



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 [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 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.

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05 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

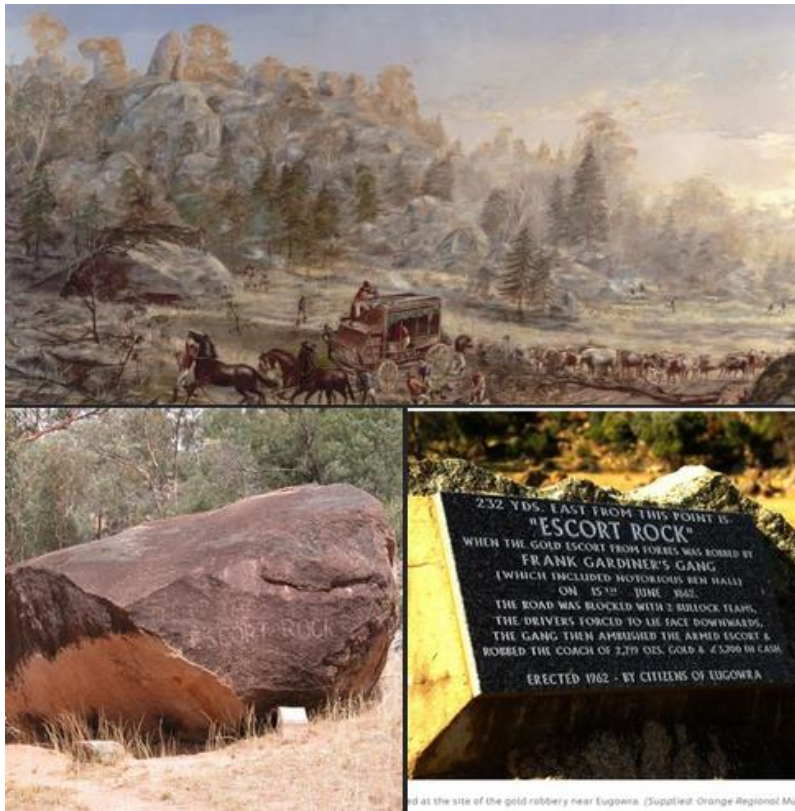


Police are continuing to appeal for public assistance for information on the disappearance of Mosese Cava in 2006 from the Marrickville area.

Fijian-born Mosese was last known as a DJ in the Sydney area, and was described as having long dreadlocks.

Further information [here](#). Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

04 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Did you know that NSW Police were used to escort gold in the gold rush days?



With the discovery of gold in New South Wales, the 'Gold Escort' were formed in 1851.

During this period, police from the United Kingdom were offered free passage to NSW in return for three years' service as colonial police. These years also saw the rise of the bushranging era.

In 1862, riots on the goldfields at Lambing Flat (near Young) saw police and the military deployed to restore peace and lead to a new push for more effective policing in the colony.

One significant incident during this time was the robbery at Escort Rock.

On June 15, 1862 one of the most audacious acts of bushranging in Australia's history took place near the village of Eugowra in New South Wales Central West Region. The place is now known as 'Escort Rock'.

Frank Gardiner and his gang of about eight bushrangers, which sometimes included the infamous Ben Hall, held up a gold coach which was travelling from Forbes to Sydney.

In the shootout that followed at Escort Rock, the bushrangers overwhelmed the four police escorts, leaving two of the officers wounded and making off with around 2700 ounces of gold (around 76kg) and a number of bags filled with cash.

It was the largest gold robbery in Australia's history with the majority of the gold still unaccounted for and in today's currency would amount to many millions of dollars.

Have a great weekend.

02 September, from NSW Police Force



A man has been charged with attempted murder after a police officer was slashed in the head and shoulder, and two others were injured in the Sydney CBD this morning.

Officers from Sydney City Police area Command were contacted after a food delivery rider was allegedly harassed by a man on George Street about 12.20am (Wednesday 2 September 2020).

