



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #603 - 02 May 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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## 1 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Can you help us find Skye?



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a woman missing from Wahroonga.

Skye Parker, aged 30, was last seen about 12.30pm on Monday 24 April 2023, leaving an address on Edgeworth David Avenue, Wahroonga.

When she did not return home and could not be located, officers attached to Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command were notified and commenced inquiries into her whereabouts.

Concerns are held for Skye due to a medical condition which requires treatment.

Skye is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 165cm tall, of thin build, with blonde hair.

She was last seen wearing a pink dress.

Anyone with information of his whereabouts is urged to contact Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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## 28 April, from NSW Police: Have you seen Gavin?



Gavin Crothers, aged 53, was last seen at a medical facility on Palmerstone Road Hornsby on Thursday 13 April 2023.

Gavin is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 180cm tall, of thin build with brown hair.

He is believed to be driving a Black Mitsubishi Mirage Hatchback with Queensland registration 246-YOR and may be in the Dee Why or Narrabeen areas.

Anyone who may have information about Gavin's whereabouts is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or website [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages. For more information, click [here](#).

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

New volunteers very welcome.

Sandwiches provided.

Come and meet your new Crime Prevention Officer from Hornsby police station,  
Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC) - Senior Constable Geoff Moeller.

Geoff will be giving us an update about crime in the command and advice on  
how not to become a victim.

The main agenda item is the imminent rollout of our KerbWatch project, to offer  
kits for residents to paint their house number on the kerb.

Have you a safety or security issue you that you would like advice with?

[Email](#) us for info.



## 01 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: HOW CAN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELP?



This week we will share a few examples on how Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai has helped the community this year, whether it is advice, assistance, or pointing to another agency/not-for-profit.

### Laneway issues

A resident asked for our help with a laneway that had graffiti, rubbish and littering. Our volunteers did a little research by visiting the site, then subsequently attending Ku-ring-gai Council to find out ownership and boundaries. One volunteer spoke with the residents in adjacent properties. We also sought advice from Roger Norman, the Team Leader with the Graffiti Removal Project at Turramurra Rotary Club, who visited the site and gave his opinion and recommendations. Thank you to Roger for giving his time and expertise.

The outcome was a mixed bag of solutions. One neighbour is putting up bags to act as rubbish bins and emptying them. A lot of the rubbish has been identified from a particular source, and a conversation may have helped with that. The laneway is part of the rail corridor, so consequently not the responsibility of council. Two residents have contacted Transport for NSW, with as yet, no response. Residents at adjoining properties are not bothered by the graffiti and hence aren't interested in its removal. However, permission was given to display on an adjoining fence a Neighbourhood Watch garbage bin sticker, to act as a subtle reminder/warning/information sign (see photo). Another suggestion was to have a neighbourhood working bee in the future.

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## 02 May, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community New: NSW Police Statement

Just after 12.30pm today (Sunday 30 April 2023), police were called to Fagan Park at Galston, after reports a man had been assaulted.

Police have been told two unknown males threatened a man aged in his 60s, before he was punched to the face and the pair fled on foot.

Officers from Ku Ring Gai and The Hills Police Area Commands – along with PoAir and the Police Dog Unit – established a perimeter and commenced an extensive search of the surrounding area.

No arrests have been made and investigations into the incident continue.

Anyone who may have information that could assist is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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## 01 May, from ThinkUKnow Australia: Resources for teachers!

