



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #601 - 18 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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16 April, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged with murder following the fatal stabbing of a NSW Ambulance paramedic in Sydney's south-west today.

About 5.30am (Friday 14 April 2023), officers from Campbelltown Police Area Command were called to a fast-food restaurant on Queen Street, Campbelltown, following reports a male paramedic had been stabbed.

The 29-year-old man was treated at the scene and taken to Liverpool Hospital, where he later died.

A crime scene was established, which was forensically examined by specialist officers.

The State Crime Command's Homicide Squad and detectives from Campbelltown Police Area Command commenced an investigation into the incident under Strike Force Tarpaulin.

A 21-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Campbelltown Police Station.

Homicide detectives have now charged the man with murder.

He has been refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court tomorrow (Saturday 15 April 2023).

NSW Police would like to commend the actions of the emergency services and members of the public who rendered first aid and assistance at the scene.

15 April, from NSW Police Force

The Sydney Metro 1000 has delivered once again 🏆🏁

The four hour non-stop karting marathon is held in memory of Senior Constable Kelly Foster VA, who was a passionate kart racer.

Over \$30,000 was raised for [NSW Police Legacy](#), who do a wonderful job providing care and ongoing support to the families of police officers who have suffered a loss. 💙

To learn more about NSW Police Legacy, visit site [here](#).

14 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Two charged over alleged 2020 home invasion and murder - Cherrybrook

Homicide Squad detectives have charged two men over the alleged home invasion and murder of a man in Sydney's north-west almost three years ago. Just before 12.30am on Wednesday 29 April 2020, emergency services were called to a home on Tallowood Avenue, Cherrybrook, following reports two men had forced entry to the home.

Police attended and located the occupants, an 86-year-old man and 83-year-old woman, with serious head injuries.

They were treated at the scene before being taken to Westmead Hospital, where the man, Kalim Saliba, later died.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command commenced initial inquiries into the incident before detectives from the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad took carriage of the investigation under Strike Force McCleery.

A \$1 million NSW Government reward was announced in December 2021 for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for Kalim's death.

Following further extensive inquiries, strike force detectives attended a unit in Castle Hill, where they arrested a 33-year-old man about 9am today (Wednesday 12 April 2023).

About the same time, a 58-year-old was arrested at a correctional facility at Silverwater.

They were both charged with murder, and specially aggravated break and enter and commit serious indictable offence.

The younger man was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court today, while the older man was also refused bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court later today.



17 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'KerbWatch' - Coming soon to a kerb near you!

***** FRESH OFF THE PRESS *****



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby are proud to announce their latest project: 'KerbWatch'. Kerb numbers enable emergency services to easily identify an address.

We will be offering kits so that residents can add their house number to the kerb outside their property. The kits will include everything necessary for residents to paint the house number themselves. We will have templates, paints, wire brushes, guidelines, tape, cleaning fluids, and traffic cones and highviz vests to make the process safe.

Thank you to all the residents who voted for the project name for our Kerb Numbering project. The winner was "KerbWatch", with "Is Your Number Up?" and "The Burb's Kerbs" coming in second and third. We appreciated your own suggestions too, especially "Kerbie McKerbface" which made our volunteers smile 😊.

The Kerb Number Stencil Kits are being put together, ready to go to our volunteer(s) in Turramurra, as Turramurra is the first suburb off the rank. One of our volunteers is currently making an Instructional Video for residents to view

before they start the procedure and then everything will be as explicit as can be, ready to go ahead. Some residents have already emailed us, so we have started a shortlist to manage the requests. It's getting to the pointy end and we are very excited!

The countdown will begin at the end of the month....

17 April, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group:



Please beware, there is someone going through parcels in letter boxes, opening..if valuable gone, if no interest, its left.

Sydney rd was off their interest this time..

I could call "it" one name a-- h---

16 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Double demerits are in force Friday 21 April to Tuesday 25 April inclusive.



Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this holiday period, and you'll face double the points.

16 April, from Australian Communications and Media Authority: SCAM ALERT: Have you received a call threatening to disconnect your phone service, claiming to be from the ACMA or another government agency? Be wary – this is a scam.



Scammers are targeting people who speak Mandarin by pretending to represent a government agency. Some calls give an English language option.

