



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #532 - 21 December 2021

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!").

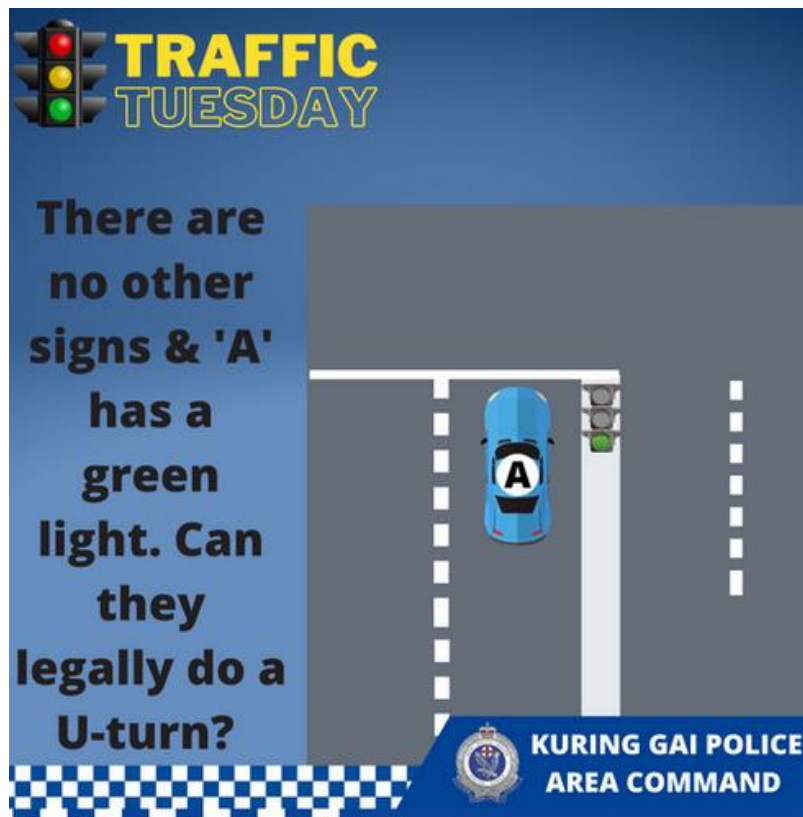
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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21 December, from Ku-ring-gai command



Answer next week.

20 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: An oldie but a goodie.



20 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: ⚠️ Double demerits are in force Friday 24 December to Monday 3 January inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this holiday period, and you'll face double the points.

Watch videos [here](#).

20 December, from NSW Police Force: Don't blow your Christmas cheer, instead drive safely without that beer 🍺🚗



18 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police Dispatch

For life threatening emergencies or crimes occurring now ALWAYS call 000.

However if you require a police car to attend your location, then the quickest way is to call 131444, where police dispatchers will immediately put out the call.

You can still call police stations to make appointments or follow up investigations, but for non urgent police attendance to your location call 131444.

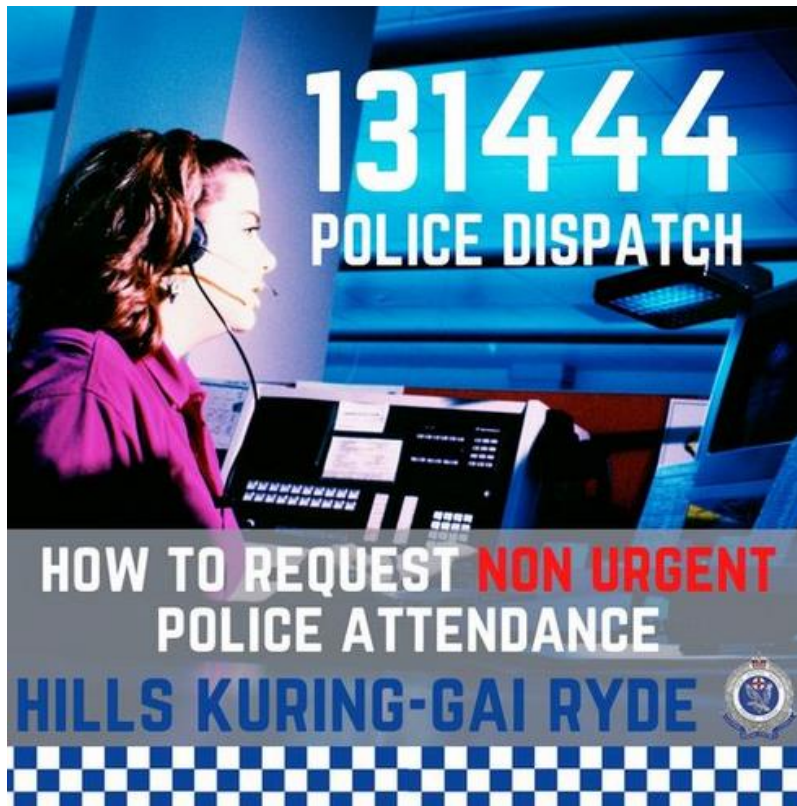
Examples include:

- *Hoodlums at train stations or parks causing trouble.
 - *People causing trouble at shopping centres.
 - *Cars racing.
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*Suspicious behavior

*Found property

*Abandoned vehicles.