The image displays two pages of educational resources from ThinkUKnow Australia. The left page is titled "Jack Changes the Game" and is a "Teacher's toolkit & Student activity pack". It features a blue header with the ThinkUKnow logo and lists "Links to the Australian Curriculum", "5 x lesson plans", and "Free to use". Below this, it specifies "Grades 1-3 (Ages 5-8)". The page includes an illustration of three children. The right page shows two lesson plans. The first is "ACTIVITY 3: POLICE CAN HELP" with a form for a name and class, and several discussion prompts. The second is "ACTIVITY 3: WHAT IS A SMART USERNAME AND AVATAR?" (YEAR 2 AND 3) with a list of three tasks: "Write down your favourite thing", "Combine three of your favourite things", and "Create your smart username". Below these are fields for "My favourite colour is:", "My favourite animal is:", "My favourite season is:", and "My favourite number is:". The third lesson is "LESSON 4: WHO ARE OUR IN-PERSON AND ONLINE FRIENDS?" (YEAR 3) which includes definitions of in-person and online friends, a class discussion prompt, and a list of three tasks: "Think back to an in-person or an online friend? Why?", "We can use our connected devices like our phones, tablets or gaming consoles to do really exciting things, including playing games with different people. But not everyone online is who they say they are.", and "Like it says in Jack Changes the Game, 'It's the online world we connect in, and that's where you're in'".

With term 2 now underway, it is a great opportunity for educators to use our Jack Changes the Game teacher's toolkit, which includes five lesson plans linked to the Australian Curriculum.

Jack Changes the Game is a children's picture book developed with the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#), to talk to kids about online safety. Our educator resources are designed to be used in conjunction with the book, to reinforce key messages.

Available for free, download all resources from our website.

Key resources:

[Jack Changes the Game](#)

[Auslan book reading](#)

[Educator resources](#)

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### **01 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

If you have lost something in NSW, you can make a lost property report on the NSW Police Community Portal.

Simply register an account, provide details about the item you lost, and the police will contact you if it is found.



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## 01 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW

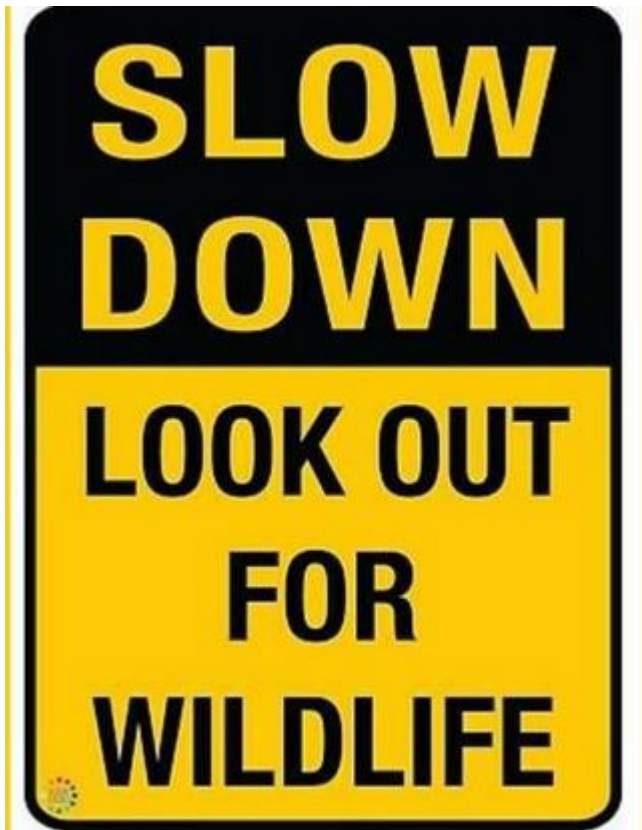


🚫 **STOP TEXTING WHILE DRIVING!** It's not worth the risk. Here are some reasons why:

- 👁️ Texting takes your eyes off the road, making it more likely to cause an accident
  - 📱 Texting while driving is illegal in many places and can result in hefty fines
  - 🚗 Texting while driving is as dangerous as drunk driving
  - 👉 One text can wait. It's better to arrive safely than to risk your life and the lives of others on the road
  - 👉 If you need to send a text, pull over to a safe spot and put your car in park
  - 👉 Be a responsible driver and set a good example for others. Don't text and drive!
  - 👉 Share this post and spread the word about the dangers of texting while driving. Together, we can make the roads a safer place for everyone.
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01 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:



On Thursday evening on Gully Road, a female swamp wallaby was hit and killed by a vehicle. She was left lying in the middle of the road.

