



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #592 - 14 February 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 February from Ku-ring-gai command: Thanks to everyone who popped in yesterday to the Seniors Expo at Turramurra Uniting Church!

Ku-ring-gai command shared the post from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: What a great day at the Ku-ring-gai Council 's Everything for Seniors event! Thank you to all our volunteers; Kanak, Mary, our Crime Prevention Officer Cst Gemma Walker, our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer Fiona Zhou, Gay, David and Julia. Not pictured; Simon.

Apart from offering advice and creating goodie bags with car rego plate locking screws, we really appreciated connecting with all the other community organisations. Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council and students from St Edmunds.



09 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Our Police officers attached to the Ku-ring-gai PAC Domestic Violence Team were out on the Hawkesbury River today on KU790 conducting AVO compliance checks on residents who reside in locations that are only accessible via water.



09 February, from Leichhardt command: ⚠️ SCAM ALERT ⚠️

The latest 'Hi Mum' scams have added a nasty twist to steal your money. If you receive this scam, call your loved one on a known number NOT the one in the text to verify their safety.

If you've seen this scam or fallen victim to it, please report it to

Scamwatch: scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam



Image via Scamwatch



14 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thanks to Hornsby TAFE for the invitation to join in with a table at their Valentine's Day BBQ for new immigrants.

Our local police from the Ku-ring-gai command were also there, along with several other very relevant organisations. The sausage sizzle went down well! We had many interested residents with interesting questions, including many who use Farsi. We have been trying for a

while to get the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series translated into Farsi and today we may have found two volunteers! Thank you to Gay, Julia and Nina.



14 February, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: 🔥 If you have the Fires Near Me NSW app on your phone you may notice a change.

It's now called Hazards Near Me NSW and shows information and warnings about bush fires and floods.

- 🔥 Update your App or search for [Hazards Near Me NSW](#) in the App Store.
- 🔥 Check your watch zones to be notified of incidents in your area.
- 🔥 Set up a user profile to use across all your devices.

Hazards Near Me NSW is your official and trusted source of emergency information, showing information and warnings directly from our emergency services.



14 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Last week we connected with many organisations at the 'Everything for Seniors' day organised by Ku-ring-gai Council.

We tried to find an overlap between Neighbourhood Watch and other not-for-profits, possibly around the subjects of safety and security, rules and regulations, that affect our community. One such organisation was Sydney Wildlife Rescue, who pointed us to various resources on their website, such as this article [here](#), '***What Should I do if I Find an Injured Animal?***'

Neighbourhood Watch has various [Frequently Asked Questions](#), including ***FAQ #12 What Should I do if I Have a Collision with an Animal?*** It will be updated in due course to include the contact information for Sydney Wildlife Rescue.



13 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: At the weekend Neighbourhood Watch volunteers helped with 'cocooning' letterbox drops in Gordon, Hornsby, Pymble and Mt Colah.

Cocooning is the idea of warning residents around where an incident has occurred. Our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Constable Gemma Walker, without identifying the actual residence for privacy reasons, identifies letterboxes around the area where community alerts can be delivered. Gemma prints off different community alerts depending on the type of offence. Hopefully the warning will prompt neighbours to be more vigilant, careful and less likely to become a victim. Thank you to Gemma, volunteers, Mick, Julia, Bruce and a local resident in Alma Street.

The latest cocooning warnings:

Break & Enter (B&E), Building 20A McIntyre Street, Gordon.

B&E, Burdett Street, Hornsby

Steal from Motor Vehicle, Alma St, Pymble

Steal from Motor Vehicle, Woodlands Ave & Kulgoa Rd, Pymble

B&E(?) Lady Street, Mt Colah

Please report any incident, no matter how minor - it all helps build a bigger picture of what is going on in your neighborhood. Phone the **Police Assistance Line 131 444** to report non-emergency crime.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 28 February: Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting (CSPC) hosted by Ku-ring-gai PAC 1-2pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Send your issues/questions to us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Saturday 04 March: Clothing & Linen Collection at 10am-3pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

Thursday 23 March: Harmony Day Expo 10am-2pm @ Gordon Uniting Church. NHW Crime Prevention stall TBC.

Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day. [Info.](#)

Wednesday 03 May: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6-8pm @ PCC Waitara.

13 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Your safety comes first!

Always be aware of your surroundings. If you feel you are in danger, go to a place where there are plenty of people, like a shop or services station.

Things to remember:

- ➡ Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call
- ➡ Have your keys ready before you get to your home or car
- ➡ Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe
- ➡ Where possible, park your car in a busy, well lit area
- ➡ If someone in a car threatens you, run in the opposite direction the car is facing
- ➡ If attacked, shout as loudly as you can

If we stop one person from committing a crime, there is a good chance we will prevent them carrying out further crimes. We need you to provide us with any information you have on a crime even if you cannot identify the offender.



13 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: NSW Crime Stoppers is asking the community for two things:

- 🔥 Education: Be fire aware, throwing cigarette butts from a moving car, leaving a fire unattended or lighting a fire during a high fire danger zone can easily cause a bushfire and are all criminal offences.
- 🔥 Reporting: If you see someone throw a cigarette butt, light a fire during a high fire danger zone or carelessly leave fires unattended, report it to Crime Stoppers. The community can report a licence plate associated with throwing cigarette butts from a car window or details of someone who has left a fire unattended or deliberately lit a fire during a high fire danger zone.

Any piece of information, anything you have seen or heard, may be crucial in preventing or solving a crime. We don't want to know who you are; we just want to know what you know. Call or click **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000/ crimestoppers.com.au**.



13 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Children often beg to sit in the front seat of the car – but what are the requirements for child seats in vehicles in Australia?

