



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #585 - 27 December 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.

#### 24 December, from Ku-ring-gai Command



Please drive safe this busy holiday period. Look out for pedestrians - About

#### 23 December, from The Hills Police Area Command



WISEMANS FERRY BOAT RAMP OPEN — Just in time for the warmest months of the year, Councils are pleased to announce that the new three-lane boat ramp at Wisemans Ferry is now open!

Project-managed by Hornsby Shire Council and co-funded by The Hills Shire Council and the NSW Government, in addition to the boat ramp, the new facility also includes:



A new carpark with 163 bays for vehicles and boat trailers

29 bays for vehicles without trailers

A new amenities block

After a big day of boating, visitors to the beautiful Hawkesbury River can also

enjoy the new playground on site and look forward to a new walking trail and village green in Wisemans Ferry in 2023.

#### 23 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Double demerits start at midnight tonight and continues until 11:59pm, Monday 2nd January. <u>NSW Police Force</u> will target speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and motorcycle helmet offences this holiday period.

#### 23 December, from NSW Police Force: 'Hi Mum' Scam



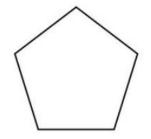
## **≜**SCAM ALERT **≜**

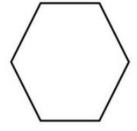
The latest 'Hi Mum' scams have added a nasty twist to steal your money.

If you receive this scam, call your loved one on a known number NOT the one in the text to verify their safety.

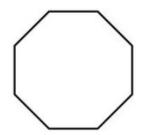
If you've seen this scam or fallen victim to it, please report it to Scamwatch here.

#### 23 December, from NSW Police: Keep deliveries safe!





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Stop thieves and keep deliveries safe this Christmas by:

- Requesting packages be placed in a secure location.
- Requesting signature confirmation of delivery.
- Shipping to a secure location or 'Click & Collect'.
- Installing home security devices such as outdoor cameras or a video doorbell can help deter thieves.
- Installing a parcel delivery box at the entryway. They are usually tough, weather resistant and virtually tamper-proof.

#### 23 December, from NSW Police Force:

No matter where you are this Christmas, we are here for you 💟

NSW Police Force Queensland Police Service Victoria Police

Australia Police Western Australia Police Force Metropolitan Police Service

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Anorthern Territory Police, Fire and

Emergency Services Tasmania Police Politi & Politiets Online Patrulje

ACT Policing South Wales Police Australian Federal Police NYPD Watch video here.

#### 23 December, from Ku-ring-gai Command



Follow these simple tips in order to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud this holiday period.



#### 22 December, from Ku-ring-gai Command

OPlease be wary of scammers this holiday period. Follow these simple steps and do your own research! ○

For more information, visit site here.



#### 21 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Please remember, private e-scooters are illegal on NSW roads and road related

areas. Significant fines continue to apply.



#### 21 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Pet Scams

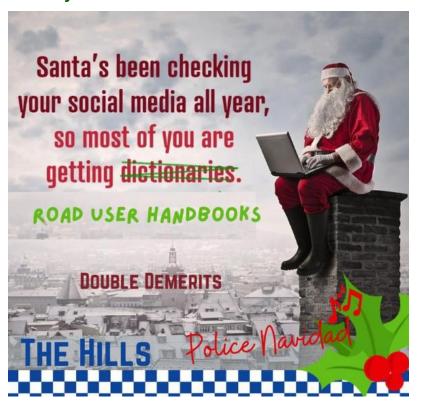
Just a reminder if you are thinking about buying a pet for yourself or a loved one this Christmas - Pet scams are on the rise and can be hard to look out for. Follow these tips and please report it if you think you have been scammed.

For more info, visit site here.





27 December, from The Hills Area Command: Just kidding .... Most of you are okay..... but remember double demerits are on now.



#### 27 December, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find Daniel?



\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE – A geo-targeted text message has been sent to the Darling Harbour and surrounding areas. If you've received a text message from +61 444 444 it is not a scam.

Daniel Van Buuren, aged 41, was seen leaving a home in Dee Why about 10.30pm on Sunday 18 December 2022.

Daniel is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170-180cm tall, of medium build, with brown hair and dark brown eyes.

Police have reason to believe that Daniel was at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour, in the early hours of Monday 19 December 2022, watching the World Cup.

Anyone who may have seen Daniel or has any information into his whereabouts

is urged to contact police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For more information, click <u>here.</u>

#### 26 December, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Please be careful, tyres slashed in Thornleigh commuter carpark between 10am-6pm today (26/12/2022).

Not sure if this has happened to anyone else.

# 26 December, from 9news.com.au: Sydney toddler dies after hit by 4WD in Christmas Eve tragedy

A toddler has died after he was hit by a 4WD at a property in <u>Sydney's northwest.</u>

Emergency services were called to the Dural property about 6pm on Christmas

Eve after a toddler was reportedly struck by a car.

