



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Kuring-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.

31 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Please be mindful of how much you drink over this holiday period.

Police can issue you a \$550 on the spot fine if you fail to leave a licensed premises when asked, attempt to re-enter the premises after being asked to leave or even if you remain in the vicinity of a licensed premises.

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30 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: UPDATE 🌕

Missing Person Ronald Weaver has been found alive. Well done to all the search crews today and thank you to our local community for all your efforts in assisting us to help bring Ronald back to his family.



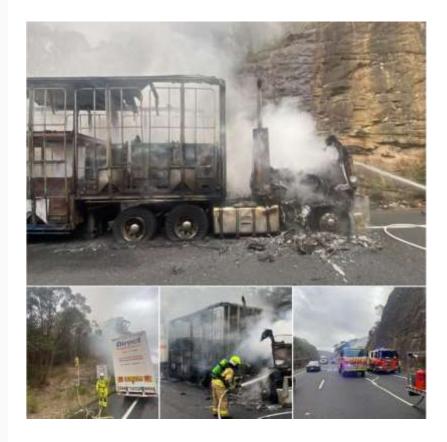


Incredible news! The missing 79-year-old man from Wahroonga has been located alive by search crews today. He has been missing since Tuesday (27 December 2022), and a large-scale coordinated search was undertaken to locate him. The man has been reunited with his wife and will be taken to hospital for treatment and much-needed rest. THANK YOU to all of you who shared our appeal and all the emergency service crews involved in the operation.

More info here.

30 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Crews from #NSWRFS and Fire and Rescue NSW have extinguished a truck and bush fire on the M1 at Cowan.

Salvage crews will now work to remove the burnt vehicle from the roadway. Delays are still expected for a number of hours.



29 December, from Ku-ring-gai command/9News: Police are urging the community to take note of the attached pictures of missing person Ronald Weaver and;

- Review any CCTV available from your home
- Check your front yard, back yard, garages, sheds or any place someone might use for cover
- Keep an eye out for Ronald when you are walking/driving in the Wahroonga area and nearby

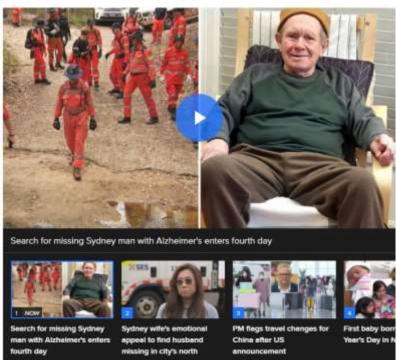
He was last seen wearing a cream coloured shirt with a 'Sapporo' beer logo on the front and back, grey coloured shorts and coloured stripped socks. Please contact **Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** if you sight him.

Full article here.

::::: NEWS

'Time is critical': Search for Sydney man missing in dense bushland enters fourth day





26 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ensure you shop safely this boxing day and holiday period.

Follow these simple safety tips 📤







03 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SUMMER VACATION SAFETY CHECKLIST!

- A Check that everything is locked and secured before leaving. Lock ALL windows, doors, garden shed, gates, garages and any other areas of your home that can be secured.
- Ask a friend or neighbour to park in your driveway.
- 🗎 Ask trusted friends or neighbours to clear your mailbox and check on your home

occasionally while you are away; advise them of where you can be contacted.

- A Make sure that the lawn does not become overgrown.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Stop all deliveries that you are expecting.
- Ensure your phone message doesn't state that you are away on holidays as this may give thieves the information that they desire.
- A Pay essential services bills in advance: electricity, gas, water, telephone so that your supply continues while you're away.
- f valuable items are left in the home ensure that your Property Inventory is up-todate.
- Lock the electricity meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply or security lighting (contact your local electricity provider for more information).
- Mhen packing for a holiday, avoid packing your vehicle the night before as it will become an attractive target for a thief.

If you have information that can help police solve a crime in relation to Break and Enters, please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7).

