



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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# 25 January, from NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force is encouraging the community to look out for their mates and loved ones on Australia Day ahead of a state-wide police operation.

Operation Australia Day 2022 will commence tomorrow (Wednesday 26 January 2022), to keep people safe across the state as they come together with family and friends.

More than 2000 general duties and specialist police will be patrolling events and popular areas across the state, including Sydney's harbour, foreshore and CBD.

Full coverage <u>here.</u>

# 25 January, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: UPDATE:

Through follow up CCTV and good investigative work, KU Police have now charged a male with parcel theft from Hornsby on the weekend KU POLICE AREA COMMAND - WEEKEND IN REVIEW:

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

4 x domestic violence incident

1 x breach ADVO

1 x intimidate/assault

ASSAULT:

Berowra – coffee spat on female while she was walking to work

TRAFFIC:

Wahroonga - Major motor vehicle collision, entrance to M1

Turramurra – Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Berowra Waters - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Killara - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Pymble – driver decamped from scene after collision

St Ives - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Random Breath Test:

St Ives – driver nearly 4 times over the limit

DRUGS:

2 x Wahroonga – Positive roadside drug test

Mt Colah – Positive roadside drug test

Turramurra – Positive roadside drug test

Pymble - Positive roadside drug test

Berowra - Positive roadside drug test

Cowan - Positive roadside drug test

St Ives - Positive roadside drug test

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE:

West Pymble – vehicle left unlocked overnight

Hornsby – Catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle

Turramurra – concrete saw stolen

Malicious damage:

Hornsby - Railway station - male arrested and charged

Thornleigh - Letter box destroyed

Asquith – Stained glass window smashed

Waitara – car window smashed

Brooklyn – windscreen wipers snapped

STEALING:

Hornsby – parcel theft – laptop stolen - 1 MALE NOW CHARGED!

Wahroonga – several letterboxes broken in to

Mt Colah – stealing/trespass

St Ives – Steal from dwelling

FRAUD/SCAM:

Gordon – Obtained funds fraudulently – Over \$140,000

Pymble – Obtained funds fraudulently

St Ives – Fail to pay for fuel

Gordon – attempt money transfer scam \$30,000 money held by bank as

suspicious transaction

Hornsby – Obtain benefits – bitcoin scam

Berowra Heights – Money transfer scam

WORKPLACE INJURIES:

Gordon - workplace injury

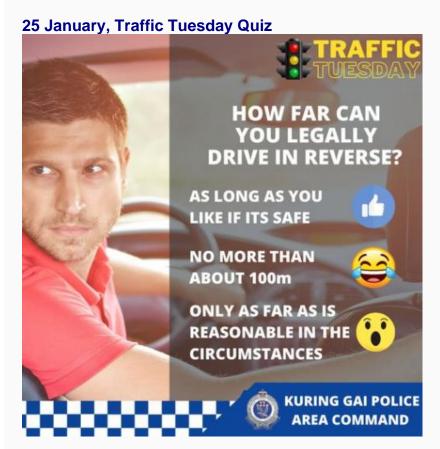


# 25 January, from Ku-ring-Gai Police Area Command

- Ust a reminder, school zones are in operation this Friday 28 January. Please take extra care on our roads.
- Look out for kids walking or riding to school
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones
- Be ready to stop for pedestrians and follow directions from school crossing supervisors
- Always check your blind spots when reversing from a driveway or parking near schools
- Be aware of increased congestion around drop off and pick up areas

Leave plenty of space around school buses



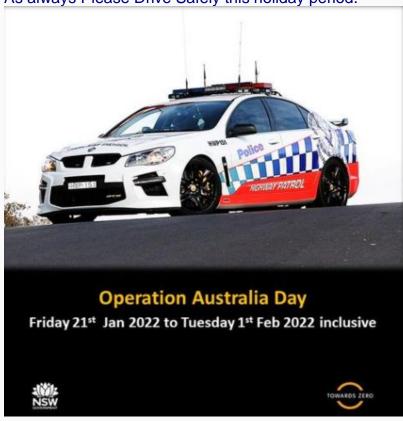


# 24 January, from Napean Police Area Command

State-wide Operation, 'Australia Day' commences 00:01hrs Friday 21st January 2022 and concludes 23:59hrs Tuesday 1st February 2022 inclusive.

Aimed at heightening public awareness to the associated factors related to road related trauma, dangers of drink/drug driving, fatigue, occupant restraints and speeding during the Australia Day period.

