



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #541 - 22 February 2022

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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22 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command

🚫 Several roads around Galston and Middle Dural are seeing some flooding, please avoid the following areas where possible and please drive safely. If it's flooded, forget it! 🚫 [NSW SES Hornsby Unit](#)

⚠️ Galston Rd, Galston

⚠️ Sallaway Rd, Galston

⚠️ Mid Dural Rd, Middle Dural

For emergency assistance during floods and storms, call NSW SES on 132 500. In a life threatening emergency, Call Triple Zero (000).

⚡ If power lines are down, please ensure you remain at least 8m away at all times. Report fallen power lines to your energy distributor:

Ausgrid on 131 388

Endeavour Energy on 131 003

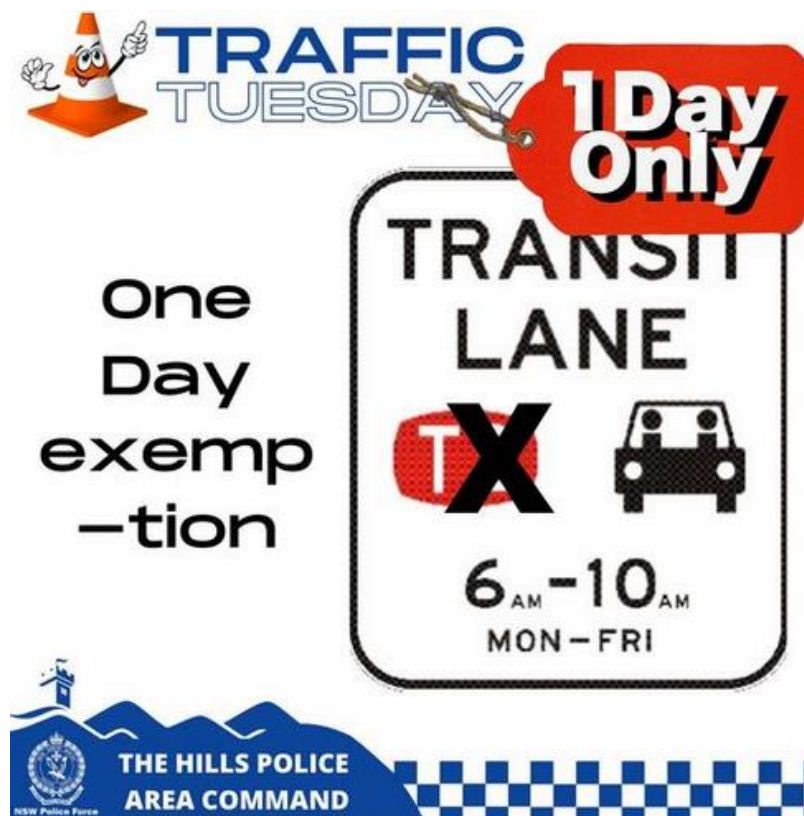
Essential Energy on 132 080.

Keep up to date with the latest warnings, visit [site here](#).

22 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command

Minister for Roads has authorised a One Day exemption on the use of Transit Lanes for drivers with no passengers in their vehicles for the 22nd February ONLY

Does not apply to Bus Lanes or T-WAY



18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command: FRIDAY FUNNY to end the week.

Have a great weekend and remember that if you see or hear something suspicious, please call us at the time or as close to the time as possible. This gives us the best chance of engaging the suspects and check their bona fides

How to contact police and when:

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

131 444 (Police Assistance Line) – for non-emergencies

9476 9799 – Hornsby Police station

9418 5399 – Gordon Police station

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers) – To provide crime information – You can remain anonymous



18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command: The girl missing from Carlingford has been found safe and well.

The 15-year-old was last seen at Arcadian Circuit Carlingford at 11am 18/2/22

Following inquiries by officers attached to Hills Police Area Command and her family she was located safe and well about 12.55pm.

Police would like to thank the followers for their assistance..

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [site here](#).

Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

A police vehicle is travelling behind you and the officer activates the lights and sirens. You are unsure if they want to pull you over, but the police vehicle stays behind you with the red and blue flashing lights on. What would you do?

1. Keep driving at the speed you were driving because you weren't breaking any law? They can drive around you.
2. Slow down to below the speed limit, just to be sure, but keep driving?
3. Stop in the lane you were driving in because you think they want you to stop?
4. Don't panic, slow down, pull over to the left and stop when safe to do so?

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**KURING GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND**

Answer:

Drum roll 🥁....The answer is (4) and yes, there are those drivers who either panic or are unsure as to what to do and have reacted by way of (1), (2) and (3).