It's what you know, not who you are, that's of interest to us.



Please read the update and keep a lookout. There was a local sighting at Coles, Turramurra on New Year's Eve.

HAVE YOU SEEN

NAOMI 'JULIET' MOORE







1800 333 000 OR HER SISTER PIP 0477 256 625 49 Female Caucasian in Appearance Between 160cm - 170cm Medium Build Missing Since July 2022 Long Brown Hair

Juliet was last seen December 31, 2022, at Coles Turramurra and has been seen 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,

CCTV Footage: MANLY, REDFERN, NEWTOWN

01 January, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group: Happy New Year!

Check your cars this morning...

Unfortunately my car doors were opened and left open. (Mittabah Road) © Nobody needs to start the New Year with a flat battery, unless it was from an epic celebration last night xx

01 January, from Sydney Wildlife: Wishing everyone a happy and safe New Years Eve ♥ and we have one little favour to ask?

Please everyone be vigilant over tonight's festivities, particularly in areas where fireworks are ushering in the New Year. It is not only domestic pets that are terrified by the fireworks' light and sound effects, but fireworks can have a disorienting effect on bird populations and many other native animals. It is not uncommon to find them in lakes, oceans and waterways, where they would not normally be, or for parents to abandon or lose their young in panic. Please ring your local wildlife rescue group if you find an injured or distressed native animal. You can use the free IFAW Wildlife Rescue app here. to find contact details of the local group operating in your area



01 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Hi Brains Trust

A Grey BMW X1 rego starting ET ending in J (yes, I have the full rego) bumped my car and ran this evening outside Gordon Maccas. If anyone knows this person, please ask them to get in contact with me so we avoid this becoming a police matter.

Thanks.

31 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Following a number of recent hay shed fires, farmers and landholders are urged to carefully manage their hay bales, especially after recent flooding and current hot weather.

Although water may have receded, lower levels of hay could still be wet from flooding. Now with hot weather, there is considerable risk of hay igniting when it has been saturated or stacked while wet or not cured. It's important that hay is checked and separated, and is stored in a dry, well-ventilated area away from other machinery at all times. It is also a good idea to mow and maintain firebreaks around your stored haystacks.

For more information visit here.



(Image: Euabalong RFS)

30 December, from The Hills command: When conducting RBT recently we've encountered a number of drivers who are no longer licensed to drive in NSW

Interstate and New Zealand licence holders.

You can drive with your existing licence for up to 3 months, as long as you:

- have a current licence interstate or NZ licence
- have not been disqualified from driving in NSW or anywhere else

- have not had your licence suspended or cancelled, or your visiting driving privileges withdrawn
- carry your driver or rider licence with you
- you can prove your genuine visitor status to police, if asked.

Permanent residents

If you're a permanent resident of Australia under the Commonwealth Migration Act 1958, you can drive or ride on NSW roads using a current overseas licence. You're allowed to do this for up 3 months from the date you arrive in Australia.

If you plan to continue driving on NSW roads, you must get a NSW licence within this 3 month period.

More information here.



30 December, from NSW Health: Children can drown quickly and silently. It can happen in 20 seconds, and just a few centimetres of water.

Sometimes adults are nearby, but distracted. Keep kids safe this summer:

- 1. Always supervise children around water.
- 2. Designate a "Water Watcher" adult and take turns.
- 3. If you have a pool, make sure there is a fence around it and keep the gate closed.
- 4. Empty any water from inflatable pools or buckets.
- 5. Teach water awareness by spending time in the water with your child.
- 6. Learn how to resuscitate (CPR) in case of emergency.

In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Learn more about staying safe around water this summer <u>here</u>.



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.

30 December, from The Hills command: 23 year old Whalan man arrested for Steal from MV and Fraud at Dural 6/12/22.

A 23 year old Whalan man is assisting police with enquiries after being arrested this morning at 9am 29/12/22 at his home this morning by Mount Druitt Police Area Command & Blue Mountains Police Area Command along with Hills Proactive Police. The arrest relates to the stealing of credit cards from Bettina PI, DURAL on the 6th Dec 2022, and the subsequent fraudulent use of the cards around the metropolitan area. He has been taken to Mount Druitt Police Station.

