



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #591 - 07 February 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!").

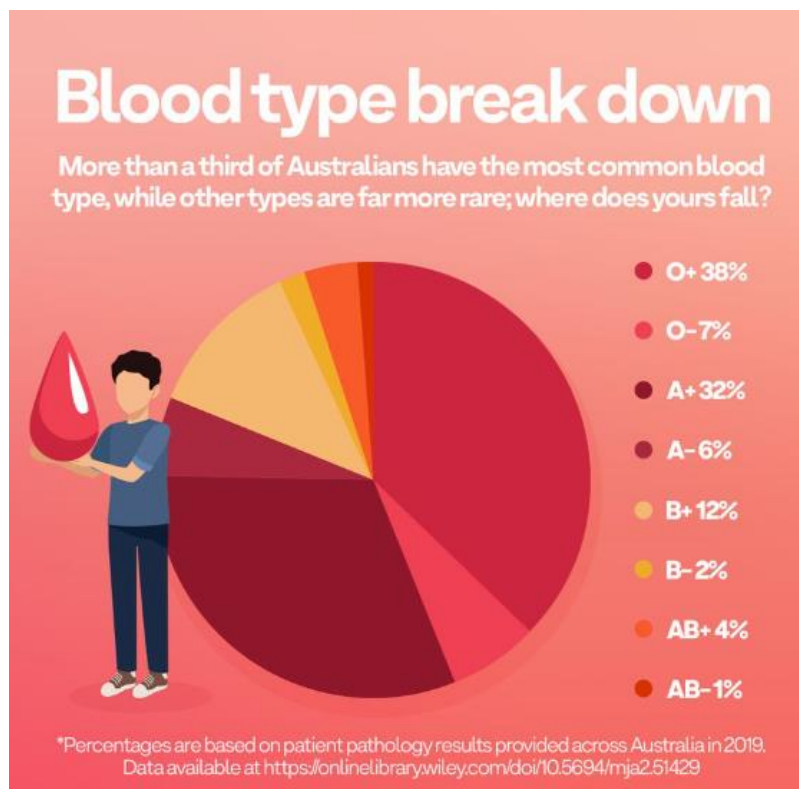
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

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

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7 February, from NSW Police Force



If you don't know your blood type, book a plasma donation. After your first donation, [Lifeblood](#) can tell you your blood type and talk about the best

donation for you to give next time ❤️

So what are you waiting for?! Roll up your sleeve and contribute to our

'Bleed4Blue' tally 🙌 [here](#).

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7 February, from NSW Police Force: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted in Sydney's CBD.

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Michael Payne, 49, is wanted on outstanding warrants for stealing offences. Officers attached to Sydney City Police Area Command have conducted inquiries into his whereabouts, however, have been unable to locate him. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 180-190cm tall, large build, medium complexion, with a shaved head and blue eyes. Michael is known to frequent the Sydney City, Haymarket and Ultimo areas. Anyone who sees Michael or knows of his whereabouts is urged to contact Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [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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## 6 February, from NSW Police Force



Police have charged 84 people during a proactive two-day high-visibility operation to disrupt and prevent crime across the public transport network. Operation 'Disrupt' was conducted by officers attached to the Police Transport Command (PTC) on Thursday (2 February 2023) and Friday (3 February 2023), with the assistance from the Dog Unit.

The intelligence-driven operation targeted violent crimes, knife and weapon offences, and anti-social behaviour – both on public transport and at transport hubs.

During the operation, police arrested and charged 84 people with 94 offences – including 59 people charged with drug offences – and seized nine knives and a range of prohibited drugs.

Operation 'Disrupt' is an ongoing high visibility deployment lead by Police Transport Command, targeting anti-social behaviour, alcohol related crime, and drug and knife crime across the public transport network.

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## **2 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Driving instructor charged over alleged sexual touching - Kuring Gai Police Area Command**

A man has been charged following an investigation into an alleged sexual touching.

Officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command received a report a 23-year-old woman was allegedly sexually assaulted during a professional driving lesson, about 4.30pm on Tuesday (31 January 2023).

Following inquiries, a 37-year-old man was arrested at Hornsby Police Station just before 12pm yesterday (Wednesday 1 February 2023).

He has been charged with two counts of sexually touch another person without consent.

The man was granted bail to appear before Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

Anyone with information about incidents such as these are urged to contact their local police or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

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**2 February, from NSW Police Force:**



This year, the NSW Seniors Festival runs from Wednesday 1 February to Sunday 12 February 2023.

There are plenty of ways to get involved all across the state, including the free and fun annual NSW Seniors Festival Expo at the International Convention

Centre Sydney. We'll see you there 👍

For more information, visit site [here](#).

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**1 February, from Ku-ring-gai command:**

Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force are circulating images of a male, who may be able to assist with inquiries in relation to an assault at Hornsby Railway Station on Tuesday 24th January 2023, at approximately 5:40pm.

Police are requesting anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting

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page [here](#) and reference event number E92558052.



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**1 February, from NSW Police Force:**

Secure your bike 

A good quality bicycle lock such a U-Lock or D-Lock can make all the

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difference.





7 February, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch



SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 12TH February. This is a fund-raising event to support those still struggling in Cobargo. Come along for some yummy food, stalls and great music! Any donations of cakes, slices or contributions of items for the sausage sizzle would be gratefully received.

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## 7 February, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday (Monday):

If anyone has any information of a car hitting a boat parked near 62 Duffy Avenue it would be greatly appreciated as it is a complete write off which I won't even be able to salvage so if anyone has any CCTV foot potentially it would be a huge help.

This would have occurred either later yesterday afternoon or early this morning.