As always Please Drive Safely this holiday period.



# 21 January, from Ku-ring-gai Command: SCAM - SCAM - SCAM!

Be wary – another twist to scamming us.

If you are asked to pay for a product on a selling platform in iTune gift cards or other gift cards, DO NOT DO IT.

Products purchased on online selling platforms are not paid for using this

# method.



20 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: NSW PCYC RISE UP

PROGRAMS:

Click here for new programs

Don't know where to start?

Do you have concerns for your teenage child who seems to be disengaging at home or at school, or you feel may miss vital opportunities for future employment?

Have a look at these programs run through the NSW PCYC and consider contacting your local PCYC for a chat. A brief overview of each program is contained within each picture.

RISE UP PROGRAMS ON OFFER:

FIT FOR WORK

FIT FOR LIFE

FIT TO LEARN

FIT TOGETHER

FIT FOR CHANGE

FIT FOR HOME

# FIT FOR SERVICE FIT TO STRIVE



Fit For Work is a program designed to holistically address a young person's disengagement from their family, education and employment opportunities, to help reduce and prevent their involvement in anti-social behaviour and/or crime. This will ultimately lead to increased employment opportunities

# 18 January, from Ku-ring-gai command:

Answer to last week's traffic Quiz: Can a P1 or P2 driver use a mobile phone while driving under any circumstances?

No, under no circumstances.

# Rules for provisional P1 licence

You must not:

 use any mobile phone while driving, or while your vehicle is stopped but not parked. This includes hands-free devices or loud speakers.

Further information can be found here.

# Rules for provisional P2 licence

You must not:

use any mobile phones, including hands-free devices or loudspeaker,
 while driving or while your vehicle is stopped but not parked

Further information can be found here.

20 January, from The Hills Police Area Command



UPDATE: A member of the public has located Jack and he is being reunited with his wife shortly. Thank you all for your assistance.

Jack has dementia and left his home in an unknown direction. He is described as being 79 years old, 6 foot tall, Caucasian, last seen wearing dark blue Jeans, a blue long sleeve shirt, a leather hat and slippers.

Police are concerned for his welfare due to his vulnerable state. Any information or possible sightings please call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444, or if it is urgent please call Triple Zero 000.

# 20 January, from Ku-ring-gai Command: LAST 24 HOURS IN THE COMMAND:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

2 x domestic violence incident

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT:

1 x domestic assault

ADVO COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

9 x ADVO compliance checks

DRUGS:

Thornleigh - Vehicle search drug related

# FRAUD:

Thornleigh - Money transfer scam

Thornleigh – Fail to pay for fuel

Turramurra – Fail to pay for fuel

STEALING:

Hornsby - Catalytic converter stolen

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE:

Hornsby – Registration plates

TRAFFIC:

Normanhurst - Drive whilst suspended

Mt Kuring Gai - Motor vehicle collision

CYBER:

Pymble - Identity theft

**MISSING PERSONs:** 

2 x missing personS

STEAL FROM RETAIL:

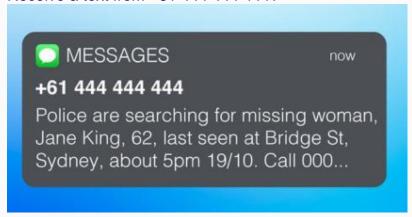
Hornsby

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFENCE:** 



# 20 January, from NSW Police Force

Receive a text from +61 444 444 444?

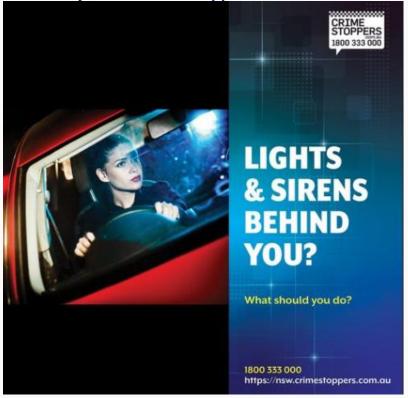


The NSW Police Force uses geo-targeting to help locate vulnerable missing persons, sending emergency alerts to mobiles in the area where the person went missing.

If you receive a text message from +61 444 444, it is an official alert to seek your assistance. It is NOT a scam - here's how you can check it's real:

- the message will always come from the same mobile number
- the message will always include a link to an image of the missing person.
  If you have any information on a missing person:
- Call 000 if sighted Call Crime Stoppers Australia 1800 333 000
- Report online at this site.

