



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 [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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29 November, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES



Our wonderful volunteers remain out and about in the Ku-Ring-Gai area cleaning up after today's wild weather.

We have now received over 50 jobs as a result of wind gusts over 65km/hr and temperatures reaching almost 40 with many trees affected.

We currently have 4 teams in the field working into the night supported by an Incident Management Team at our Wahroonga headquarters.



Stay at least 8 metres away from fallen power lines



Report fallen power lines to Ausgrid (131 388)



Keep children and pets indoors



If you require emergency assistance due to storm or flood, call the NSW SES on 132 500. For emergency assistance in life threatening emergencies call 000 immediately. For the most up to date information visit the Bureau of Meteorology [here](#).

29 November, from NSW SES Hornsby Unit



Volunteers from NS W SES Hornsby Unit have been attending to more than 30 calls for assistance following strong winds since early this morning causing trees to fall on roads, power lines, homes, and buildings all around the Hornsby Shire. Winds are expected to continue until this evening.



Unfortunately this trampoline was picked up and blown into a backyard swimming pool in Berowra today. This is a good reminder to secure or put away loose items around your house, yard and balcony. These items can potentially become flying hazards to your home or neighbours' homes.



If you require emergency assistance during storms and floods, contact the NSW SES on 132 500. If life threatening, call Triple Zero (000).

Photo credit: Kristy Ca

29 November, from Ku-ring-gai command:

Domestic violence doesn't discriminate. If you, or a member of your community, are experiencing domestic violence, contact the police on 131 444. In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).



28 November, from Ku-ring-gai command:



There is never an excuse for violence towards others. NSW Police Force officers are continuing to protect and support the community 24/7.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence please call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

You can also call the Police Assistance Line (131 444) or attend your local police station to report domestic violence.

If you would like to speak to a support service, contact 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or the Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491).

25 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Man charged after allegedly assaulting three teenage girls - Berowra

Tuesday, 24 November 2020 06:05:34 PM

A man has been charged after allegedly assaulting three teenage girls in two separate incidents in Sydney's north last month.

On Saturday 3 October 2020, a 16-year-old girl was waiting for a bus on the Pacific Highway, Berowra when she was approached by a man who allegedly pushed her, causing her to fall to the ground and hitting her head.

The second incident occurred on Monday 26 October 2020, when a man travelling on the same train as two girls – aged 15 – disembarked at Berowra Railway Station.

The trio have walked to the exit and the man has allegedly assaulted both girls, punching one to the head and slapping the other in the face.

The teens sustained minor injuries during the assaults.

Officers from the Police Transport and Public Safety Command commenced an investigation and on Tuesday 24 November 2020, arrested a 50-year-old man in bushland at Cowan.

He was taken to Hornsby Police Station and was charged with common assault (x2) and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The man was refused bail and appeared at Hornsby Local Court today (Tuesday 24 November 2020).

25 November, from Quakers Hill Police Area Command

Parents

Don't make your children scared of the police

Please don't tell your children that the police will "Arrest them if they are naughty" or "Take them away to Gaol". We want the children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger. Not run away from us.

Children

The police will keep you safe

If you are in trouble, lost or scared, the police can help you. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please



Let your children know we are the good guys and will protect them.

Parent, "Oh, there's the police. You'd better be good, or they will arrest you, take you away and put you in jail".

Police officer, "Uhhmmmm really??? No, not going to happen!"

It's something we hear way too often while out walking through shopping centres.

Please teach your children not to be scared of Police.

Teach them, Police are there to help them, we are Safe Adults in the community along with their mum and dad, grandparents and teachers.

Teach them if they get lost, we help them find their mum or dad. If they need help, look for one of us and we'll be more than happy to assist.

If our children grow up in an environment where their parents are teaching them to fear police, then who will they feel safe enough to talk to when they need help?

Next time, when you and your children walk past police officers in a shopping centre, give them a wave and say hi. If it's me you wave to, we promise to wave

and say hi back.

Be sure to share this post to help get the word out there!



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

28 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community group:

Lock your doors. Son's work computer, backpack and Beats got stolen from car in Canberra Crescent, East Lindfield. A very big thank you to Steven who found the back pack with computer in Follies Park, East Lindfield and returned it.

(Thursday evening. No damage to the car.)

And in the comments:

A car on Owen St was also broken into...

A friend in Perth Ave had a purse full of coins taken from their car a few nights back. Stay safe everyone.

A car in Woodlands Rd was also broken into last night

Car opened in Owen street too. We reported it to the police- husband swears it was locked... nothing actually taken.

We live in Howard Street. My car and my husband's were both broken into on Wednesday night... no damage to either car, both were locked. I had

unfortunately left my maroon swade wallet in my console... credit cards etc

gone and used in Guildford by 4 am, Lindfield train station vending machine,

etc.... clear cars every night..... locked or not, your cars are not secure. The

police have been very good...

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Hello All, could everyone that has mentioned they are a victim of crime on this thread please ensure your incident is reported. This can be done as easily as calling 131444.

