



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #596 - 14 March 2023

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Kuring-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!").

- A 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.
- A Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- A Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

14 March, from NSW Road Safety: All children must be safely fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size.

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be injured or killed in a crash than one who is not.

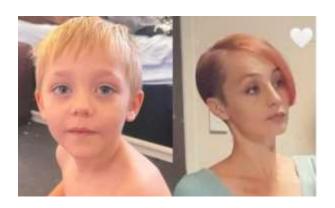
For more information, visit: nswroads.work/ChildSeats.



13 March, from Queensland Police Service: UPDATE: Jessica is believed to have a fully shaved head.

LABRADOR: Jessica, 32 and her 4-year-old son are missing since yesterday afternoon. They are believed to be on foot in the Labrador or Southport areas and may be visiting parks and shopping centres. Call Policelink 131444 to report sightings.

Full Media Release here.



09 March, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man currently missing from The Hills district.

Alexander Rowe, aged 30, was last seen at on Old Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill, about 6.30pm on Sunday 5 March 2023.

He has not been located or contacted since. About 8pm today (Thursday 9 March 2023), officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command were notified and commenced inquiries into his whereabouts. Family and police hold concerns for Alexander's welfare. Alexander is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170-175cm tall with a medium build, short brown hair and brown eyes. He is known to frequent the Smithfield, Castle Hill, Bondi Junction and Sydney CBD areas.

Anyone who sees Alexander him or has information about his whereabouts is urged to contact local police or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



08 March, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen Matthew?

Matthew Smith, 40, is wanted by virtue on an outstanding warrants for Stalk/Intimidate and Assault

offences.

Officers attached to Paramatta Police Area Command have conducted inquiries into his whereabouts; however, have been unable to locate him.

He is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, about 165cm – 175cm tall, of thin build, with black hair and brown eyes.

Matthew is known to frequent the Mount Druitt, Bidwill, Hebersham and Dean Park areas.

Anyone who sees Matthew or knows of his whereabouts is urged to contact Police or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

Full Media Release here.





14 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Here's a valuable resource that was developed in conjunction with Ku-ring-gai Council, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command and Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby, "Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai".

The flyer is available in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Spanish. Find it on the Ku-ring-gai Council website, at the bottom of the Emergencies page:

https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Community/Emergencies.

Most of the information is valid in Hornsby and other council areas, so please share with your friends. It may come in handy!





Email us here for a copy of the pdf in your inbox, stating the language you require.

A new Quarterly Update report is available from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) for December 2022.

Download your copy here: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Publications/RCS-Quarterly/NSW_Recorded_Crime_Dec_2022.pdf



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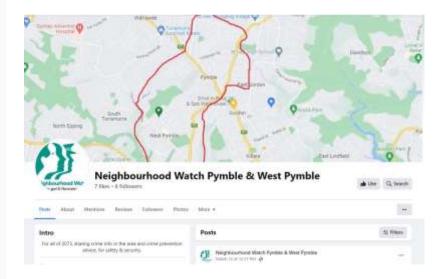
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Spotlight on a suburb: Pymble & West Pymble

Neighbourhood Watch now has a Neighbourhood Watch Pymble & West Pymble Facebook page here.

Thank you to Hannah for helping us with the page and her offer to deliver informative letterbox drops in the area. Hannah recently moved into the suburb and is keen to give back to her new community. We hope you will be happy and safe in your new home, Hannah!



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22 March: Harmony Day Multicultural Festival 10:30am-1:30pm @ Hornsby TAFE -

free BBQ, service stalls, cultural stalls and performances, etc.

Thursday 23 March: Harmony Day Festival 10am-2pm @ Gordon Uniting Church.

Thursday 23 March: FREE Supervisor of a Learner Driver online workshop. 6:30-8pm Info.

Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day. Info.

Sunday 26 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Info.

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

HARMONY DAY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thursday 23rd March 2023 from 10am to 2pm @ Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church, 18 Cecil St Gordon 2073

Celebrate multiculturalism at our Harmony Day Festival with singing, dancing, a sausage sizzle and meaningful conversations.

Wear something orange in support of Harmony Day.



