


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.

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15 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are on autopilot and you're hungry. You've been imagining the aroma of that homemade lasagne since you left the office. As you drive into your driveway, your tastebuds are already partying, as you think about the lasagne, breadstick with tomato and feta salad as the side.

What would you do?

- 1. Exit your car and make a beeline for the front door? "I don't need to lock it as no one has ever broken into it before as it is a safe place where we live".
- 2. Exit your car and lock it as you run to the front door? – Remember, you're hungry. "There's no need to check whether it is locked or not as I completely trust technology".

- 3. As you walk to the front door, you look back and check you've locked your car by pressing the lock button three times, just to be sure, to be sure, to be sure.
- 4. Check you have left no valuables on the seat or within view of prying eyes, ensure the windows are fully up before exiting your car, then locking it. When your vehicle is secure you make your way towards that wonderful aroma of emanating from the kitchen?

PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT

More attempts to steal from motor vehicles in **Mt Colah** and **Gordon** areas during the past few days and nights.

But it is a timely reminder for each one of us in the Kuring Gai Police Area Command to do the following:

- - Always lock your vehicle when you park on the street, in your driveway, or in your garage (Always keep your garage door closed and locked)
- - Wind your windows up fully
- - Park in a well-lit area whenever possible
- - Don't leave loose change or other valuables in view of anyone who may look into your vehicle; for example, wallets, handbags, laptops/tablets, mobile phones
- - Take all your valuables out of the vehicle when parking, or at least keep them out of view in the boot
- - If you have a CCTV system, ensure it is working.

AND AS AN ADDED EXTRA

Don't leave your automatic garage opener inside your vehicles parked outside your home – thieves break into the car and open the garage using your remote, then enter your home via the internal garage door.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are on autopilot and you're hungry.

You've been imagining the aroma of that homemade lasagne since you left the office.

As you drive into your driveway, your tastebuds are already partying as you think about the lasagne, accompanied with the crispy outside soft inside breadstick and tomato and feta salad.

What would you do?



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15 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: WEEKEND IN REVIEW

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

9 x Domestic violence incidents

DOMESTIC ASSAULT:

2 x domestic assaults

ADVO COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

12 x ADVO compliance checks

TRAFFIC:

Wahroonga – Random roadside drug test – Positive to cocaine

Turrumurra – Low range PCA – P1 Provisional licence now suspended

Hornsby – Turrumurra male – Mid range PCA

Wahroonga – West Pymble male – High range PCA – nearly four times over the limit

FAIL TO STOP AND EXCHANGE DETAILS:

Wahroonga – Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

FRAUD:

Turrumurra – Investment scam \$100,000

GOODS IN CUSTODY:

Mt Colah - Good in Custody – Cash seized as suspected as being unlawfully obtained

STEALING:

Mt Kuring Gai – stolen registration plates

Waitara - 6 x power tools and numerous power tool accessories stolen, malicious damage on construction site

STEAL FROM RETAIL:

Hornsby – Dan Murphys

Hornsby - Coles

BREACH OF BAIL:

St Ives – male in breach of bail and possession of cannabis

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Mt Colah – Rear windscreen of vehicle smashed

INTOXICATED PERSON:

Hornsby – Westfield mall - 1 x intoxicated person banned from Westfield due to their behaviour



15 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: UPDATE ON OUR MISSING PERSON

GREAT NEWS - Our missing person from Thornleigh has been found safe and well. Thank you to all members of the community who were concerned for her welfare and who kept a look out for her. It is what community is all about.

10 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police were called to a dispute between two shoppers who were shopping for cheese at the local supermarket.

Both had grabbed the last large packet of what they thought to be Camembert cheese and a tug of war ensued. When police arrived, one shopper pleaded they had a family meal to prepare, the other, well they needed it for a Mexican dinner party and a Mexican dinner party needed cheese. After listening carefully to both shoppers', the police suggested to them that the easiest way to solve the problem would be to divide the cheese". Surprisingly, both shoppers let out a sigh shaking their heads in disagreement before the senior officer took charge of the situation, saying to one, "Look, after careful consideration to what you have both told us and examination of the product, we have made a determination that this is nacho cheese, it's hers".