20 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW:



# LIGHTS AND SIRENS BEHIND YOU? WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ....

- Do not panic
- Slow down (but do not brake rapidly)
- Use your indicators
- Be aware of other motorists; drivers should not play music at such a volume they cannot hear outside noises
- Do not move suddenly or move into the path of the emergency vehicle
- Move as far to the left of the road as you can and come to a stop
- If you cannot move out of the path safely, keep moving forward until it's safe to move over
- Remember, you are required to abide by road rules at all times
- Always remember that seconds count in an emergency. If an emergency vehicle is approaching and is sounding an alarm or showing flashing lights, you must move to the left and out of the path of the vehicle as soon as you can do so safely

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

19 January, Iron Eastern Beaches Police Area Collin

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WARRANT OFFENDER: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a female wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Jacqueline Streek, aged 37, is wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant for assault and drug related offences.

Jacqueline is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170cm tall, of thin build with light coloured eyes.

Jacqueline is known to frequent the Hillsdale, Paddington and Chatswood suburbs as well as Woolgoolga on the state's Mid North Coast.

Anyone who has information about Jacqueline's whereabouts is urged to contact police immediately.

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

**NSW Police Force** 

# 19 January, from NSW Police Force

A man will face court today charged with murder following an investigation into the disappearance of a nine-year-old girl.

Strike Force Buena was established by Blue Mountains Police Area Command, assisted by the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad, to investigate the disappearance of a nine-year-old girl after she was reported missing from Mt Wilson on Friday (14 January 2022).

Following extensive investigations, officers attached to the strike force yesterday (Tuesday 18 January 2022), conducted a search in the vicinity of the Colo River.

With the assistance of the Police Divers, Hawkesbury Police Area Command, Public Order and Riot Squad (PORS), Operational Support Group (OSG) and Police Rescue Squad, the body of a child was located in a barrel. The body is yet to be formally identified.

A crime scene was established and is being examined by specialist forensic officers.

As part of ongoing investigations, detectives attached to Strike Force Buena attended a unit in Riley Street, Surry Hills about 8.30pm last night (Tuesday 18 January 2022), and arrested a 31-year-old man.

He was taken to Surry Hills Police Station and charged with murder.

The man was refused bail to appear in Central Local Court today (Wednesday 19 January 2022).

Investigations under Strike Force Buena are continuing.



# 23 January, from 9news.com.au: Revenge porn, online abuse targeted in new laws



New online safety laws have come into force in Australia from today, providing extra protections for people targeted on the internet.

The Online Safety Act, which has been in development for the past year, will expand online protections in a number of areas.

The new Adult Cyber Abuse Scheme will allow eSafety to fine or otherwise penalise people who post serious online abuse targeting adults.

Read full story <u>here.</u>

# 23 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Long shot but I've lost my necklace somewhere. Last worn Jan 3rd. \$500 reward if found.



# 23 January, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



A safe journey on your motorcycle starts with making sure you are wearing the right protective gear.

To improve your safety on a motorcycle, follow some of these points that can be found at www.ridetolive.nsw.gov.au

Aim for the best possible protection, with riding gear that:

- Covers your whole body, preferably with abrasion resistant material in vulnerable areas.
- Has impact protectors over the joints.
- Has seams with more than one line of stitching, and at least one line of concealed stitching on exposed seams.
- Secures and protects all fasteners from contact with the road in a crash.
- Avoids external pockets or straps that could be potential tear points or become snagged in a crash.
- Uses insulated, windproof and waterproof materials to protect from the cold.
- Uses reflective or light colours and ventilation to protect from the heat.
- Fits properly so it will remain in place in a crash.

23 January, from drive.com.au: Thanks to Matt for pointing us to this article.



Police warning as thieves target car exhausts worth more than goldModern motor vehicles have exhaust systems with precious metals worth more than gold. Now thieves are targeting parked cars, leaving motorists stranded and with big insurance bills.

Police across Australia have issued warnings over an increase in the theft of car exhaust systems that contain precious metals worth more than gold.

Criminals are targeting vehicles parked in driveways, commuter car parks, and dealer lots.

A recent spate of thefts in shopping centre car parks have prompted authorities to alert the community about suspicious activity, and make a public plea for more information.

Read full article here.

