



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #604 - 09 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.

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

05 May, from NSW Police: Obtaining a National Police Check is easier than ever before!

Digital certificates for the majority of checks are sent to your nominated email address within the hour.

To get started, visit 🙌 www.police.nsw.gov.au/npc

04 May, from NSW Police: 🚀👽 May the 4th be with you 🌟👁️

Shout out to Senior Constable Michael from Bay & Basin Police Station (South Coast Police District) for the out-of-this-world photo!

Nelson Beach at Vincentia, Jervis Bay



03 May, from NSW Police: Over 40% of serious injuries from quad bikes incidents involves traumatic head injury

Protect your head. Wear a helmet.

View video from SafeWork NSW [here](#).



09 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Spotlight on a FREE App: Truecaller

We have been asked several times recently on how to stop spam calls. Our answer, you can download an App such as this one to your mobile phone and it will screen your incoming calls.

Please Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We can simply bring it to your attention,. You must do your own research.

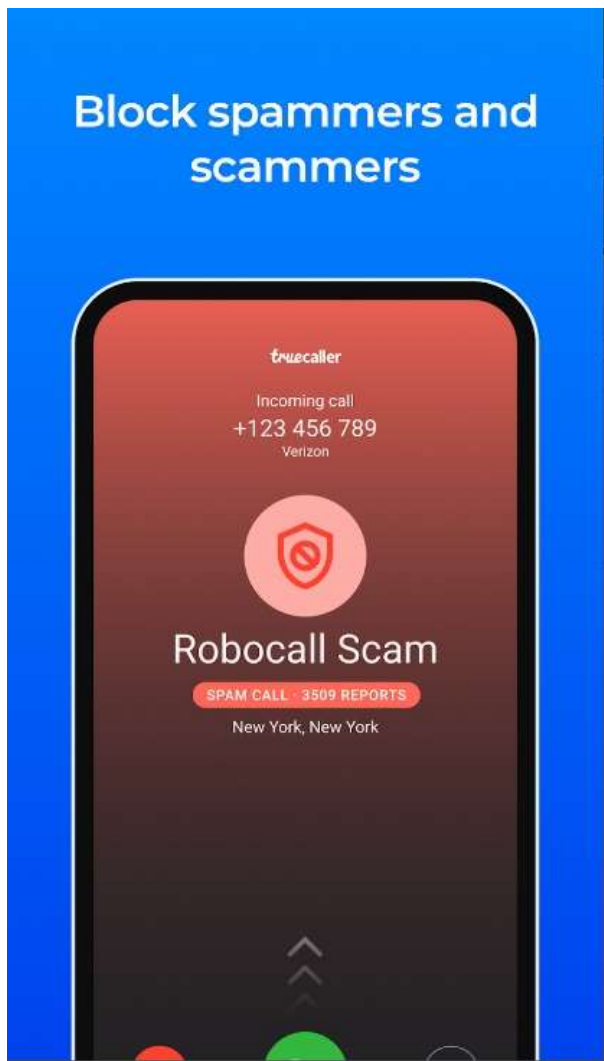
Stay protected from robocallers and scammers with Truecaller.

Our famous Caller ID tells you who is calling you and why, so you can decide whether to pick up the

call or not. Use the Powerful Dialer for reverse number lookup and to call friends and family in your contacts. Truecaller will also identify and warn you about robocallers, scammers, fraudsters, telemarketers and other unwanted or unknown phone numbers. The Advanced Spam Detector will automatically block and protect you from unwanted calls and SMS. To help you stay safe, the phone numbers on this spam list are updated in real time by millions of users worldwide.

For iPhone click [here](#).

For Android, click [here](#).



09 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Yesterday Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby had an information stall at the 3-day Multicultural Expo at Hornsby TAFE

Thank you to volunteers Gay, Nina, Mick, Noushin and Julia. We were so enthralled with the dragons, drums, dancing and singing displays that we forgot to take a photo of ourselves. That's not what it's

about though. This event is organised for the benefit of new migrants to see the different service providers; government, not for profits, local church and support services. It was a great turnout, with several interesting questions for us to research. We also connected with the other services, looking for ways to help one another. Thank you to everyone.

The program is supported by the Community Events Grant from Hornsby Shire Council received by CASS; and jointly organized by CASS, Hornsby Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Services Australia, Fusion, TAFE NSW and Your Side.



07 May, from NSW Health: Yellow powder containing potent synthetic opioid (isotonitazene) circulating on the NSW Central Coast

Warning

Isotonitazene has been associated with serious harm in NSW. It is possibly related to recent deaths which remain under investigation.

Full Public Drug Warning [here](#).



06 May, from NHW Wahrenonga: Shared with permission from the Wahrenonga Community group yesterday (Friday)

Hello everybody

Yesterday I forgot a hand toolbox at 62 junction road, wahrenonga on the path way after 5pm when I live the construction site with valuable tools may be someone in the community saw that toolbox or know something, please send me a message or call me.

Thank you 0426229697.

06 May, from NHW Warrawee: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday (Friday)

My sister lost her phone off the roof of her car this afternoon between OLOR Waitara and Unwin road Caltex, Waitara. Witnesses believe they saw a car stop to pick it up corner of Clarke Rd and Unwin Rd. Please if you've found it PM me.