There are many reasons police pull drivers over. Some of these are for a random breath test and a random drug test. It may be police have a reasonable suspicion you are driving with an expired driver's licence or an unregistered vehicle. They may have spotted an unsafe load in your vehicle, a tyre that is running flatter than it should or lights that aren't switched on, an indicator that isn't working. Maybe you or a passenger weren't wearing a seatbelt or for speeding or your manner of driving.

Whenever a police vehicle activates their warning lights and or sirens, which indicates they want you to stop and you **MUST** stop.

Please ...

DON'T keep driving as this may activate a pursuit.

DON'T simply slow down and keep driving.

DON'T stop in the lane you are in

DO, when safe to do so, pull as far over to the left as possible and stop for the police.

18 February, from NSW Government: Restrictions are easing across NSW from tomorrow.



Easing restrictions
From 18 & 25 February

From Friday, 18 February:

👍 No density limits apply

👉 QR check-ins are only required at nightclubs and music festivals with more than 1,000 people

👉 Hospitals, aged and disability facilities may use existing check-in systems for recording visitors

👉 Singing and dancing is allowed at venues, except music festivals

👉 Working from home will be at the discretion of your employer.

From Friday, 25 February:

👉 Masks are only required on public transport and planes, and indoors at airports, hospitals, aged and disability care facilities, corrections facilities and music festivals with more than 1,000 people

👉 No capacity caps at music festivals, with singing and dancing allowed.

Vaccination requirements will remain for indoor music festivals over 1,000 people.

More info [here](#).

17 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command

🔍 UNSOLVED CASE 🔍

There is a \$100,000 reward for information about the 1998 handgun murder of a man at Castle Hill.

38-year old Paul Stanton Burt was killed in the driveway of his Castle Hill home shortly before 6am on February 24 1998. The self-employed Bobcat operator had been preparing to leave for work.

Someone in the community has information that will help investigators break this case and find those responsible for Mr Burt's murder.

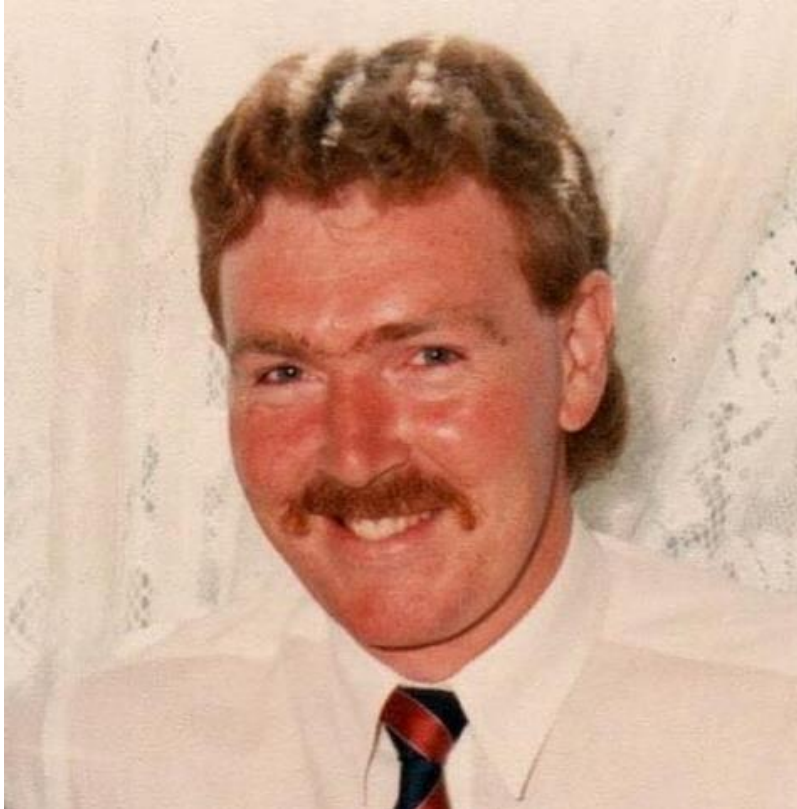
A number of leads have been followed since the 1998 killing.

Police know that several gunshots were fired at close ranged by an unidentified man, armed with a handgun. It's believed he fled the scene in a beige XE Ford Falcon, or similar vehicle.

Despite extensive inquiries - no clear motive for the murder has been established.

The reward may be paid to any person providing information that led to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Mr Burt's murder.