As a result of inquiries, officers approached a man as he was walking along York Street near Market Street.

Police will allege in court that the man removed a knife from his pocket and attacked the officers, and a struggle ensued.

One officer was slashed across his head and shoulder and another officer was slashed on the hand, before a third officer was bitten on the arm.

The 32-year-old man was then disarmed and arrested, before being taken to St Vincent's Hospital for assessment.

The injured officers were also taken to St Vincent's Hospital, with the 40-year-old male senior constable undergoing treatment for a laceration to the left side of his head and a second laceration to his left upper arm/shoulder a 39-year-old male acting sergeant receiving treatment for a laceration on his finger and a knee injury, while the 20-year-old male probationary constable treated for a bite to his tricep. Following his release from hospital, the 32-year-old Lakemba man was taken to Day Street Police Station.

He has now been charged with cause wounding/grievous bodily harm to person with intent to murder, wound person with intent to resist/prevent arrest, assault police officer in execution of duty cause actual bodily harm and resist or hinder police officer in the execution of duty.

The man has been refused bail to appear at Downing Centre Local Court today.

02 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command



The Official Podcast of the NSW Police Force

Episode 2 - Mosese Cava STREAMING NOW

In 2006, 32 year old Mosese cut ties with his family without explanation. Do you have information that could help us and his family search for the truth?

[Stream on Apple here](#)

[Stream on Spotify here](#)

01 September, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 51 Forestville



Overnight Forestville firefighters attended a house fire in East Killara alongside crews from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 040 Willoughby, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 061 Lane Cove, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 023 Gladesville, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 036 Crows Nest. The house was currently under construction and a burst water main along with collapsing walls created additional challenges for the crews in attendance. Fire was prevented from spreading to neighboring properties due to the hard work of all crews despite the challenges faced.

01 September, from Fire and Rescue NSW

HAPPY SPRING! | Ring in the new season (literally) by testing your smoke alarm is working!

The first day of a new season is the perfect reminder to test your smoke alarms and give them a vacuum!

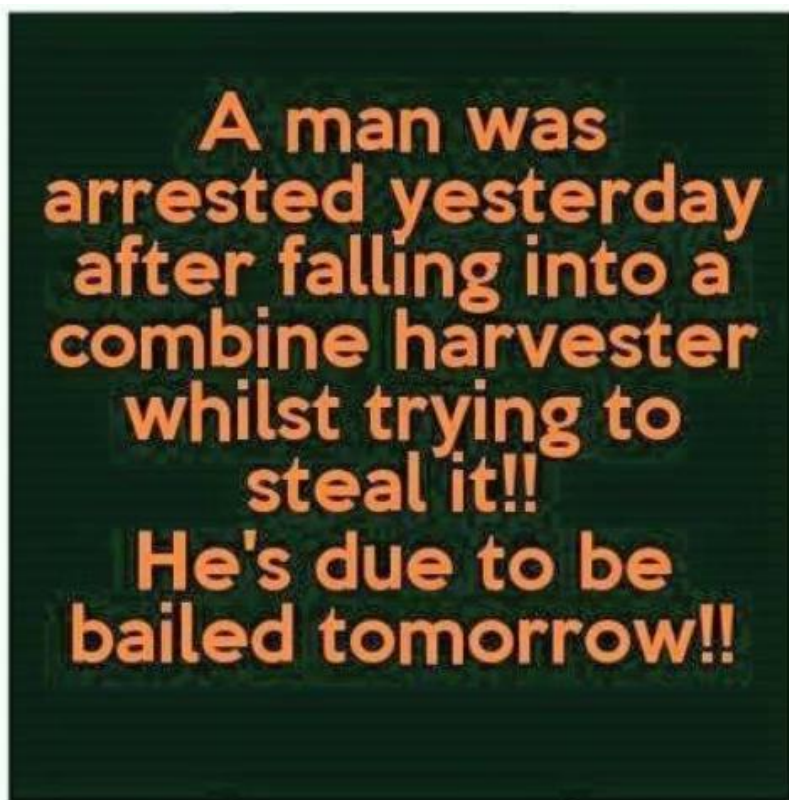
Working smoke alarms help save lives and the risk of a fatality in a home fire is halved if there is a working smoke alarm in a residential dwelling.

