



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #590 - 31 January 2023

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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30 January, from NSW Police Force: Mr Donald Earle has been found. Thank you to everyone involved, what a great outcome!

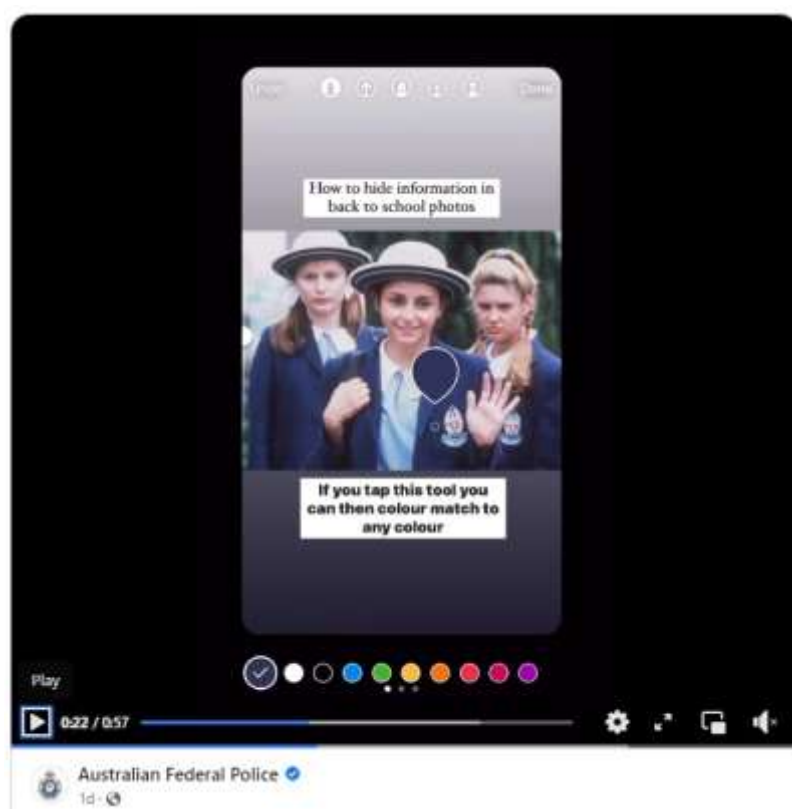
Good news!

A man reported missing from St Ives has now been located. The 63-year-old man was last seen at a care facility on Kenthurst Road, St Ives, about 3pm on Saturday 28 January 2023. When he could not be located by staff, officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command were notified and immediately commenced inquiries into his whereabouts. Following a multi-agency search of bushland near the St Ives Showground, the man was found safe and well on a track near Phantom Falls about 12pm today (Monday 30 January 2023). The man is with ambulance paramedics and SES personnel. Police would like to thank the public for their assistance.

30 January, from the Australian Federal Police: Posting back to school photos of your children? Watch this first.

For obvious reasons we don't want to show a real child at school, so we've used a screen shot with a fictional character. You can also use similar techniques on Facebook Story instead of Instagram Story.

 Read more [here](#)
and watch video [here](#).



29 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: The NSW Police Force has unveiled an enhanced online reporting option to allow victims of sexual assault to provide information without having to take part in a formal police investigation.

While police always encourage victims of any crime to make a formal report, it is acknowledged that for a number of reasons, victims of sexual assault often do not wish to speak about their experiences, nor speak with police and go through the legal process.

- The SARO is accessed through the online Community Portal and is available in 12 languages, making the reporting option more accessible to victims.
- This replaces the old process of printing and completing a 14-page document and emailing the State Crime Command's Sex Crimes Squad.
- The SARO questionnaire can be located on the NSW Police Force website [here](#).



26 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below male who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a break, enter and steal which occurred in Pymble on the 21st of January 2023.

The male is described as being dark in appearance, approximately 20-30 years of age, with a slim build wearing a white Yankees baseball hat, a white hoodie, grey pants, white shoes and black back-pack.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact **Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au Information is treated in strict confidence.





25 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are urging the community to keep an eye out for Naomi 'Juliet' Moore. There has been recent sightings of her in the Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Areas.

