



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #569 - 06 September 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!").

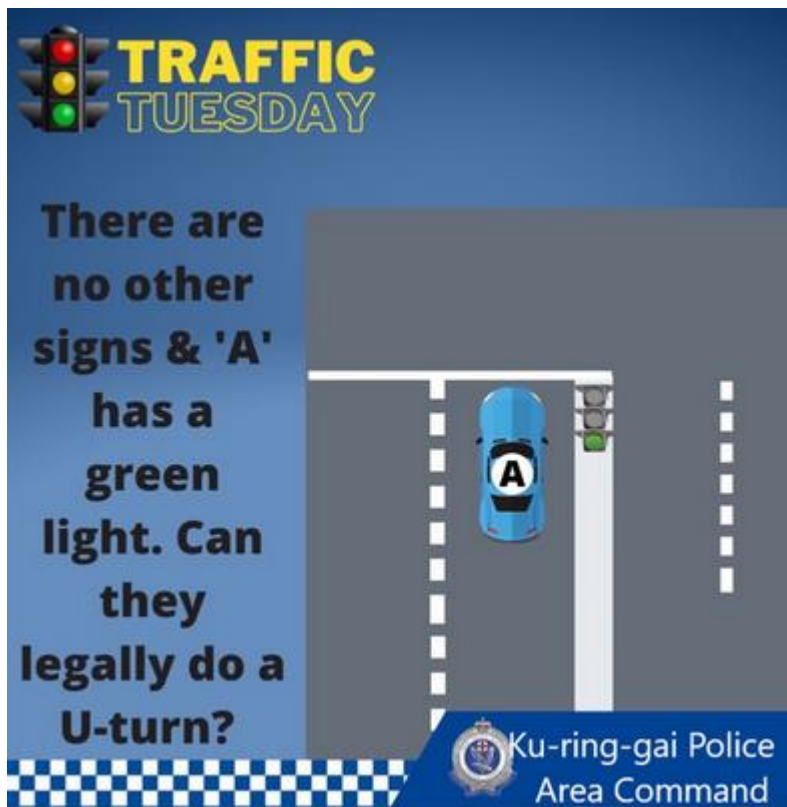
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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06 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Traffic Tuesday



**06 September, from Brisbane Water Police District**



Investigators from Brisbane Water PD are appealing for assistance in identifying this female in order to make contact with her. She has not committed any offence. Please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 with any information.

We believe she may have witnessed an incident on the train network on the 11 August 2022 and may work or reside around the Hornsby area.

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### 01 September, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon



This morning 37 Gordon have attended a serious motor vehicle accident involving a utility vehicle into a power pole on Mona Vale Rd and Fern street. Two men were extracted from the car and were miraculously uninjured. Expect long delays and avoid the area if possible.

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### 31 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Worried that you've been a victim of a scam?

Here are some helpful links:

☀️ACCC - Scamwatch to report or find out more about scams [here](#).


☀️ATO - ATO's dedicated scam line 1800 008 540 to check legitimacy of a call, text, or email. You can also verify or report a scam online [here](#).

☀️Crime Stoppers NSW - To report a crime or read the fact sheet with advice on how to spot and deal with a phone scam is available [here](#).

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31 August, from Ku-ring-gai Command



## PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION GEL BLASTERS

**What is a Gel Blaster?**

A firearm that is typically constructed of plastic and is operated either manually by a piston air pump or automatically by means of a battery-powered motor. These firearms discharge hydrated gel balls by means of a spring and air operated by a trigger mechanism. They cannot discharge the hydrated gel balls by means of an explosive. They often have an outward appearance of various handguns, shotguns and rifles in existence.

**What happens if someone is caught with a gel blaster?**

Because these are considered actual firearms in NSW, a person who supplies, acquires or possesses an unregistered firearm could be arrested and charged for possession of a firearm (under Section 36(1) of the *NSW Firearms Act 1996*) which holds a maximum penalty of 5 years for a FIREARM or up to 14 years for a PISTOL or PROHIBITED FIREARM. Possessing 3 or more where at least one is a prohibited firearm carries 20 years.

You could also be facing charges of Possessing a firearm whilst unlicensed (under Section 7A of the *NSW Firearms Act 1996*).


**Section 82 of the NSW Firearms Act 1996** states that if a parent (or guardian) knowingly allows a person under the age of 18 years to contravene the Act, each parent/guardian is taken to have contravened the same provision.

**What does the law say?**

**Section 4(1) of the Firearms Act 1996** NSW classifies Gel Blasters as an air gun, which is considered a FIREARM and hand-gun type Gel Blasters as a PISTOL.

Gel Blasters often substantially duplicate military type self-loading rifles, machine guns and sub-machine guns which would classify them as **PROHIBITED FIREARMS** (Item 7, Schedule 1 of the *Firearms Act 1996* NSW).

Hydrated Gel Balls may also be considered **AMMUNITION** under the act.



