



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #577 - 01 November 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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01 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚔 COME & MEET US 🚔

Officers from our command and volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch will be attending Pymble Bunnings on the 11th of November 2022 between 11am-2pm in support of Bunning's Crime Prevention Week.

Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with your local police. See you there 🙌

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**Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command and
Neighbourhood Watch**

on
Friday 11th November 2022

PYMBLE BUNNINGS

We will be on site to talk to you about Crime Prevention in
support of Crime Prevention Week at Bunnings

Join us all for a coffee and a chat

For more information contact the Crime Prevention Officer for Ku-Ring-Gai Police on 02 9476 9799

PYMBLE BUNNINGS STORE

950 Pacific Hwy, Pymble NSW 2073

01 November, from NSW Police Force: Can you assist officers from Hawkesbury Police Area Command investigating the armed robbery of a hotel in Windsor on 18 September 2022?

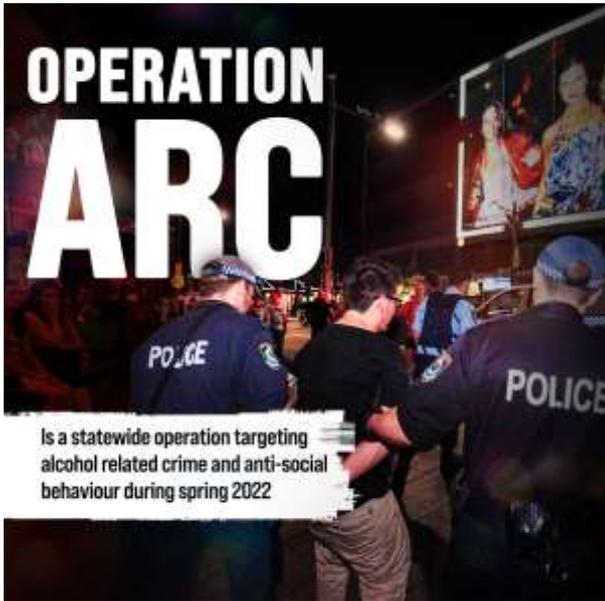
➡ More information here, police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=103898



28 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Operation 'ARC 22' is a state-wide operation

targeting alcohol related crime over the Spring period.

The operation will involve police conducting proactive patrols in and around licensed premises, with a focus on compliance in venues and patron behaviour.



27 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🙌 Join us on Wednesday the 30th of November at 8.45am on a walk from PCYC Waitara around the streets of Hornsby and back to PCYC (see map) to participate in talking the pledge “We do not tolerate inequality and domestic and family violence” acknowledging those who have lost their lives this year to DV with a minute of silence.

● Come in colors of orange, it represents hope and a future free from violence, have a hat and slap sunscreen. ●



Walk the Talk SAY NO TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Date: Wed 30 Nov Time: 8:45 – 10:45am

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26 October, from NSW SES: Flooded roads may not look as scary as a raging fire, but the danger is just as high!!

Tragically, multiple lives have been lost over the recent weeks after entering floodwater. Flooded roads can be deceiving, and you can't tell how deep the water is, how fast it's moving or the condition of the road underneath. A typical car will lose power in minimal depths of water. The vehicle may become buoyant and lose traction, causing the vehicle to float and be washed off the road. Once water enters the wiring and motor, it may disable electronics, including power windows and doors, which makes an escape in an emergency situation difficult. Owners of off-road vehicles shouldn't assume they are safe, as the fast flowing force can also overcome larger vehicles such as four-wheel drives.

Due to these dangers, we always recommend you follow these guidelines:

- Turn around and find another route when presented with a flooded road and report it

to the local council.

- ● Avoid non-essential travel at night when your vision is restricted, and drive slower than usual to match the conditions.
- ● Plan your trip using [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) and visit your local council website for the most current information on rural roads.
- ● Obey all road closure signs.



26 October, from NSW Police Force: Did you know that gel blasters are considered actual firearms in NSW?

Under the permanent National Firearms Amnesty launched in July 2021, people can register or surrender illegal, unregistered or unwanted firearms, ammunition and firearm parts at no cost and without penalty.

DIDN'T REALISE POSSESSING A GEL BLASTER IS ILLEGAL?



Gel Blasters are considered actual firearms in NSW. On 1 July 2021, New South Wales commenced an ongoing National Firearms Amnesty. This allows for any firearms or firearm related articles to be surrendered to a police station without fear of prosecution. Ensure you contact your local police station prior to attending and ensure the firearm is in a bag or wrapped in a blanket.



We were contacted as below. Can you help Anna?

