



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #606 - 23 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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### **22 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: Scammers impersonate Chinese government authorities or military officials and extort the victim.**

They tell the victim they have been implicated in a crime and need to pay money to avoid deportation. As the scam escalates, through coercion, they get victims to stage their OWN fake kidnapping. The families involved are led to believe the victim is in danger and a ransom needs to be paid to secure their release.

#### **HOW TO REPORT:**

- 1. In an EMERGENCY call 000.
- 2. Call the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 (for all non-emergency reporting)
- DO NOT send any money and hang up the call immediately.
- DO NOT reveal any PERSONAL information.
- DO collect as much information/data about the scammer as possible.
- DO report any suspicious scam/behaviour to Police & ScamWatch.
- DO speak to friends/family about the incident for support.
- DO contact the Chinese Consulate for advice and to report

# SCAM ALERT!

## VIRTUAL KIDNAPPINGS



[This information is available in other languages - please [email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com) - Ed]

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**17 May, Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai Police are currently after any information in relation to missing person Junmo OH.**

Junmo was last seen in the Mount Kuring-gai area in 2022.

Please call **Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000** or **Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799** with any information.

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**19 May, from NSW Police: A man has been charged over a serious crash involving three pedestrians at the intersection of Falcon Street and the Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, that occurred about 3.30pm yesterday (Thursday 18 May 2023).**

The alleged driver - an 18-year-old man - is due to appear at Manly Local Court today (Friday 19 May 2023).

Further details: [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=106685](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=106685)

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**19 May, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's Northern Beaches.**

Himanshu Khurana, aged 30, was last seen at a home on Pittwater Road, North Manly, last month (April 2023). When he could not be located, he was reported missing to officers attached to Northern Beaches Police Area Command last week. Police have commenced inquiries into his whereabouts.

Himanshu is described as being of Indian Sub-continental appearance, about 170cm tall, of medium build with short black hair and is unshaven.

Anyone with information into his whereabouts is urged to call police or **Crime Stoppers on**

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1800 333 000.



**23 May, from The National Missing Persons Coordination Centre: Our latest April missing persons poster is coming out this month.**

Keep an eye out for it and remember that any piece of information can help.

If you have any information about a missing person, contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or visit their website **[crimestoppers.com.au](http://crimestoppers.com.au)**



**23 May, from the Australian Federal Police: Sydney man jailed for importing gun parts**  
*This is a joint release with the Australian Federal Police and Australian Border Force.*

**Editor's note:** Vision of the arrest and gun parts are available via Hightail [here](#).

A man, 47, from Sydney's outer northern suburbs has been sentenced to nearly seven years' jail for unlawfully importing firearms parts and possessing ammunition and unregistered firearms. The **Berowra** man pleaded guilty to importing the gun components in three packages sent from the US in 2019 that were labelled as car parts. The packages, which were identified by the Australian Border Force (ABF) at the Sydney Gateway Facility in 2019, contained two barrels and a frame for a Sig Sauer handgun, upper and lower receivers for an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and triggers for a firearm. The detection was referred to the AFP and the joint investigation was launched.

Last month (28 April, 2023), the man faced Sydney District Court where he pleaded guilty to the following offences:

- Two counts of intentionally importing tier 2 goods without approval, contrary to section 233BAB(5) of the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth);
- One count of possessing more than three unregistered firearms, contrary to section 51D(2) of the *Firearms Act 1996* (Cth);
- Four counts of possessing a prohibited weapon, contrary to section 7(1) of the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* (NSW);

- One count of acquiring a firearm part, contrary to section 50AA(1) of the *Firearms Act 1996* (NSW); and
- Six counts of acquiring a firearm part, contrary to section 50AA(2) of the *Firearms Act 1996* (NSW).

He was sentenced to two years and nine months' imprisonment with a non-parole period of one year and five months for the Commonwealth offences, and four years' imprisonment with a non-parole period of two years for the state offences.

Full Media Release [here](#).



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## **22 May, from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA): Frustrated by spam?**

There are steps you can take to reduce spam:

- don't tick subscribe boxes when completing online forms
- check the fine print when entering online competitions
- look out for pre-checked boxes when you buy products or sign up for services
- improve your computer security with spam or advertising filters.