Anyone who can help police should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



**17 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command: LAST 24 HOURS IN THE
COMMAND:**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

5 x Domestic incidents

ASSAULT:

Galston – 1 x assault

TRAFFIC:

Hornsby Heights – Galston Rd - Licence suspended

Arcadia – Fail to stop and exchange particulars

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Hornsby - Railway Hotel

Turrumurra – damage to vehicle

DRUGS:

Asquith – Peats Ferry Rd - Positive Random Drug test

Hornsby – Coronation St - Cannabis seized

STEALING:

Hornsby Aquatic Centre – handbag stolen

Hornsby – credit cards stolen

Wahroonga – Commemorative coins stolen

FRAUD:

Thornleigh – attempt to obtain funds

Hornsby - \$50,000 (Victim's bank stopped the transfer in time)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFENCE:

Asquith – 1 incident

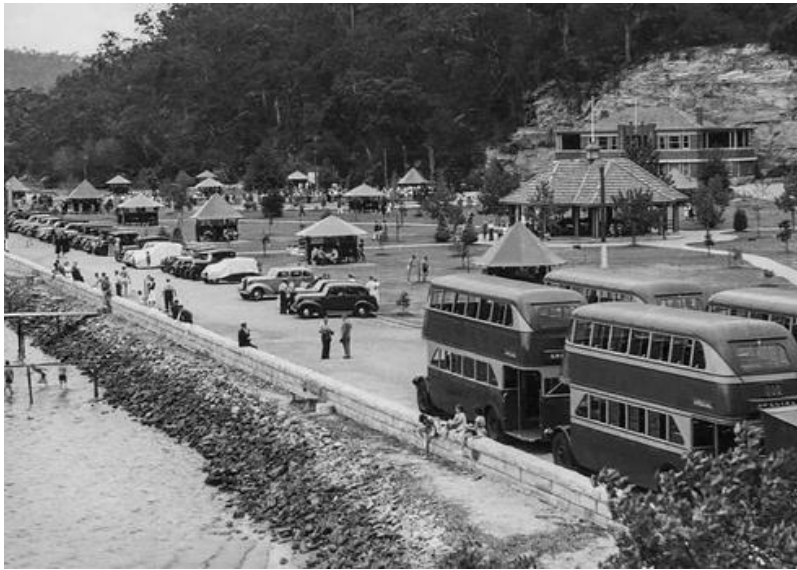


17 February, from Ku-ring-gaui Command: "THROWBACK THURSDAY"

Bobbin Head is one of Hornsby Shire's most beautiful local assets and has long been popular as a splendid place for visitors.

There are several stories around the origin of the name 'Bobbin Head', but the most likely is also the most obvious - it's said to be named after the appearance of a large rock on the headland, which looked like a 'bobbing head'.

Although visitors have been enjoying the park near the water since 1894 nothing compares to what Bobbin Head was like during and after the 1930s. It was around this time when unemployment relief labour was used to build picnic shelters, parking areas and play equipment for children to enjoy. The Bobbin Inn opened in 1937 and the magnificent building was regularly booked out for parties, functions and passing trade during this period. For more stories, documents and historic pictures from Hornsby Shire check out [here](#).



15 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

The Hills Police Area Command are appealing for information following an attempted ram raid in Glenorie a fortnight ago.

About 11.30pm on Sunday, 30 January 2022, officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command were called to a shopping centre on Old Northern Road, Glenorie, following reports of an attempted robbery of an ATM outside the shopping complex.

Police have been told a white Toyota Hilux drove to the location before the three occupants attempted to dislodge the machine.

Following a number of unsuccessful attempts, the three unknown people drove from the scene.

About 12.30am on Monday, 31 January 2022, emergency services were called to a vehicle fire on McClymont Road, Kenthurst.

Fire and Rescue NSW officers extinguished the blaze a short time later; however, the vehicle – a Toyota Hilux – was destroyed.

Initial inquiries have led police to believe the vehicle was stolen.

As police continue their investigations into the incidents – which are believed to be linked – they are appealing for anyone with information or who has dashcam footage to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [site here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages. Watch video [here](#).



21 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Quick Tip

#QuickTip protect your
identity by setting up
Google alerts for
searches containing
your name.



Maybe you listened in and heard our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, Simon and Graham? They were sharing what Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby are up to, including the upcoming 'Everything for Seniors' crime prevention stall 10am-2pm Wed 23 March 2022 @ Turramurra Uniting Church. They also discussed how to report crime.

You can livestream from the Triple H website [here](#).



MONDAY FOCUS
Triple H 100.1 FM
Drive Time Mornings 4 - 6pm

With
Adrienne McLean



Today's theme on Triple H 100.1FM **"Community working together"**



Graham Marr
University of the 3rd Age
U3A Upper North Region



Steven Head
General Manager
Hornsby Council



Graham Birch & Cllr Simon Lennon
Neighbourhood Watch

21 February, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force



Officers from the Police Transport Command North West Sector conducted a two day high visibility operation across the North West Metro, Western, Richmond and Blue Mountains Line.

Operation Disrupt resulted in 35 arrests, 47 charges, 54 move on directions and 110 infringements issued.

6 people charged with Robbery, 10 people charged with drug related offences, 8 knives/weapons located, 6 charged with Goods in Custody and 3 with assault. Overall the operation was successful with a reduction in reported crime over the period.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 06 March: Clean Up Australia Day

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**.

