

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 our local police at the <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook 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 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.
- A Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- A Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

03 November, from NSW Police Force



The Emergency+ app re-launched today! The app works across Australia, using GPS functionality built into smartphones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details require to mobilise emergency services.

For more information, visit <u>site here.</u>
Watch <u>video here.</u>

30 October, from Crime Stopper NSW



Make sure you follow this important safety message today, okay folks?

30 October, from NSW Police Force



Missing child found on rural property - Collie

A child has been reunited with his parents after going missing on a rural property in the state's Orana region.

About 9.55am today (Friday 30 October 2020), emergency services responded to reports of a three-year-old boy missing at a property 15km west of the Collie township, on the Oxley Highway.

Officers attached to Orana Mid Western Police District coordinated a multiagency response which included the Rescue Squad, trail bikes, PolAir, Dog Unit and divers being deployed from Sydney.

Police were assisted by the State Emergency Service, NSW Ambulance and Rural Fire Service.

About 11.15am – prior to the arrival of specialist police resources – local police located the boy safe and well about 500m from the homestead.

The boy has been reunited with his relieved parents.

Orana Mid Western Police District Crime Manager, Chief Inspector Denise Godden, praised the response of police and fellow emergency services.

"We had a great result which has made our day, it doesn't get much better than this," she said.

28 October, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW:

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - Northconnex Tunnel Opening, Saturday 31st October 2020, between M1 Pacific Motorway and M2 Hills Motorway. When NorthConnex opens on Saturday 31 October, trucks and buses (over 12.5m long or over 2.8m clearance height) travelling between the M1 and M2 must use the NorthConnex tunnels unless they have a pick up or delivery destination that is only accessible via Pennant Hills Road. View or download the Guide to using NorthConnex for trucks and buses using the link in the comments below. To find out more about NorthConnex including maps and

videos, visit the NorthConnex Project website. Check Signage, Exercise caution. Check website here.

27 October, from NSW Police Force



Police on the border have been working away from home to keep the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. This sign at Swan Hill Rd, Murray Downs shows just how far some of them have traveled from their commands.



2 November, from Nathan Tilbury - Councillor at Hornsby Shire Council: BEROWRA'S CRIME PREVENTION FORUM

As reported in Bush Telegraph Weekly

Due to increased community concern with crime in the Berowra area the Hornsby Local Area Command's Crime Prevention Officer Senior Constable Colin Mitchell, the office of Matt Kean MP and Hornsby Councillor, Nathan Tilbury have organized a Crime Prevention Forum for the Berowra district.

The forum will be held this Tuesday, 3rd November, from 6pm to 8pm at Berowra Community Centre. Due to current COVID 19 restrictions the venue can only accommodate 100 people. The Berowra Lions Club have generously agreed to live stream and or record the event for residents unable to attend.

Details and a link to view the Forum on-line will be distributed as soon as available.

The Hornsby Local Area Command Crime Prevention Officer's representative, Senior Constable Joanne Dodsworth, will make a presentation that includes;

- Crime rate in the area by category Malicious Damage, Break and enter –
 Dwelling, Steal from dwelling, Steal from motor vehicle
- · Police activity in the area
- How to report crime
- · Use of Social Media

The Forum will also cover what residents can do to minimize the chance of them becoming a victim of crime in our local area with suggestions such as;

- Improved lighting
- Improved use of CCTV cameras
- Clean off graffiti quickly (does not allow the offenders to see their mess)

- Community engagement
- Increased police patrols & presence
- Police engaging offenders
- Re-activation of Berowra District Neighourhood Watch Group

Anyone interesting in volunteering to be part of a committee to help restart & run the Berowra Neighbourhood Watch program please contact me. See link to the new Berowra Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page recently set up.

If you have anything you would like covered or a specific question answered at the forum you can pass the details to Nathan Tilbury at ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or call 0403 227 560.

30 October, from 1800respect.org.au

Telephone and online counselling

- 1800RESPECT continues to operate as normal during the COVID-19 health emergency, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit the Self Isolation and COVID-19 page for more information
- At 1800RESPECT, we understand that everyone's experience of sexual, domestic or family violence is different
- Whatever your situation, it is important to know that help and support are available
- Our trained counsellors are guided by you, your needs and your feelings about what is right for you and your situation
- This page answers some of the common questions people have about our service.

Read details here.

30 October, from 9news.com.au: Serial rapist that attacked random women over three decades could be released in just five years



A man who targeted random women in Sydney's north west over three decades could be out in five years.

Gregory John Richardson, 53, attacked four women around his Epping home between 1989 and 2007.

The court heard one of the girls, known by the pseudonym Rebecca, was 16 years old and walking home one evening when she was targeted.

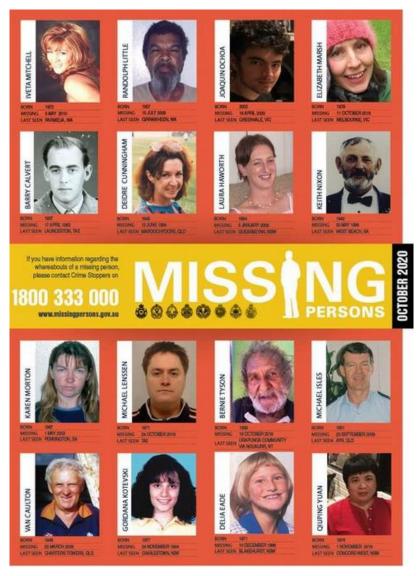
Read full story here.

30 October, from Killara Rural Fire Brigade



Have you got Fires Near Me NSW on your smartphone? This app is essential in giving you an early warning about fires that may occur near you, and provides quick alerts, updates and information about new or ongoing fires across the state.

