

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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 the <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook</u> <u>page</u> (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 an other 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. Thank you for your support.
- A Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

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20 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Record COVID-19 cases in Victoria will see the NSW Government introduce further restrictions on entering NSW from Victoria with the establishment of a strict new border zone, tightened permit conditions and stronger enforcement powers. [edited]

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard said from midnight Tuesday 21 July a border zone, clearly defined along the Murray River, will restrict entry to NSW for Victorians to extremely limited purposes. The conditions imposed on permits under the Order are being tightened. The revised Order will:

- Require COVID Safety Plans for people entering NSW for child access or care arrangements, and freight workers;
- Require other critical service workers to self-isolate when not providing their critical services;
- Require people attending boarding school or universities as either staff or students to self-isolate for 14 days and obtain a negative swab before attending school;
- Restrict entry for medical or hospital services to only be allowed where those services are not available in Victoria or cannot be accessed remotely;
- Prohibit seasonal workers coming from Victoria into NSW;
- Require any person who accompanies a person with a permit such as a dependent child to also comply with any conditions on the permit, including self-isolating.

On Monday 20 July from 2.00pm border residents can check www.service.nsw.gov.au to determine if their address falls within the newly established border restrictions.

20 July, from NSW Police Police are appealing for public assistance to find

the driver of a rented SUV which they believe could have been involved in up to eight crashes in a three-hour period yesterday.

At 8.20am yesterday (Sunday 19 July 2020), Brisbane Water Highway Patrol stopped a grey Holden Equinox on the M1 at Bar Point and the driver was issued a traffic infringement notice for speeding more than 45km/h. The driver, a 35-year-old man from Queensland, had his licence suspended on the spot.

Despite the suspension, less than an hour later at 9:10am, the same vehicle was involved in a collision with a cyclist on the **Pacific Highway at Lindfield**. The 48-year-old male cyclist suffered abrasions to his hip and elbow.

About five minutes later – and 2km south of the first collision – the same SUV hit another cyclist; this time a 55-year-old man suffered five fractured ribs and a fractured collarbone; he remains in Royal North Shore Hospital.

Both times the driver allegedly left the scene without rendering assistance or providing details.

Shortly after 9.35am, the same vehicle was driving the Eastern Distributor Tunnel southbound at Woolloomooloo, when a 2012-model Mercedes C220 was hit from behind by a SUV matching the description. The sedan spun out, blocking all three lanes and the SUV did not stop. The driver, a 39-year-old man, was taken to St Vincent's Hospital to be checked as a precaution. He sustained bruising and swelling in the incident.

Only minutes later, a Land Rover Sport, being driven by a 52-year-old man, was hit by a SUV as the vehicles were travelling east along Alison Road at Kensington. The SUV failed to stop.

At 9.38am, the 36-year-old man driving a WRX witnessed the Kensington crash and was noting the SUV's number plate when – police allege – the SUV driver deliberately reversed towards him, causing another collision with a Mitsubishi Eclipse. The SUV then drove from the scene without exchanging details. At 10am, a 36-year-old man was cycling west along Perry Street at Matraville when he was hit from behind by the SUV, knocking him off his bike. He sustained cuts to his left elbow and back. The SUV did not stop.

At 10.30am, a 39-year-old woman was driving her Forester along Bridge Road at Glebe, when she was struck by an SUV travelling in the same direction. The SUV

driver did not stop.

The last linked incident has been reported from Lane Cove at 11:15am when a 59-year-old woman was driving her Subaru Outback north along Epping Road. She has told police an Equinox SUV drove beside her and deliberately swerved into her lane and hit her before leaving the scene.

A description of the wanted vehicle was circulated to police yesterday; however, neither the SUV or the driver have been found.

The vehicle is described as being a 2018-model grey Holden Equinox with Queensland registration, 729ZAB

Police urge anyone with information about the whereabouts of the vehicle or the driver to call **Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000**.

If the vehicle is seen, do not approach and call **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

20 July, from NSW Road Safety: Just a reminder, school zones are in operation around schools.

20 July, from NSW Health: When you catch up with family and friends, remember to stay 1.5 metres apart.

Stay safe. Keep your distance.

Find out more: www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19



19 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Three officers from Ku-ring Gai and two officers from North Shore are currently on the Victorian border at the township of Moama for the next five nights assisting with border control, along with defence personnel from the Australian Army.

