



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #548 - 12 April 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 <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!").

- 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.
- Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

## 12 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: You're heading away on holidays and the roads are busy.

You're wanting a snack and the chips and chocolate are being passed around the car

IS IT ILLEGAL TO EAT OR DRINK WHEN DRIVING?

CAN I GET A FINE FOR EATING A PIE, A HAMBURGER OR DRINKING A COFFEE WHILE DRIVING?

While there is no specific fine for eating or drinking (non-alcoholic drinks) when driving, there is however an offence of, 'Drive without proper control of vehicle'. Some examples of this may be;

 Controlling the vehicle's steering wheel with your knees or holding food in one hand while driving with the other.  Holding a coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the other while driving with a couple of fingers on the wheel.

If found that the driver's eating or drinking while driving caused distraction to the driver resulting in them having a collision, the offence of Negligent Drive could be imposed.

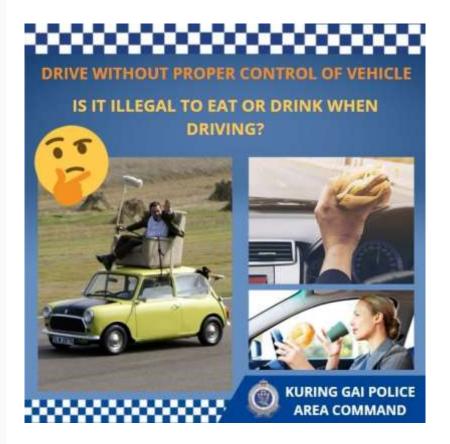
An example here could be the driver dropping their coffee or food with the driver being distracted while bending down to pick it up, perhaps resulting in a collision.

## Penalties are:

- \* Drive without proper control of vehicle \$469 and 3 demerit points
- \* Drive without proper control of vehicle (in school zone) \$587 and 4
   demerit points

REMEMBER, DOUBLE DEMERITS APPLY THIS EASTER WEEKEND AND ANZAC WEEKEND

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SAFELY



## 11 April, from Ku-ring-gai command:



# 11 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Double demerits apply for five days over the Easter long weekend from Thursday 14 April to Monday 18 April inclusive

Double demerit points apply for speeding, illegal use of mobile phones, not wearing a seat belt and riding without a motorcycle helmet.

Mobile Phone Detection Cameras are active in NSW drivers caught using their phones during a double demerit period will be hit with a \$352 fine and 10 demerits.



## 11 April, from Lake Macquarie command: APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

Lake Macquarie Police are seeking to identify the two men depicted in footage from a sports store at Charlestown, NSW. Police believe the men can assist our enquiries regarding the theft of an amount of clothing from the store on Thursday, 7/4/2022.

Anyone with information that may help identify the men is asked to contact **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000.** Police Report **E87070724** relates. Alternatively information can be provided confidentially via the **Crime Stoppers** online reporting page at: <a href="https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/">https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/</a>.

We ask you not to place prejudicial comments on our posts. The person depicted may or may not be directly involved in a crime. We just need to establish their identity to further our enquiries.





## 11 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Do you recognise this male?

Police believe he may be able to assist with enquiries into an incident that occurred about 3pm on Friday 18th March 2022 at Hornsby Event cinemas. If you know who this male is, please contact **Hornsby Police** on **9476 9799** or **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000**.

Event number E87813374 relates.



11 April, from NSW Roads: We're looking out for you these holidays so please look out for each other.

Plan ahead, expect delays and drive carefully.

08 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: A timely reminder, particularly in this weather to keep a safe distance between you and the driver in front of you.

Yesterday on Edgeworth David Ave a four vehicle, nose to tail collision, with glass sheets smashed as well as the cars.

What a 'pane'!



## 07 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Man charged following stabbing in Wahroonga

A man has been charged following an alleged stabbing on Sydney's North Shore today. About 2.40am today (Wednesday 6 April 2022), emergency services were called to Edwards Road, Wahroonga, following reports of an assault. On arrival, officers attached to Kuring Gai Police Area Command located a 35-year-old man with stab wounds to his back. He was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. He has since been released.

Following inquiries, an 18-year-old man was arrested outside a shopping centre on Albert Street, Hornsby about 12.40pm. He was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with malicious wounding with intent and three counts of shoplifting. He was refused bail and will appear at Hornsby Local Court tomorrow (Thursday 7 April 2022).



## 06 April, frm Ku-ring-gai command: School holidays are almost here and we're going on a road trip.

Maybe off camping before the cooler weather sets in or perhaps simply visiting family in the country. Or are you the 'just wing it' kind of people who like to see where each day takes you. Here are a few helpful tips and reminders to help you prepare for a safe time away.