08 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Temporary road closures - Bobbin Head ClassicCouncil has approved the following temporary road closures and parking restrictions on **Sunday 26 March 2023** for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic:

- Karuah Road (between Eastern Road and Turramurra Avenue) 5am to 3pm.
- Turramurra Avenue (between Brentwood Avenue and Karuah Road) northbound lane only -5am to 3pm.
- Warrimoo Avenue (between Killeaton Street and Mungarra Avenue) northbound lane only -6.45am to 1.30pm.
- Woodbury Road (between Mona Vale Road and Hume Avenue) eastbound lane only 8.30am to 1.30pm.
- Bobbin Head Road northbound right turn lane at Burns Road intersection 8am to 1.45pm.

Parking restrictions:

- Western side of Eastern Road (between Brentwood Avenue and Chilton Parade) 5am to 8am.
- Western side of Turramurra Avenue (between Brentwood Avenue and Karuah Road) 5am to 3pm.
- Both sides of Karuah Road (between Turramurra Avenue and Katina Street) 5am to 3pm.
- Both sides of Toolang Road (between Memorial Avenue and Romney Road) 5am to 1pm.

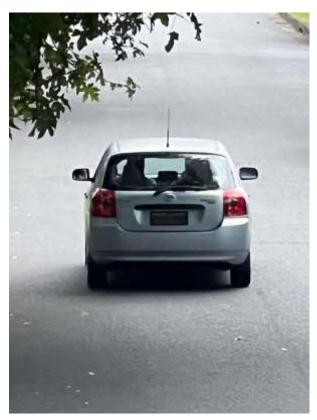
The purpose of the road closures and parking restrictions are to allow the Rotary Clubs of Turramurra, Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Wahroonga to conduct a community bicycle ride through local roads in Ku-ring-gai. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

13 March, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group: Hi, I'm about to move into the area as I'm finishing my new house in the next few weeks.

But today something happened I think is important to make neighbours aware of. 6:30 tonight I was doing some work on the house when the car in this picture stopped out the front. Two male occupants spent 4 minutes pointing to the house and talking, I decided to walk out and confront them but by the time I walked out they were parked outside my neighbours house on the left. Once I got to the road and took the photo they saw me and left.

I've reviewed my security footage and they were also stopped outside my neighbour on the right before stopping outside my house. This is on Blackburn Street. Tried calling Gordon police to report it

but couldn't get them to pick up the phone. Considering the number plate is blocked out this is really concerning.



And in the original post's comments: Guys, relax! I know these people and they are re just looking at houses due to renovating theirs and get ideas! Nothing to be worried about!

12 March, Shared with permission from the Lost & Found Ku-ring-gai group: This is such a stretch - I know

I've lost my beloved planner which basically dictates the order of my life. I left it on the Train on Tuesday 7 March, on the T1 to Berowra via Gordon, when I disembarked at Waitara. If anyone has picked it up. I'd be eternally grateful!!

Brand: Inamio

Colour/size: 11 x 8.5" with a soft black cover.

I've lodged a lost-property report with TfNSW and spoken to Lost Property and nothing found by them

so far. TIA!

12 March, Shared with permission from the East Wahroonga Community group (3 days ago,

Wednesday 08 March): I lost a small pendant and its chain yesterday morning.

It is a rectangular shaped, very pale green stone (green amethyst) in a simple setting. Not extremely valuable, but a favourite of mine. Lost either in Huon Street or near corner of Huon and Westbrook, or, on Bobbin Head Road between the main school entrance and stairs to DHM pathology. Would love to get it back!

08 March, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): A Media Release from the AFP: Three guilty verdicts in Operation Elbrus trial

Three men were found guilty in the Supreme Court of NSW today (7 March 2023) for their roles in a syndicate alleged to have conducted a \$105 million tax fraud over a three year period.

Read more here.

13 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: NEIGHBOUR DAY AT WISEMANS FERRY \bigcirc Sunday 26 March 2023 is Neighbour Day.

Getting involved in Neighbour Day events provides an opportunity to shift the tide from social isolation to social connection, by building respectful relationships and connected communities. In the spirit of Neighbour Day, we will be hosting a free, special Hello Hornsby event for seniors (60+ years) who live, work and volunteer in the Wisemans Ferry community; a community still overcoming the devastating impact of flooding events during 2022.