18 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:

You can upload your CCTV photos of offenders.

We have upgraded our capacity for certain crimes to allow your CCTV stills to be uploaded directly to police reports. We are committed to attend your home for Break & Enters, stolen cars, or other crimes where you require our help. See

link below for more info. [Link.](#)



17 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:

It is one week early but so many of our community will be on holidays already, and Christmas is just around the corner

2021 has been a challenging year for so many of us, in so many ways. The personal and corporate challenges exceed so many from in the past.

We here at Kuring Gai Police Area Command thank you for your following and support. We have endeavoured to bring to you hints and tips about crime that is occurring in your suburb. Mix this with a bit of trivia and a little humour and you have the Kuring Gai Eyewatch page. Thank you for being a part of it all.

As you prepare for the Christmas festive season, stay safe; look out for yourselves, your neighbours, and your loved ones.

A few tips for you before the holidays

Click [here](#) for full story.



17 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:

With recent break and enters and stealing from work places, if you work on or manage a building site, have a look at these building site security tips.

They may help avoid some grief over the Christmas break.



17 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: As we enter the warmer months and are out and about more often, be vigilant and look out for yourselves

and your friends.

As the festive season kicks in, be vigilant,
watch out for your friends and yourself

DRINK SPIKING



Drink spiking is when someone deliberately adds alcohol or another drug to your drink without your knowledge and it is illegal in all Australian states and territories.

When you're out at a pub, club or party protect yourself:

- Watch your drinks
- avoid sharing drinks
- if someone you don't know well offers you a drink, go to the bar with them
- many people have their drinks spiked by someone they know: to avoid this, buy or pour your own drinks
- keep an eye on your friends and their drinks.

Drink spiking is serious: In an emergency, telephone triple zero (000) or the nearest police station. For information about sexual assault, or for counselling or referral, call **1800RESPECT**.

(source: <https://adf.org.au/insights/drink-spiking/>)



KURING GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND

17 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Lane Cove Road, Turramurra 1908.

Source: State Records NSW



16 December, from NSW Health: Changes affecting face masks and QR check-in rules



Not sure when you need to wear a mask or check-in?

If you're over 12 years, you must still wear a face mask:

- While on public transport or in a waiting area
- While using taxis and rideshares
- At airports and on aircraft
- For indoors front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated

You'll also need to continue using QR check-ins at:

- Hospitals, aged and disability care facilities
- Gyms
- Places of worship, funerals or memorial services
- Business premises for personal services (e.g. hairdressers, salons and spas)
- Pubs, small bars, registered clubs, nightclubs
- Indoor music festivals with more than 1,000 people

Wearing a mask is still strongly recommended in indoor venues and when you can't physically distance outdoors.

Businesses may still request to see your vaccination status or ask that you wear a mask for the well-being of their staff and customers.

More info [here](#).

15 December, from Ku-ring-gai command

Had a good time this morning speaking with local residents and shop owners in the West Pymble Shopping Centre.

Break and enters, steal from motor vehicles and stolen vehicles were all mentioned with some actually knowing a couple of the victims.

It just brings incidents like these a little closer to home.

The message today is the same as posted in previous posts. Make it as difficult for the criminals to gain access to your vehicles and homes. Keep them locked and secured at all times. Whilst this isn't the answer in itself, it certainly goes a long way to slowing down and discouraging many of those thieving criminals.

Also consider installing good quality sensor lighting and a CCTV system.

Sensor lighting lights up the darkened areas where these criminals hide while good quality CCTV system can go a long way to identifying someone – even if it is only the clothes they are wearing at the time.

Remember to report the crime or suspicious behaviour at the time or as close to the time the incident is occurring. This gives us the best chance to engage the suspects at the time and check their bona fides.

Ways of reporting to police:

“000” Triple Zero for emergency or life-threatening situations

“131444” Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-emergencies

“1800 333 000” Crime Stoppers – to provide crime information

Hornsby Police 9476 9799

Gordon Police 9418 5399

Police News

It was great to meet and have a chat with you
this morning at the West Pymble Shopping
Centre



Kuring Gai Police
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14 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:

THREE PACS - POLAIR - FIVE ARRESTS - FIVE IN POLICE CUSTODY

The long arm of the law caught up with these...

