



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #571 - 20 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.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

19 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command:



📢 Good morning NSW,

This week you might notice a change to your local NSW Police Force Eyewatch page.

Eyewatch was launched in 2009 and has since become an integral part of policing, allowing our officers to connect and interact directly with the local community.

After 13 years, it is time for an update, to refresh and modernise – so today we are launching our new Eyewatch logo across the state.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you being here on our pages – for sharing our appeals, helping us solve crimes and for keeping it real by engaging with our posts – we appreciate you 💙

To connect with your local Eyewatch page, visit site [here](#).

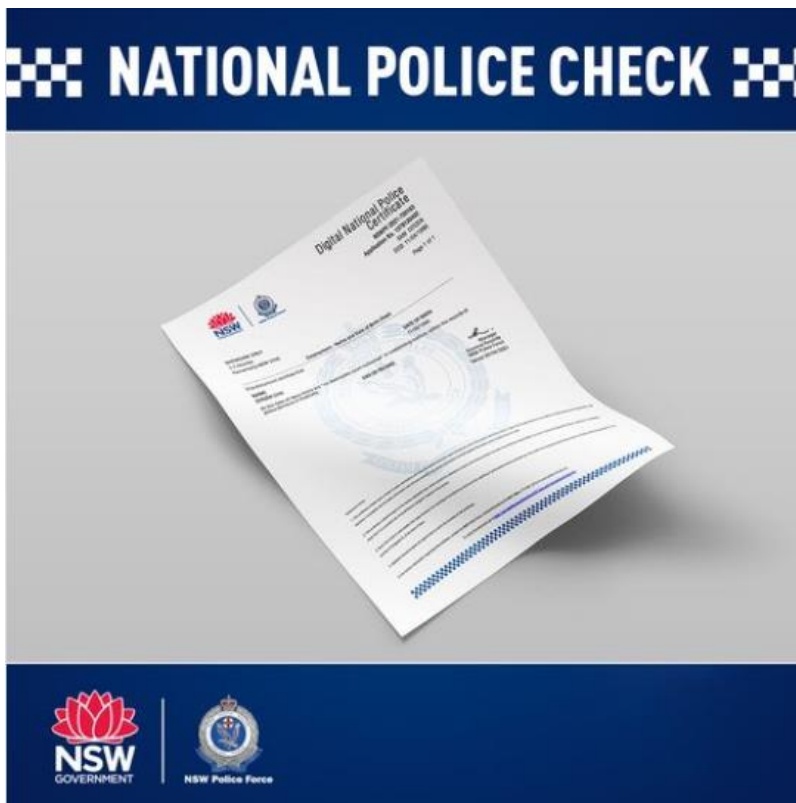
16 September, from Ku-ring-gai command:

👉 This week, our Multicultural Community Liaison attended Hornsby TAFE to deliver numerous police safety talks to its AMEP students. Over the 3 days, about 200 students from various cultural backgrounds including China, Ukraine, Korea, Thailand, Japan, Nepal, and Indonesia joined the talks either online or face-to-face learning about the role of NSW Police, how to interact with police and how to report crimes, as well as different safety & crime prevention information. On the last day, the students also welcomed our new Crime Prevention Officer Constable Walker who shared an interesting insight into her role.

Just a comment from one of the ESOL teachers: “Many thanks for coming to Hornsby TAFE Library and presenting a fabulous information session titled NSW Police Force and Your Safety. The presentation was extremely engaging and all students and staff who attended experienced a hands-on understanding and experience. The session was filled with demonstrations, interactions and it was so appealing.” 👍



14 September, from NSW Police Force:



Make sure your National Police Check is valid with our online verification service!

It's fast, convenient and secure.

Assess yours now [here](#).



19 September, from Australian Cyber Security Centre



"Prevention will be less costly in time, money and disruption of your services, than having to respond to large scale cyber security incidents. Applying the ACSC's Essential Eight baseline cyber security strategies is one of the best mitigations." ASD's Acting Assistant Director-General Technical Threats and Visibility, Jacqui Barr highlighted at the Public Sector Network's recent Australian Security Summit.

