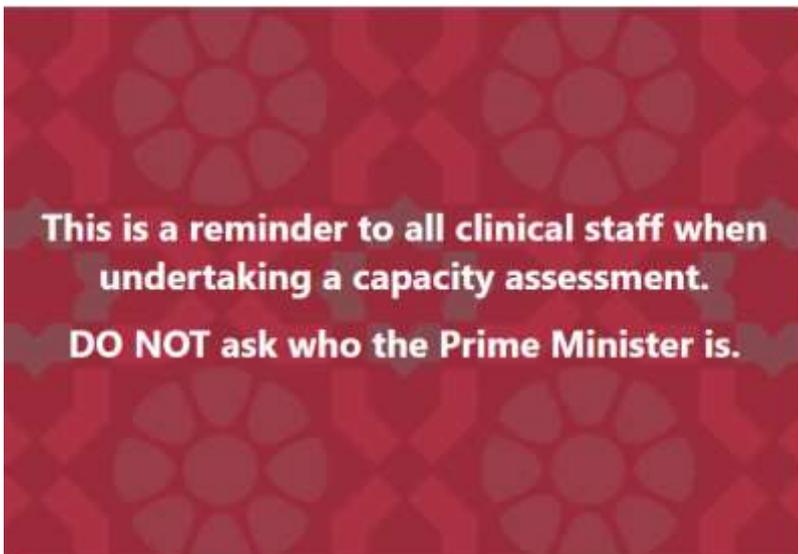
Tip #2. DEPENDENT ON THE WORKPLACE, A PERSONAL DURESS ALARM MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

Tip #7. DO REGULAR STOCK TAKES, EVEN HOURLY, IN ORDER TO NARROW THE TIME FRAME OF A THEFT. This enables CCTV to be checked more effectively.

Tip #18. FIRE ALARMS/SMOKE DETECTORS TO BE CHECKED EACH 3 MONTHS, including fire alarm panels.

Tip #19. FOR DEACTIVATED STAFF, ENSURE ALL COMPUTER ACCESS IS REMOVED, AND KEYS & SWIPE CARDS ARE RETURNED.

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 UK Paramedic Humour.

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](#)

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[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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