'NOT SO FABULOUS FIVE'

Ku-ring-gai PAC / City East HWP / Campbelltown PAC
and POLAIR

Police News

A stolen
Wahroonga
vehicle has
been
recovered
with 5
arrested
and in
Police
custody



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14 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:



18 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW



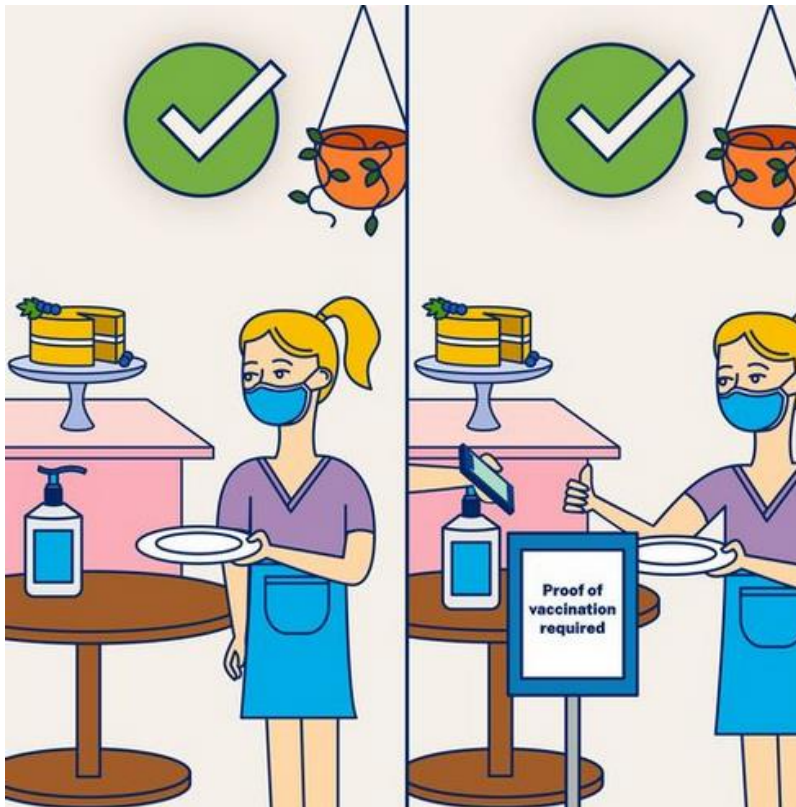
Gordon/Killara/East Killara/Pymble (part) Neighbourhood Watch groups held their AGM using MS Teams on Wednesday 24 November 2021. Thank you as

always to Gay for her assistance. Here are the Summary Notes, as well as several documents referred to within the notes; Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai, Neighbourhood Network Program Neighbour Card, Community Alert leaflets. Ruby Koop from Snap Send Solve also shared a presentation in Adobe Acrobat, which isn't easy to share on a Facebook page. We can send this if you email us at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

If you wish to have the images in a larger size sent to you, please email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for the support. Merry Xmas to you and your families.

18 December, from NSW Government



As restrictions start to ease, proof of vaccination is not mandatory at all venues, however, businesses retain the right to ask. This is their decision and should be respected.

18 December, from Sydney Trains

Major disruptions

Mon 20 - Tue 21 Dec

Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink intercity services will not run due to planned industrial action from 6pm Monday 20 to 6am Tuesday 21 Dec.

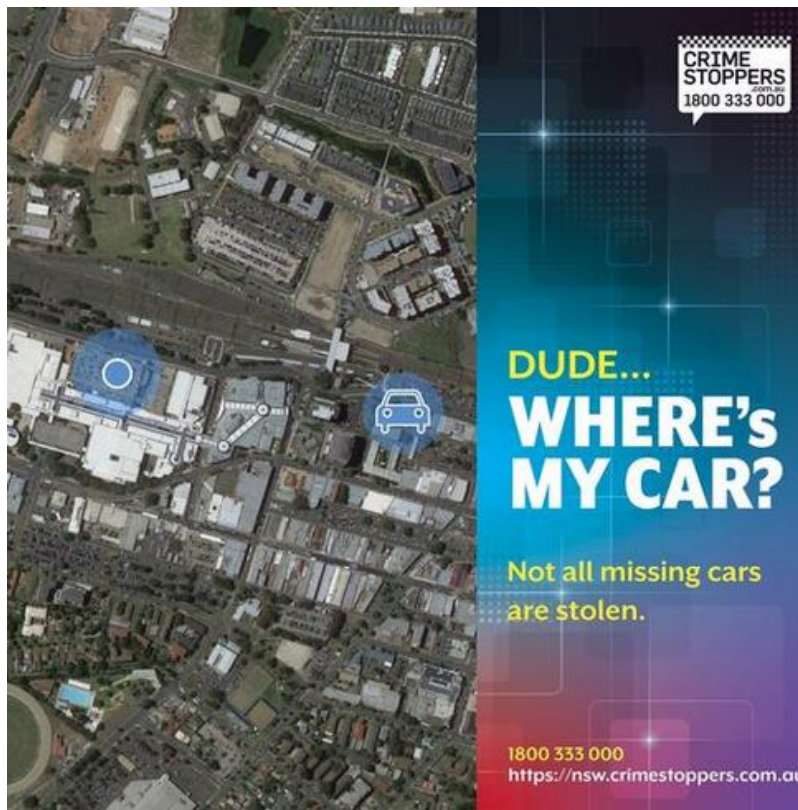
From 3pm Mon, some services will be cancelled. Regional trains will also be significantly disrupted. Consider using alternative transport.