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Without accurate reporting we can not target crime trends effectively or efficiently.

North Shore Police Area Command which covers East Lindfield and Lindfield review and investigate all crimes with a view of identifying and apprehending offenders. We deploy our Police to all areas of our Command and use reporting data to target hotspots.

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The best way to stop crime is to prevent it. Most stealing incidents are opportunistic. Don't leave valuables in cars or in sight. Lock your cars, lock your doors and windows and be mindful not to leave valuable items in sight of thieves.

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Remember, not all offenders prowl the night. Some will do it in plain sight during daylight hours. If you see something not right call us. Record descriptions, clothing and vehicle rego numbers.

27 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia,
Dural - Rural Areas



STOLEN !! Cairns Rd Glenorie

Unfortunately we had two bikes stolen last night. CRF250 and a 2007 CR125.

Both bikes had many unique parts on them. The CR125 was one of a kind.

Please keep a eye out and if you know anything please contact me.

Thanks

Nick Luksich.

27 November, from Maggie Beer



We are aware that there is a very sneaky SCAM circulating regarding Maggie and Hemp Oil. We want you to know that Maggie does not endorse this product. Maggie is not associated with these false websites and does not have any connection to this product at all. Please do not click on the link or purchase from this site as it is a scam.

We understand this is frustrating, and we are doing everything in our power to put a stop to this. We will continue to report it and work with the ACCC and government agencies to remove this scam as quickly as possible.

If you have been caught in this scam, these are some steps you can take:

- Contact your bank immediately and speak to their fraud department
- Contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission [here](#) or Scamwatch [here](#).
- Please share this information with friends and family

Warmest Wishes,

Team MB

27 November, from NSW Police Force

Fire has destroyed a house in Sydney's north-west overnight.

About 7.30pm yesterday (Thursday 26 November 2020), emergency services were called to a house on Neville Court, Castle Hill, following reports of a fire. Police arrived to find the house and attached three garages engulfed in flames. Fire and Rescue NSW worked for four hours to get the fire under control but the building was destroyed; the damage is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$2 million.

No one was inside the building and there haven't been reports of injury.

Officers from The Hills Area Command have established a crime scene and commenced an investigation.

Fire investigators and scene of crime officers were not able to enter the site until this morning; however, initial inquiries suggest the fire was not suspicious.

Anyone with information, or who may have been in the area at the time of the fire, is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Dates for the diary

Monday 30 November: "Know What to Do For Me and My Community" organised by Ku-ring-gai NSWPF command, Hornsby Council, and TAFE NSW. Contact: Lilian on 0426 453 619. **Meeting ID: 889 3972 6285 Passcode: 08WhSe**

Tuesday 08 December: 10am-12noon "Care for Seniors" online program for Chinese community to
- better understand about Domestic & Family Violence and Elder Abuse. **Meeting ID: 843 4692 6346 Passcode: 363940**

A great summary of the current scams from Queensland Police. Click [here](#).

**EACH DAY IS DIFFERENT
BE PREPARED FOR ACTION**

OUTSMART CYBERCRIME | APPLY NOW

The AFP are recruiting creative problem-solvers with the right technical skills to work alongside operational police and help us stay a step ahead of cybercrime.

Positions are available for technical officers and technical analysts in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

Think you have the skills to help us outsmart cyber criminals? Apply now [here](#).

26 November, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:



We've just noticed someone has stolen a tree from our nature strip. Council planted it not that long ago and it looked like a mini Christmas Tree. Pretty gutting, keep an eye on your plants.

26 November, from NSW Government



Outdoor and home gathering numbers are increasing! From 1 December:

👉 Up to 50 people can gather outdoors in a public space.

👉 Up to 50 people can visit a home if outdoor space is being used. If there's no outdoor area, we recommend no more than 30 people.

More info [here](#).

25 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Gordon/Killara/East Killara had their AGM last night via Zoom (thanks to NHW NSW for providing their help). Notes to follow when available.

One gentleman asked whether the recent October crime stats for Killara could

be compared with previous years. Here's the comparison:

Killara crime stats comparison		
Year/month	Incident	Total
2016 Oct	Break & Enter & Steal	4
	Stealing	3
	Steal from motor vehicle	1
2017 Oct	Assault ABH	1
	Assault Common	1
	Break & Enter & Steal	2
	Break & Enter, Intent to Steal	2
	Street Offence	1
2018 Oct	Break & Enter	3
	Graffiti	3
	Steal from motor vehicle	2
2019 Oct	Break & Enter Dwelling	3
	Malicious Damage	1
2020 Oct	Assault non-DV	1
	Malicious Damage	2
	Steal from Dwelling	2
	Stolen Vehicle	1

24 November, from Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Watch

We've been asked to disseminate this flyer from Carer Support Service, Northern Sydney Local Health District, Royal North Shore Hospital. Please

would you do the same?

Carer Support

Monthly Online Conversations with Carers



Online Conversations with Carers

Are you a Carer and looking for ways to prepare for the stresses of the holiday season?