31 August, from 7News Sydney

'Within the next two months' - that's today's confident prediction for the opening of Sydney's long overdue NorthConnex tunnel.

A promise made by a senior government minister as 7NEWS was given an exclusive demonstration of the \$3 billion road's world-class safety features.

[Watch video here.](#)



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08 September, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 68 Narrabeen

A friendly reminder to keep your feet off the dashboard when travelling in vehicles.

This airbag was deployed under controlled conditions during drill and was filmed in slow motion.

Watch video [here](#).

08 September, Reported today by one of our volunteers -

'A driver coming up Britannia St, Pennant Hills this afternoon swerved towards a large flock of cockatoos by the side of the road. Looked like they were trying to scare them or maybe hit them. Luckily no bird was hit. The car was a white, dual-cab, Toyota 4WD ute with a black insert on the hood. A disgusting and very unwelcome act. This is a bushland area, and Cockatoos are protected.'

07 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Some floating water plants are weedy. They grow quickly, clogging irrigation and causing flooding and soil erosion on farms and in natural areas.

That's why trading these plants is illegal and must be stopped.

Selling frogbit, water hyacinth and salvinia is prohibited.

If you see, know or suspect something, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online [here](#). We just need to know what you know, not who you are.

07 September, from Australian Federal Police



National Child Protection Week is celebrating its 30th year in 2020, with the theme 'Putting children first'

The AFP is urging all Australians to confront the realities of child exploitation and it's prevalence in our community. It is easy to turn scroll past the almost daily news of another child exploitation bust.

But no one saved their kids by covering their ears or eyes.

It is time to listen up and put our kids first. We need parents and caregivers to understand how their children are being targeted, how technology invites strangers into their kids' bedrooms and to partner with us to fight this insidious crime.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it now takes a country to keep them safe.

Australians cannot relinquish this duty and the AFP will never relinquish this duty.

Find out how you can keep your children safe [here](#).

04 September, from Australian Federal Police



PSA: The tooth fairy accepts molars, premolars, incisors and canine teeth...not Beretta pistols.

In fact, possession of drugs and firearms is more likely to get you a visit from the AFP than the tooth fairy, as two Melbourne men discovered in June 2019 when they were arrested as part of an investigation into a syndicate trafficking both methamphetamine and heroin in Melbourne.

During search warrants on properties Docklands and Sunshine North, AFP officers seized 2,747.2g pure methamphetamine, 324.1g pure heroin, six bottles containing Butanediol, \$318,170 cash, multiple scales, a cash counting machine, drug paraphernalia, acetone (alleged to be for the purpose of 'washing' methamphetamine), ammunition and a loaded Beretta brand pistol which was located under a pillow on the bed.

The two men plead guilty to range of charges and were recently sentenced to a combined 19 years, 6 months in jail.

Remember:

Tooth under pillow = a visit from tooth fairy.

Guns and illicit drugs under pillow = a visit from the AFP.

04 September, from Australian Federal Police



Three Melbourne men have been arrested and around \$52.5 million dollars' worth of a substance similar to methamphetamine has been seized, after a multi-agency law enforcement operation overnight.

When police went through the door of a Victorian property yesterday, they discovered several barrels containing 100kgs of the illicit drug and significant precursor chemicals at a large-scale clandestine drug laboratory under construction.

If police had not intervened and this laboratory had had become functioning, it is believed this would have been one of the largest illicit clandestine labs in Victoria's history.