19 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Report Unsafe Driving Practices

NSW Transport for NSW		Unsafe and/or Medically Unfit for Driving Report	
<p>This form may be completed if you have genuine concern about a person's medical fitness or competency to safely drive a motor vehicle. This form is intended to be used by family members, friends, carers and concerned members of the public, who have knowledge of the licensee's medical conditions and/or unsafe driving behaviour. If a person poses a serious or immediate threat to road safety, please also raise your concerns with the NSW Police Force, and if possible the person's treating medical practitioner. If you have witnessed unsafe driving, and the driver is unknown to you, the matter should be raised with the NSW Police Force for further investigation.</p> <p>If you wish to submit an unsafe driving report to Transport for NSW, please complete the following details and take the form, in person, to your nearest service centre or registry. Please note: Transport for NSW cannot investigate this matter until you have confirmed with a customer service representative that you have provided the information in good faith, and out of genuine concern for the driver and other road users. It will also be necessary that you provide proof of identity to validate your report.</p> <p>If you are a registered medical practitioner and wish to report a driver who, in your opinion, does not meet the relevant criteria to hold an unconditional driver licence, this can be done by completing the Medical Condition Notification Form (form 1628).</p> <p>The form and relevant Transport for NSW contact details can be found at roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au/license/health-and-medicals.</p>			
1. Licensee's details		2. Informant's details	
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Given names <input type="text"/>		Address <input type="text"/>	
Address <input type="text"/>		Postcode <input type="text"/>	
Postcode <input type="text"/>		Relationship to licensee <input type="text"/>	
Date of birth <input type="text"/>		Please note: the contact details you provide in this report will only be used for the purpose of validating the information contained in this report.	
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Vehicle registration <input type="text"/>		Email address <input type="text"/>	
List any medical conditions <input type="text"/>		3. Privacy Statement and Declaration	
Provide details of any witnessed unsafe driving <input type="text"/>		Transport for NSW is collecting your personal information and may retain and use it for road safety purposes. You have provided this information voluntarily. Transport for NSW will not disclose your personal information without your consent unless authorised by law. Your personal information will be held by Transport for NSW at 20-44 Ennis Road Mison's Point, NSW 2061 and generally you can contact Transport for NSW to access or correct it. You declare that the information on this form is true and complete. Transport for NSW may make enquiries to verify the information provided in this form. Under the road transport legislation you are protected from any civil and criminal liability for giving to Transport for NSW, in good faith, information that another person is or may be unfit to drive or that it may be dangerous for the person to hold a driver licence.	
(Attach any other relevant documents e.g. medical reports, Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) report, statements from other witnesses, etc)		Informant's signature <input type="text"/>	
		Date <input type="text"/>	
Office use only - (SCM to refer to relevant Frontline procedures for processing unsafe driving reports. Once report has been validated, forward all documents and recommended actions to the Manager of Licence Review Unit)			
Service Centre/Registry <input type="text"/>		POI produced (specify) <input type="text"/>	
CSR signature: <input type="text"/>	CSR staff number: <input type="text"/>	SCM's signature: <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>

ABN 18 804 239 602 Catalogue No. 45070602
Form No. 1178 (07/2020)

UNCLASSIFIED
SENSITIVE: PERSONAL

If you have a genuine concern about a person's medical fitness or competency to safely drive a motor vehicle, you can confidentially report them by completing an Unsafe Driving Report. The report can be submitted at a service centre.

If you've witnessed unsafe driving and the driver is unknown to you, you need to raise the matter with the NSW Police Force.

What you need

the PDF form – 'Unsafe and/or Medically Unfit for Driving Report'

the name, contact and other relevant details of the licensee you're reporting your details

your proof of identity.

How to report

Download and complete the Unsafe and/or Medically Unfit for Driving Report – PDF [here](#)

Make sure you have the required information.

Visit a Service NSW centre and submit your report.

19 September, from mynrma.com.au: Stay up to date with when Double Demerits are in force



We advise motorists that double demerits are in place for five days in NSW from Wednesday, 21 September until Sunday, 25 September inclusive and for four days from Friday 30 September to Monday 3 October inclusive in NSW and the ACT.

