



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #587 - 10 January 2023

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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09 January, from NSW Police Force



Officers attached to the New South Wales Dog Unit, Mounted Unit and Tactical Operations Unit have formed a guard of honour to farewell serving Police Dog Dravec, who died late last year.

PD Dravec, a Belgian Malinois, commenced service with the Dog Unit in 2017. He was accredited as a General Purpose Dog on 24 April, 2018. During his service, he was also accredited as a Public Order Dog and as a Tactical Dog. Police Dog Dravec passed away while off-duty on Monday, 26 December 2022, aged five years.

PD Dravec spent the majority of his service working in the Wollongong/Illawarra/South Coast regions, but also worked alongside the Tactical Operations Unit on a wide range of tactical jobs across NSW. The cause of death is still being determined.

Our deepest sympathies are with PD Dravec's partner and the entire Police Dog Unit.

06 January, from NSW Police Force

Although the Christmas/New Year double demerit operation has concluded, we will continue to target behaviour that endangers lives on NSW roads.

We urge people to think about others as you get behind the wheel.

Irresponsible behaviour – including speeding, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and using your mobile phone while driving – can drastically alter your own or another road user's life.

Watch video [here](#).

05 January, from NSW Police Force: Can you help police locate a woman missing from Temora?



Naomi 'Juliet' Moore, aged 49, was last seen leaving a home on Britannia Street, Temora, on Tuesday 5 July 2022.

When she was unable to be contacted, officers attached to Riverina Police District were notified and commenced inquiries to locate her.

Naomi has not contacted family or friends since; however, it is believed she travelled via train from Cootamundra to Sydney on Thursday 7 July 2022.

Police and family hold concerns for Naomi's welfare as she has a medical condition.

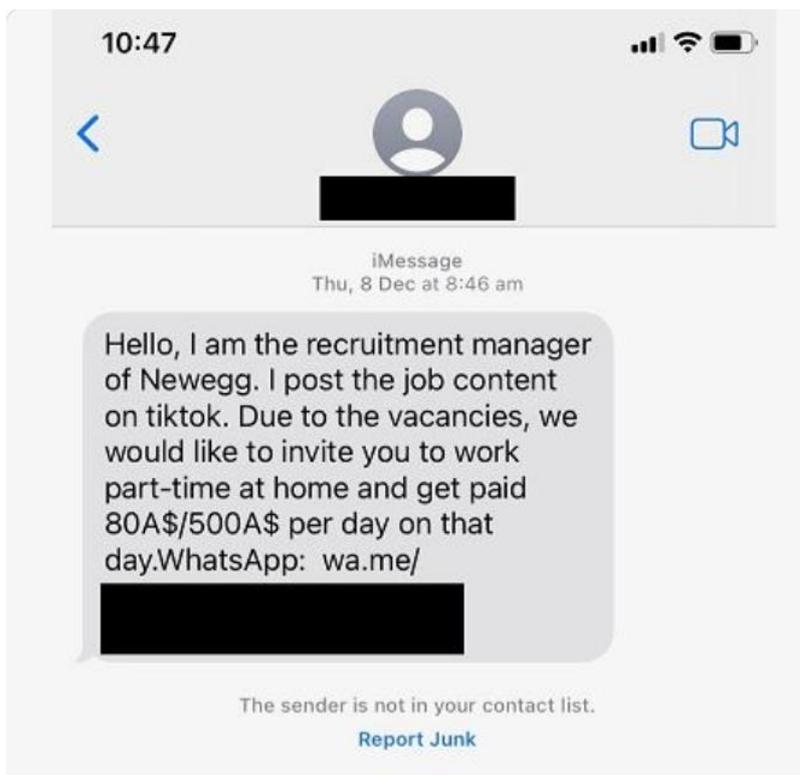
Naomi is described as Caucasian in appearance, between 160cm- 170cm tall,

of medium build with brown hair.

Naomi was last seen wearing navy corduroy pants, a khaki canvass jacket and a white shirt.

Anyone who sees Naomi or knows of her whereabouts is urged to call Temora Police on 6973 2860 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

05 January, from Ku-ring-gai command/ACCC



Scammers are targeting young jobseekers with fake job offers made through social media platforms and messaging services.

To avoid falling victim to a scam, we'd encourage you to:

- 👉 Stop – take your time before giving money or personal information.
- 👉 Think – ask yourself if the message or call could be fake?
- 👉 Protect – act quickly if something feels wrong.

If you've seen a scam, report it to ACCC [Scamwatch](#).

04 January, from Blue Mountains Police Rescue - NSW Police Force: Sergeant Stone Family Appeal.



On New Year's day, the Blue Mountains Police Rescue Squad lost one of their most respected rescue operators. Sgt Stone was killed rescuing his son from a rip on the state's far south coast.

Sergeant Stone was not only a much loved Rescue Operator with the squad but also a General Duties Sergeant with the Blue Mountains Police area Command. From coordinating large scale, multi-agency search and rescue operations to mentoring a junior staff member, he would give freely of his time even if he didn't have the time to give.