If you have any information regarding her whereabouts, please contact **Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799**



MISSING PERSON NAOMI MOORE

HORNSBY POLICE STATION
Kuring-Gai Police Area Command
Phone: (02) 9476 9799
Ref: E89650876

HAVE YOU SEEN MISSING PERSON - NAOMI MOORE?

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- Naomi "Juliet" MOORE was reported missing in July 2022.
- She went missing from Temora NSW 2666.
- She was last sighted outside Coles Turrumurra on 31 December 2022.
- She uses various aliases to avoid detection and Police have concerns for her wellbeing.
- Naomi is described as Caucasian appearance, 49 years old, 160-170cm, medium build, long brown hair. She was last seen wearing a black t-shirt and black pants.

Anyone with information into Naomi's whereabouts is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



25 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: Unfortunately there is a current spike in crime relating to cryptocurrency and scams

Please read these tips to ensure you avoid being scammed.

CRYPTO SAFE

What is Cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency (crypto), such as Bitcoin is a digital form of money that is an alternative method of payment and exchange, not regulated by government entities.

The three main cryptocurrencies are Bitcoin, Ethereum and Tether, although there are many more in circulation.

If you are scammed of your credentials, seed phrase or cryptocurrency, the likelihood of recovering your money is low due to the lack of a governing body and anonymity.

Tips

- When conducting digital currency transactions, keep your login credentials, including passwords, private key and seed phrases OFFLINE and PRIVATE.
- Do not click on links sent in anonymous chat groups, such as Telegram or received via emails. You could be talking to a scammer or be hacked to gain access to your passwords or seed phrases, so DO NOT give them.
- Beware of fake wallet apps.
- Understand what you are investing in and do your due diligence.



Email NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby [here](#) for a pdf in your inbox.

25 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🙌 Have you joined the Next of Kin Program?

If you are living alone, you can have the details of your next of kin recorded at your local police station. For more information, please contact the **Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer on 02 9476 9799.**



NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM

Developed by NSW Police Force

Next of Kin is the person you would like police to contact in case of an emergency.

WHAT IS THE NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM?

The Next of Kin Program helps people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local police station.

The contact details of the Next of Kin, as well as the nominated doctor, dentist and any medical alerts that would help in an emergency situation will be entered onto a register. Any information provided will be securely stored and only accessed by NSW Police.

This information may assist the police and emergency services to contact a relative or other nominated person if needed in an emergency situation.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Contact your local police station and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer about the Next of Kin Program.

The Next of Kin Program is a **FREE** to join.



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers

All volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby are invited to the next quarterly meeting #36 to be held at 6-8pm @ PCYC, 1 Park Lane, Waitara in the meeting room upstairs. Sandwiches provided, knowing that you may be coming straight from work! RSVP for catering. Not a volunteer yet? Why not come along and meet us? You would be welcome.

Lesley Tipping, Road Safety Officer, Hornsby Shire Council will be giving a short presentation on the 'Be Truck Safe' campaign. On the Agenda are our achievements since the previous meeting, and what we are planning to do, such as the kerb-numbering project. There will be a Crime Report from our **Crime Prevention Officer Cst Gemma Walker**.

Thank you to the PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai for use of their meeting room :)

And Neighbourhood Watch NSW has secured insurance for all the groups from 31 January. A signature or two, and then we are covered again for the year :0

31 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are you the victim of identity theft?

IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity & cyber support service. IDCARE help individuals and organisations reduce the harm they experience from the compromise and misuse of their identity information by providing effect response and mitigation.

If you or your organisation have been the victim of identity theft, or other cyber security concerns, please visit: idcare.org/



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31 January, from 9News.com: Missing St Ives man with dementia found alive in bushland after two days

A 63-year-old man with dementia has been found at the bottom of a waterfall after going missing in North Sydney two days ago.

Full article [here](#).



Sydney man Donald Earle has been rescued from bushland in Sydney's north. (Nine)

30 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

A big thank you to Gordo (community champion) who negotiated with the garbage collectors on Wednesday after someone decided to fill a number of bins in Dunoon Ave, even the vacant property opposite us with building rubble.

Need socks? Want to help fight cancer?

Check out Bling on the Green 🍷. We'll be there cooking the best sausage sandwich thanks to Mt Kuring-gai Village Butchery and Bakers Delight, Berowra.



