



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #595 - 7 March 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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## 7 March, from NSW Rural Fire Service



Firefighters are working on more than 30 bush and grass fires across NSW, with another challenging day in some areas.

At 9am 7 March, there are 33 bush and grass fires with 12 yet to be fully contained.

One fire, the Alpha Road fire near Hill End, is at Watch and Act. More hot, dry and windy conditions are forecast today.

There are two total fire bans - in the Central Ranges and Greater Hunter. The Central Ranges will see an Extreme fire danger today.

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## 2 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command



A big thank you to everyone who turned up and had Coffee with a Cop yesterday at [Jiminis Cafe, Westfield Hornsby](#)! It was a great turn out and we enjoyed getting to know our local community. Stay tuned for the next event to meet your local cops 🚔 🚔

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1 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

#QuickTip

Do a video walkthrough of your home, making sure to capture anything of value and store the video file in a safe place.



## 1 March, from NSW Police Force



Our four-legged sidekicks now have four fresh wheels! 🐾🚗

The Dog Unit will be receiving 60 Volkswagen Tiguan over the next 12 months, which include a purpose-designed custom-fitted module to house the dogs - the first of its type in Australia.

The modules provide air conditioning and ventilation for the dogs as well as a temperature alarm, which alerts handlers if the dog is at risk of high temperatures.

The vehicle also features remote-access capability, which allows the handler to release the dog even if the handler isn't in the vehicle, especially suited if the handler is under duress.

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## 1 March, from NSW Police Force: THE FINAL PART (PART 5 OF 5) OF OUR SERIES ON THE NSW POLICE CADETS - 90TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



Last Wednesday (22 February 2023), the NSW Police Cadets celebrated 90 years since its inception in 1933 with a formal lunch in the Sydney CBD.

In attendance were about 70 former members.

The oldest attendees were former Constable 1st Class Ernie Carmichael and former Senior Constable Rob Linney both aged 86. Whilst in different intakes both joined the cadets in 1952. Ernie's actual start date was on 15 April 1952 – the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic!

Retired Assistant Commissioner Bob Waites APM was the most former senior ranking officer present having joined the cadets in 1966.

Also present was Retired Superintendent Tony McWhirter APM who was the last ever cadet to be sworn in as a police officer in 1980.

In a unique achievement, Detective Chief Inspector Sam Courcoulos, Detective Sergeant Brad Whittle APM, Detective Sergeant David Wood, Chief Inspector Steven Corry, Detective Chief Inspector Garry Sims APM and Detective Sergeant John Robertson APM were also present – the last six still serving officers who commenced their careers with the cadets.

It was a chance for old mates to get together and share stories.

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This is the final entry on our five-part series of the NSW Police Cadets, and we hope you have enjoyed it.

We extend a BIG thank you to those former members – and the last serving six - who commenced their policing career whilst only teenagers to serve the people of NSW.

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**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.

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## 6 March, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

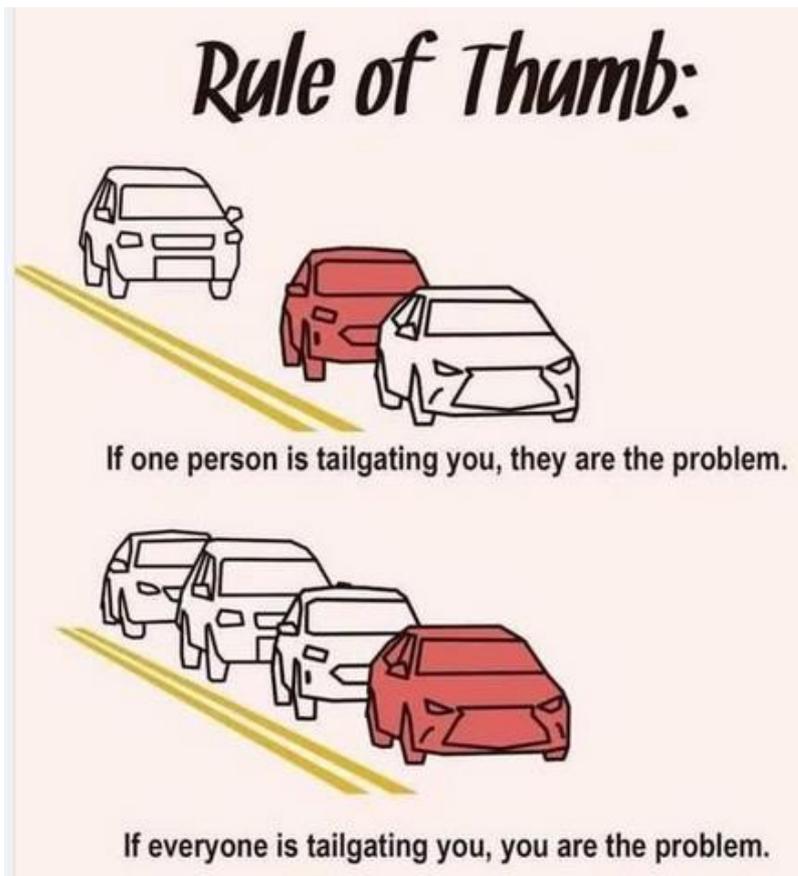


If you are looking to purchase an e-scooter, have safety at front of mind and know the rules before purchasing. To keep you and others safe, you cannot ride personal e-scooters on NSW roads, footpaths, shared paths or bicycle lanes.

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## 6 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai Hornsby



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## 6 March, from Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch

More crime last night. Here's a post from the local kids sailing club:

Stolen! 2 x Tohatsu 9.8HP outboard motors (2015 & 2016 years model) from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Sailing Club at Dead Horse Bay, Brooklyn last night between 12:00-06:00. Serial numbers are 021509AE & 018734AF. The tiller arms are frozen on both motors in the down position, so pretty obvious if they are ours. One of them the leg rubbers are gone so it doesn't drive straight... Same motors as in the picture. Any info would be greatly appreciated. This crime has been reported to the police.