This successful operation was jointly carried out by the AFP, Victoria Police, Australian Border Force and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

04 September, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command



Police are continuing to appeal for public assistance to find a man missing from Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Christopher Chalmers, also known as CJ, aged 52, was last seen at a service station on the Pacific Highway, Turramurra, about 4.40am on Thursday 30 July 2020.

A family member reported him missing to officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command.

Despite numerous inquiries, he has not been located and concerns are held for his welfare.

He described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170cm tall, of medium build, with olive skin and brown eyes. He drives a purple Honda Odyssey with Queensland registration 867SEA.

Anyone who sees Mr Chalmers or his vehicle is urged to contact Dee Why Police Station on (02) 9971 3399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

The man is known to frequent Seaforth, Narrabeen and Turrumurra.

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

02 September, More COVID in Lindfield

As two more staff at Reddam Early Learning Centre Lindfield have now tested positive, all staff and children who attended the centre have been declared as close contacts and instructed to get tested and isolate for 14 days.

02 September, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Please forward to any carers whom you think may need more support in these difficult times.

Carer Support



Are you a Senior?

Caring for a loved one, family member or friend?
Are you feeling socially isolated or lonely due to COVID-19?

Need some support?

Join on ZOOM and telephone for FREE support, guidance, information and assistance.
Talk with other Carers and share as we work our way through this challenging time.

Contact NSLHD Carer Support Service

- Phone: 9462 9488 and 0434 323 411
- Email: NSLHD-carers@health.nsw.gov.au
- www.facebook.com/NSLHDcarersupport
- Web: www.nscarersupport.com.au

Zoom sessions will be available on a Tuesday and Thursday. So drop in and say hello, stay a while and have a chat - shake those COVID-19 blues!

Calls can also be arranged on a daily basis, to suit your needs.

Call us now for more details.

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02 September, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group:



A couple more plants and pots stolen perhaps overnight?
Plants to be hidden away and cameras installed.

01 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Criminals are often opportunists, and will target homes with poor home security to steal belongings. You can secure your home by taking a few simple steps which will significantly lower the risk of your home being the target of thieves. Here are some simple steps we all can take to help protect our home.

Secure your home

- Fit quality security doors, windows, locks, alarms, lighting and warning signs
- Secure all windows and doors.
- Activate your alarm, smoke detectors and security lighting.
- Lock your gates, sheds and garages.

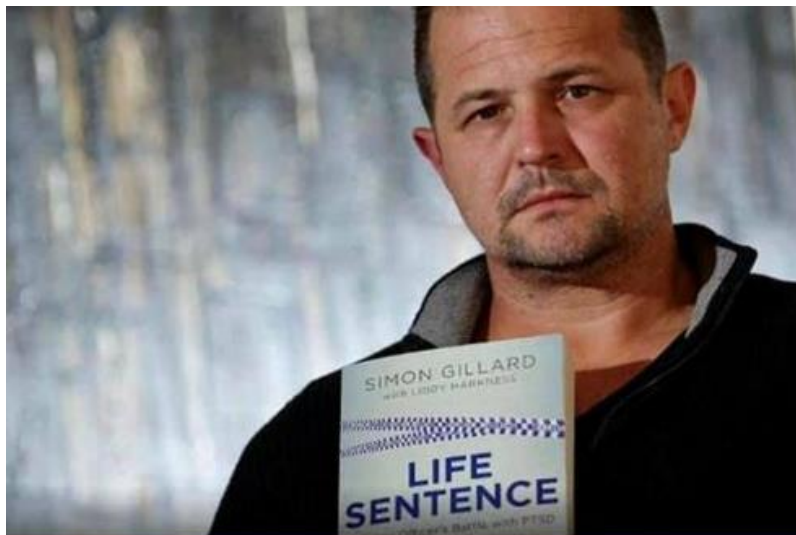
Check your home

- Ensure your street number is clearly visible.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to improve visibility around your home
- Lock away items such as ladders, tools and gardening equipment.
- Don't leave spare keys outside the home.
- Don't leave valuables, mobile devices or keys (home or vehicle) in clear view.
- Mark valuable property and record details.