The caller will claim there has been illegal activity with your phone number and threaten to disconnect the service. The callers might also mention genuine ACMA phone numbers and website addresses to appear legitimate.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up. Scammers are trying to trick you into providing your personal information.

To find out more or access this message in Mandarin, visit site [here](#).

15 April, from KRG.NSW.GOV.AU: Council wins grant to boost volunteer numbers



Ku-ring-gai Council has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to support and encourage volunteering in the local area.

The grant is from the NSW Government's Social Cohesion funding program for local councils.

Under the funding agreement, Ku-ring-gai Council will spearhead the establishment of an 'Upper North Shore Volunteer Hub' to assist in increasing volunteer numbers in the local area.

The pandemic has seen a significant reduction in the number of volunteers participating in community organisations, particularly those in older age groups.

As a result some organisations say they are struggling to maintain services to the community, including those to vulnerable residents.

Other activities planned include a volunteer information day, volunteer forums and events to show appreciation to volunteers, including those of multicultural backgrounds.

Mayor Jeff Pettett said that volunteers were an integral part of Ku-ring-gai's community.

"Volunteering is good for people's wellbeing, as well as enhancing a sense of connection in the community".

"We want to do more to help connect organisations with people who could become volunteers, as well as recognise those who are already giving so much to our residents."

The Mayor added that the first step would be creating a volunteer hub where organisations could reach out and connect with potential volunteers.

To find out more about volunteering in Ku-ring-gai go to krq.nsw.gov.au/volunteer

Media enquiries: Sally Williams Ku-ring-gai Council 9424 0000.

15 April, NSW Ambulance: We are beyond heartbroken today following the death of a paramedic while on duty in Campbelltown this morning.



Our thoughts are with his loved ones and colleagues, and we thank police and clinicians at Liverpool Hospital for their assistance.

Our paramedics serve the community on the frontline every day and we are extremely grateful for their dedicated service.

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 8 - 10 May: Multicultural Expo. From 10am to 1pm. @ TAFE NSW Hornsby

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

15 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby:

At the weekend Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are helping with 'cocooning' letterbox drops in Wahroonga and Thornleigh.

Cocooning is the idea of warning residents around where an incident has occurred. Our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Senior Constable Geoff Moeller, without identifying the actual residence for privacy reasons, identifies letterboxes around the area where community alerts can be delivered. Geoff prints off different community alerts depending on the type of offence. Hopefully the warning will prompt neighbours to be more vigilant, and less likely to become a victim. Thank you to Geoff, volunteers, Sue, John and Peter.

The latest cocooning warnings:

Break & Enter (B&E), Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga.

Break & Enter (B&E), Kiogle St, Wahroonga.

Break & Enter, The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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



14 April, from roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au: Safety based smartphone app

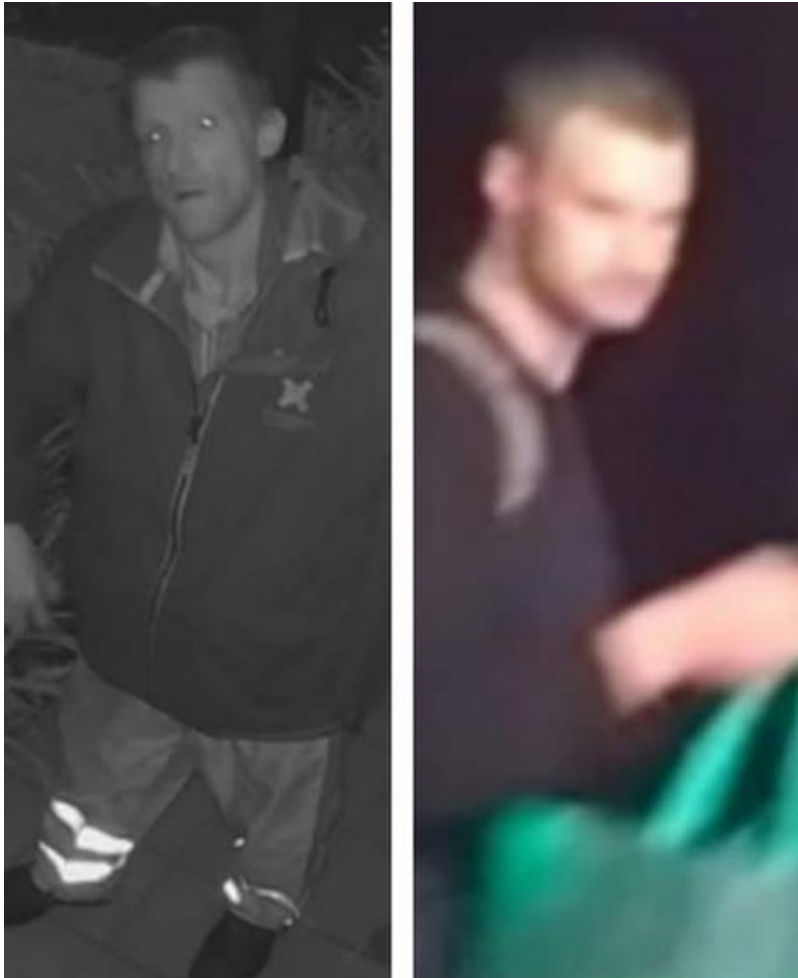
Speed Adviser is a driver's aid designed to assist drivers manage their speed and encourage safer behaviours on our roads. This free smartphone app was created by the Centre for Road Safety in 2014 and has been downloaded nearly 100,000.