Find out more at [acma.gov.au/stop-getting-spam](https://acma.gov.au/stop-getting-spam)

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**22 May, from Sydney Wildlife: On Monday 15th May, Sydney Wildlife Rescue received an email from a member of the public concerned about an Australian brush turkey that had been spotted with a dart in its back in Wahroonga Park, located on Coonanbarra Road in Wahroonga.**

Immediately one of our volunteers searched the area high and low for the turkey with no luck, and we have since been monitoring the site on a regular basis. The injured turkey has also been seen around 25-29 Millewa Ave, Wahroonga.

Any intentional harm to wildlife is a criminal act and is always reported to the relevant authorities. We will continue to monitor and search for the brush turkey until it is caught and the dart removed. If you are in the area and see this particular bird or any other animal with a similar injury please call our rescue line 9413 4300 immediately so we can send trained volunteers out to contain the bird and remove the dart which will be given to police once retrieved.

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**21 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Today's Emergency Services Expo 'Party @ Wallarobba' went extremely well.**

It was suggested that around 400 families visited. Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby was certainly very busy and ran out of colouring-in sheets for the children. The police dress-ups were a big hit for both little kids and big kids alike. Thank you to our volunteers; Zoya, Gay, Julia and David.







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**20 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We missed sharing this article that was in The Post 01 May 2023.**

Thank you to The Post, as well as our Neighbourhood Watch volunteer, Simon, who wrote the article.

### Neighbourhood Watch: Kerb Numbering

By Cr Simon Lennon

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

Kits are going to be offered 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!

Click [here](#) for The Post Issue 38 - 01 May 2023.

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**19 May, from Crime Stoppers: Top Tips for parents and carers to help keep your child/ren safe with social media.**

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- 👍 Keep your child's personal information, including full name and age, private
- 📍 Ensure the background of photos or videos doesn't give away your address or location, and don't post your location or 'check in'.
- 👦 Avoid posting photos in school uniform
- 👉 Only share images of your children with people you know and trust
- 🤝 For community accounts, consider having a closed group with approved members and ensure you have strong privacy settings in place.



### 18 May, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Smith's Original and Smith's Cheese & Onion Chips

The Smith's Snackfood Company Pty Limited is conducting a recall of:

- ■ Smith's Cheese & Onion 45g & 170g
- ■ Smith's Original 6 pack
- ■ Smith's Original 19g included in the 20 pack Fun Mix.

The Smith's Cheese & Onion packs were available for sale in Woolworths, Coles and independent and convenience stores in NSW and QLD. The Smith's Original packs were available for sale in Woolworths, Coles, IGA, and independent and convenience stores in NSW, QLD, VIC, SA and WA.

Date markings:

- Smith's Cheese & Onion 45g & 170g - Best Before 17 SEP 23 (marked with DA), time stamp between 20:28 – 22:28
- Smith's Original 6 pack & Smith's Original 19g included in the 20 pack Fun Mix - Best Before 10 SEP 23

Problem: The recall is due to the potential presence of foreign matter (plastic pieces).  
 Food safety hazard: Food products containing plastic pieces may cause illness/injury if consumed.

Full Media Release [here](#).



## Dates for the Diary

**Sunday 28 May:** Clean Up St Ives @ Village Green. 9-

11am. **Info:** [hellositsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hellositsgroup@gmail.com). Family friendly event. Meet near the Skate Park.

**Sunday 25 June:** Berowra Car Boot Market and Clothing Swap [Info](#).

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

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

**Sunday 27 August:** Berowra Woodchop Festival.

## 19 May, from 9News.com.au: Murder charge for woman after baby dies in hospital

Police are still working on their case against a woman accused of murdering her 10-month-old son. She was not required to appear in court on Thursday and remains in custody but cannot be named to avoid identifying her child, who is allegedly a victim of crime. Police allege she tried to drown the boy at a home in Sydney's north-west before allegedly

restricting his breathing at a different home two days later.

Full article [here](#).

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**18 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday (Wednesday):**

\* Edit. If anyone's family member or teenager who on Wednesday night (17 May) was wearing a white cap, with sunglasses on top and longish blonde hair ... brought home a bike that clearly isn't theirs, please

PM me to organise a return. There are CCTV cameras outside Anytime Fitness, so the footage is available for the police but happy to have it returned... no questions asked. Bike stolen around 8.45pm. I have access to the footage and will publish images tomorrow but hoping someone can PM me with details first.