For the latest information, visit [👉 transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

18 December, from NSW Police Force

Great news! A 17-year-old boy reported missing from Sydney's Upper North Shore has returned home and is safe and well. Police thank the community and media for their assistance.

18 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: **SOMEONE HAS STOLEN MY CAR!** – Oh, wait...



This time of year brings an increase in people mistakenly reporting their cars stolen only to find that they have just parked their car elsewhere to their usual spot.

Most common mistaken stolen vehicle reports occur at Shopping Centres or around the busy streets, where their 'usual' spot or area is unavailable, and they park somewhere else.

Unfortunately, their time is then wasted as police must physically sight the vehicle to remove the "stolen" status before the car is able to be driven again.

There are apps which you can use to remind you where you parked your car – otherwise, use extra vigilance. This will help save yours and the police's time.

If your car has been stolen, contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7).

It's what you know, not who you are that's of importance to us.

18 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW



In Australia, when it gets very hot, the nectar in some flowers ferments and turns into alcohol. Bees that get drunk from the nectar are not allowed back in their hive. Guard bees keep them out to prevent them from making the nectar into alcoholic honey.

Are you going out this weekend? Don't be salty if you get refused entry to a licenced premise – even bees get turned away if they are intoxicated! 🐝

First Comment: For more information about fines at licenced premises visit site [here](#).

We make our community safer by making an arrest every 11 hours.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 08 February 2022: Safer Internet Day 2022 - Play it safe & fair online. [Info](#).

Friday 24 March 2022: Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day - crime prevention stall - TBC.

16 December, from Northern Sydney Local Health District

HOSPITAL VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS | To keep our staff and patients safe, we are really sorry to have to further restrict visitors to our hospitals due to the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Visitors are restricted to those required for essential patient needs and in response to compassionate circumstances. This is particularly the case in areas such as paediatrics, maternity, critical and palliative care. Please speak to the ward directly before visiting hospital.

In instances where a visitor is allowed, the person must agree to wear a mask and follow advice from healthcare staff.

There are other ways you can keep in contact with a loved in while in hospital, such as video calls. Please speak to the ward if you need help with this.

Our staff are doing their best to support our patients and visitors but they need to follow the instructions, so please be kind to them. We really appreciate your understanding.

For more information on restrictions, please visit site [here](#).

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

Tip #10. NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN A HIDING SPOT OUTSIDE THE HOME.

Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or

Bio Locks.

Tip #11. NEVER ACCEPT OFFERS OF WORK FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR TRADESMEN.

Report to Travelling Conman Hotline 1300 133 408. Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Supervise them all the time in your home.

Tip #14. WALK IN WELL-LIT REGULARLY TRAVELED WALKS AND PATHWAYS AREAS.

[Report a street light fault—Ausgrid 1800 044 808.] If followed, cross the street, crossing back and forth if necessary. If pursued, DO ANYTHING to attract attention—scream, pull a fire alarm, flag down a passing motorist, etc. Carry a personal alarm. Stay calm and in control.

Tip #17. IN A LIFT, STAND NEXT TO THE LIFT CONTROLS/EMERGENCY ALARM OR HELP BUTTON AND FACE THOSE JOINING YOU. Be prepared to exit.

Tip #18. AT AN ATM, IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, CANCEL THE TRANSACTION & LEAVE. Or shout, “What do you mean, ‘no money’?!” Do not display cash in public—put it away discreetly & fast. Get \$50 cash from supermarket EFTPOS (without making a purchase).

Tip #19. WHEN DRIVING, LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS AND DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN VIEW, ESPECIALLY ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. Where possible, park rear to the curb, giving you a better view of a situation.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

Thanks to NSW Police Force: "I thought I'd redecorate one of the motorbikes... do you think they'll notice?" 🤖🚲



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 au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

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)