30 October, from The National Missing Persons Coordination Centre



See it here first!

Our latest bi-annual missing persons poster is out now!

30 October, from Neighbourhood Watch in Kur-ing-gai and Hornsby Council Areas



Recall UPDATE: Bounce Protein Ball Cashew Caramel 40g 29 October 2020

The NSW Food Authority advises:

UPDATE: This recall has been updated with a revised batch number 'M2310'

Natural High Co. Pty Ltd trading as Bounce Foods is conducting a recall of Bounce Protein Ball Cashew Caramel 40g. The product has been available for sale at Coles, Woolworths, independent food retailers including IGA, 7-Eleven, Caltex, BP, EG Fuels, United Fuel nationally, On the Run in SA, as well as in pharmacies and from online retail outlets in Australia.

Product details:

Bounce Protein Ball Cashew Caramel 40g

BEST BEFORE 21/07/2021 BATCH M2310

Problem: The recall is due to the possible presence of foreign matter (plastic).

Food safety hazard: Food products containing plastic may cause injury / illness

if consumed.

Country of origin: Australia

What to do: Consumers should not eat this product and should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For further information please contact:

Bounce Foods

Phone 1300 303517

hello@bouncefoods.com.au

Check site here.

See also: all current NSW food alerts here.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 03 November: Crime Prevention Forum 6-8pm @ Berowra Community Centre. Speaker: Snr Cst Colin Mitchell, NHW volunteer(s). Info from Nathan Tilbury at ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or call **0403 227 560**.

Thursday 12 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 4:30-7:30pm Info

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November: Garage Sale Trail Info

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

Saturday 28 November: PCYC Driver Education programs 3-6pm Info

29 October, from the Department of Communities and Justice - Safer Together



®MAKING SURE VICTIMS ARE HEARD₽

Ensuring victims of crimes have a voice is Cathy Petrovski's priority.

- ✓ Cathy is one of seven specialist staff with the Corrective Services NSW

 Victims Register, providing victims of crime with updated and ongoing advice about an offender's time in prison, including sentencing, classification and parole.
- ➡ "I love coming to work and being part of a dedicated and compassionate
 team who care about the people we support," says the Acting Operations

 Manager who has worked with the register for two and half years and worked in
 offender services and programs for more than seven years.
- ## "I am able to help victims of crime to have a voice by empowering them with information and education, preparing victim statements for parole hearings, and referring them to appropriate services that can assist with their trauma.

28 October, from Hills to Hawkesbury Community News



Be careful on wet roads. A truck has just crashed through the front of a house in Pennant Hills.

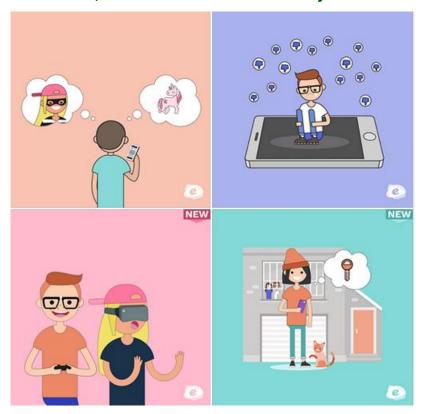
Fire and Rescue NSW crews from Beecroft, Blacktown and Eastwood Fire Stations are at the scene in Blackbutt Avenue, Pennant Hills.

Crews arrived on scene shortly after 11am to find the truck had crashed into the front of the house, causing significant structural damage.

FRNSW crews have placed an exclusion zone around the structure as a precaution, pending an engineer's inspection.

NSW Police are investigating the cause of the incident.

28 October, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner



Kids today might be digital natives, however they often lack the resilience skills & experience to cope with online risks. Check out the eSafety Kids resources, a fun & engaging way to get kids thinking about the importance of being safe online. Start exploring here.

28 October, From NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for information and have released CCTV images after an armed robbery in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs overnight.

About midnight (Wednesday 28 October 2020), police were called to a supermarket on Anzac Parade, Kingsford, after an unknown man – armed with a knife – entered the store and threatened the employee, a 21-year-old woman.

The man stole cash before running away.

Police have been told two members of the public confronted the man; however, they were also threatened.

Officers from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command established a crime scene and commenced inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

As inquiries continue, detectives have released CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to.

He is depicted as being of Caucasian appearance, 170cm tall, of solid build, wearing a black cap, black jacket, grey pants and grey sneakers.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <u>visit site here.</u> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

28 October, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for information from the community to locate a man who is wanted on an outstanding warrant issued more than 30 years ago.

As part of their ongoing inquiries into unsolved and unresolved crime in the local area, investigators from Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command are seeking information to locate wanted man, Bradley Albert.

Mr Albert, now aged 50, is wanted by virtue of a District Court arrest warrant, which relates to an assault and robbery in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs in April 1988.

It is believed Mr Albert may also use a number of aliases, which include Bradley Bennet and Jan Bradley.

Police have recently received information to suggest he may now be living in Queensland but was previously known to frequent Western Sydney.

He was previously described at being of Caucasian appearance, with a medium build, short fair hair and blue/grey eyes.

Investigators are urging anyone who sees him not to approach but instead call Triple Zero (000), otherwise provide information relating to his whereabouts to their local police or Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information about Mr Albert's whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit <u>site here.</u> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

From Cop Hunmour Australia: How fast was the little bastard going?!





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 (Only victims may report.)

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 NHW Kuringgai Hornsby.org.au Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby

Facebook Group NHWKuringgaiHornsby
Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own 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

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon

Gordon (NSW) Community (incl NHW) Facebook Group

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai

Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst

Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra

Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga







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