The two-year-old boy was found with critical injuries. More here.

#### 26 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Christmas Grinches are out and about – ready to ruin your Christmas! One of the things most commonly targeted at this time of year valuables left behind in vehicles.

#### Remember!

Lock your car. Unless a criminal sees something valuable left in the car, they may only check to see if the car is unlocked.

Remove valuables from your vehicle. Commonly stolen items include, cash and change from the console, mobile phones, laptop, wallet, handbag, backpacks or sports bags and at this time of year Christmas presents after shopping.

Park in well lit areas.

Consider CCTV cameras at your home that covers the area where you park your car.

We make our community safer, by making an arrest every 11 hours

#### 25 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Thank you to our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Constable Gemma Walker, for trying 'cocooning' in the community. Following a Break & Enter (B&E) or a Steal from Motor Vehicle, Gemma has printed off some community alerts and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are getting them as soon as possible to the surrounding houses' letterboxes, as a warning. The other week we had similar for Duffy Ave, Thornleigh and Redgum Avenue, Killlara.

Today a community-minded resident was found in each of the targeted streets in Hornsby Heights, West Pymble, Killara, Wahroonga & St Ives. Thank you to Terry, Liz and Amabelle, as well as those anonymous helpers who distributed/will distribute the warnings:

Grayling Rd, W. Pymble

Jugiong St, W. Pymble

Lofberg Rd, W. Pymble

Wyomee Av & Boongil St, W. Pymble

Locksley St, Killara

Esk St & Huon St, Wahroonga

Burraneer Av, St Ives

This 'cocooning' technique is an idea taken from the Western Australian police. It is meant to warn residents surrounding the victim, enabling them to be more careful and vigilant. It also may generate extra information about the crime(s), perhaps in the way of CCTV. The community alerts are not meant to scare residents. Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby sees this as an

important initiative and will support Gemma in every way possible.



#### 24 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Shared with us by a resident in Pymble:

Hi, just thought I'd share a heads-up for weird behaviour.

I walked from the Lofberg Dog Park (36 Yanko Rd), back to my car yesterday and noticed some creepy old man filming us. He was sitting on one of the benches near the sports building. I don't know why he was filming us, but it made me super uncomfortable.

He had a dark green sun hat, long pants and jacket on despite it being warm. It would have been around 3pm. It's been on my mind since. I don't know if I should have confronted him. I didn't. But he was tracing us with his phone and that was clear. Just keep an eye out cause I don't know what he's doing with that footage or who else he's targeting or what his intentions are.

This happened on the 23rd December 2022.

I know he was tracking us with his phone as we walked across the oval to the

top car park. He didn't look like a ranger if I was doing something wrong with the dog? Didn't say anything to me.

White, elderly, very slim, male. All dark green, moss colour clothes.

That's all the information I think I can provide. The Facebook group tells me there have been other similar instances. Someone else has told me their 16 year old daughter has been attacked recently. I've no idea if this helps or if there is any connection. Just that you know now.

Our advice was for the resident to give this information to Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000.

# 22 HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR 2022 1. False Delivery Messages To read of confug plantation door glis hom. Touris on coaled which you want on false in an old and you for first of such as a coaled of coaley plantation door glis hom. Touris on coaled on your finding own of the coale which are the coale of coaley plantation door glis hom. Touris on coaled on your finding own of the coaley was not a find to be of first. He pending the coale of the coal

24 December, Thanks to Cowra Neighbourhood Watch

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 20 January 2023: Mt Colah PROBUS 11-12pm @ Asquith Golf Club - Speaker: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

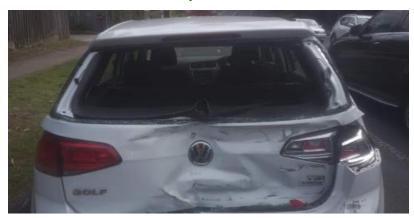
Wednesday 08 February 2023: Seniors' Expo at 10-2pm @ Turramurra

Uniting Church hall & community centre. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

#### 24 December, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group Wednesday:

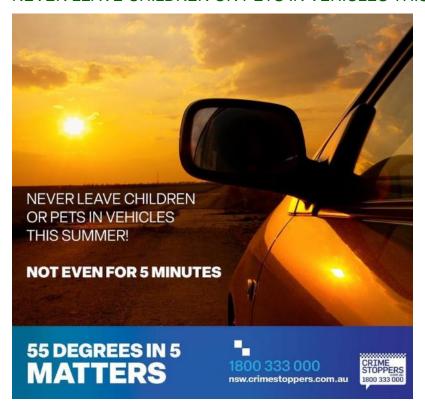
in another episode of "the esplanade is not a race track!" did anbody witness this at 7.30am this morning? poor lady pulled out from station and a bullbarred up landcruiser started to tailgate her. she pulled off into the kerb and stopped and he rear ended her! 2 year old in back seat. Witnesses required.