He leaves behind a wife and a young family. The NSW Police Legacy has set up a fundraising page to assist Sgt Stone's family.

All funds raised will be used to help ease the financial burden on the family during this difficult time, and provide ongoing support for their future.

Any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated. Please click on the [link](#) to make a donation.

Rest easy Stoney. We will miss you deeply mate.



10 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga: Shared with us by a resident:

We also had our car broken into in North Wahroonga, we didn't have anything in there to steal, but they left the light on and battery went dead.

Barton Crescent, North Wahroonga. It happened over the new year/first week in January.

10 January, from NSW Fair Trading

**Do not deal with
National Fire &
Safety Pty Ltd.**



Consumers are being warned not to deal with National Fire & Safety Pty Ltd (ACN 649 300845) or Mr. Michael Robson, the sole director of the company, in relation to services for which accreditation by the Fire Protection Association of Australia (the FPAA) is required.

Mr. Michael Robson and the employees of this company do not hold the appropriate accreditation to undertake assessments for annual fire safety statements.

Anyone who is concerned about their dealings with Mr. Michael Robson or National Fire & Safety Pty Ltd should contact us on 13 32 20 or visit our website [here](#).

09 January, from Mel Griffiths



Today my husband and I with our two guide dogs had another near miss with an electric car. We were crossing a side road and it came in off the main road and passed very close in front of us. If it'd been a petrol or diesel engine, or if it'd had a sound emitter fitted, we'd have heard it, but, apart from the sound of the tyres on the road, it was virtually silent.

I am a confident guide dog handler but I can honestly say that silent electric vehicles scare me. I fear that it will take serious injury to a blind person, or even worse, death, before any meaningful legislation is put into place. If it happens to me or someone that I care about, I'll be in court and I won't rest until we have justice.

So please, if you drive an electric vehicle, switch on your sound emitter. After all, you wouldn't drive at night without your lights on, it's the same thing.

Many people will like this post but please don't. I ask anyone who would have hit the like button to please hit the share button instead and pass this far and wide. I fear for our lives and those of these two amazing dogs.

08 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Domestic violence against men takes many of the same forms as it does against women.

Unfortunately due to barriers such as social stigma, embarrassment and shame, men are much less likely to report being a victim of domestic violence – however, this is starting to change.

Take a stand against domestic violence today. If you hear or see domestic violence occurring call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

If you suspect Domestic Violence happening to someone else, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain confidential.

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It's what you know, not who you are that is of interest to us.



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nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

CRIME STOPPERS
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08 January, from NSW Health:



NSW Health is advising the community to be aware of the signs and symptoms of rare but severe, invasive bacterial infections following recent increases in cases.

Executive Director of Health Protection NSW, Dr Richard Broome said there had been increases in both meningococcal disease (IMD) and invasive group A streptococcus (iGAS) infections in recent weeks.

Cases of IMD were above average in NSW towards the end of 2022, and cases of iGAS have increased in NSW, in other states, and overseas.

Dr Broome said it was important the community was aware while the infections are very rare, both can be very serious and can cause death or permanent disability.

“In their early stages, invasive bacterial infections including IMD or iGAS sometimes mimic symptoms of viral infections like COVID and influenza, and can also follow or occur at the same time as a viral infection,” Dr Broome said. “Rapid intervention and effective treatment for invasive bacterial infections are available and can be lifesaving. We urge people to pay close attention to symptoms, trust their instincts, and seek urgent medical care if symptoms

worsen or if they or the people they care for appear very unwell.

“While notification data on iGAS has only recently become available in NSW, the number of people unwell with the condition has clearly increased here and across the world,” Dr Broome said.

Between September and December of 2022, 137 cases of iGAS were notified in NSW.

There were 36 cases of meningococcal disease (IMD) reported in NSW in 2022.

Indicators of serious illness include fever, a fast heart rate, cold hands and feet or a mottled look to the skin, difficulty waking or increased lethargy or confusion. The person looks unwell and may also have nausea, vomiting or abdominal pain.

Symptoms to look out for in young children that may indicate severe illness include irritability, difficulty waking, high-pitched crying, refusal to eat/feed, fewer or no wet nappies or decreased urination, cold or mottled limbs, and difficulty breathing.

People with meningococcal disease may experience severe headache, neck stiffness, dislike of bright lights, or unexplained joint or limb pain. A non-blanching rash of red-purple spots or bruises may also occur but often presents later in the illness. Do not wait for a rash to occur.

iGAS can cause different symptoms. As well as the signs of serious illness, they may have muscle aches and pains. If they have a bruise or a skin infection this may become red, warm or very painful, including pain beyond the area that is obviously affected.

People with iGAS may develop a red, warm, painful, and rapidly spreading skin infection which may have pus or ulceration. Children may present with a sunburn-like rash. The rash and skin changes are not always present so do not wait for a rash to seek care if the person is very unwell.

Lower abdominal pain, bleeding, or bad-smelling discharge from the vagina can be symptoms of serious infection in women who are pregnant or who have recently given birth.

For more information on iGAS, click [here](#) and for IMD [here](#).