18 July, from NSW Health: Something as simple as sharing a pen or a menu, can lead to the spread of COVID-19.

Don't forget to wash your hands to protect you and your loved ones. It's up to all of us to keep healthy and well. https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others



18 July, from NSW Road Safety: If you're on the road with your caravan these school holidays make sure you know how to safely tow, load and weigh your caravan to arrive safely at your destination.

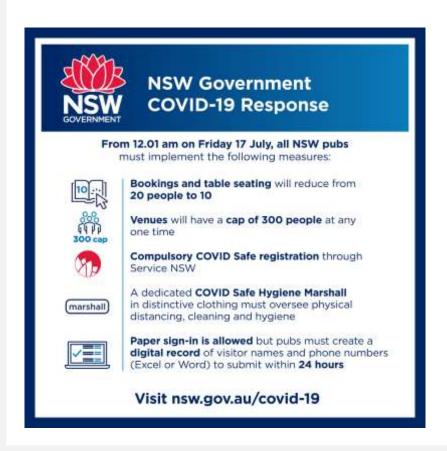
Check out our safety tips: bit.ly/caravan-safety





17 July, from NSW Health: NEW RULES for pubs.

Find out more here: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules#pubs--compliance-and-restrictions





16 July, from NSW Health: If your child is sick, keep them at home.

For children under 5 years, if they have symptoms like a runny nose, fever, cough or sore throat, call your GP. In an emergency, please call 000 or go to your closest emergency department.

For more information: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing#advice-for-parents



14 July, from NSW Police: The NSW Police Force is continuing to conduct Public Health Order compliance checks state-wide in an ongoing effort to protect the health and safety of the community, with approximately 300 home visits being conducted in the past 24 hours alone. [edited]

The maximum penalty for contravening a Public Health Order is a fine of up to \$11,000 and/or six months imprisonment. The standard penalty will be a fine by way of an on-the-spot Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) – \$1000 for individuals and \$5000 for businesses.

Information on current Public Health Orders can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Anyone with information about potential breaches of ministerial directions is urged to contact Crime Stoppers using the online reporting tool at https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au Information is treated in strict confidence.

Full Media Release here.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) New South Wales has available a limited number of Bronze Level 'Community Partners'. For \$1000 per annum, partners can purchase a Bronze Level Community Partnership support package that will help Neighbourhood Watch in NSW with its longer term plans. In return, the partnership offers the promise of promotion on marketing material, website, Facebook pages, etc. Does this sound like you? This a great opportunity to support a fantastic well-known organisation that potentially reaches every residence in NSW.

Please <u>email us</u> for more information. Do you want to be part of the winning team?



21 July, from 9News.com.au: Suspended Sydney driver arrested after eight hit-run crashes in three hours

A suspended driver has been arrested after three hours of carnage that included multiple crashes across Sydney. NSW Police said the driver first hit a 48-year-old cyclist on the Pacific Highway at Lindfield about 8.20am yesterday. Five minutes later, another rider who was hit suffered a fractured a collarbone and ribs in Roseville, before a Mercedes was then hit at 9.35am on the Eastern Distributor in Woolloomooloo.

Full article and video here.



21 July, from News.com.au: An iconic logo Victorians have seen in their streets for the past 35 years has had a design change in a bid to encourage people to wear face masks.

For the first time in more than 35 years Neighbourhood Watch Victoria has updated its iconic logo in a bid to persuade Victorians to wear face masks. Full article here.



19 July, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group: If anyone knows a Jaclynne Walsh from North Wahroonga, could you let her know I've found her phone & bank cards etc yesterday & handed it into the **Westfield Information Centre.**

Looks like it was dropped in the car park & unfortunately it's been run over 😥

19 July, Shared with permission from the Mt Kuring-gai Community group: Please contact me if this is yours. Eastside Mt Kuring-gai.



Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

Sunday 25 October: Potential new date for NHW NSW Inc AGM @

Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club 1-5pm. tbc

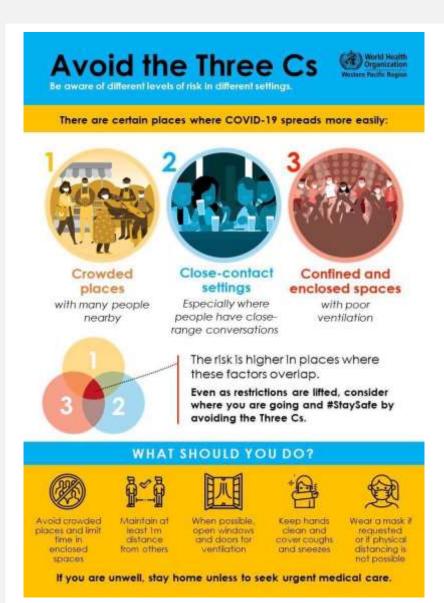
Tuesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm @ Gordon Library meeting room #2. [3rd attempt! Will we need

a 4th? 🔞]

19 July, from the World Health Organisation (WHO): Avoid the 3 Cs.

There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:

- Crowded places
- 2 Close-contact settings
- 3 Confined and enclosed spaces



18 July, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: Did you know?

NSW Law states;

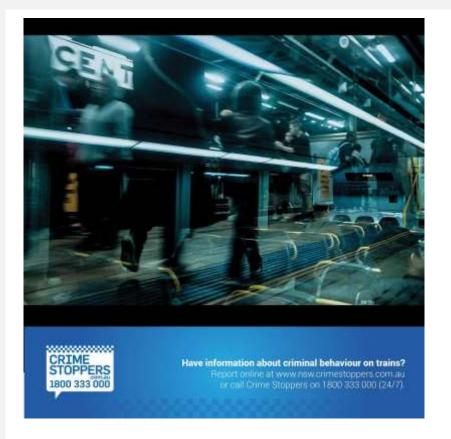
"Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road."

18 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SAFETY IN TRAINS...

Travelling on a train is a convenient and cost effective way of travelling from A to B. However, there are things to consider to help increase your personal safety.

- Travel in the guard's compartment identified by a blue light, or in the carriages that have groups of people that could assist if needed.
- Travel in groups of friends if you can
- If alone, identify someone you would feel comfortable to sit near and smile at them – this will also reassure them that you are someone of good character
- Arrive at the station as close to the departure time of the train as possible and stand where the station is well lit.
- If you can, choose a seat where you have a good view of the carriage and there is nothing at your back
- Do NOT fall asleep, be aware and alert
- Make sure you secure your belongings by placing items at your feet and hooking your feet around straps, or hooking your arm through straps if items are beside you.

The Police Assistance Line takes reports daily from people who have fallen asleep and had their property stolen from right next to them.



18 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ILLEGAL HUNTING affects everyone.

The damage to farmers' property can potentially run into thousands of dollars and include injury or death of livestock, damage to fences and crops or even straying stock. What can you do to help prevent, stop or report Illegal Hunting:

- Z record all incidents of illegal hunting on your property
- Install quality farm camera
- Valock gates
- Ø place 'Private Property' or 'No Trespass' signs on gates and fences
- photograph offenders and vehicles if this can be done safely.

If ILLEGAL HUNTING is 'occurring now' always call **Triple Zero (000)**. If you have information about ILLEGAL HUNTING call **Crime Stoppers on 1800** 333 000 (24/7) or report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au

17 July, from our new Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page: So how can a Neighbourhood Watch page help the community?

- If you become a victim of a crime (eg vandalism, break & enter), wouldn't you want to warn your neighbours? Sharing on this page is one way.
- If you become a victim of a crime (eg vandalism, break & enter), wouldn't
 you want to ask your neighbours if they had any cctv of the incident?
 Sharing on this page is one way.
- If you become a victim of a crime (eg vandalism, break & enter), wouldn't you want to ask your community whether they have dashcam footage?
 Sharing on this page is one way.

Can you think of other instances? We'd love to know how your neighbours have helped you in the past.

Thank you to our new volunteers, Jayne and Liz, for their help with **Brooklyn NHW**.

We are often asked, who should we call, and when?

This '*Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai*' flyer was produced with help from Ku-ring-gai council. The information within is 99% accurate for the Hornsby Shire council area too. It shares different scenarios for the different police contact numbers. If in doubt, please phone Hornsby police station 9476 9799, or if it's a crime happening/about to happen, then always phone 000. Please read this flyer. And please report crime information ASAP, reporting everything. If you're not sure, then communicate the information and let the person responsible (the police) decide if it's relevant or not.

This flyer is available to download from our Neighbourhood Watch website: https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/.