10 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: LAST 24 HOURS IN THE COMMAND

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

2 x Domestic violence incident

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT:

1 x Domestic Violence assault

EMERGENCY & DISASTER:

Hornsby, Rosemead Ave – Landslide – tonnes of soil and foliage with trees in immediate area deemed unsafe and the be removed.

Hornsby, The Bastion– Landslide – Soil, rocks, and large sandstone rocks

TRAFFIC:

Hornsby – Drive whilst disqualified

Mt Colah – Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

STOLEN VEHICLE:

Berowra Waters

WORKPLACE ACCIDENT:

Gordon – Nail from nail gun through foot

DRUGS:

Hornsby – Drug detection – four (4) young persons

FRAUD:

Mount Colah – Fail to pay for fuel

Turrumurra – Fail to pay for fuel

Wahroonga – Unauthorised access of funds

South Turrumurra - Unauthorised access of funds

INTOXICATED PERSON:

Hornsby – Intoxicated person in public place – Ambulance called. Intoxicated male taken to Hornsby Hospital

PROHIBITED ARTICLE/WEAPON:

Normanhurst - Possess prohibited article/weapon

BULLYING/HARASSMENT:

Wahroonga – 1 x bullying/harassment incident between tradesman and customer

Hornsby - 1 x bullying/harassment incident between two neighbours



09 March, from The Hills command: Two people have been charged following an alleged attempted ram raid at a shopping centre on Old Northern Road, Glenorie, last month.

Following inquiries, and an appeal for information, a 29-year-old woman was

arrested at a caravan park on the Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour about 7.30am yesterday (Tuesday 8 March 2022). Police searched the woman when they located a loaded home-made firearm, which was seized for forensic examination. Shortly after, a 22-year-old man was arrested at a correctional centre in Grafton. The pair were charged and will appear at Coffs Harbour Local Court today (Wednesday 9 March 2022). Investigations into the incident continue.

More information [here](#).



09 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: What is this?

We haven't seen this phenomenon for quite a while now. Even though it appears we're through the worst of the inclement weather for now, please continue to be careful on our roads. Danger still exists with potholes in roads and shoulders crumbling from the heavy rains of late. The best chance to avoid potholes is to give yourself more distance between the vehicle in front of you and yourself – that way, you get to see the pothole, giving yourself the best chance of avoiding it, or if you are driving too fast for the conditions or not concentrating, you still get to see it as you drive into it.



08 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Heavy rain, roads closed, flash flooding, De Burghs Bridge closed, Eastern Arterial St Ives closed, fallen trees, landslides, boulders fallen on to roads, potholes, accidents.

Please be careful out there and heed the advice of the authorities you come across in your travels.

- For rain and flooding incidents call **132500**.
- For police related incidents call **131444**.

(Photographs posted from local Facebook group posts from within the Command)





08 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: If you require sandbags see our local NSW SES Hornsby Unit.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIRELESS WORK YOU'RE DOING SES HORNSBY 👍 Our DIY Sandbagging locations (Berowra, Galston, Thornleigh) remain open to the public to self fill and collect until Wednesday- don't forget your enclosed shoes and shovel if you're coming! For emergency help in floods and storms, call the **NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500**. In life threatening situations call triple zero (000) immediately.

08 March from Ku-ring-gai command:

It's raining it's pouring and while you are snoring,
our three newest Constables are already on the beat.



Welcome to Kuring Gai Police Area Command.
It's great to have you onboard



14 March, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Sunday):

Any chance anyone witnessed a minor bingle about 4:45pm today on the Pacific Hwy (Wahroonga) near the M1 on-ramp? A young P plater ran into my son while he was stopped at a red light. My son signalled that she follow him but she went straight and he turned towards the freeway so they didn't

exchange details. My son is fine, though very rattled. I'm sure the young driver is equally rattled. The car will need at least a new rear bumper. Thanks in advance.

13 March, Shared with permission from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

Early morning intruder, 2.30am Thursday morning suspicious activity of person trying to open our under cover car doors, Kalang Rd Mt Colah. I have reported to police.