A big thank you to Deb for stopping and moving her off the road, and the two other lovely ladies who stopped to help check this wallaby. They found she had a small joey in her pouch which was still alive.

If joeys are left alive in pouches they die a horrible death, eaten alive by ants and maggots, or pecked by birds, hypothermia and starvation.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN especially on dusk as a lot of our wildlife become more active at night. Wildlife are also more active on the nights of full moons.

If you unfortunately do hit an animal, please call Sydney Wildlife 9413 4300, even if you are too scared to check it yourself.

If the animal is deceased, and if it is safe to do so, please move the animal off the road to avoid further accidents, and injuries to prey animals.

So many of our wildlife lose their lives on Gully Road. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

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## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 03 May:** NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6-8pm @ PCYC Waitara. [Email](#) us for info.

**Friday 05 May: FREE** 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. @ The Gallery, TAFE NSW Hornsby.

**Monday 08 May:** FREE NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Crime Prevention Stall @ the Multicultural Expo 10-1pm @ The Gallery, TAFE 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, Willow Park, Hornsby. NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Crime Prevention Stall.

**May (dates tbc):** Rollout of KerbWatch into Turramurra suburb.

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**30 April, from DIY Joy**



My dad gave me this advice a long time ago when I moved into my first apartment. He even came out and changed the screws for me as soon as I moved in. Someone else recently posted about it and I thought I would share! A good home security tip that you may have never thought about... Most contractors install the plates with the supplied screws which are only a half-inch long and come out with one kick by a burglar. He installed 4-inch screws in their place that go through the door frame and into the framing of the house. They can kick for a long time before they get tired! You can see in the picture the screw in his hand is the screw supplied with the door hardware. Making a burglar make a bunch of noise and be foiled in their initial plan can not only give you time to arm yourself but they will most likely move on to an easier target.

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**30 April, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:**

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On Tuesday I had a horrific accident in the Fox Valley shopping centre having tripped over raised yellow concrete parking block near Karoo and co outside the Village Grocer.

I tripped on the block having got out of a car, fell and smashed my head in the pavement and split my head open and needed brain scans and other interventions.

After speaking to shop keepers this week, I have learnt many other people have tripped on these hazards. Please contact Alex asap if this has happened to you as I am contacting council regarding this serious hazard that could have been life threatening.

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

Heads up people... we've had two attempts to get into our two tradie cars this week and the week before. Make sure your cars are locked and secure.

First time in six years at Thornleigh 🤔😞

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## 29 April, from crime stoppers NSW: ARE YOU A MISSING PERSON?



Being a missing person is NOT a crime. It is the aim of the NSW Police to make sure that a person who is reported missing is safe and well.

If you are reported as a missing person, please contact your local police station to let police know that you are okay.

If you know about a missing person you can contact Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 to pass on what you know.

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## 29 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District Inc. NSW

Facebook Comments by residents on robberies and break-ins across Ryde Police Command – April 2023