**What do I do if I already have a Gel Blaster?**

On 1 July 2021, New South Wales commenced an ongoing National Firearms Amnesty along with all other states and territories. This allows for any firearms or firearm related articles to be surrendered to a police station without fear of prosecution. Ensure you contact your local police station prior to attending and ensure the firearm is in a bag or wrapped in a blanket.



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## 06 September, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby



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**Neighbourhood Watch**  
**New South Wales**

**Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby**

[www.nhwnsw.org.au](http://www.nhwnsw.org.au)

Volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby have been invited to speak at the Hornsby RSL Coffee Club 10-12noon next Wednesday 14 September 2022. We will talk about NHW in the command - what we are up to (and why), what we hope to achieve, and how we can help the community. We'll offer crime prevention advice, as well as answer any questions. There will be a table of literature and goodies, so that audience

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members can make up themselves a goodie bag - car rego plate locking screws will be available, as well as other freebies. Grab yourselves a 'Little Black Book of Scams' to educate yourself about the latest scams to be aware of! Did you know that online scams and frauds are the most common crimes in our community? The biggest and best part of our role is to educate everyone, in order that they don't become a victim of crime. Residents always need reminding about something - what do we need to remind you about? Maybe see you there?

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**05 September, from [krg.nsw.gov.au](http://krg.nsw.gov.au): Child car seat safety check day  
September 2022**

Bookings are essential and open Monday 22 August.

\*\* No bookings will be taken before this date. \*\*

\*\* Service available to Ku-ring-gai residents ONLY and excludes family day carers.

When

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 09:00 AM - 02:30 PM

Location

Car park, Wade Lane, Gordon

For more details, click [here](#).

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**04 September, from [9news.com.au](http://9news.com.au): NSW speed camera operators ordered to make themselves more visible before fining drivers.**

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Read details [here](#).

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### **03 September, from smh.com.au: Motorists tried to save father and son killed in 'horrific' M1 crash**



A father and his teenage son are dead after a horror car crash on the Central Coast's M1 motorway north of Sydney on Saturday morning.

Police said the father, 46, had been travelling south on the motorway with his son, 14, when their Commodore station wagon got bogged on the grass median strip at Kangy Angy, just north of Ourimbah, at 9am.

For more details, click [here](#).

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03 September, from [parents.au.reachout.com](https://parents.au.reachout.com)



It can be a difficult to understand why your teenager uses social media so much. It might seem like they're always online, and always distracted from the life in front of them. This page will help you learn more about social media and teens, why it matters to them, and what the risks and benefits of social media can be.

For details click [here](#).

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03 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW:



The Emergency + App is one of the most important apps you can have on your phone and may save yours or someone else's life in an emergency.

Now with added "What3Words" to help get your location to emergency services even easier than ever.

Download it today [here](#).

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**02 September, from 9news.com.au: Video shows 'vicious' brawl between teenagers and suited man at Sydney McDonalds carpark**



And in the comments on the St Ives NHW page:

All caught. All arrested. All facing an adult court this month. An incredibly violent bunch of brats. What has happened to St Ives? it used to be such an affluent area in the 1960s and 70s and the crime rate was virtually non-existent. My daughter is a skater and she tells me that the St Ives skatepark is one of the roughest in all of Sydney. I'm shocked.

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02 September, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a woman wanted on an outstanding warrant in Sydney's north-west.

Jordan Towney, aged 22, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding arrest warrant for stealing related offences.

Jordan is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, about 150cm – 155cm tall, of medium build, with dark hair.

Police believe she frequents The Hills, Eastern Beaches and Western Sydney areas.

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

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01 September, from Australian Communications and Media Authority



Shopping online for wireless or Bluetooth devices? Think before you buy! Dodgy devices—the kind that can be bought cheaply overseas—can cause interference to communications with emergency services. Check out these tips before you buy.

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01 September, from 7News.com.au: Man's body pulled from Hawkesbury River



A man's body has been pulled from the water near a popular boat ramp in Brooklyn, NSW.

NSW Police said the man's body was located and brought to shore at the Parsley Bay Boat Ramp along the Hawkesbury River about 11am on Wednesday morning.

Full article [here](#).

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**01 September, from abc.net.au: What are the new rules for isolation and masks on flights?**



Australia's COVID-19 restrictions will change in less than a fortnight.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the changes in a short press conference after a national cabinet meeting with state and territory leaders.

Let's unpack the new rules.

What is the new COVID-19 isolation period?

From Friday, September 9, people who have tested positive for COVID-19 will only need to isolate for five days instead of seven days.

But that's only if they have no symptoms.

"If you have symptoms, we want people to stay home," Mr Albanese said.

And the new rule doesn't apply to everyone.

People who work in high-risk settings with vulnerable people — such as workers in aged care homes and the disability care sector — will still have to isolate for seven days.

**Read full article [here](#).**

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**01 September, from 9news.com.au: Students suspended from exclusive Sydney private school over 'offensive' online chats**



Several students have been suspended or expelled from Sydney's exclusive Knox Grammar School after "inappropriate" images and "offensive" commentary posted in a private chat room came to light.