13 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland: A quick relevant tip sheet for Tradies from our neighbours at NHW Queensland.

Click [here](#) for 'Protecting Tradies Tools - NHWQ



**We see the value in the
tools of your trade**
but so do thieves.

10 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We had a letter from a resident

I have heard (maybe on Radio 2GB?) there is a text/mobile number to report mobile text money/postal delivery scams that I am receiving almost weekly on my mobile phone. I do report as phishing scam on my mobile phone, but before I do this ... is there another number I can text?

Our response:

Thanks for your question. Our Neighbourhood Watch WatchOut.org.au website has several relevant pages, such as Scams, Internet Safety, Fraud, ID Theft and Phones. This website is a one-stop-shop for links to important information on the internet.

- A spam SMS should be forwarded to the **Australian Communication & Media Authority (ACMA) on 0429 999 888**. You will receive a confirmation SMS from the ACMA.
- Any scam should be reported to the government via the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)'s 'scamwatch'. The reporting page is at: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>
- Please have a look at WatchOut.org.au. We all need reminders.

09 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: TRESSPASSING on rural properties will not be tolerated by police.

You must have permission to enter a private property. If you enter a working farm without permission you could be introducing disease and pests which may have significant impact on the livestock, crops and the industry.

Our farmers are under siege. Already adversely affected by drought, rural crime is having a significant and direct effect on the economic welfare of farmers and their families.

If you have information to provide police that will help in combating rural crime, report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain confidential.



A poster with a brown background. In the top left is a blue square logo with a white arrow and the text 'SHARE IF YOU CARE'. In the center is a white speech bubble containing the text: 'CRIMES SUCH AS STOCK THEFT, TRESPASSING AND ILLEGAL HUNTING AFFECT OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND ARE DEVASTATING TO FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.' Below the speech bubble is a white line drawing of a person with their arms crossed. To the left of the person, there is text: 'These crimes not only affect farmers, but impact with wider community compromising safety and the economy. A safer community starts with you. The Crime Stoppers contact centre operates 24/7, 365 days a year and all information captured is in complete confidence. If you see, hear or suspect anything, say something. Contact nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or 1800 333 000'. At the bottom left is the 'CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000' logo. In the bottom center is the 'NSW GOVERNMENT' logo. At the bottom right is the 'NSW Police Force' logo.

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Dates for the Diary

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**.

Wednesday 23 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day @ Turramurra Uniting Church 10am-2pm - NHW crime prevention stall and talk at 12:15pm.

Sunday 27 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

Sunday 27 March: Neighbour Day [Info](#).

15 March, from Fusion Sydney North: On Tuesday 29th March we will be celebrating Neighbour Day and doing a little gifting ourselves :)

Come along to the community centre at 5 Jersey St from 10-12 to share some cookies and coffee with us. We'd love to see you!



From Hornsby Shire Council: Are you ready for an emergency?

Information page [here](#) detailing:

- Flood & Storm
- Bushfire
- Power Outage
- Services & Information

Get Prepared is an app that helps you connect with your key support people, accomplish simple tasks to make you and your loved ones safer, and protect the things that matter most to you.

- A quick and easy network of support
- Simple checklists for completing actions
- Share your plan with the people you care about

Get Prepared App info and download [here](#).

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

Tip #13. Don't be complacent because you don't live on the ground floor. Secure balcony doors & windows. Break & Enters happen at 1st & 2nd floor units.

Tip #14. Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate. Offenders may target residents they see as being more vulnerable, eg women living alone.

Tip #15. When moving in, consider installing new locks. You don't know if the unit has been burgled before. For extra security it's a good idea to get locks changed and re-keyed. This includes the mailbox. Request our 20 Tips for MAILBOXES.

Tip #16. Request your Body Corporate pursue Crime Prevention initiatives, eg: 'Rapid Removal' graffiti policy, monitored CCTV, landscaping to reduce the opportunity for crime, secure fences & gates, security lighting.

Tip #17. Do not leave your car park remote control or any valuables on view in your vehicle, even if it is locked and in the secure parking area.

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 UK Cop Humour (apologies for the language):



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](https://www.facebook.com/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 \(The Chase\)](#)