



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #599 - 04 April 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.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

3 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Here are some egg-cellent caravan safety tips before you head off this Easter:

🚚 Load and restrain your caravan and towing vehicle correctly

🚗 Keep a safe speed and distance from others on the road

☀️ Drive to the conditions

🚗 Accelerate, brake, and steer smoothly and gradually

More tips [here](#) and [here](#).



1 April, from NSW Police Force: Drum roll please... 🥁 Welcome to #ForensicsFriday 🧪🔍👤

On Fridays, we'll be taking you inside the command where law enforcement and science meet - our Forensic Evidence & Technical Services!

Following the introduction of suspect sampling through the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000, the NSW Police Force have significantly contributed to the National Database of DNA samples collected to assist in solving crimes where biological material has been left behind at crime scenes.

Did you know that since January 2001, the New South Wales Police Force have conducted 237,776 Forensic Procedures? From that, a total 141,376 were on Suspects and 51,696 were on inmates.

In the past 5 years on average the NSW Police Force have conducted 15,300 DNA Procedures each year.

Each year, the DNA Management Unit link over 28,000 suspects to NSW Crime Scenes that help bring justice to the victims of crime.

In the past five years the top offences that account for DNA links in New South Wales are –

- 👉 Assaults - 16.4%
- 👉 Break and Enter - 13.1%
- 👉 Drug Detection - 12.3%
- 👉 Sexual Assault - 8.4%
- 👉 Homicide - 7%

The NSW Police Force also uses DNA to assist in establishing kinship (familial matching) for Missing Persons.

In 2021 the NSW Police Force held up Pop-Up centre in Coffs Harbour to collect samples from volunteers to assist in the identification of unidentified bones and repatriation of remains, assisting closure for families.

The Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Accelerated Recruit Program is currently closed, however you can register your interest by contacting the FE&TS Human Resources Manager via email fetscarp@police.nsw.gov.au.



31 March, from NSW Police Force

On the 7th March 2023, the New South Wales Police Academy held the Opening Ceremony for the Aboriginal Trackers Honour Roll and Display. The Honour Roll was opened by Commissioner Karen Webb APM, Assistant Commissioner Peter McKenna APM, Duncan Smith OAM and Policing Student and Wiradjuri Man, Isaiah Gorman.

The display includes the Honour Roll, story boards of prominent trackers and stations, artefacts, community artworks and a wall where our First Nations Students leave their handprints.

The Honour Roll contains more than 600 names of trackers who were employed by the NSW Police Force between 1862 and 1973, with over 1000 Aboriginal men and women performing tracking roles.

It is the hope of the NSW Police Force Academy that a culturally safe space for learning and teaching encourages more First Nations People to apply to join the NSW Police Force, and that our connection to these remarkable trackers grows a bright future.



31 March, from NSW Police Force

Getting a National Police Check has never been so affordable, convenient, safe and secure!

With our online portal, your personal details are protected with government level security.

To get yours, visit site [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

31 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command: ●SEXTORTION ●reposted from Hawkesbury Police Area Command

There has been an increase in reports to Windsor Police over the past week in relation to sextortion. The social media platform 'Snapchat' has been used by offenders to persuade the victim into sending sexualised or explicit images.

Once the images are received the offender threatens to share the content with others unless their demands for money or further images are met.

Please be cautious when interacting online and do not share any personal information with people you DO NOT KNOW. Parents be vigilant in your children's online behaviour and have open discussions about sextortion and the consequences.

The eSafety Commisioner website has further information [here](#).



SEXTORTION

Sexual extortion (or sextortion) is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share intimate personal images of you online unless their demands are met. These demands are typically for money, more intimate images or sexual favours.

NSW Police Force takes sexual extortion seriously and there are consequences.

In NSW the recording or capture, distribution, as well as the threat to record or distribute, an intimate image is against the law.

If you experience image-based abuse police can investigate.

- Do not pay or send any more images or videos of yourself.
- Stop all contact with the blackmailer
- Notify the relevant social media platform
- Secure your accounts.

Remember, it is not your fault, you are not alone and you have not done anything wrong.

The infographic features a dark blue background with white text. At the bottom, there is a yellow box containing advice. To the right of the text is an illustration of a woman with blonde hair sitting in a chair, covering her face with her hands in distress. Next to her is a large smartphone displaying a social media post of a woman in a bikini. A man in an orange shirt is pointing at the phone screen. The overall theme is the danger of sextortion.

31 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Command

Don't be complacent, keep up the #9pmroutine. 8/10 homes that are broken into were entered by unlocked doors or windows. #Lockitorloseit

🔥 Times for Break & Enters are Midnight to 3am

Five reminders before you go to bed #9pmroutine

🚗 Remove valuables from your car


🔑 Lock up car & house


📺 Check CCTV is working


🔴 Switch on down stairs alarm at night (if possible)

📞 Report Suspicious Activity 131444

#9PMRoutine

 **LOCK UP**
your car, house, windows,
garage, gate, shed

 **TURN ON**
exterior lights, security
camera, alarm system

 **BRING IN**
valuables from your car,
yard, patio

30 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Man charged over allegedly failing to provide care for elderly man - Hornsby

A man has been charged over allegedly failing to provide proper care after an elderly man died on Sydney's Upper North Shore.