Perhaps you are providing care and support to a family member or friend living with a chronic illness, disability, frail aged, mental illness. Let's talk about how to prepare for the stresses of the holiday season.

Connect with other Carers in a positive, fun online space - make new friends, access support, information, and education. It is also a place where you can share your story, your experience and your knowledge with other carers.

Friday 4th of December 2020, 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91217651712?pwd=WHZnVkgwaWd4Ty9WQWlyZ0tNMmpFQT09>

Meeting ID: 912 1765 1712

Passcode: 6q9y5J

Call Mary BG on 0434 323 411 to register your interest, or simply call if you have any questions.

Carer Support

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Telephone: ☎ 9462 9488

🌐 www.nscarersupport.com.au

📘 www.facebook.com/NSLHDcarersupport

24 November, October's crime stats for all the suburbs in our command.

Suburb / Compass Category	2020-10		
Steal From Retail Store	2	Stolen Vehicles	1
Wahroonga		Mount Colah	
Assault (Non-DV)	1	Assault (Non-DV)	3
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2	Malicious Damage	3
Malicious Damage	4	Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Dwelling	3	Normanhurst	
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1	Assault (Non-DV)	1
Steal From Retail Store	1	Steal From Dwelling	1
Stolen Vehicles	1	North Turramurra	
Waitara		Assault (Non-DV)	1
Assault (Non-DV)	3	North Wahroonga	
Break And Enter - Dwelling	2	Malicious Damage	1
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	2	Steal From Dwelling	1
Malicious Damage	2	Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Steal From Dwelling	2	Pymble	
Steal From Motor Vehicle	1	Assault (Non-DV)	1
Steal From Retail Store	1	Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
Warrawee		Steal From Dwelling	2
Assault (Non-DV)	1	Steal From Motor Vehicle	1
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1	Berowra	
Malicious Damage	1	Assault (Non-DV)	7
Steal From Motor Vehicle	2	Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	1
West Pymble		Malicious Damage	11
Break And Enter - Dwelling	1	Robbery	1
Malicious Damage	1	Steal From Dwelling	1
Steal From Dwelling	1	Steal From Person	1
Steal From Motor Vehicle	4	Steal From Retail Store	1
Westleigh		Stolen Vehicles	1
Malicious Damage	1	Berowra Heights	
		Assault (Non-DV)	1
		Break And Enter - Dwelling	1
		Malicious Damage	2
		Steal From Dwelling	1
		Brooklyn	
		Assault (Non-DV)	2

Taken from 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors'

Tip #1. INSTALL A SPY-HOLE.

Tip #2. INSTALL A SECURITY DOOR-CHAIN, or SECURITY DOOR BAR, or SECURITY DOOR, AND USE IT. [A door bar may be easier for elderly hands to manipulate.]

Tip #3. INSTALL SECURITY SENSOR LIGHTING. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can 'chirrup' or 'bark' as a warning/deterrent.

Tip #4. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS. NEVER ALLOW STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME. IF SOMEONE REQUIRES YOUR ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY, PHONE FOR HELP YOURSELF. BE WARY OF STRANGERS.

Tip #5. NEVER ACCEPT DOOR-TO-DOOR OFFERS OF WORK FROM

TRADESMEN (eg tree-logging, gutter maintenance) WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH A TRUSTED FRIEND OR RELATIVE.

Tip #6. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND THE COMMUNITY YOU LIVE IN.

Tip #7. ACCEPT OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE FROM NEIGHBOURS AND TRUSTED

ORGANISATIONS (eg Gardening — help is available from EasyCare Gardening.)

Tip #8. NEVER LET YOUR CREDIT CARD OUT OF YOUR SIGHT IN A CAFÉ OR RESTAURANT—GO WITH IT!

Tip# 9. BUDDY-UP WITH A NEIGHBOUR— USE A SIGNAL TO SHOW YOU HAVE

ARISEN SAFELY (eg a blind raised.)

From Cop Humour Australia

Ladies and Gentlemen, meet Rosebud's newest recruit; Senior Constable Bruce ALMIGHTY.



Bruce is a dogged, hard/wet-nosed investigator with a taste for justice. And roast chicken. And kebabs. And chips. But mostly justice.

He roams the halls of the Rosebud Police Station, barking at evildoers, villains, miscreants, and occasionally doors opening that take him by surprise.

Bruce also enjoys a bit of undercover work from time to time, occasionally posing as 'Dog who has not been fed'. He is not especially convincing, it must be said.

As time goes on, you can expect Bruce to share his thoughts and wisdom on the world, and maybe even reveal the greatest mystery of all - What exactly is he dreaming about when he runs in his sleep?

Bruce's piece of advice for this week: If you're coming down to visit the Peninsula, remember that people (and dogs) live here, so don't trash the place. Be respectful, anything less would be positively cat-like. And Bruce is NOT about that life.

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 NHWKuringgaiHornsby.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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

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