

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!").

- A 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 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: **PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – NEW**VENUES AND TRANSPORT ROUTES OF CONCERN

NSW Health has been notified of a number of new venues and transport routes of concern associated with confirmed cases of COVID 19.

Anyone who attended the following venues at the times listed is a casual

contact who must immediately get tested and isolate until a negative result is received. Please get tested even if you have had a test in recent days. If your date of exposure at this venue occurred in the past four days, you must get another test on day five from the date of exposure. Wear a mask around others and limit your movements until you get another negative result. You should continue to monitor for symptoms and if any symptoms occur, get tested again:

- Thornleigh, Woolworths, 2 The Comenarra Parkway: Sunday 18 July, 11:20am to 12:15pm

Please check the NSW Government website regularly, as the list of venues of concern and relevant health advice are being updated as investigations continue. https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates
Anyone with even the mildest of cold-like symptoms is urged to immediately come forward for testing and isolate until a negative result is received.

There are more than 410 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit COVID-19 testing clinics or contact your GP

03 August, from NSW Police: Only call Triple Zero (000) in emergency situations to ensure our first responders can help those most in need. If you want to report potential COVID Public Health Order breaches, contact **Crime Stoppers** at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or **1800 333 000** (24/7). For minor crime, remember you can now access the Community Portal that allows you to lodge non-emergency reports online.



30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: This last week in review in Kuring Gai Police Area Command

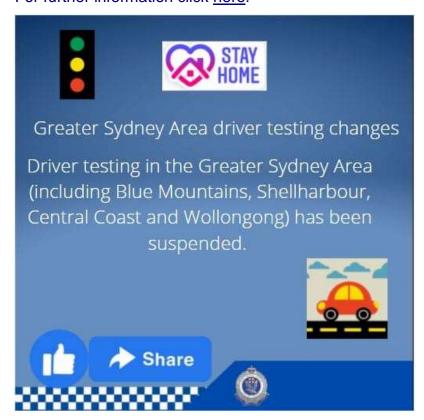
- Keep your doors and windows locked
- Report any suspicious behaviour to police as soon as possible
- Never give out your passwords or personal details to anyone who asks you. They are yours and no, we never threaten to arrest you over the phone or by email
- Domestic Violence is never acceptable in any way shape or form Be kind to each other



30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Anyone with information about the identity of the two men – or has mobile phone footage of the protest activity – is urged to contact Crime Stoppers through the online portal or by contacting 1800 333 000.



30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Driver Testing suspended For further information click <u>here</u>.



30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: An update from yesterday of important Covid-19 information in English, Dari, Chinese (Simplified) and Tamil

Please share with family and friends.

NSW HEALTH COVID-19 Key Points - Thursday 29 July 2021 NSW OVIEW-BATT

- NSW recorded 239 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. At least 66 cases were infectious in the community.
- Thousands of police officers will be deployed across Greater Sydney from the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, Police Transport Command and general duties to enforce the following new rules as well as protect the wider community from the selfish and unauthorised behaviour of a small number of individuals.
- New powers have been granted to the NSW Police Commissioner to shut down businesses, construction sites and public premises where there is a risk to public health
- The penalty for not wearing a mask where required will be increased from \$200 to \$500.
- From Friday 30 July residents of the eight Local Government Areas of concern (Blacktown, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumbertand, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool and Parramatta) will be subject to new rules.
- Exercise, outdoor recreation and singles bubble visits must be done within 5kms of the person's home;
- Individuals cannot travel more than 5kms from home for shopping, unless the goods or services are not readily available in that area; and
- > Masks must be worn at all times outside the home regardless of proximity to others.
- There are a number of ways you can get a vaccination, including some new walk-in clinics in the West and South-West Sydney local government areas. For the latest information visit www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19
- Please don't detay getting tested. If you have any symptoms, even mild, get tested, isolate and follow the health advice.

Please email NHW here for a copy in one of the 4 languages in your inbox.

30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are appealing for public assistance with information about the identity of the female in the photograph attached, after several fraudulent scripts were used at a

number of chemists to obtain medication on and around the 29th May 2021.

Police would like to speak to her as they believe she may be able to assist with enquiries.

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000** or https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or **Hornsby Police** on **9476 9799** and quote **Case number C83337316**. Information is treated in strict confidence.



29 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: GREAT WORK KURING GAI HIGHWAY PATROL 44

Driving from a Lockdown LGA in South West Sydney to "drive up the coast for a day out", is NO REASON to breach the Ministerial Order.

Where: Northbound on M1 Berowra When: 28th July 2021 at 11:56am

Who: Male P2 driver from South West Sydney

Why: Stopped by police for speeding 135kph and for breaching the Ministerial Order to stay in location.

Offences:

- 1) Speeding 135kph
- 2) Travel from Metropolitan Sydney area to place in NSW outside area Licence suspended / Fines issued.



29 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: DO YOU KNOW THAT AUSTRALIANS LOST OVER \$851 MILLION TO SCAMS IN 2020?

The top three categories are:

- Investment scams cost us \$328 million
- Romance scams cost us \$131 million
- Payment redirection scams cost us \$128 million



29 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: We are getting numerous calls from our community regarding definitions and clarification on specifics with Covid rules, the lockdown, stay at home rules and other restrictions.

We understand your need to know as the whole situation is evolving rapidly. Of course, we will assist as much as we can but please utilise the following link as this is as up to date as it gets and where most of your questions will be addressed: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney or contact the Covid Information Hotline on 1800 020 080.

28 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: 1mW Laser Pointers are prohibited articles

You need a permit from the Firearms Registry for any laser pointer with a power output greater than 1mW.