Read below:

- ➡ **0-6 MONTHS:**
- Children up to the age of six months must be secured in an approved rearward facing restraint
- ➡ **6 MONTHS - 4 YEARS**
- Children aged from 6 months old, but under 4 years old, must be secured in either a

rear or forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness.

- Children under 4 years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with 2 or more rows.
- ➡ **4 YEARS – 7 YEARS**
- Children aged from 4 years old but under 7 years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or approved booster seat.
- Children aged from 4 to 7 cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows – unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than 7 years in an approved child restraint or booster seat.
- ➡ **7 YEARS +**
- Children aged from 7 years old but under 16 years old who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat.
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened, or by a suitable approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.

Please note:

- If your child is too small for the child restraint specified by their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move on to the next level.
- If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they may move on to the next level of child restraint.
- ALWAYS follow the manufacturers instructions when fitting child car seats.



13 February, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Needing to leave your house as a consequence of a bushfire or other emergency?

Prepare for the unexpected by putting together your bushfire emergency kit. Make sure to include essential items such as mobile chargers or battery banks, medications or scripts, pet supplies, and enough clothing for a number of days. Also, don't forget to keep important documents like insurance papers, birth certificates, and passports within reach. Be ready to evacuate at short notice by knowing your neighbourhood's designated safer place. Stay safe and be prepared!

Learn more [here](#).

This kit should include the essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe while you evacuate and until it's safe to return.

Emergency evacuation kit list:

- Important/legal documents.
- Valuable items (photos, jewellery, medals, etc).
- Clothing for everyone.
- First aid kit.
- Drinking water and food for the trip.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Items to grab when leaving:
- Wallet/ purse.
- Medications/ life support equipment.
- Phone, laptop and chargers.
- House and car keys.
- Pet supplies (food, bowl, cage, leash, etc).

13 February, from 9News.com.au: Six cyclists injured in major 15 bike pile up in Sydney's north

Full article [here](#).



Paramedics and CareFlight doctors helped to treat the injured cyclists. ©CareFlight

11 February, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group: Hey everyone just a warning if you live in Asquith

Someone broke into my partner's toolboxes on the back of his ute and stole his tools. They cut the locks and stole a decent amount of stuff. If anyone sees anyone selling anything like:

- Milwaukee roller box
- Makita laser level
- Milwaukee crate
- Various makita tools

Please let me know.

11 February, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group: Hello dear community

My father-in-law has lost a silver ring with an eagle on top in the men's toilet at Westleigh shopping centre on Sunday a couple of weeks ago. It was around 4pm and didn't realise it was missing until 4 hours later. Since then we have contacted the centre management and asked around every shop, checked notice board etc. It had a great sentimental value to him and would even pay a small reward for it. If anyone finds it, please contact me. Your help will be highly appreciated and modestly rewarded. Thank you!

11 February, from NSW Electoral Commision: Did you know your participation at a

fundraiser ahead of the 2023 NSW State election may constitute a political donation?

Political parties, politicians and candidates running for election often hold events to raise funds for their election campaigns.

Paying to attend a fundraiser and making a winning bid on an item while there are common examples of political donations that may need to be disclosed to the NSW Electoral Commission.

Learn the rules that apply to fundraisers by visiting [here](#).

11 February, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group yesterday.

Thanks to Penny.

The purpose of this post is educational. Did you know that when double white lines are present it is illegal to park within three metres of the double lines? This is a general road rule and signs do not need to be present for the rule to apply. I noticed this happening yesterday near the Memorial roundabout at St Ives North Public School and the result was dangerous. Many people seem unaware of the rule so I thought it was worth posting.



10 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We were recently asked about RFID protection for cards in your wallet and passports, either as sleeves or as 'skimming stoppers'.

The kind of products discussed were such as the following examples:

- SkimGuard click [here](#) and
- Comfort Travel click [here](#) and [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We can merely bring it to your attention. You must do your own research.

09 February, from the Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community News: We would like to inform the community to keep an eye out for cane toads!

One was sited and captured on a property in Kenthurst early this week. They are active early evening and onwards. They are a dangerous threat to our wildlife and domestic pets, as they secrete venom through their glands when they feel threatened. In the event if you do come across one please alert authorities immediately!

All cane toad sightings of these animals should be reported to **NSW DPI on 1800 680 244** or take a photograph and fill out DPI's unusual animal form.

Below is the captured cane toad. Length approx 20cm. Weight 585grams



09 February, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/

Killara/Roseville Community Group: Hoping against hope

If anyone picked up either an orange Stihl blower or hedge trimmer engine could you let me know. I would love to pick them up. They are my husband's tools and they fell out of the back of my Ute this morning as I was taking them to be serviced. Many thanks. I drove from East Lindfield over Roseville Bridge past Oxford Falls and Narrabeen Sports Centre to Mona Vale, but I am fairly sure they fell out somewhere near the corner of Sydney Rd and Woodlands Rd in East Lindfield.

08 February, from NSW Food Authority: A place in Waitara has been added to the list this week

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 18 premises added
- 2 premises publication period expired

See [here](#).

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

Tip #3. Keep a torch & phone handy by the bed.

Tip #6. Beware computer scams. Never open unsolicited attachments. Never follow links from within emails. Sign up for the Government's free 'stay smart online' service.

Tip #10. Use a torch key-ring to avoid fumbling with keys. Consider attaching keys to an extendable key-ring that connects to your pocket/purse.

Tip #11. Install a spy-hole.

Tip #19. Buddy-up with a neighbour— use a signal to show you have arisen safely (e.g. a blind raised).

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](#).

Acknowledging fellow motorists with a single finger raise is the unwritten law of Aussie road trips. No one is above this law.



Thanks to [Meanwhile in 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

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Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org
Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

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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](#)

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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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