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**18 May, from Redd.it: New things to beware on the internet**

On May 3rd, Google released 8 new top-level domains (TLDs) - these are new values like .com, .org, .biz, domain names. These new TLDs were made available for public registration via any domain registrar on 10th May. Usually this would be a cool info, move on with your life and largely ignore it moment. Except a couple of these new domain names are common file type extensions: ".zip" and ".mov".

This means typing out a file name could resolve into a link that takes you to one of these new URLs, whether it's in an email, on your tumblr blog post, a tweet, or in file explorer on your desktop. What was previously plain text could now resolve as link and go to a malicious website where people are expecting to go to a file and therefore download malware without realising it.

More info [here](#).

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**16 May, Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra Community group yesterday (Monday): Hi All**

Posting anonymously for security reasons. Our car was broken into last night, we think sometime around 10.30 - 11pm. Nothing was taken, just the contents strewn around in a way as if someone was in a hurry trying to find valuable items, and the front doors left open. We are in a very quiet spot running off Waratah Street. First car break-in ever, and have lived in Sth Tuz area for decades. Be vigilant all!

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

They got into one of our cars too in Tamboon. Yes time to lock.

Same thing happened to us last night. We are off Waratah too.

I have heard of at least two other cars being opened around Carina Rd and Konda Place last night.

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### **16 May, from Hornsby Council: Public Exhibition of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan**

A Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) is a comprehensive document that maps and describes the level of bush fire risk across an area and the proposed treatments to minimise and mitigate the risk.

A BFRMP identifies bush fire issues, identifies assets at risk, assesses the level of risk, and establishes treatment strategies to minimise the risk and who is responsible for carrying out the treatments identified. These treatment strategies may directly affect you and your property.

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai BFRMP, has recently been reviewed. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) invites you to view the draft BFRMP and make comments by 30 June 2023.

More info [here](#).

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

- **Tip #1.** Never cause an accident just because you think you are right!
  - **Tip #5.** Leave space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you, sufficient to stop safely. Use the '3 second rule' – see when the car ahead passes a landmark and start counting: "One Mississippi, two Mississippi, three Mississippi" (each one takes a second to say). If you can't count to three in the time it takes for you to reach the same landmark, then there is insufficient space for you to do an emergency stop.
  - **Tip #11.** We all enter a roundabout as equals – no approach road has priority. Give way to those already on roundabouts, including those entering before you from your left. Roundabouts are designed to keep the traffic flowing.
  - **Tip #16.** No part of your body should be outside the vehicle. Don't let your passenger put their feet on the dash – the airbags will smash their knees into their face.
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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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## **From Live Traffic NSW: SCHEDULED ROADWORK**

### **Traffic signals repairs - Roseville to Chatswood**

Pacific Highway between Clanville Road and Thomas Street

Mon 22 May 2023 to Fri 26 May 2023

Scheduled roadwork

- Mon (10:00pm to 5:00am) Traffic affected all directions
- Tue (11:30pm to 4:30am) Traffic affected all directions
- Wed (11:30pm to 4:30am) Traffic affected all directions
- Thu (11:30pm to 4:30am) Traffic affected all directions

Advice: Reduced speed limit (40km/h), Check signage

Other Advice: Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions will be in place.

### **Maintenance - West Pennant Hills to Wahroonga**

Northconnex Tunnel between M2 Motorway and M1 Pacific Motorway

- Wed 31 May 2023 to Thu 1 Jun 2023 Scheduled roadwork
- Wed (9:30pm to 5:00am) Tunnel closed both directions

Advice: Use diversions, Plan your journey, Allow extra travel time.

### **Hornsby Heights**

Galston Road between Montview Parade and Calderwood Road

Sun 18 Jun 2023 to Thu 29 Jun 2023

Scheduled roadwork

- Sun (8:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed both directions
- Mon (8:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed both directions
- Tue (8:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed both directions
- Wed (8:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed both directions
- Thu (8:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed both directions

Advice: Use diversions, Allow extra travel time, Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Advice: Outside of work hours the speed limit will be reduced to 40kmh.

Diversions: Galston Rd, Old Northern Rd, New Line Rd, Boundary Rd, Pennant Hills Rd,

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Pacific Hwy, George St, Peats Ferry Rd in both directions.

More info [here](#).

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Erm.... How?



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.

**[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)**

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**Facebook** @NHWKuringgaiHornsby  
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**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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

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[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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