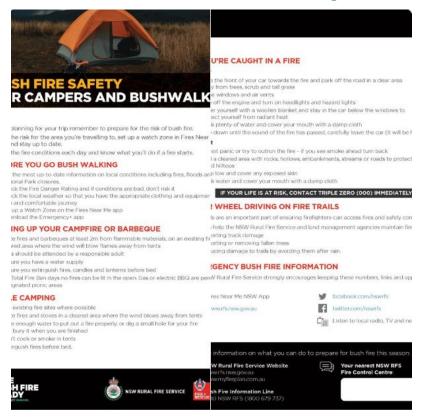
#### 24 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW

It only takes 5 minutes for a car to reach 55 degrees inside on a typical Australian summer day.

#### NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS IN VEHICLES THIS SUMMER!



#### 24 December, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade



Summer is here, and we love to get out and enjoy camping out in the wilderness. Remember to prepare for the risk of bushfires. Know your risk of the area where you are going, use apps like Fires Near Me NSW to setup watch zones, stay up to date and be safe

#### 24 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra

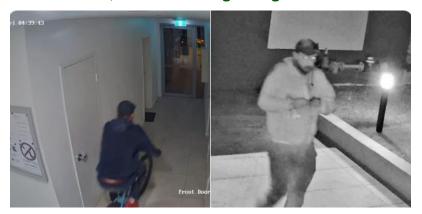
Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Hello all - we have had 4 dirt bikes stolen from our garage last night off evans road (Mullion Close, Hornsby Heights) If anyone has any information please let me know and please spread the word. Devastated!

Edited to add - reward for any information.



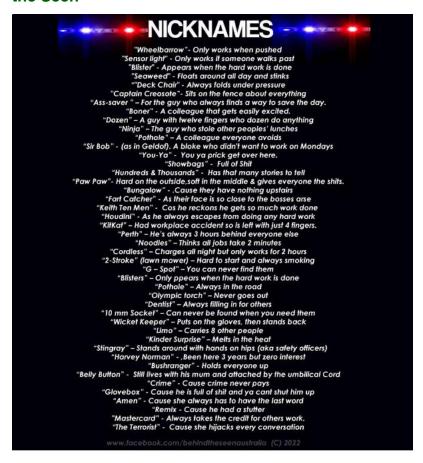
### 24 December, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Break-in, early hours 23 Dec, Bellevue St. Thornleigh. Person has a lock pick kit and is using detergent as lube to pick locks. Stolen 1 x Mountain bike. NSW police report made.

## 23 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Behind the Seen



Nicknames within the Emergency Services have always been somewhat of a tradition.

Not always politically correct, very discriminating and on the verge of bullying and harassing, and definitely against Organisational Policies, but some of them are hilarious.

### 22 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Sharing - missing since July, last seen in October - this is my sister, we dearly

want her home.

# MISSING PERSON NAOMI 'JULIET' MOORE





1800 333 000

49 Female Caucasian in Appearance Between 160cm - 170cm Medium Build Missing Since July 2022 Long Brown Hair

Juliet was last seen Oct 11, 2022, camping near Waroonga Scout Hall, and has camping equipment. She said her name was Nell.

She is very wary of strangers, so please do not approach She ran away, when someone knew who she was.

Needs Medical Assistance.

CCTV Footage: MANLY, REDFERN, NEWTOWN

# 22 December, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Page :

Hello West Pymble community

We were broken into early this morning. We had a dirt bike, high-end mountain bike and tools stolen.

If anyone has any useful CCTV footage or saw anything suspect between 2am and 4am around Jugiong and surrounding streets, can you please PM me? They would have needed a transporter vehicle or alike to take the items that were stolen, so we're hoping someone has info that would help!

Thanks lacktriangle

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

**Tip #2:** Display warning signs around the perimeter or on your home. e.g. "Trespassers will be prosecuted", "This property is under electronic surveillance", Neighbourhood Watch window stickers/plaques, dog warnings, etc.

**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 #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 #12:** External doors should be solid and fitted with deadlocks. Install patio bolts on sliding doors. Consider security doors.

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 <u>here</u>.

#### 22 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby



## Damage to school property 21/12/22 seeking out community's assistance

Dear Killara Families,

I hope you are all well.

I'm seeking the assistance of our community in relation to vandalism that occurred on our school site this morning.

Early this morning (21/12/22) at about 1:50 am, two individuals came onto the school site. Police have visited our school and I have shared CCTV footage.

The best part about working on Christmas Day is that all the people with warrants are at their parents house!



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

#### **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
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

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)