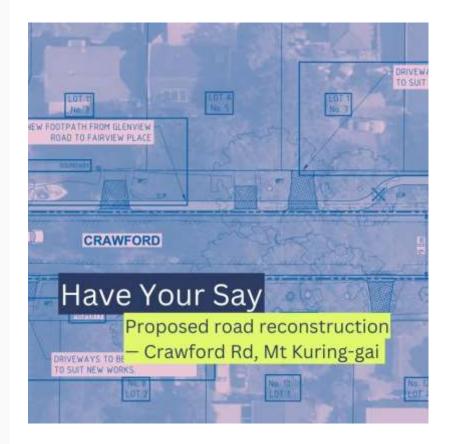
- Bookings are essential. For all the event info and to register, see:
 https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/neighbourday2023
- **1** For more information about Neighbour Day 2023, see: https://neighbourseveryday.org

10 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: YOUR SAY ""| We are proposing road reconstruction works to Crawford Road, Mount Kuring-gai.

The proposed works will include pavement reconstruction, construction of kerb and gutter, and

sections of footpath. The aim of these works is to improve public amenity, traffic safety and reduce ongoing maintenance costs. Due to availability of resources earlier then expected, works are scheduled to begin in April 2023 and are expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Take a look at the details on the project webpage (link below) and let us know your thoughts by:

- Completing the feedback form at the project webpage
- Emailing us
- Writing to us
- Thave your say on this project before 20 March 2023
- SHave your Say link



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

Tip #6. IF YOU ARE AWAY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD consider house-sitters, inform your insurance & burglar alarm companies, set TV and lights on timers, and make your home

look lived in. Ask a neighbour or friend to:

- put your bins out and in each week;
- regularly empty mailbox, collect mail & remove junk mail/freebie newspapers;
- park in your driveway;
- mow lawn and/or nature strip;
- regularly check the outside of your property to remove any clues that your home is empty (eg a note/business card on your door, or a delivery on the doorstep).

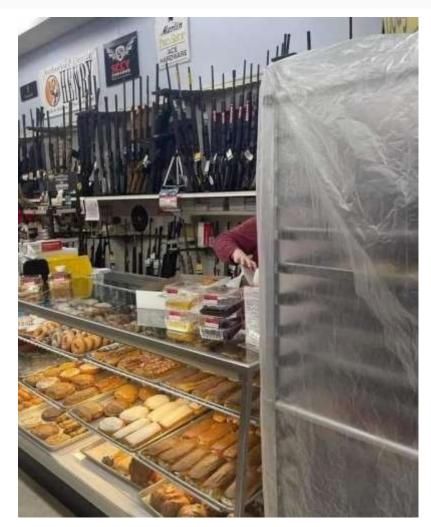
Tip #13. TRY AND LOOK LIKE A LOCAL. Respect local customs and culture. Drink in moderation. Try and plan routes with maps INSIDE the hotel or inconspicuously when out. Download local maps prior to departure. Research the area and routes, using 'Street View' to familiarise yourself. Avoid beaches at night, as they are usually not patrolled.

Tip #17. KEEP THE 'DO NOT DISTURB' SIGN ON HOTEL DOOR, even when unoccupied. Keep the drapes/blinds pulled at all times, even when unoccupied. Don't rely on hotel room safes - carry passport & anything of value at all times. Get cleaned by calling maid service.

Tip #20. VISIT OUR CRIME PREVENTION WEBSITE www.WatchOut.org.au/travel/ for links to pertinent info on the internet. Protect yourself!

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>.

America. "I'll take a dozen glazed doughnuts and that there 12 gauge shotgun."



Thanks to UK Cop 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

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 Pymble & West Pymble

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives

Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra

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Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

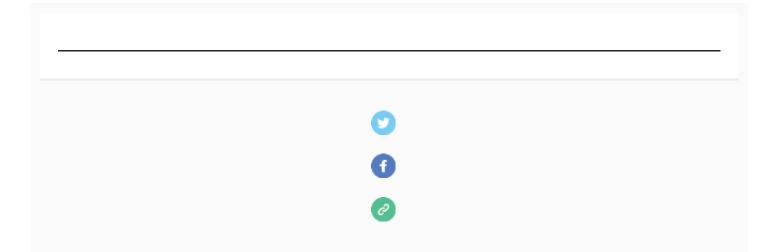
Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

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:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station

292 Peats Ferry Road

Hornsby, NSW 2077