## **Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 08 February 2022**: Safer Internet Day 2022 - Play it safe & fair online. Info.

**Saturday 19 March: FREE** Rural e-waste drop off day 8am - 2pm @ Rural Sports Facility, 18-20 Bayfield Road, Galston (Entry via Mansfield Road, Galston) Info or phone 13 70 30.

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



If you are planning on being on Sydney Harbour for Australia Day 2022 festivities, plan ahead and be aware of exclusion zones as well as a 6 Knots No Wash Zone that will impact the Sydney Harbour Bridge transit zone. Exclusion zones as depicted will be in place between 11.45am - 12.30pm for the Salute to Australia and 7.30pm - 10.00pm for the evening concert. Stay safe and have a great day.

For further information, check site here and here.

21 January, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Saputo Dairy Australia Pty Ltd Butter and Spreadable Butter Blend Products



# The NSW Food Authority advises:

Saputo Dairy Australia Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of various butter and spreadable butter blend products. The products have been available for sale nationally at various outlets including Woolworths, Coles, ALDI, independent supermarkets and Costco.

## Product details:

- Devondale Spreadable Dairy Soft Original 500g BEST BEFORE: 06 JAN
   22; 06 APR 22; 11 MAY 22; 12 MAY 22; 26 MAY 22
- Devondale Spreadable Dairy Soft Salt Reduced 500g BEST BEFORE: 10
   MAY 22
- Devondale Unsalted Butter 500g BEST BEFORE: 30 APR 22
- Devondale Salted Butter 250g BEST BEFORE: 18 MAY 22; 04 JUN 22
- Devondale Salted Butter 500g BEST BEFORE: 30 APR 22; 01 MAY 22; 24 JUN 22
- Devondale Salted Butter 3 x 500g BEST BEFORE: 01 MAY 22
- Woolworths Australian Butter Salted 250g BEST BEFORE: 16 OCT 21; 21 APR 22; 12 MAY 22; 13 MAY 22
- Woolworths Australian Butter Unsalted 250g BEST BEFORE: 16 OCT 21;
   11 MAY 22; 12 MAY 22

Problem: The recall is due to a potential microbial contamination.

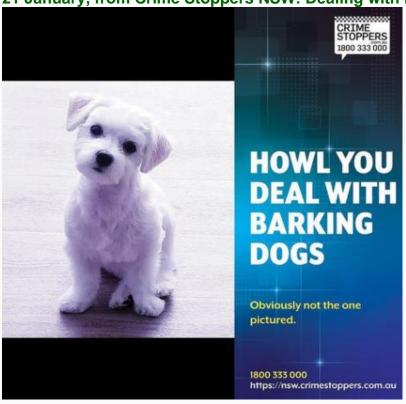
Food safety hazard: Food products with a microbial contamination may cause illness if consumed.

Country of origin: Australia.

What to do: Consumers should not eat these products. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice. Consumers should return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For further information please contact:

21 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Dealing with barking dogs...



If you're concerned about the excessive barking of a dog, you can find information on the potential causes, and advice on how to deal with the problem at the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website.

If the noise is coming from your neighbour's dog, try talking to your neighbour as they might not know their dog is bothering you.

If the problem persists, there are a few ways to resolve the issue:

Contact the Community Justice Centre (CJC) to help mediate and settle the problem

Contact your local council who may issue a nuisance order (which incurs a fine for non-compliance) to the dog's owner, or

Seek a noise abatement order from your local court.

For more information on how you can deal with barking dogs, visit the EPA website

For more information visit:

Dealing with Barking Dogs here.

What can I do about my neighbours barking dog? Click here.

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19 January, from Willoughby City Council: Do you have unwanted or old bicycles lying around? 36



Revolve ReCYCLING collects unwanted bikes to divert them from landfill and rehome or recycle them. You can book a free contactless collection from your doorstep and on their website here.

AND you can buy refurbished bikes on their shop page!

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

- Tip #4. WHEN TRAVELING ON A TRAIN, SIT NEAR THE GUARD'S COMPARTMENT. Try not to fall asleep. When traveling on a bus, sit near the driver. When taking a taxi, before getting in, verify the authority card photo matches the driver.
- Tip #5. IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A FELLOW PASSENGER ON A TRAIN, IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE COMPARTMENT. Select a different compartment.

- 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 #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.

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>.

# Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Thanks to Wal Knowles!

## **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! - the NHW NSW 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)