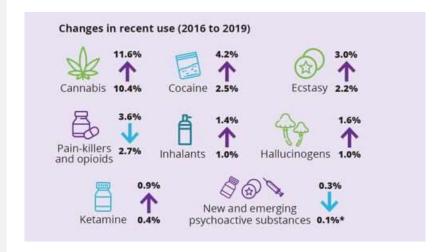


Want a copy as a pdf in your inbox? Email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

16 July, from 9News.com.au: Cocaine up, tobacco down: How Aussies are drinking, smoking and using drugs

Almost half of all Australians have used an illicit drug in their lifetime, a justreleased government report which details our drug and alcohol use and attitudes has found. The study, which explored how Aussies aged 14 and over used tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs in 2019, found illegal drug use up but rates of smoking steadily declining.

Full article and stats here.



15 July, from Brooklyn NHW: Those little darlings keep having a smashing good time.

From a potential P plater's pride to a wreck In just a few weeks. Sandstone boulders included!



We had a query about off leash dog parks in the Hornsby Shire Council areas.

There are several. Here's the link to the places available:

https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/myproperty/pets/off-leash-dog-areas

14 July, from St Ives NHW: Please look out for 2 Fluid Mountain Bikes that were stolen out of our secure courtyard over the weekend.

Women's - Black and Pink (almost new) and Kids - 20 inch Black Red and Yellow. Have posted on St Ives Community Page too. Appreciate your help!!! Thanks



15 July, from 9News.com.au: Do you know Australia's weird and lesser-known road rules?

Full article here.

14 July, from Ku-ring-gai Council: We are currently investigating two dog attacks that allegedly took place at Bannockburn Oval in Pymble last Friday 3 July between 3.30pm and 4pm.

The two separate attacks were by two dogs on other dogs, resulting in injuries. If

you witnessed the alleged attacks or have any information that could help, please contact our **Companion Animal Management Officer on 9424 0000**.

14 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: LEAVING CHILDREN HOME ALONE...

Circumstance sometimes dictates that it may be tempting to leave your child at home while you go off to work or run errands. There are a few things you MUST keep in mind if you are leaving children unattended. It is ALWAYS the parents responsibility – and legal obligation – ensure that their children are safe and property looked after.

To find out more visit:

https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/parenting/responsibility-and-rights/children-home-alone

If you know about children who are being neglected or not properly cared for, you can report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).

14 July, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Children are using digital technology from a young age and parents and carers play an important role in teaching them how to stay safe.

Playing IT Safe contains a series of online play-based learning activities that parents and carers can do with their children to help them learn about digital technology and online safety.

For more information and to start teaching your child about #OnlineSafety, visit playingitsafe.org.au



Taken from "OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR APARTMENT SECURITY"

Tip#16. Request your Body Corporate pursue Crime Prevention initiatives, eg: 'Rapid Removal' graffiti policy, monitored CCTV, landscaping to reduce the opportunity for crime, secure fences & gates, security lighting.

Tip#17. Do not leave your car park remote control or any valuables on view in your vehicle, even if it is locked and in the secure parking area.

Tip#18. Consider replacing the main door lock(s) with high-quality deadlocks. Replace any screws with longer ones to secure any doorchain/doorbar.

Our eagle eyed officers on the NSW/VIC border don't miss a thing © Turns out it was a false alarm. Truckie and his goods granted entry into NSW!



Thanks to NSW Police Force

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

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: @Kuring Gai PAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

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.

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention

- Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby
- NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group
- Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby
- Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:

Our Crime Prevention WatchOut! Facebook page

- Meighbourhood Watch Berowra (technical issues)
- Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch
- Meighbourhood Watch East Killara
- Neighbourhood Watch Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural (Rural Areas)
- NHW Glaston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural (Rural Areas) Facebook Group
- Neighbourhood Watch Gordon
- Gordon (NSW) Community (incl NHW) Facebook Group

- Neighbourhood Watch Hornsby
- Neighbourhood Watch Killara
- Neighbourhood Watch Mt Colah
- Meighbourhood Watch Mt Kuring-gai
- Reighbourhood Watch Normanhurst
- Meighbourhood Watch Pennant Hills
- Meighbourhood Watch St Ives
- Meighbourhood Watch Turramurra
- Neighbourhood Watch Wahroonga

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Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby, NSW 2077 Australia

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