06 May, from NHW Thornleigh: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday (Friday)

Apparently the theft of new plants at Normanhurst Station has begun 🙄



04 May, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Coca-Cola Europacific Partners - Barista Bros Products

UPDATED 5 May: The best before dates have been updated to BB 30 SEP 23 to BB 30 DEC 23

The NSW Food Authority advises:

Product information

Coca-Cola Europacific Partners is conducting a recall of Barista Bros Products. The product has been available for sale at Woolworths, Coles, Metcash/IGA grocers, Aldi, Independent retail stores and vending machines nationwide.

Date markings: Best before dates from BB 30 SEP 23 to BB 30 DEC 23

Problem: The recall is due to a potential packaging failure leading to a possible contamination risk.

Food safety hazard: Food products that have been spoiled may cause illness 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: Coca-Cola Europacific Partners 1800 025 123 www.cocacolaep.com/au/contact/



Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 11 May: Ku-ring-gai Council. FREE workshop session for businesses on cybercrime. From 7-9am @ Killara Hotel & Suites 480 Pacific Highway Killara. [Info](#).

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](#).

Thursday 18 May: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE online Teen Disengagement Forum will discuss practical ways for parents to tackle common problems such as school refusal and drug & alcohol use. 6.30-8pm. [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.

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

Wednesday 02 August: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #38 @ PCYC, Waitara.

04 May, from NSW Road Safety: If you see a bicycle rider next to you on the road, ensure you have the right distance between your vehicle and the rider.

Fines do apply.

For more info click [here](#).



04 May, from 9Now.Nine.com.au: Online florist accused of false advertising following disappointing deliveries

Roses are red, violets are blue, a number of Bloomex bouquets seem too good to be true. "They look like something you'd find in the bin at the cemetery," angry Bloomex customer Amy told *A Current Affair*.

Read article [here](#).



03 May, from NHW Thornleigh: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group

To the car that hit my car parked on Duffy Avenue last weekend. Please contact me to discuss, my mirror has been replaced and would be great if you could reimburse me the cost \$400. Shame you lost your passenger side grey mirror too. I have your mirror (with serial number) if you would like it back. Thanks.

03 May, from NHW Gordon: Hi Neighbourhood Watch Gordon

Please include the following incident into the newsletter:

On Saturday 29th April, around 5:02pm, a brown sausage dog was hit by a black SUV on McIntosh St and the involved vehicle failed to stop. The dog was hit and left near the kerbside of the road, crying in pain. It's extremely sad to see a distraught and helpless animal being left in a state like that: badly injured, unable to move and could only cry in pain. It's animal cruelty. A few neighbours went out to assist the dog when we heard the big bang then the howling sound of a dog crying in pain. A very kind passer-by lady took the dog with the assistance of a witness to the animal emergency. My neighbour later found out that no treatment was given to the dog from the instruction of the dog owner and no other further info was available due to privacy reasons. I could not imagine the rest because it was a terrible car incident. May I please stress about the importance to slow down when driving on suburban streets especially as it will get dark a lot sooner as we approach Winter. It can be anyone just trying to cross the street.

03 May, from NSW Police: Have you seen Cameron?

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a boy missing from North Sydney. Cameron Jackson, aged 16, was last seen about 3.00pm Friday 21 April 2023 leaving a youth centre on Miller Street, St Leonards.

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

More info: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=106476>



03 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thanks Heth.

After a couple of posts about injured/deceased wildlife, please find attached a link to Sydney Wildlife's brochure which explains what to do when you find injured native wildlife, click [here](#). Our roads have

been built across wildlife tracks which have been used by our wildlife for many thousands of years. Please take care.



03 May, from NHW Pymble & W. Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group

Hello community, our car was hit this morning (1/5/23) between 9:30 and 10:30 on Kooloona Crescent. We think it was by one of the construction vehicles working on Bingara/ Camira St. Please if you saw something or potentially have dashcam or security cam footage, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please reach out. We tried asking the construction workers but they were not cooperative. TIA



From Ku-ring-gai Council: Teen Disengagement Forum

Thursday, 18 May 2023 | 06:30 PM to 08:00 PM

A free online forum will discuss practical ways for parents to tackle common problems such as school refusal and drug & alcohol use.

More information and to register [here](#).

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity':

Tip #14. Use a strong password on mobiles, tablets and laptops.

- Use (in order of strength) complicated passwords, or a pattern, or a PIN.
- Alternatively, consider using facial or fingerprint recognition (both strong). Note that the easiest (read 'laziest') method may not be the most secure - your devices can contain a HUGE

amount of sensitive data about you, your home, your emails.

- Set a NEW strong password on devices such as CCTV cameras, baby monitor, Internet router, telephone answering-machine, smart TV, smart speaker. Look around your home!
- Download apps from only the official stores. Don't jailbreak your device.
- Install the latest software updates and patches to your devices, as these help to stop viruses.
- Also install firewall and anti-virus software on all devices, including your mobile phone. Set all updates to 'Auto'.
- Before disposing of a device, remember to delete all personal information. For laptops, use the Wipe Disk or Reset features of Windows. For tablets and mobiles, reset to factory settings. (The reset will delete the encryption code.) For external hard disks or USB sticks, use data erase software or destroy with a hammer or drill.
- For all touch screen devices, regularly clean the screen to remove tell-tale marks.

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](#).



I help blind people, I give them independence



I protect people, I help them walk around without fear of criminals



I eat shoes

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](#)

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[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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