



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

**eNewsletter #600 - 11 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.

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### **06 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Please don't give us reason to fill one of these in these Easter and school holidays**

It ranks as one of the saddest jobs we are called to do.

What we tell those left behind, changes their lives forever.

Please drive carefully this holiday period and long week end.

Plan your trip. Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy and be patient when necessary.

Drive carefully and make sure you arrive alive

Have a safe and happy Easter and school holidays!



## GENERAL STATION PAD

Date, Time and Action Required	Particulars	Police in Charge, Action/Result, Time, Date, Signature and Rank of Police involved
07/04/2023  1:50 PM  TO: Officer receiving msg Station  FROM: Officer sending msg Station  STATION NAME:	<b>DEATH MESSAGE</b>  Please attend (Insert address) and ascertain if the residents are related to (Name of Deceased)  If they are, please inform them that their family member is deceased as a result of a motor vehicle collision on the (Insert date of collision)  For further information please provide the NOK with the Officer In Charge contact details  Name of Officer xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  Rank Senior Constable	<b>OUTSTANDING ACTION</b>

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## 06 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

Are you concerned with the security of your property/apartment?

Would you like someone to talk to about the security?

Do you think your unit complex requires a security and safety assessment?

Are you on the Strata Committee of a unit complex and would like to speak to us about the current status of your building?

If you have answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, please feel free to contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**, and ask to speak to the Crime Prevention Officer, who will talk to you and arrange a date and time to visit your property/apartment, if you so wish.

Here at Hornsby Police we take your security and safety seriously.

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**05 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: IMPORTANT REMINDER about NSW's ongoing Firearms Amnesty, particularly in relation to Gel Blasters (which are considered as an actual firearm).**

In New South Wales, the amnesty allows for - Firearms or firearm related articles or prohibited weapons to be surrendered to a participating firearm dealer or Police Station without fear of prosecution. Before taking a firearm to a participating firearms dealer or a police station, make sure the firearm is unloaded and where possible, remove the bolt or other method to render the firearm safe. Place the firearm in a gun bag or wrap in a blanket. Ammunition can be taken at the same time as a firearm; however, it must be stored in a separate bag, box or container.

For more information, please use the

link: [police.nsw.gov.au/online\\_services/firearms/amnesty](https://police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/amnesty)



# WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS CAUGHT WITH A GEL BLASTER?



Gel Blasters are considered actual firearms in NSW. Section 82 of the NSW Firearms Act 1996 states that if a parent (or guardian) knowingly allows a person under the age of 18 years to contravene the Act, each parent/guardian is taken to have contravened the same provision.

For more information or to surrender your firearm, contact your local Police Station.



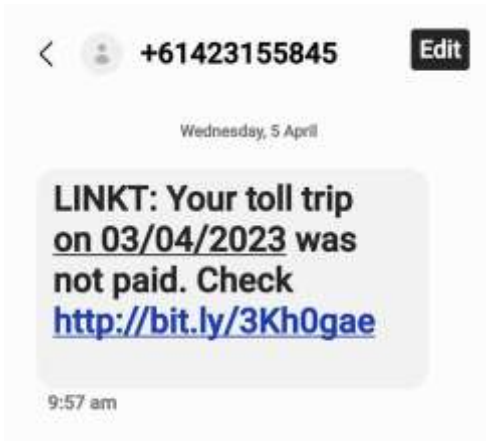
## 10 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Beware of SMS scams like this one

Please do NOT click on the link.

Report it to the government by forwarding it to the government's Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA) at 0429999888.

Then delete the SMS.

More information like this can be found on the Neighbourhood Watch - Watchout! website Phones page: [WatchOut.org.au/phones/](http://WatchOut.org.au/phones/).



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### **10 April, from NHW Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group**

I hope the person who came into my garden on Barnetts Road and stole our rose bush appreciates it. We had planted it many years ago to remember a beloved pet and I am in disbelief that someone would do that considering what a wonderful place Berowra usually is. So sad and disappointed.

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### **10 April, Shared from Neighbourhood Watch- Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas yesterday (Saturday)**

Moto bikes stolen from Cattai Ridge Road Maraylya. Let's hope it's not the start of a new round of bike thefts. Please keep safe.

#### **And in the comments:**

Sounds like it might be. 2 Bikes stolen also next to my parents property in Dural a week or so ago. The young guys were sleeping inside, bikes had been wheeled up the long driveway.

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### **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

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**08 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: One of our volunteers heard a story on the news last week [Thanks, John - Ed]**

It was warning of 'Break & Enters' in another area of Sydney (Eastern Suburbs?). The report was about young gangs of criminals breaking into 2-storey homes, usually in the early hours of the morning when people were asleep upstairs in bed, because the car keys are often easy pickings by the front door on the lower home level. And car thieves these days need those car keys.

The key message is the same, no matter where you live: please don't leave your car keys by the front door, or on the kitchen counter top. Put them out of sight, eg in a cupboard, under the bed, etc.