About 9am on Tuesday 31 May 2022, emergency services were called to a home in Frederick Street, Hornsby, following reports a 93-year-old man was found unresponsive after he had suffered serious burns four days earlier. He was taken to Hornsby Hospital in a critical condition. The man passed away in hospital on Friday 3 June 2022.

Officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command were notified and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death under Strike Force Cubes.

Following extensive inquiries, a 65-year-old man was charged with refuse to provide necessities of life endanger life (DV) today (Wednesday 29 March 2023).

He is due to appear before Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 10 May 2023.



3 April, from 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.

Watch video [here](#).



**Penalties apply for riding
personal e-scooters**



**2 April, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble
Community group yesterday (Sunday):**

One young 'scumbag' decided to visit our property on Yarrara Road at 7.51pm last night to cut a piece out of our hose pipe. He looks 12-13 years old, wearing a cap and a bandana to cover his face, grey/white stripey T-shirt, greenish shorts, black sneakers, black NIKE backpack.

Dates for the Diary

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

Friday 05 May: Presented by ID Support NSW. Let's talk about Identity Theft. 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info](#).

Monday 08 May: Migrant Expo. From 10am to 1pm. @ PCYC, Waitara.

Wednesday 17 May: Presented by: Cecilia Castle of Castle Lawyers. FREE

Wills, Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianships 1-2pm @ Pennant Hills Community Centre. [Info](#).

Thursday 18 May: FREE Teaching your Learner Driver – Graduated Licensing System (GLS) Presentation via Zoom. 6-7:30pm. [Info](#).

Sunday 21 May: FREE Party @ Wallarobba. 10:30AM to 12:30pm. Come and meet your neighbours at Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre

2 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

The NSW Digital Driver Licence is the digital version of the NSW Driver Licence available through the Service NSW app.

For all driver licence holders, the digital driver licence is now legal for use across NSW at no additional cost. It's optional and doesn't replace the plastic card. There are conditions for using the digital driver licence that holders need to know about.

The NSW Digital Driver Licence is accepted by most pubs and clubs, and NSW Police.

It's illegal to access your Digital Driver Licence when driving, including when stationary, unless you're asked to do so by a police officer. Penalties apply.

For more information and links to download your digital licence visit site [here](#).

1 April, from Queensland Police Service

Today we launch our Stand Up Paddleboard Squad.

They will be cracking down on reckless behaviours on our pristine waterways. If you see them, chuck a shakkas and say 'sup! 👍

Watch video [here](#).

31 March, From Australian Communications and Media Authority

You can't stop scammers by unsubscribing, sending an opt-out message or joining the Do Not Call Register.

But there are steps you can take to stop scammers from calling or texting.

Learn more [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

31 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Reminder to lock your house and car. A person in Crowley Road was robbed the other night, whilst he was asleep. His front door was unlocked. The thief came in and stole the mobile phone, a folder with documents, eggs and cheese.

31 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

From the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) Alert system:

This World Backup Day (31 March), the Australia Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) is urging all Australians to back up their important files.

Valuable data such as your photos, documents and financial records can be lost instantly, so it is important to back it up regularly before it's too late.

What are the risks?

Our devices hold a great deal of our data, but if your device is damaged, lost, or destroyed, your data may be lost. Whether it's because of hardware failure, theft, accidental damage, or your device being infected with a virus, recovering data can be expensive and sometimes even impossible.

One small accident, like spilling a drink on your device or clicking on a malicious link could mean losing all of your data.

That is why it's so important to schedule regular backups. It will give you peace of mind that you can restore your data if something goes wrong.

How do I backup my data?

Backing up is different for everyone. Some simple steps you can take are:

Choose what data to include in your backup – Think about what you want to keep safe. It may be your most important files, or it may be an entire system.

Decide how to backup your data – There are different ways. You could use a cloud backup service, an external storage device, or a combination of both.

Maintain a regular backup routine – Decide whether it is daily, weekly or monthly.

Set automatic backups – It will reduce the burden of manually creating them each time.

Secure your backups – They contain personal or sensitive information. You should protect them like any other copy of your data.

Check that your backups work – Testing you can restore your data will give you peace of mind.

Find out more!

Keeping your devices and data backed up is essential. To learn more about the simple steps you can take, visit site [here](#).



31 March, from Australian Cyber Security Centre

! ALERT ! Patch Immediately. The ACSC is aware of a Microsoft Outlook for Windows vulnerability. All Australian organisations and individuals using all versions of Microsoft Outlook for Windows should apply the available patch

immediately. See advice [here](#).



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

Tip #2. Don't hide spare keys on your vehicle. Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

Tip #3. Ensure you have removed all valuable property from view [e.g. mobile phone, sunglasses, bag, wallet, loose change, clothing, laptop, iPod]. Either take them with you, or lock them in the boot. Remove all signs that property may be in the car, e.g. no blankets covering tempting lumps on the back seat, no carrier bags.

Tip #7. Stay alert while approaching your car. Get your keys out of your bag ready. Don't click the remote control until you are close to your vehicle. Look around and inside the car before getting in

Tip #10. Don't leave personal papers, such as licence or registration, in your vehicle. They may be used to dispose of the vehicle. However, do keep with you a note of your vehicle registration and Vehicle Information Number (VIN).

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](#).



FOX 5 DC ✓
@fox5dc



A parrot that was trained by drug dealers to alert them of police presence and is refusing to speak after being detained.



Why So Accurate?
@whysoaccurateig



No shit, it's a bird not a rat

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](#)

[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)