The senior students are accused of sending racist, homophobic, misogynistic and violent messages as well as allegedly sharing child abuse material.

Some of the messages expressed disdain for women, posting that "silly 'pro choicers' think women's rights matter".

Read full article [here](#).

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**Dates for the Diary**

**Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 September:** National Child Protection week

**Thursday 08 September:** RU OK? Day [Info](#).

**Wednesday 14 September:** 10am-12noon Hornsby RSL Coffee Club -

Speaker: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

**Sunday 25 September:** St Ives Food & Wine Festival 10am - NHW crime prevention stall? tbc

**Wednesday 05 October:** International Coffee with a Cop Day

**Wednesday 26 October:** 6pm NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers meeting @ PCYC, Waitara. Date/Venue tbc.

**November:** Neighbourhood Watch Week

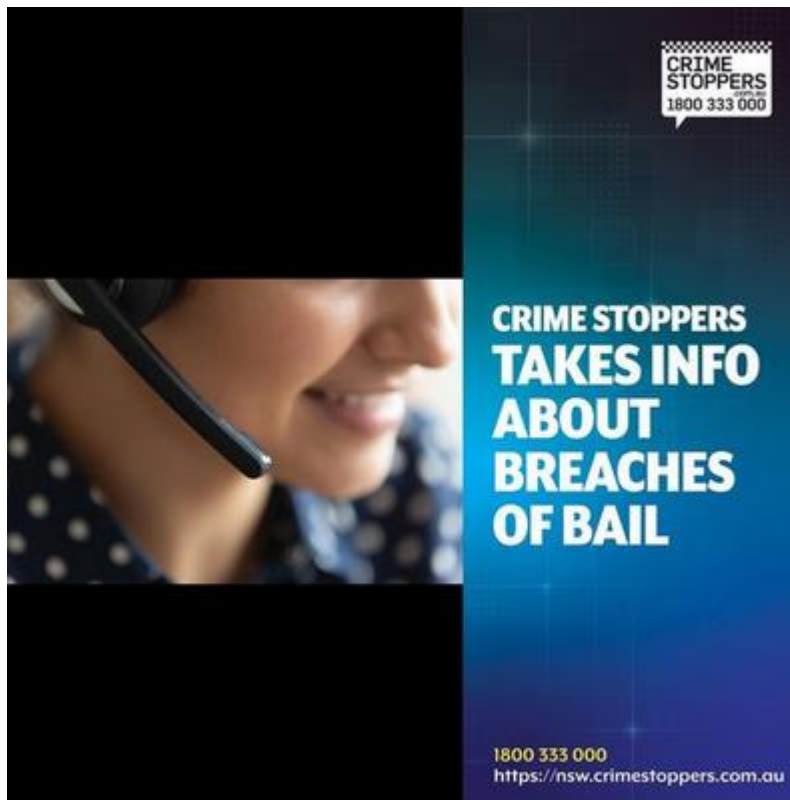
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**Wednesday 30 November:** 7pm NHW Gordon/Killara/East Killara/part Pymble/part St Ives AGM @ St John's Anglican Church, Gordon. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

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**31 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Is someone you know BREACHING BAIL?**

You can report what you know online here. or call us on 1800 333 000 (24/7).



### 31 August, from Ryde District Mums: Update - on local missing mum



#### ⚠️ TRIGGER WARNING ⚠️

It is with great sadness we update you that local mum and Doctor, Eza Lau has passed away.

Police found her body approximately 10pm Tuesday evening in Huntleys Point. Police say the circumstances are not suspicious.

Our thoughts are with her husband, toddler, family and friends. 🙏 Article [here](#).

If you or anyone you know needs help, please call lifeline on 13 11 14 or click [here](#).

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## **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Fire Issues'**

**Tip #1.** MAKE A MENTAL NOTE IF THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED BUSH FIRES IN YOUR AREA RECENTLY. 70% of NSW bush fires are lit deliberately.

**Tip #3.** CONTACT THE LOCAL FIRE SERVICE FOR HELP ASSESSING YOUR OWN PREMISE'S FIRE RISK AND KNOW HOW TO PROTECT IT.

Prepare your BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN, EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN and EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT for you and your animals. Know: When, Where, Who, What to take?

Download the 'Bush Fire Emergency Plan' App. Refer to the Australian Standard AS 3959: "Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas" and other fire services authority publications.

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

**Tip #16.** CHECK ALL SMOKE DETECTORS ARE WORKING. A good time to replace batteries is in Spring and Autumn, when you change the clocks. CHECK DATES ON FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. Give powder ones a good shake. BUY A FIRE BLANKET. And practise using it .

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](#).

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## Thanks to Cop Humour Australia



UK Cop Humour

4 September at 21:02 · 🌐

It's always nice when people in the public eye take the time to thank police for looking after them. People don't realise the huge amount of logistics that go on behind the scenes of events, so well done! 🍷



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### 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](#)**

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Non-emergency two-way communication

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime.

**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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



**WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)

[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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Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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