For more quick tips to feel more safe and secure, visit our Tips page on the [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/tips/](https://www.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/tips/) and browse the various 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series, as well as the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

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**07 April, from NSW Fair Trading: Do not deal with Mr. Duanne Hevers who has traded in NSW under the business name Fairwater Plumbing.**

Mr. Hevers does not and has never held a NSW contractor licence. Consumers have

complained that Mr. Hevers seeks residential building work for which a licence is required and makes false and misleading statements to obtain money from them.

Always check for a licence via the online register before engaging a tradesperson: [verify.licence.nsw.gov.au/home](https://verify.licence.nsw.gov.au/home)

A licence is required for all specialist work such as electrical, plumbing and air conditioning regardless of the cost. Further, a licence is required for all other residential work valued at more than \$5,000.

Anyone who is concerned about their dealings with Mr. Hevers or has information about his continued operation, should contact us on **13 32 20** or visit our website [here](#).



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**07 April, from Ku-ring-gai Council: A reminder to keep your pet on a leash when you're out and about, unless it's an off leash dog park.**

Keeping your dog on a leash means your dog is safe - and so are other people or animals. You can be fined if your dog's off leash in a public place. You can also be fined if your dog is threatening or attacking other people or animals. Rangers are regularly patrolling to ensure on leash compliance.

If you need advice call the **Council's Companion Animals Officer on 9424 0000**.

Off leash parks click [here](#).





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**06 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: A common question asked by many parents is:  
"At what age can my children be left at home by themselves?"**

The law provides no clear direction as to what age a child can be left at home alone and so as a parent you need to use your own judgement based on your own family circumstances and the age and maturity of your children. Babies or toddlers should not be left at home alone under any circumstances no matter how short a time. If a child is left alone in NSW and something happens, a parent could be charged with neglect.

For current advice and information on your responsibilities and obligations in NSW make sure you click the Communities & Justice link [here](#).

A poster with a blue background. On the left, there is a photograph of a young child peering through a wooden door. The text on the poster reads: "CHILDREN HOME ALONE", "Know your child's level of maturity when thinking about leaving them home alone.", "Babies and toddlers should never be left alone.", "1800 333 000", "nsw.crimestoppers.com.au", and "CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000".

**CHILDREN HOME ALONE**

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nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

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**06 April, from NRMA Insurance: Who would be at fault in this accident scenario?**

[Still taken from a video - blue car (B) has turned from the road into the side street and swerved into the tree to avoid the pedestrian - Ed]



**ANSWER:** In this scenario, Car B is at fault and would need to pay an excess. Even if pedestrian walked out without a pedestrian crossing Car B should be travelling at a safe speed to avoid a collision. (Same if it was a car in front that braked hard). Faster is fatal, slower is safe. 👍 ~ Paul

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**06 April, form NRMA Insurance: City of Sydney has proposed a blanket 40km/h speed limit across its local government area claiming it will reduce road fatalities and injuries.**

Do you think this reduction will help to keep our roads safer?

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**06 April, from the NSW Food Authority: Recall: Woolworths Hot Cross Buns (Woolworths Dural NSW stores ONLY)**

5 April 2023 The NSW Food Authority advises:

### Product information

Woolworths is conducting a recall of Woolworths 6pk Fruit Hot Cross Buns and Woolworths 9pk Fruit Hot Cross Mini. The products have been available for sale at **Woolworths Dural** in NSW only.

**Date markings:** best before date of 05 APR 23

**Problem:** The recall is due to the presence of foreign matter (metal).

**Food safety hazard:** Food products containing metal may cause illness/injury if consumed.

**Country of origin:** Australia

**What to do:** Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice and should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

**For further information please contact:** Woolworths 1800 103 515

See all current recalls [here](#).



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### 04 April, from 7News.com.au: Mum charged over death of baby boy in Sydney

The 30-year-old is accused of attempting to murder her 10-month-old two days before a fatal incident that led to his death.

A Sydney mum is expected to be charged with murder over the death of a baby boy she allegedly tried to drown two days before the fatal incident. Emergency services were called to a home in Berowra Heights on March 21 following reports a 10-month-old baby boy was found unresponsive.

Full story and video [here](#).

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## **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Festive Season'**

**Tip #9.** At the beach, allocate a person to watch your gear when you go in the sea. Bring only the minimum valuables. Consider use of a waterproof bag and/or nappy pin. Consider locking valuables away from view in a hiding place within your car boot. Do not leave keys hidden on the car.

**Tip #11.** Hide any spare house keys very carefully. Thieves know the typical places: under door mats, plant pots, fake rocks, or just inside the garage door.

**Tip #14.** Consider temporary travel locks, or a simple door wedge to secure hotel doors. See also info from the Travel page on our [watchout.org.au/travel/](http://watchout.org.au/travel/) website and our 20 Tips for Travel on our [nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/](http://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/) website.

**Tip #18.** If you are going on a road trip, secure any pet with a dog belt/pet cage/seat belt. Plan entertainment for any children so they are not a distraction to the driver. Stay hydrated and get fresh air. Check your route. Plan frequent rest stops. Swap drivers regularly.

**Tip #20.** If you are leaving vehicles behind, hide the keys, or take them with you.

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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Technically a door but I thought this group would appreciate the security level.  
Thanks to The Gate Appreciation Society

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Thanks to The Hills command.

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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](http://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](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](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 - 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)

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**Our mailing address is:**

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

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