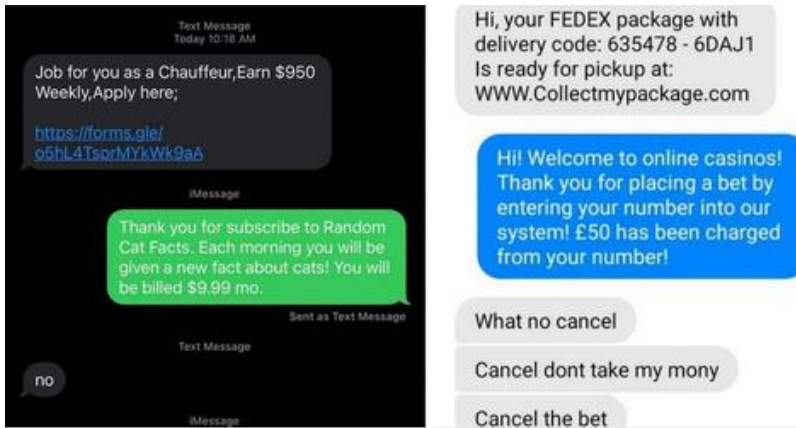
- Our house was broken into on Wednesday night, please lock all doors, windows and keep car keys away from your front door. The police advised us there have been youths breaking into houses to steal cars, they did get into our house at 4am stole my wallet and some personal belonging but luckily were scared off by my husband. So scary to think someone was in our backyard and In our house while we slept. Stay safe.
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- My house was broken into last night stole car and bags, Jewellery, watches shoes everything they could get there hands on
  - Break in at my apartment complex too
  - Gosh, this is scary. Never seen it so bad here in the 20 years I have lived here.
  - Yes, we had a group of youths walking around George St Gladesville last night set all of the dogs off
  - Omg so scary, thanks for sharing
  - Maybe that's it as well, police did say a lot of car thefts
  - Have been happening in Putney, Gladesville and Hunters Hill and it's with a break into houses! I don't know why it's not all over the news
  - This is awful. Glad nobody was hurt. break ins leave you with a terrible feeling of personal space invasion.
  - This has been going on for a lot longer than a year or two. I've seen more posts like this here and more often.
  - Same night for us too
  - Does anyone have any reliable info about the Maserati that was stolen from a garage in Beach St last night?
  - I heard the police were door knocking nearby homes today seeking security footage of the culprits.
  - We all need to demand to have more police patrols from 1am-4am ... driving around continuously, I'm sure this would defer the rising breakings from Putney to Tennyson Point.
  - Hope you are feeling safe in your home. Things can be replaced so luck no one was hurt in your family
  - Wow sorry to hear, my apartment complex has had two break ins this week!
  - Perhaps think about getting a dog, the barking might frighten them off and give time to call the police
  - Any help catching these people we need to work together
- Consider joining or starting a Neighbourhood Watch group in your area and work together to reduce crime by reporting suspicious behaviour to police and lock up with car keys not left in prominent or obvious places in the home.
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**28 April, from neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: Thanks to Scam Watchdog Australia:  
Some good ideas for your next scammer.**



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**28 April, from Cyclesport Thornleigh**



Good morning all.

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Unfortunately our shop was broken into this morning at 3.00am. They have left with a Yellow Specialized Kenevo E Bike. This bike was one of a limited number, can't be more than 6 in NSW in size S4 and this colour. It appears that a few were involved. Any help would be appreciated, I don't think it has gone far, yet.. Thanks everyone.

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### **28 April, from [crimsafe.com.au](https://www.crimsafe.com.au): What to teach your kids about home security**

As students return to school this week, it's an ideal time to take a moment to teach your kids some essential home security tips, no matter how young or old they may be.

Before you begin teaching your kids about home security, it's important not to scare them. Instead, let them know that you will teach them some important things about security in the home and assure them they're not in any immediate danger.

Let's look at five things you should teach your kids about home security.

Read details [here](#).

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

**Tip #1.** Clearly display your home's street number at the front of your property. It must be visible at night. This assists emergency vehicles as well as visitors.

**Tip #3.** Front fences, trees and bushes should allow visibility from the street and be trimmed to reduce hiding places.

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**Tip #6.** Get a strong letterbox and lock it with a strong lock, preferably keyed with a non-copy-able round keyed mailbox security lock. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive.

**Tip #8.** Lock all garages, sheds and under-house access points. Lock away all tools and ladders to prevent them being used to gain access to your home. Roller, tilt & panel-lift doors can be secured with additional hasp & staple lock sets and/or padlocks. Anchor all sheds, sculptures, outside ornaments & table & chair sets.

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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## JOKE OF THE DAY

■ AN eight-year-old girl went to the office with her father on "Take Your Kid to Work Day".

As they were walking around the office, the young girl started crying and getting very cranky. Her father asked what was wrong with her.

As the staff gathered round, she sobbed loudly: "Daddy, where are all the clowns that you said you worked with?"

Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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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.

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### **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](#)

**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 - 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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