If you have one that you've purchased on-line, you may surrender it now under

the Firearms Amnesty without penalty.

If you know someone who has one and wants to keep it, make a call to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

28 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: PLEASE CALL US AT THE TIME!

- Break and enter Dural Jewellery stolen
 Suspect was earlier seen by witnesses in the area stating he looked suspicious. Unfortunately, no call was made to police at or near the time of this break and enter
- 2. Break and enter Turramurra Alcohol stolen
- 3. Break and enter Turramurra 2 x Mountain bikes which have since been recovered, alcohol, ID card, laptop bag and speakers stolen
- 4. Break and Enter Turramurra Motor vehicle, wallet and cash stolen
- Attempted Break and Enter Turramurra
 Victim went looking for the Person of Interest for 15 minutes before calling police.





02 August, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Coping with COVID – free online sessions for seniors

With loneliness and anxiety among older residents on the rise due to the lockdown, The Resilience Centre and Ku-ring-gai Council are teaming up to offer support. Four free online sessions will be held in August to help lessen the impacts of social isolation for older residents.

Information and full Media Release here.

31 July, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Ello-ello-ello

Just another 'criminal activity awareness' post.

Our front door jamb is displaying signs of having been tampered with...prob within the last 48hrs. Nothing further; no break and entry etc. Police have been informed nonetheless. Lock em doors folks. Keep the crims out! Location: Comenarra Parkway. Cheers!

02 August, from NSW Government: We have been asked to share this statement regarding deployment of ADF personnel in English and 10 other languages.

If you'd like a copy of one in your inbox, please email us at: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com stating which language you prefer.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 09 August: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Coping with Covid.1030-1130am via Zoom, for Seniors. 10.30am Staying Afloat and Staying Connected. Info.

Tuesday 17 August: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Coping with Covid.1030-1130am via Zoom, for Seniors. 10.30am Coping with Uncertainty. Info.

Wednesday 18 August: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting for Area Coordinators/volunteers within in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. 6pm via MS Teams.

Email us <u>here</u> for info and/or questions.

Monday 23 August: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Coping with Covid.1030-1130am via Zoom, for Seniors. 10.30am Caring for family members without support networks. <u>Info.</u>

Tuesday 31 August: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Coping with Covid.1030-1130am via Zoom, for Seniors. 10.30am Reframing your response to COVID-19. Info.

Tuesday 07 September: NightDrive for Learners FREE. Info & bookings <u>here</u>. **Monday 13 September:** eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Selling Safely Online 10-11am Info & Register <u>here</u>.

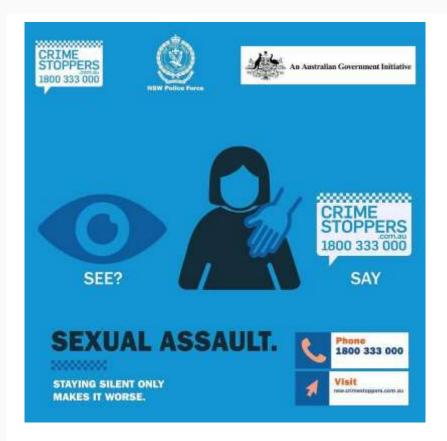
Monday 11 October: eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Protect Yourself Against Scams 3-4pm Info & Register <u>here.</u>

Wednesday 13 October: Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) NHW meeting. TBC

28 July from Crime Stoppers NSW: Sexual assault is a serious crime that can impact anybody.

New South Wales Police Force understand that reporting sexual assault can be distressing and traumatic. If you are a victim of sexual assault you can find out more information and consider your options by visiting here.

If you have information to provide to the police about a sexual offender, or about a sexual assault that has occurred please call **Crime Stoppers on 1800**333 000 (24/7) or report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.



28 July, from Marine Area Command: Below is an example of the lengths criminals will go to in attempt to avoid Police detecting stolen vessels on NSW waters.

The above photo shows the original vessel stolen from South East Queensland and below the same vessel detected by NSW Police on the Tweed Waterways over the weekend. The Marine Area Command have confirmed the identity of the stolen vessel and have charged a 35 year old male who was in possession of the modified vessel. The Marine Area Command has specialist officers dedicated to combating the theft and rebirthing of stolen vessels. This is just one of a number of vessels stolen interstate and detected in NSW due to the cooperation of Police from all agencies.



28 July, from Police Transport Command: Police are appealing for public assistance after several trains were tagged with the words 'KEBAB', 'OSBG', 'CZ', 'BERLIN', 'ARIES', 'OSF' and 'MASKON' across Sydney's rail network earlier this year (2021)

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours'

Tip #4: INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION. Where should you park? What information is available there? When is it manned?

Tip #6: STORE YOUR NEW EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN LANDLINE & MOBILE PHONES. Include Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799, Gordon Police Station: 9418 5399 and those at the bottom of this eNewsletter.

Tip #9: CONSIDER HAVING THE LOCKS CHANGED/UPDATED/RE-KEYED.

RE-PROGRAMME NEW ALARM CODES FOR THE BURGLAR ALARM.

Tip #18: FORMULATE YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN & MEETING POINTS. CHECK ALL WINDOWS CAN BE OPENED. Get extra window lock keys cut and place them nearby to the windows, but NOT on view!

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>.

WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO CHECK IN USING YOUR PHONE



If you're unsure how to check in, don't hesitate to ask for some assistance! It's for the greater good $\stackrel{•}{\circ}$

Thanks to WSFM with Jonesy and Amanda



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 <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u> 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 - Thornleigh

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra

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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Our mailing address is:

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