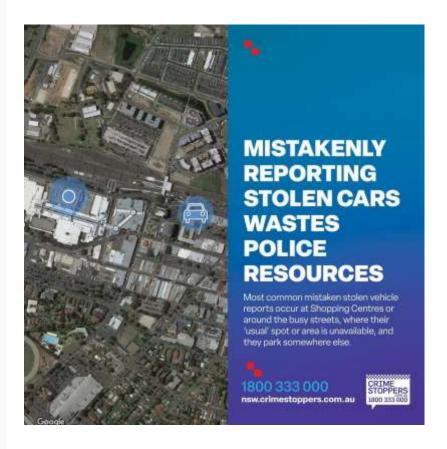


29 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Mistakenly reporting stolen cars wastes police resources

This time of year brings an increase in people mistakenly reporting their cars stolen only to

find that they have just parked their car elsewhere to their usual spot. Most common mistaken stolen vehicle reports occur at Shopping Centres or around the busy streets, where their 'usual' spot or area is unavailable, and they park somewhere else. Unfortunately, their time is then wasted as police must physically sight the vehicle to remove the "stolen" status before the car is able to be driven again. There are apps which you can use to remind you where you parked your car – otherwise, use extra vigilance. This will help save yours and the police's time. You could also take a photo of the area that you have parked to remind yourself later if you need it.

If your car has been stolen, contact the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444** (24/7).



29 December, from The Australian Cyber Security Centre: New device secured!

Did you get a new device for Christmas? Before you sell, trade or throw away your old device, make sure you don't leave your old "inventory" " (aka your personal information) in storage for someone to steal. Take the right steps to protect your information and dispose of your device securely. Find out how \(\rightarrow \) here.



29 December, from NSW Road Safety: Be prepared for the unexpected with these breakdown safety tips

- Activate hazard lights
- Find a safe place to pull over
- APark away from traffic
- Call roadside assist
- Stay in your vehicle or get out from the safest side if you need

28 December, DAVID LACHLAN - Frenchs Forest

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a missing man from Sydney's northern suburbs. David Lachlan, aged 64, was last seen at a shopping centre along Forest Way,

Frenchs Forest, about 8.30am yesterday (Tuesday 27 December 2022).

Full Media Release here.



27 December, from Hornsby Shire Council: POOL SAFETY �����| Is your pool safe for summer?

In the last twenty years, over five hundred children have drowned in backyard pools in Australia, mostly because of defective pool safety barriers. In New South Wales there are pool safety regulations with which all residential swimming pools must comply. This includes:

- Pool gates must be self-closing and self-latching from any position
- Pool gates must NEVER be propped open
- The minimum pool fence/barrier height is 1.2m and this must not be compromised by objects or vegetation near the fence

①You can find more resources to learn about pool safety in Hornsby Shire at our website: https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/pools

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

Tip #1: DO KEEP YOUR LETTERBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it. Consider using a '*Tubular Pin Tumbler Lock*' which cannot be copied.



Tip #8: ASK A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR TO CLEAR YOUR LETTERBOX WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ON HOLIDAY.

Tip #17: IF YOU HAVE REGULAR PARCEL DELIVERIES, CONSIDER GETTING A LARGER LETTERBOX.

Tip #18: IF YOUR LETTERBOX ISN'T SECURE, ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE MADE SECURE, THROUGH YOUR STRATA MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE), OR THROUGH A LOCAL TRADESMAN. Is it time for a new letterbox? Should the locks be replaced with a 'Tubular Pin Tumbler Lock'? (see Tip #1)

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>.

Thanks to The Hills command:



Thanks to Transport for NSW:

Happy new year to everyone, except people who don't thank the bus driver.

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)







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Our mailing address is:

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