Bling on the Green

Help us Make History In Australia

Activities

- Family Entertainment
- Face Painting
- Raffle
- Sausage sizzle
- Best dressed 'Green' outfit/competition
- Socks4Cancer stall
- Awareness Campaign
- Lighting the Fountain Green
- Remembrance ceremony 7.45 pm
- Cancer Survivor Keynote Speaker

Date:
Saturday 11th February

Location:
Hornsby Mall
Florence St Hornsby
Hornsby Westfield

Time:
4.30pm - 8.30pm



Socks4Cancer raises funds and awareness for:
Gallbladder / Biliary / Cholangiocarcinoma (GBC) Cancer
Profits are donated to the Pancare Foundation.

Thank you to Hornsby Council, The Pancare Foundation and Berowra Apex for partnering with Socks4Cancer at this event



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30 January, from The Hills command: If you're selling stuff on line this weekend, to make online trading safer and secure, we are happy for Hills Residents to exchange goods outside Castle Hill Police Station or in the street nearby.

There is parking available nearby. Likewise, Transport Hubs with good lighting CCTV, along with shopping centres and major fast food restaurants. [_#safeexchangezone](#)






[Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby residents - why not Gordon or Hornsby police stations? -Ed]



30 January, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): The internet moves ridiculously fast (RIP Myspace, MSN and Vine), so if you have children in your life, it's vital that both they and you are educated about online safety.

The AFP and the eSafety Commissioner are calling on parents, carers and educators to start this new school year by having these important conversations with children. As soon as you hand a child a device, please talk to them about the dos and don'ts of the online world, while still letting them know they will be supported if anything goes wrong.

Here's some easy guides to get you started:

-  Social media starter kit for when your child is beginning to sign up to social media [here](#).
-  Gaming, devices and what you need to know [here](#).
-  The eSafety for kids guide: esafety.gov.au/kids
-  Fact sheet on preventing online child sexual exploitation [here](#).
-  Our eSafety Toolkit for schools: esafety.gov.au/educators/toolkit-schools

And yes, we know what 🍌 means, and you will too if you keep yourself updated around online safety.

 Read more [here](#).



One day you're setting your MSN status as "xXx cAn
we prEteNd that airplAnes in the NiGht sKy r like
sh00ting starz xXx" and before you know it, you have
back pain and you're trying to figure out what the corn
emoji means on TikTok

27 January, from Hornsby Shire Council: Hornsby Shire Council's 'Be Truck Aware' campaign

Please feel free to use any of these within your communities. Thank you for sharing. The posters have been provided in English, Chinese and Korean.

The focus is ensuring that all pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and drivers are aware of the blind spots that trucks have for the drivers to be able to see other road users. By being aware, everyone can take care to keep themselves safe.

Email NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby [here](#) for any of these posters in any of the languages mentioned as a pdf in your Inbox.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 01 February: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting

#36 (quarterly) 6-8pm @ PCYC, 1 Park Lane, Waitara meeting room upstairs.

Saturday 11 February: Bling on the Green 4:30-8:30pm @ Hornsby Mall. Socks4Cancer

Wednesday 08 February 2023: Seniors' Expo at 10-2pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church hall & community centre. NHW Crime Prevention stall.

Saturday 04 March: Clothing & Linen Collection at 10am-3pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

26 January, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade: #NSWRFS How old are the power boards in your home or business?

- 🚧 Old powerboards can pose a danger due to wear and tear on the internal components, leading to electrical shorts or fires.
- 🚧 Older powerboards may not have the same safety features as newer models, such as surge protection.
- 🚧 Regularly check and replace any powerboards that are showing signs of wear and tear or are more than a few years old.

Learn more about Electrical Safety in the Home [here](#).



24 January, from the Australian Cyber Security Centre:

- ✓ Buy new books
- ✓ Buy new school bag
- ✓ Buy protective cases for devices

- ✓ Check if school uniform still fits
- ✓ Check school start date and class schedule
- Have you missed any back-to-school prep for the kids?

What about checking if their devices are up-to-date and cyber secure? Make sure you check out our new **Kids Cyber Security Checklist**: cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-kids



From Ku-ring-gai Council: Clothing & Linen Collection

More information [here](#).