When away from home

- Use a timer to activate an internal light or radio to give the impression someone is home.
 - Have family, a trusted friend or neighbour check on your home. Inform them of your travel plans, park a vehicle in the driveway, collect the garbage bins and mail.
 - Consider redirecting your mail, newspapers and deliveries.
 - Never advertise your travel on social media sites.
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A date for your diaries. (R U OK Day 2020 is on 10 September 2020)



RUOK? DAY™

Former local police officer and author Simon Gillard shares his journey with mental health and how he has discovered meaning and purpose along the way.

Join Simon online • 6.30pm–7.30pm • Thursday 10 September

Bookings: kmc.nsw.gov.au/RUOKSimon



RUOK?™
A conversation could change a life.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 10 September: R U OK Day 2020

Thursday 10 September: 6:30-7:30pm Online session, hosted by Ku-ring-gai Council. A police officer's journey with PTSD and depression. Info and bookings [here](#).

Friday 11 September: National Walk Safely to School Day [Info](#).

Wednesday 16 September: 10.30am to 12pm Ku-ring-gai Council. FREE Asking friends and family R U OK? webinar **Booking** [here](#). **Info:** Samantha Marren 9424 0992 or smarren@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Tuesday 22 September: PCYC Driver Education programs 4:30-7:30pm [Info](#)

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

Thursday 08 October: PCYC Driver Education programs 9:30- 2:30pm [Info](#)

Saturday 31 October: PCYC Driver Education programs 11-2pm [Info](#)

Sunday 25 October: NHW NSW Inc AGM @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club 1-5pm. tbc whether face-to-face or via Zoom.

Thursday 12 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 4:30-7:30pm [Info](#)

Tuesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm via Zoom. Email NHWGordon@gmail.com for details.

Saturday 28 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 3-6pm [Info](#)

Taken from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Fires

Tip#1. MAKE A MENTAL NOTE IF THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED BUSH FIRES IN YOUR AREA RECENTLY. 70% of NSW bush fires are lit deliberately.

Tip#2. BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA.

Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 300 333 000.

Tip#3. CONTACT THE LOCAL FIRE SERVICE FOR HELP ASSESSING YOUR OWN PREMISE'S FIRE RISK AND KNOW HOW TO PROTECT IT. Prepare your BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN, EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN and

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT for you and your animals. Download the 'Bush Fire Emergency Plan' App.

Tip#4. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER FOR FURTHER STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CRIME. [A Safety Audit of your home is available FREE on request—phone: 9476 9723 or visit www.police.nsw.gov.au.]

Tip#5. PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 02.

Tip#6. FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Tip#7. FOR BUSINESSES, ARE ALL YOUR FIRE EXITS IDENTIFIED, ACCESSIBLE, UNLOCKED, CLEAR OF BOXES, ETC?

Tip#8. KNOW ABOUT TOTAL FIRE BANS:

X CHECK THE RFS WEBSITE, OR PHONE RFS INFORMATION LINE ON 1800 679 737 TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE.

X BEWARE SPARKS: BBQs, incinerators, welding, angle-grinders, cigarettes, etc.

X KNOW THE LAW: eg, to use an the electric/gas BBQ you must have available “an immediate and continuous supply of water”.

X TOTAL FIRE BAN & CURRENT FIRE DANGER CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Tip#9. MAINTAIN ADEQUATE LEVELS OF HOME AND CONTENTS INSURANCE. If you underestimate the value of your property, any payout may be reduced accordingly.

Download your copy from [our website here](#), or email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.au

UK Cop Humour: Another stunner of a view and more proof that cops love doughnuts 🍩 - Today's #ViewFromTheOffice is from Kent Police Search and

Marine Unit out on their brand new Parker RIBs police boat!



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:



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



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



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[NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group](#)



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)



Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#) (technical issues)



[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)



[Neighbourhood 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](#)



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