Please also be advised that students will be at school on Wednesday 21 and Friday 23 September 2022 and school zones will be in operation. Be mindful that additional penalties can apply for certain offences committed in school zones.

Double demerit periods typically fall during holiday periods or over long weekends. They run from midnight on the start date to midnight on the finish date and are enforced by police. Please drive safely and take extra care on the roads to protect yourself, your loved ones and all road users.

For details, click [here](#).

19 September, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group yesterday (Saturday):



My daughter was driving along Bridge Street heading south in the left hand lane at about 1.15pm this afternoon. A red P plater swerved into her car scraping the driver's side and drove off. The driver was a girl wearing glasses and driving a dark coloured car.

If anyone saw the accident or can help us get in touch with the driver, please could you message me? I imagine their paintwork won't be looking too good after this either!

Txs!

(She was on Bridge Street at the lights waiting to go down the hill that connects to Sherbrook).

18 September, from Nepean Police Area Command



Don't be Bill. Don't be Mary.

Blocking an intersection could cost you \$283

We can think of better ways to spend \$283

The fine is:

'Enter intersection when intersection/road beyond blocked \$283'

18 September, from Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons



NSW and Federal emergency management colleagues together today for the NSW Commonwealth High Risk Weather Season Briefing.

La Niña certainly dominating the outlook and challenges ahead for this disaster season.

Details [here](#).

18 September, from NSW Police Force

More great news!!! Two teenage girls – aged 13 and 14 – and a 14-year-old boy missing from The Hills area have been found safe and well.

They were located on Sunday (18 September 2022) at Sylvania. NSW Police would like to thank the community and media for their assistance.

18 September, from Jeff Pettett, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai: Defibrillators have been installed in Council facilities



A defibrillator (or AED) is a life-saving device used to treat sudden cardiac arrest.

While we hoped none of the AEDs will ever be needed, Council is committed to keeping the public safe and have installed 22 of the devices in facilities including libraries and community halls.

View the full list of locations [here](#).

18 September, from thehub.nrma.com.au: Do's and Don'ts for teaching your teenager to drive



The time has finally come. Whether you were counting down the days until your last footy training pick up, or you were dreading the moment you wouldn't be

the one behind the wheel, the day your child gets their learners licence is almost upon you. And either way, you want to make sure you get it just right.

For details, click [here](#).

17 September, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade, Wahroonga



🔥🔥 We Are Open 🔥🔥

Rain hail or shine fire doesn't wait come on up to Golden Jubilee Oval in Wahroonga and check out our station and get ready for the bushfire season ahead

🔥 Live Fire Demonstrations

🚒 Climb on our trucks

📖 Check out the [Ku-ring-gai Council](#) bushfire simulation table

☁️ Hear about storm safety from [NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit](#)

🍖 BBQ

16 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SIX THINGS YOUR DEALER WON'T TELL YOU



Find out some uncomfortable truths that a drug dealer won't be in any hurry to reveal – and the reality can be just as painful as the misery they spread through their illegal activities.

Click the link to find out the six things worth thinking about

Find out more [here](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au).

Dates for the Diary

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

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.

16 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai Hornsby: AGM on Wednesday, 30 Nov at 7pm.

Everyone welcome! New Committee members and volunteers invited. But mainly come and hear our two guests - wherever you live (it doesn't have to be Gordon) - this evening will make you much more aware of how to protect yourself, your family and belongings. Come and get some goodies and crime prevention materials.

POLICE REPORT

SNR CST GEMMA WALKER, Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command,

based at Hornsby police station will give an update on crime in the command, as well as advice on how not to become a victim of crime.

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BRING YOUR QUESTIONS

VIRAF HATHIRAM, IT Security Specialist will be answering everyone's questions about online security.

Please bring your best and most-complicated questions, such as:

- How do I protect my many online accounts from being hacked?
- Are my Google Drive files safe from ransomware?
- Is it safe to use public Wi-Fi hotspots?