Trying to find David Single or his sister, Ann Single. David would be around 67 or 68 years old now. Ann is younger. They lived in Montview Parade, opposite the soccer fields, Hornsby Heights. David Single cared for his parents till they passed away around 9 -10 years ago, and the house was sold. If anyone knows of their whereabouts I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Kind regards, Anna

01 November, from the Australia Federal Police (AFP): The AFP is taking opt-in registrations of interest from survivors and bereaved Next of Kin (NoK) of victims of the 2002 Bali Bombings and 2003 J.W. Marriott Jakarta Bombing.

From today, impacted Australians can receive updates from the AFP and/or US counterparts regarding the United States Military Tribunal proceedings for the trial of the offenders involved in these bombings.

We wish to provide Australian survivors and bereaved NoK the opportunity to update/refresh their current personal details in recognition of their relationship with the victim/s, and to clearly understand individual's ongoing wishes around continued updates.

Additionally, survivors and bereaved NoK can register their interest to give evidence before the Tribunal.

We acknowledge recent commemorative activities and the ongoing Tribunal may cause distress or strong emotions for many people and we will continue to support, and respect your wishes.

➡ Impacted Australians can register their interest in receiving updates here:

www.afp.gov.au/bali/registration

30 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: TOP 10 MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES – SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCES

Drivers must keep sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front of them to safely avoid a collision.

Safe following distances may vary depending on the conditions, the type of vehicle and the speed at which the vehicle is travelling. As a general rule, when following a vehicle, the driver should travel three seconds behind the vehicle in front to provide sufficient time to avoid a crash.

To calculate a three second space when following another vehicle, drivers can use the basic time-lapse method technique:

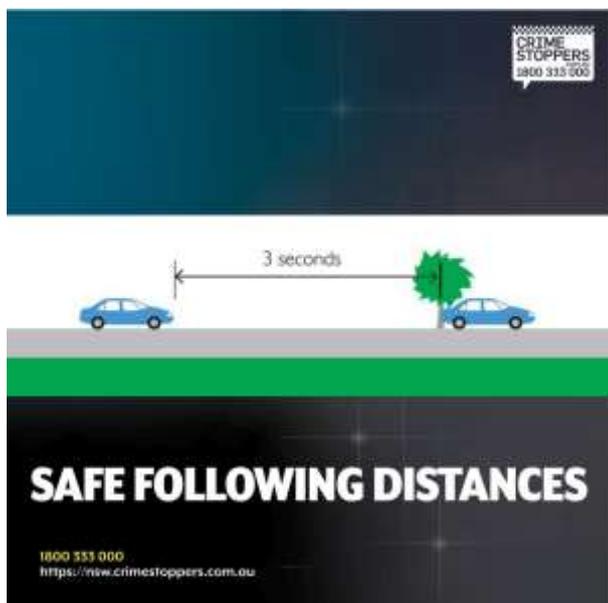
Drivers should select a mark or object on the left hand side of the road, for example a sign or a power pole.

As the rear of the vehicle ahead passes the chosen object, the driver counts 'one thousand

one, two thousand two, three thousand three'. This should take about three seconds.

If the driver's car passes the chosen object before finishing the three second count, then they are travelling too close to the vehicle in front. There is not enough crash avoidance space so the driver should slow down and repeat the exercise to ensure the three second gap is achieved.

In poor conditions such as rain, gravel roads or dim light, it may be necessary to increase the travelling distance to four seconds to increase the crash avoidance space.



29 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Ice labs have been found right across Australia in factories, backyard sheds, rural properties, apartments, family homes, hotel rooms – even inside caravans and tents in the bush.

But what are the tell-tale signs you should you be looking for?

How to Spot a Drug Lab - [here](#).



27 October, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hi all - Wanted to share that a group of 4 young men attempted a break in across multiple houses and cars in wahroonga last night. This happened across multiple streets, including Campbell Drive. Police are aware.

Link to one of the videos:

<https://ring.com/share/5fd6b725-39ea-4e8b-8cee-862daca6e8a>

(Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.)



26 October, from Nepean command: Why can't I park over a footpath?

You could be obstructing someone in a wheelchair, someone pushing a pram, a person who is unsteady on their feet. If you do this, you may be forcing them to walk onto the road where it is unsafe for pedestrians to be.

Obstructing a foot path, ramp or passageway can cost you \$283 or \$362 + 2 demerit points, if done in a school zone.

Why can't I can't park across the
footpath?



NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND

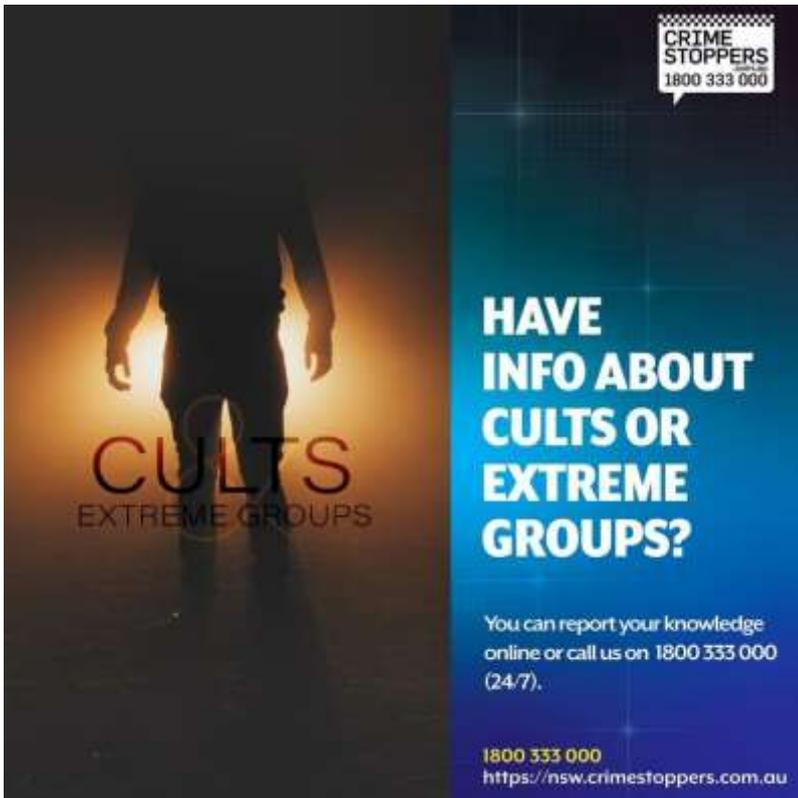


And in the comments: Also impacts those with severe loss of vision. They learn the route and expect the footpath to be clear of obstructions. [Thanks, Shane - Ed]

25 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: 🚔 Do you have information about CULTS?

Cults are social groups of unusual religions, spiritual or philosophical beliefs. This also covers a group that has a common interest in a personality, object or goal. In general, cults can be thought of as being dangerous and harmful, as their practises can be manipulative and may have a detrimental effect on the mental and physical well-being of members.

You can report what you know online at www.crimestoppers.com.au or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).



Dates for the Diary

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.

Thursday 17 November: Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers webinar 6:30-8pm. Bookings **9424 0843** and [here](#).

Wednesday 30 November: Walk the Talk. PCYC Waitara return. 8:45-10:45am. [Info](#)

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!

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

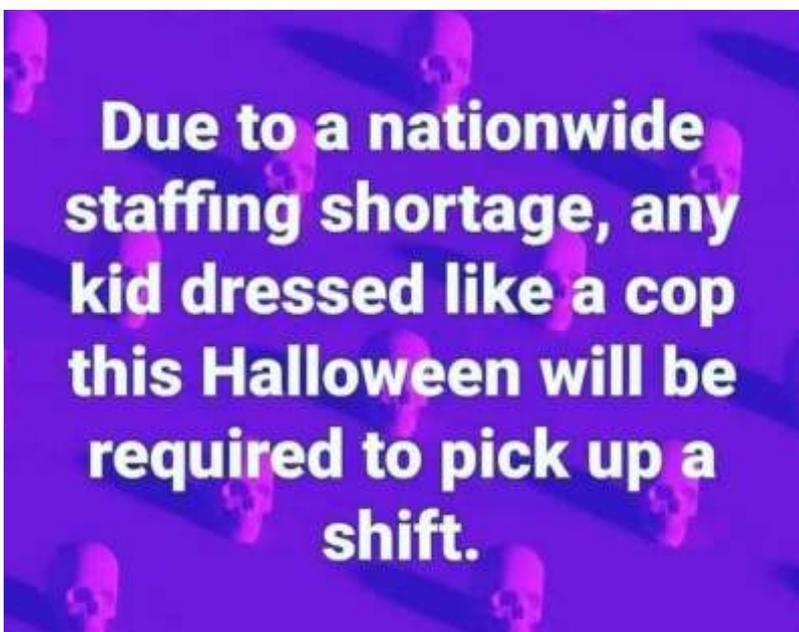
Tip #1. Identify your power tools using an engraver, available FOR LOAN from your Crime Prevention Officer (PH: Hornsby Police Station: **9476 9799**) or local Neighbourhood Watch. Stolen power tools are easily bought and sold at garage and car boot sales.

Tip #3. Do secure any dogs inside, or on the back of a ute. The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 requires you to prevent the dog falling from the vehicle—or 6mths imprisonment! Please remember shade, air, water and deter any uncontrolled barking.

Tip #13. Ensure you are properly insured. The builder? Owner? You? Double-check your understanding at all times, especially at handover and mile stones.

Tip #14. POSITION & RESTRAIN YOUR LOAD CORRECTLY, INCLUDING TOOLS & EQUIPMENT. A comprehensive LOAD RESTRAINT GUIDE is available from the National Transport Commission: <https://www.ntc.gov.au/codes-and-guidelines/load-restraint-guide>

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](#)
Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website 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](#)
[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:

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