Thursday 24 February: 6-7:30pm Hornsby Shire Council - Teaching your Learner Driver - GLS Presentation via Zoom Bookings/Info [here](#).

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

18 February, from South Australia Police: ⚠️ ATTENTION ONLINE
SELLERS ⚠️

SELLING ONLINE? Please follow this safety advice ↓

- MEET IN A **PUBLIC SPACE** IN **DAYLIGHT**, IDEALLY WHERE THERE'S **CCTV** CAMERAS.
- TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU'RE GOING OR **BRING SOMEONE** ELSE ALONG.
- BEWARE OF **FAKE INTERNET BANKING RECORDS!** DO NOT HAND OVER ITEMS UNTIL YOU **SEE THE FUNDS** ARRIVE IN YOUR ACCOUNT.
- GET DETAILS** BEFORE MEETING -- NAME, PHONE & EMAIL. WHEN MEETING **TAKE NOTE** OF THEIR APPEARANCE, VEHICLE, & REGISTRATION NUMBER.
- IF THE BUYER WANTS TO PAY WITH CASH, **CONFIRM** THEY HAVE MONEY TO PAY BY ASKING TO **SEE IT FIRST**.
- ASK FOR THE **BUYERS ID** -- A DRIVER'S LICENCE, IF THEY REQUEST A 'TEST DRIVE'.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

Government of South Australia

Neighbourhood Watch SA

There have been reports of robberies after victims have listed items for sale on popular buying/selling websites and social media. Items commonly targeted are Apple products, jewellery, designer shoes/clothes, and vehicles.

If you are selling items online then please follow this safety advice:

- Always meet in a public space that you are familiar with, ideally in an area with CCTV cameras, during daylight hours.
 - Gather details about the potential buyer before meeting -- their name, phone number and email address.
 - Tell at least one person where you are going and who you are with, consider bringing someone else along.
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- Ask for identification from the buyer. E.g., A driver's licence, if they request a 'test drive'.
 - Take note of the person's appearance and their vehicle and registration number.
 - Be conscious that fake internet banking records can be created. Do not hand over items until you see the funds arrive in your account.
 - If the buyer wishes to pay with cash, confirm they have money to pay.
- Sometimes the offenders are hoping to grab the items quickly and run- reducing their exposure and minimising the chance of being identified.
- ◆ For non-urgent police assistance, please call 131 444
 - ◆ To report suspicious behaviour, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at crimestopperssa.com.au. You can remain anonymous.
 - ◆ In an emergency, please call Triple Zero (000)
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18 February, from Australian Federal Police

Still feeling loved up after Valentine's Day? Spare a thought for Des, a South Australian farmer who travelled to West Africa for love...only to be kidnapped as part of a romance scam.

Episode three of Crime Interrupted covers Operation Streambank, and includes special first-hand commentary from Des himself!

To hear how Des was scammed, snatched and saved, search for Crime Interrupted wherever you listen to your podcasts, or visit [site here](#). Thanks to South Australia Police for their assistance and involvement with Operation Streambank and this episode.

Watch video [here](#).

17 February, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday:

Parcels stolen today, please be aware there is a man in a hi vis vest stealing parcels. It seems like he is following the delivery drivers as our parcels were stolen within minutes of being put on our front verandah.

17 February, from Tasmania Police: 🚗Selling your car online? Be careful.



Scammers are contacting sellers of vehicles through online advertisers such as Gumtree and Facebook Marketplace. The offenders arrange to purchase the vehicle, transfer money into the sellers accounts and provide a receipt. Once the vehicle is handed over, usually in a false name the buyer cancels the transaction. The vehicles are then transferred and in some cases on sold quickly.

If you are selling your car online:

🚗Be cautious and be sure to allow sufficient time for the transaction to be processed before handing over their vehicles.

🚗 Don't transfer vehicles into a third parties name if they are not present or the buyer.

🚗 Always maintain your portion of the transfer papers and forward as soon as possible to Service Tasmania.

🚗 Never transfer a vehicle to 'person unknown'.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Staff in Aged Care '

Tip #4. HOLD REGULAR STAFF TRAINING IN RELATION TO PERSONAL SAFETY & SECURITY.

Tip #8. ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES KNOW ALL PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY KIND OF EMERGENCY. All office phones should have emergency/important phone numbers as speed dial.

Tip #15. ALL COMPUTER ACCESS TO BE MONITORED & PASSWORDS CHANGED REGULARLY.

Tip #19. FOR DEACTIVATED STAFF, ENSURE ALL COMPUTER ACCESS IS REMOVED, AND KEYS & SWIPE CARDS ARE RETURNED.

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](#).

18 February, from Tiny Hawk Carry on Laughing



Watch video [here](#)

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)