24 January, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield /Killara Community group:

(Edit. This post was from 1030 Sunday night but was not approved until this AM)

This was Sylvan Ave 30 minutes ago. A bunch of kids in a dark ute with P plates were out tipping people's bins over all down the street. The police were out looking for the ute. My partner has just gone along the street and put everything back into peoples bins. Keep an eye on your kids incase they are out doing feral stuff like this! It inconveniences people who, without my partner, would not be having their bins collected tomorrow, or would be out on the street trying to clean up. If it was you that did this, shame on you. Imagine if your grandparents were the ones out on their street in this weather at night trying to gather their rubbish! Disgusting.



24 January, from Nepean command: Traffic Tuesday!

TRAFFIC TUESDAY

Driver not wear seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened
\$362 + 3 demerit points or 6 demerit points when
DOUBLE DEMERITS are in force

Not properly adjusted



Not wear



Possible outcome



WAYS OF CONTACTING POLICE



IF YOU NEED US BUT NOT
LIGHTS AND SIRENS,
CALL 131444

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND



NSW Police Force



24 January, from Nepean command: PREVENTING PARCEL THEFT

Five tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim

1. INSTALL A HOME SECURITY CCTV SYSTEM

BENEFIT:

Security cameras are a great deterrent and whilst a security camera system may not stop all parcel thefts, the images can go a long way in identifying the thief

2. SHIP TO A SECURE LOCATION OR CLICK AND COLLECT

BENEFIT:

Have your parcel shipped to a secure location, such as your workplace address where there is always someone there to take delivery of your parcel

3. PARCEL DELIVERY BOXES

BENEFIT:

The package is delivered to a safe, lockable box near the front of your property (A great way to have parcels delivered – ideal for unit or townhouse complexes)

4. REQUEST PACKAGES BE PLACED IN A SECURE LOCATION

BENEFIT:

Your parcel is delivered to a place nominated by you which is out of sight of passing pedestrians and traffic

5. REQUEST SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION OF DELIVERY

BENEFIT:

If no one is home to collect, then your parcel isn't left



24 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: As kids return to school in the coming days, it is important to arm them with the right advice to help keep them safe.

- ☒ Walking with a friend or group of friends is safer and more fun.
- ☒ Always look left and right for traffic before crossing the road.
- ☒ Always use a pedestrian crossing.
- ☒ Know the people in your community you can trust.
- ☒ These people could include teachers, doctors, nurses, shopkeepers, bus drivers and police.
- ☒ Find places you feel safe that you can go to when you feel unsafe or unsure. These places could include hospitals, schools, shops, neighbours, friend's houses and police stations.
- ☒ Never talk to strangers or get into strange cars.
- ☒ When on the train, travel in a crowded carriage or the guards compartment (it's the one with the blue light).
- ☒ Try to always walk where there are lots of people.
- ☒ Don't take short cuts. Remember, it's okay to say NO if you feel unsafe or unsure.
- ☒ Call 000 if you are scared or in danger.



24 January, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Bowled over by a teen on an eScooter at warp speed on the footpath - yesterday 6pm. Flying around the bend @ Burns and Cleveland. A little bit of claret but I'm fine. Kid apologetic but got a polite lecture about recklessness and consequences. Be careful out there. Contacted Police but no mechanism to just report for statistical purposes. I wasn't expecting follow up. These motorised things are not legal to be ridden either on either footpath or road. I'm a senior but pretty agile and had zero option to avoid this missile. Had I been a mum pushing a pram or someone walking their dog ... could have been a lot worse. Just FYI. Eyes up!

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

Tip #1. INSTALL A PEEP-HOLE IN YOUR FRONT DOOR & INSTALL THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTBULB IN THE LIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR.

Tip #2. DON'T RELY ON FLYSCREENS AS SECURITY DOORS.

Tip #3. LOCK YOUR DOORS WHEN INSIDE. DON'T UNLOCK AND/OR OPEN YOUR FRONT DOOR IN PREPARATION FOR A VISITOR/TRADESMAN.

Tip #4. FIT KEYED LOCKS ON SLIDING DOORS /WINDOWS. ALTERNATIVE HOLES CAN ALLOW A LOCKED-WHILE-OPEN POSITION for ventilation.

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](#).

Probably the worst name for a jeweller



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

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[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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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station

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