NSW Health website, click [here](#).

If you are concerned about your or your child's health call your GP or HealthDirect on 1800 022 222. If you or the person you care for is seriously unwell call 000.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 20 January 2023: Mt Colah PROBUS 11-12pm @ Asquith Golf Club -
Speaker: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

Wednesday 08 February 2023: Seniors' Expo at 10-2pm @ Turramurra
Uniting Church hall & community centre. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

08 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:



Last night at approximately 11:50pm a silver/grey car crashed into the brick wall at the front of our property on Mona Vale Rd. It then (somehow!) drove off, turned down Fern St and was gone.

The police have come out and lodged a report, but there's not much more they can do without more details.

Can I ask if anyone saw anything or has security cameras they could check, to please message me with any details. Thank you.

08 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Beware thieves about.

My car was broken into on Ward street last night, they took my sons back pack which then left further up the road, went thru consul looking for anything of valuable. 🚗👤

08 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Beware! Car thieves on the loose again.

My car was broken into last night on Livingstone Avenue. Seems it was attempted theft as fuse box was open but may have been an attempt to get to the BMW parked in front of it given recent reports on BMW theft in the area. I (foolishly) had my wallet in the glove compartment and they have already been on a spending spree! Police have been notified. Please be aware and be safe, especially in this rainy weather which makes it easier for criminals.

07 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Summer is here – and for many of us, that means holidays, travelling and time with family and friends.

Unfortunately, as we have already seen recently the warm weather also brings increased danger of fire – so you need to take extra precautions to keep yourself and loved ones safe.

KNOW THE BUSH FIRE DANGER RATING: If you're hitting the road and travelling this summer, know the Bush Fire Danger Rating for the area you're travelling through or staying in. Also check for total fire bans in the area.

Check out the Fire Danger Ratings Page [here](#).

STAY UP TO DATE IF THERE'S A FIRE WHERE YOU ARE: Fires can move quickly and catch people off-guard. If you're travelling, you may not be familiar with the area or with roads.

Check out the Fires Near Me Page [here](#).

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SAFETY: If you're planning to enjoy the great outdoors you need to take extra precautions – ESPECIALLY if you plan to use a fire or cooking equipment.

Check out the Guide on Caravan and Camping Safety [here](#).

BUSHWALKING SAFETY: It's the perfect time of year to enjoy the Australian bush, but it can also be dangerous. Be aware of the heat, and risk of fire.

Check out the Guide for Bushwalkers [here](#).

ENJOY A BBQ – BUT STAY SAFE! If you're having a BBQ with your family and friends, play it safe. Before you light up, check the hoses and connections on

gas BBQ's for any leaks.

Check out the Tips on Having a Safe BBQ [here](#).

Information obtained and adapted from [here](#).

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07 January, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Witness killer back behind bars after short bout of freedom



A calculated murderer who killed a man and attempted to take the life of another witness due to testify against him in a fraud trial had a short-lived freedom after he breached his parole.

06 January, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch

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

If anyone recognises this guy please

Let me know i would like to have a friendly chat with him as to why he thinks

stealing is acceptable. These are the units in Bellevue street. Cheers!



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

Tip #1: IDENTIFY YOUR 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS — 2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS FROM AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swap contact details.

Tip #3: JOIN IN WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. They are your eyes and ears when you aren't at home. Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to find out about a group in your area. Maybe set up an 'eWatch' for your street or building?

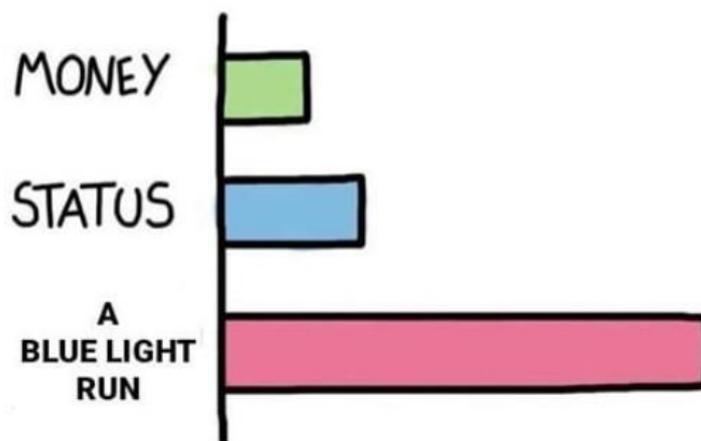
Tip #7: LOOK AT YOUR HOME, GARDEN, SHED, & IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS IF YOU WERE A BURGLAR. What gives you cover from being seen? Where is the quick getaway? Have you sensor lighting? Are your windows & doors secure? Invite a teenage relative to try and get into your home. Can they climb up to balconies? Fit through gaps? Request a FREE Security Audit from the CPO.

Tip #9: CONSIDER HAVING THE LOCKS CHANGED/UPDATED/RE-KEYED. RE-PROGRAMME NEW ALARM CODES FOR THE BURGLAR ALARM.

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](#).

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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.

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)