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### **6 March, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara**

Missed this post from Jennifer Anderson on Nextdoor from the 05 February:

Grants of \$194,338 for a wombat crossing on Lady Game Drive, Killara and

\$145,738 for a wombat crossing on Culworth Avenue, Killara have been

announced by the NSW State Government under the Get NSW Active program.

The projects will now be progressed and delivered by Ku-ring-gai Council.

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A wombat crossing is a **pedestrian (zebra) crossing on a raised platform**. The platform is higher than the existing road pavement level and typically at the same level of the footpath. The design of a wombat crossing means that pedestrians walk at the same level as they move from one side of the road to the other.

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### **5 March, from [afp.gov.au](https://www.afp.gov.au): Third-party IT contractor arrested for \$90,000 fraud**

A Sydney man faced Burwood Local Court on Friday (3 March, 2023) after he was arrested by the AFP for an alleged cybercrime-enabled fraud against the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM).

It will be alleged the man was a contracted IT support worker to a third-party provider who accessed ANMM's account payable system and illegally changed bank account details stored in the museum's system to his own.

The financial details of several individuals and businesses were also unlawfully obtained, resulting in the man allegedly using credit card information to make a series of unauthorised purchases.

In November, the ANMM detected anomalies in provided financial information for contracted companies. Independent forensic investigators identified the extent of the issue and the AFP was notified.

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AFP Cybercrime Operations investigators allegedly linked the man, 23, to the unauthorised access of several systems and servers.

Details [here](#).

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### **5 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby**

Attached is a promotional flyer for a free service currently being provided to disadvantaged people who are pre-learner drivers located within the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai (and Hawkesbury) local government areas. It may change someone's life for the better. It is an excellent free resource for those who are unable to afford the process of obtaining a license due to life circumstances, and contributes to safer drivers on our roads.

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The program is coordinated by Youthsafe. If anyone has any questions or other, they can phone 0491 675 485.



# Getting a Learner Driver Licence

**Free** support from Youthsafe, a Government-approved Driver Licensing Access Provider (DLAP), to provide disadvantaged people with:

- Help to prepare for their Driver Knowledge Test
- Reimbursement of the cost of doing their Driver Knowledge Test (\$49) and the cost of their Learner Licence (\$26)
- Complimentary access to...
  - a Keys2Drive driving lesson with a qualified provider and two one-hour professional driving lessons up to the value of \$150.

This is an exclusive offer to pre-learners in the Local Government Areas of Hornsby, Hawkesbury and Ku-ring-gai.

Call 0491675485 or scan the code to visit our website to learn more



<https://youthsafe.org/driver-licensing-access-program-dlap/>

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**2 March, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Heights Community group:**

Hi all,

After being arrested 3 times in 3 days the homeless man has returned to the entrance to the Berowra Hts Village Shops. The police have told me, he has refused the medical help he requires and the various homeless services & support available locally. And, whilst he has outstanding warrants interstate,

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along with recent issues here, there is not enough to hold him or preventing him from returning to the area at this stage.

Although most of the time the man is quietly sitting or lying at the shopping centre entrance police encourage people to avoid interacting with this man as he is unpredictable with his behavior, mainly because of unstable psychological issues which are not being medically controlled. His sign shown in this photo is a reflection of these issues.

Several residents have contacted me about feeling unsafe and even experiencing violent encounters with him. These must all be reported to Ku-ring-gai LAC (Hornsby police) on 9476 9799 or by visiting the police station.

There is no doubt all of this is having an impact of the businesses within the Village Shops and the community as a whole.

Tomorrow I will be discussing with the Crime Prevention Sergeant about what is being planned as a solution for both the community and the man in question.

And what else can be communicated with the community.

I have also been told to request people NOT give him money as this is often spent on alcohol which can be a trigger for his problem behavior. Unfortunately, the Berowra community's biggest strengths (our generosity, sympathy & willingness to help to those we perceive in need) is also one of our biggest weaknesses in this case.

- Please avoid interacting with the homeless gentlemen at Berowra Village Shops
- Report any negative experiences to Hornsby police (9476 9799) especially any violent interactions
- Think twice before giving money as it could actually add to the problem
- Be assured police & other agencies are looking at the best solution(s) for all involved

If anyone needs any further information please feel free to contact me on 0403 227 560 or [ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

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## 2 March, from 9news.com.au: DV and sex assaults stand out as 'concerning upwards crime trends' in NSW



Domestic violence and sexual assaults in New South Wales are displaying "the most concerning upwards trends," according to Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director at NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

Her comments came ahead of the release of the NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update, published by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) today.

The report, which tracked more than a dozen major offences across the state, showed in the 12 months until December 2022 there were 33,410 incidents of domestic-violence related assault.

This is up from 32,125 in 2021, and marks a total increase of three per cent over the past five years.

Click [here](#) for more details.

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

**Tip #2.** DO HIDE AND LOCK ALL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY YOUR LAPTOP, MOBILE PHONE, ETC.

**Tip #5.** ALWAYS DISPLAY A WARNING FLAG ON ITEMS PROTRUDING

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1.2M BEHIND THE VEHICLE. Carry a red tailgate warning flag for when needed.

**Tip #8. DO NOT OVERLOAD VEHICLES. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LIMIT.** It's worth making two trips. See more here: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/safety-compliance/load-height-restrictions/>.

**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](#).

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**I WAS LONELY UNTIL I GLUED A  
COFFEE CUP ON TOP OF MY CAR.**



**NOW EVERYONE WAVES AT ME!**

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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.

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## **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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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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