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CRIME PREVENTION STALL

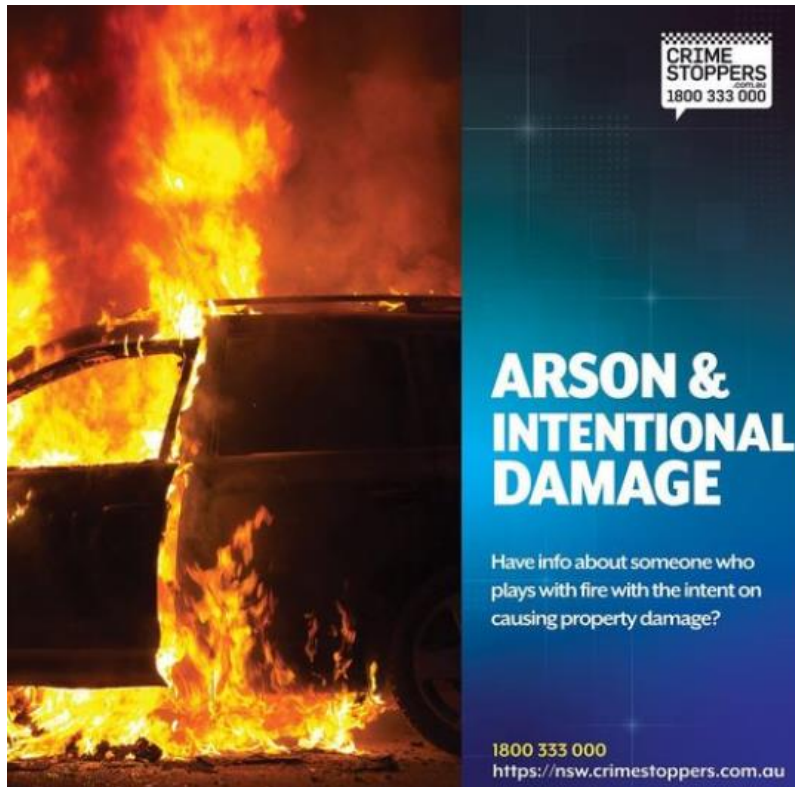
FREE! Volunteers from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby will help you make up your FREE personal goodie bag! Pop in it some...

- Car rego plate locking screws (specific to your car model/make)
 - NHW window/garbage bin stickers and/or letterbox plaque
 - Little Black Book of Scams
 - Crime prevention tips and literature
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- Colouring-in and word search for the kids... and more.



14 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Do you know someone who is committing ARSON in the community?

Arson is the act of deliberately setting fire to any property especially with criminal or fraudulent intent.

Acts of ARSON are taken seriously by the NSW Police Force.

You can report what you know online [here](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call us on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

14 September, from the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Gay, Julia and David were guests of the Hornsby RSL Coffee Club this morning, with the subject of NeighbourhoodWatch. Around 20 people attended - unfortunately the photo was taken after several had left. Lots of good questions, such as about the security of Facebook, current scams and who to report them to. The car rego plate locking screws were very popular, as well as the Little Black Book of Scams and NHW window stickers.

Crime prevention information, items to borrow, and subscription to our weekly eNewsletter is all on our website [here](#).

Or take a look at the links on WatchOut.org.au, such as where to forward spam SMS and report spam emails.

Thank you for the opportunity to talk about Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. And we appreciated the yummy morning tea from the RSL.



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

Tip #4. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies and windows, eg. wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.

Tip #6. Get a strong letterbox and lock it with a strong lock, preferably keyed with a non-copy-able round keyed mailbox security lock. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive.

Tip #8. Lock all garages, sheds and under-house access points. Lock away all tools and ladders to prevent them being used to gain access to your home. Roller, tilt & panel-lift doors can be secured with additional hasp & staple lock sets and/or padlocks. Anchor all sheds, sculptures, outside ornaments & table & chair sets.

Tip #10. Leave a spare key with a trusted friend or neighbour, never hidden outside. Keys should not be left in view. Keys should not be left in locks when you are absent. Car keys should NOT be kept by the front door or on the kitchen counter. Keep car keys by the bed – be aware they can include a panic alarm. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

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](#).



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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

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

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website 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

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)