times.

For details, click [here](#).

14 April, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Please be aware there are some people lurking around the Denman Pde / Huddart Ave/ Buckingham Rd area. Caught on camera - checking out front doors - yes, police report happening, but if you have anything out front you might want to put it away.



13 April, from 9news.com.au: **FBI warns consumers not to use public phone charging stations**



The FBI is warning consumers against using public phone charging stations in order to avoid exposing their devices to malicious software.

Public USB stations like the kind found at shopping centres and airports are being used by bad actors to spread malware and monitoring software, according to a tweet from the FBI's Denver branch.

"Carry your own charger and USB cord and use an electrical outlet instead," the agency advised in the tweet last week.

Read more [here](#).

13 April, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Fake gold for cash scam alert...

My father was approached over the weekend by a couple in a car saying they were from Dubai and had lost their wallet. They wanted to give Dad a gold chain in return for \$100 cash they needed to pay for fuel. Dad (86 yrs old) was in the garden, 7 weeks post a hip-replacement, therefore looked vulnerable and the perfect target. This happened in Lockerbie Road, Thornleigh.

Please be aware!!!

13 April, form Galson, Glenorie and Hills Rural Community News

A man aged in his 50's has been taken to hospital in stable condition after he was involved in a head-on collision with a car while on a recreational ride with a group cyclists in Galston over the weekend

The Mounties Care CareFlight Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance shortly before 1:00pm and landed in a park a few hundred metres from the scene.

Details [here](#).



13 April, from Nepean Police Area Command

It is terribly sad to see that seven families have lost loved ones this Easter long weekend past. Their lives have changed forever.

It is frustrating to see that 326 drivers had no respect for others on the roads, let alone themselves.

Over the Easter long weekend – here are the results from our North West Metropolitan Region – which we are a part.

- Speed infringements issued: 661
- Breath tests conducted: 30,048
- PCA: 48 (Drivers over the prescribed concentration of Alcohol)
- Major crashes: 74
- Fatalities: 1

State-wide total

- Speed infringements issued: 5,005
 - Breath tests conducted: 187,606
 - PCA: 326 (Drivers over the prescribed concentration of Alcohol)
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- Major crashes: 335
 - Fatalities: 7
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12 April, from Wideview Public School



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

Tip #6. For businesses, include arson in your Business Risk Assessment Plan and include arson risk reduction strategies in your Risk Management Plan.

Tip #11. 'Vandalism-motivated arson' is a spontaneous category involving peer pressure. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

Tip #14. Install hard-wired tamper-proof fire alarms. Consider a home security

system that includes a monitoring service. Activated smoke detectors will automatically call Triple Zero.

Tip #20. Download the 'Fires Near Me' App for updated information from the rural fire service. Consider the 'Emergency+' App for your GPS at all times. And... when travelling, please do not use the hotel's sprinkler system valve in the ceiling as a hook!

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](#).

From the Legend of Scott

I've carried chalk in my car for 10 months JUST so i could do this once. Yesterday was the day



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)