## **YOUR VEHICLE:**

- Is your vehicle registered?
- Does it require a service before you travel?
- Have you checked your vehicle's tyres for legal tread depth?
- • Is the air pressure in your tyres the recommended pressure?
- Is there water in your window washer reservoir?
- Are all your lights and indicators working correctly?
- Are your window wipers in good order so they don't smear when raining?
- Have you checked your oil, water and other fluid levels before you travel?

### YOUR HOME:

- Ensure you lock all doors and windows of your property
- Don't leave spare keys under a fake rock, in a pot plant, under the mat
- Have someone clear your letter box while you're away.
- Ensure your home looks lived in.
- Are your sensor lights working along with the CCTV cameras?
- Remember to activate the alarm before you leave

 Have you told your trusted neighbour, or does someone from your extended family know where you are going?

Please be safe the school holidays. Drive carefully and have a great and safe break!



## 06 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: LAST 24 HOURS IN THE COMMAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

2 x Domestic violence incidents

1 x Domestic violence offence – harassment offence

## **CHARGES:**

Hornsby – Female charged for goods in custody – attempt fraud using a lost or stolen credit card

Cowan - Breach of bail

### **CHILD APPROACH:**

Hornsby Westfield

## **FRAUD:**

South Turramurra - \$3000

St Ives - \$19,500

Hornsby - Crypto currency fraud - \$3200

Gordon – Scam - \$2000 Amazon gift cards

## **MALICIOUS WOUNDING:**

Normanhurst

## **STEALING:**

St Ives - Stolen wallet

Hornsby Westfield – mobile phone stolen

Asquith – Liquor Land

## **FAIL TO PAY FOR FUEL:**

Turramurra

## **CONCERN FOR WELFARE:**

Berowra Waters - Marine retrieval of patient

Thornleigh

Hornsby

## TRAFFIC:

Hornsby - Major traffic crash - driver conveyed to hospital

Hornsby – Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

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

## **MISSING PERSON:**

Turramurra – youth missing – now located

Berowra - Missing Quakers Hill man located at Berowra Railway Station





Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #33

**Wednesday 13 April 6pm.** Online via MS Teams: Click here to join the meeting. Please RSVP and let us know you will be joining in.

Our local NSW Police Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Senior Constable

Colin Mitchell will be joining us. He will give an update on the current crime in
the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC) and offer advice on how best to

prevent becoming a victim of crime. Colin is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We will be sharing informal notes from the meeting on Facebook and in next week's eNewsletter.

New NHW volunteers are always welcome for online tasks happening in the background, as well as face-to-face community engagement on crime prevention stalls. Join in with the meeting and hear what we are doing in your neighbourhood. Please email if you would like more information: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

## 10 April, from the North Shore Times: 'Done a bad thing': Tutor jailed for raping unconscious student

[Behind a paywall] A highly educated tutor who plied a teenage student with rohypnol before sexually assaulting her as she lay unconscious disguised the highly potent drug as health vitamins, a court has heard.

Full article here.



## 10 April, from NSW Food Authority: RECALL UPDATE: Kinder chocolate products

Ferrero Australia Pty. Ltd. is conducting a recall of various Kinder chocolate products (see below). The products have been available for sale nationally at Coles, Woolworths, Target, Kmart, Big W, independent food retailers including IGA and petrol stations, and online.

**Problem:** The recall is due to potential microbial (Salmonella) contamination. **What to do:** Consumers should not eat this product and should return the

products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

Full list of barcodes and other recall info here.



## 07 April, from NSW SES Hornsby Unit: SELF SERVICE SANDBAG COLLECTION POINT - THORNLEIGH

- Meaden Park, THORNLEIGH
   https://goo.gl/maps/RbTvZAfrGnP4fX4u9
- **3**6 Sinclair Avenue, Thornleigh
- ÖOpen 24hrs, From 6.00pm 6 April 2022 while supplies last

## PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND OR TAKE ANYTHING FROM OUR SES HEADQUARTERS OR COUNCIL YARD - GO TO HEADEN PARK

As our teams are out responding to requests for assistance, we have set up a self service sandbag collection point with empty hessian bags and sand - please BYO shovel and wear enclosed shoes when you come to fill the bags. Please be courteous and only take what you need to ensure there is enough for everyone. If you are using #sandbags to protect your home, learn more on how to fill them here #https://bit.ly/3jREs6X

## DO NOT REMOVE THE SANDBAGS SURROUNDING THE COLLECTION POINT - FILL THE EMPTY BAGS

Tor emergency assistance during #Storms and #Floods please call
 132 500

• JFor life threatening emergencies, call 000

See Weather Warning here: <a href="mailto:bom.gov.au/products/IDN21037.shtml">bom.gov.au/products/IDN21037.shtml</a>

## 06 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: PREVENTING FOOD DELIVERY THEFT

- Customers are responsible for their items once they are delivered.
- When you place an order for delivery, make sure you choose a delivery time when you will be home to receive it.
- If you are unable to be home during the delivery time frame, make other
  arrangements such as arranging a neighbour to collect on your behalf, or
  give special instructions to leave in a hidden safe place or have
  delivered to a post office.
- Make sure that your instructions are clear.
- Consider installing CCTV cameras for extra peace of mind.

If you find yourself to be a victim of theft you can report this online via the NSW Police Force Community Portal here.



## 05 April, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah & Kuring-gai Families group:

Another early morning intruder in **Kalang Rd Mt Colah**. At 1.55am last Thursday 31 March a suspicious person walked up to our front door. Please report any information to **Hornsby Police**, he is known to them, refer **E385292194**.



05 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: There is a great website called 'Your Room' that offers support and information to families, particularly around the topic of alcohol and drug use.

Each type of drug is explained in detail and there are plenty of resources that parents may find useful. This link <u>here</u> is to the publication on 'Ice'. The website is a joint initiative by NSW Health and St Vincent's Alcohol and Drug Information Service.

Links such as this are all put in one place, so they are easier to find, on the Neighbourhood Watch one-stop-shop website: WatchOut.org.au. This link is on the 'Teens/Youth' page. Please have a look.



We've missed sharing a few pertinent articles from The Post dated February 2022.

They can be viewed online here.



## Omicron and safe signing of legal documents



By Cecilia Castle, Castle Lawyers at Asquith

OMICRON has stricken the world without warning, and there seems to be no relief in sight.

Governments have become averse to lockdowns, and businesses have largely been left to fend for themselves as best they can. However, legislation initially introduced on a temporary basis to deal with legal and business documents during Covid has now been made permanent.

Lawyers have taken advantage of this legislation to ensure the safety of their clients and staff.

The Electronic Transactions Amendment (Remote Witnessing) Bill 2021 provides for the remote witnessing of legal documents to avoid the risk of face to face contact when signing.

This means that legal and busi-

ness documents can continue to be signed and witnessed remotely by video link. Remote signing entails signing and witnessing documents by video link in real time.

Once signed, the document is delivered to the witness for them to affix their signature. The witness must be reasonably satisfied that they are signing the same document they witnessed being signed by video link, usually through identical copies held by them.

There are two exceptions to the remote witnessing legislation. The first is Notary Public documents, which relate to foreign jurisdictions. The second is Divorce documents, although other family law documents remain eligible to be signed remotely under the new legislation.

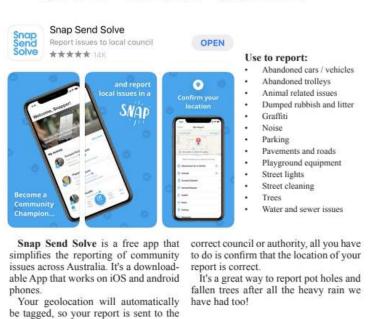
The new, permanent legislation provides choice and flexibility to businesses, vulnerable or disabled members of the community, and greatly benefits rural and regional communities.

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...and this is another question Neighbourhood Watch gets regularly - how should we report unsafe issues and illegal dumping, parking etc? The easiest way is to use this Snap Send Solve mobile phone App.

## SNAP SEND SOLVE



Neighbourhood Watch are always being asked about neighbour disputes.

Thanks to The Post March edition for this article mentioning the Community

Justice Centres. The online version can be read <a href="here">here</a>.

Love your neighbour through mediation dispute resolution

Can't read them? Follow the online link to each edition, or email us here for a copy in your inbox.

## **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 13 April: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #33. 6pm online via MS Teams: Click here to join the meeting. New volunteers always welcome for online tasks as well as face-to-face community engagement.

Monday 04 - Thursday 14 April: Youth Week. Info.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May: FREE Chemical Cleanout. 9am - 3:30pm @ St Ives Showground

Sunday 29 May: Ku-ring-gai Chase & Barry Ease Walk through Wahroonga

Sunday 18 September: Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

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Tip #5. PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 021.

Tip #6. FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Tip #7. FOR BUSINESSES, ARE ALL YOUR FIRE EXITS IDENTIFIED, ACCESSIBLE, UNLOCKED, CLEAR OF BOXES?

CATEGORY INVOLVING PEER PRESSURE. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

**Tip #12.** BE ALERT TO ANY THREAT CONCERNING FIRES. If a person threatens to set a fire, the threat should be taken very seriously. Contact **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799**.

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 here.

## Thanks to Silver Magazine



## **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







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Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

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