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### Dates for the Diary

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

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

**Sunday 12 February:** NSWPF Police Band playing 12:30-4:30pm @ St

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Andrew's Uniting Church cnr of Vernon & Chisholm St, S Turramurra. 'Cuppa for Cobargo' incl food, stalls etc.

**Tuesday 14 February:** Welcome BBQ and information for new migrants 12-1pm @ TAFE Hornsby. Crime Prevention stall TBC

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

**Sunday 26 March:** Neighbour Day. [Info](#).

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### **From Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby:**

Today Neighbourhood Watch volunteers have helped with 'cocooning' letterbox drops in Wahroonga, Normanhurst and Thornleigh. Cocooning is the idea of warning residents around where an incident has occurred. Our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Constable Gemma Walker, without identifying the actual residence for privacy reasons, identifies letterboxes around the area where community alerts can be delivered. Gemma prints off different community alerts depending on the type of offence. Hopefully the warning will prompt neighbours to be more vigilant, careful and less likely to become a victim. 🙌

Whilst delivering in Wahroonga, our volunteer heard of regular break-ins to garages along Woonona Avenue. Residents confirmed that they inform the police.

Today's cocooning warnings:

Break & Enter, 1689-1693 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga

Mail Theft, 266-268 Pacific Highway, Thornleigh

Steal from Motor Vehicle, Willowtree Street, Normanhurst.

Please report any incident, no matter how minor - it all helps build a bigger picture of what is going on in your neighborhood. Phone the Police Assistance

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Line 131 444 to report non-emergency crime.

**COMMUNITY ALERT!**

A Break and Enter has occurred in a street near you

Remain vigilant  
Lock doors and windows  
Ensure your sensor lights are working  
Ensure your CCTV cameras are working

Call police if you see anything suspicious

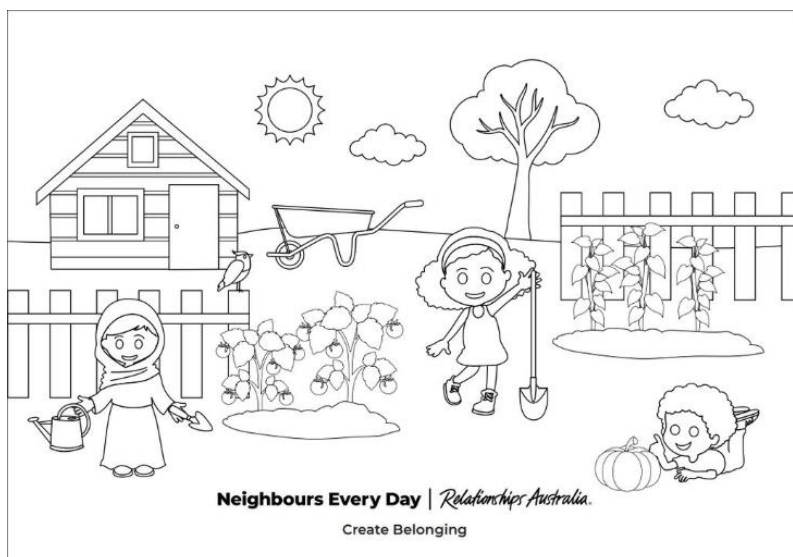
**Triple Zero (000)**  
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

**Police Assistance Line (131 444)**  
For non-emergencies.

**Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**  
To provide crime information, it can be anonymous.

**KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**3 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-Gai and Hornsby:** Neighbour Day is Sunday 26 March. Please pencil it in your diaries. Here's a link to the [Neighbour Day colouring-in](#).



### 3 February, from news.com.au: Online catfish thwarted trying to scam \$20,000 from 80yo Queensland man



A scam involving photoshopped images, a fake car crash and a plea for \$20,000 has exposed the dark reality of online dating sites.

An elderly Australian man who was looking for love has been brutally scammed by a cruel online catfish.

Mr Dolton, from Queensland, believed he had struck up a romantic relationship with a 35-year-old Swedish woman who went by the name Freda. Despite the distance between them, the two had formed a close bond, and Freda had even planned a trip to Australia from her supposed home in the UK to tie the knot with Mr Dolton.

However, just before her planned visit, Freda was “involved in a car accident” and urgently needed \$20,000 to cover the medical expenses.

Mr Dolton was deeply concerned for his partner and was ready to do anything to help her. Unfortunately, he was not aware of the fact that he was falling for a classic romance scam.

For full story, click [here](#).

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### 2 February, from combank.com.au: What are phishing and SMiShing scams?

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- Phishing is when a fraudulent email is sent to you, usually containing a clickable link or an attachment.
  - Once you click on the link or open the attachment you may be asked to enter your personal information such as NetBank client number and password or malware may be installed on your device.
  - SMiShing is a type of phishing where the message is sent via SMS text message rather than email.
  - CBA will never send you an email or text message with a link that asks you to confirm, update or disclose personal or banking information. Most financial organisations follow similar practices.
  - For more information and what to do if you've clicked on a link in a message, visit our security page [here](#).
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## **2 February, from NSW SES Ku-ring-gai Unit**

On Sunday 29 January, volunteers from @NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit were activated to assist @NSW Police Force searching for a missing person in bushland around St Ives Showground.

Additional volunteers from SES Units around the @NSW SES Metro Zone were also responded, allowing further search teams to canvas the area. Crews joined the search from [NSW SES Campbelltown Unit](#), [NSW SES Hornsby Unit](#), [SES Penrith](#), [NSW SES Ryde Unit](#), & [NSW SES Strathfield Unit](#) Volunteers specially trained in bushland search and rescue from [NSW SES Bush Search and Rescue Unit](#) were also dispatched.

Alongside officers from NSW Police our volunteers searched through the dense bushland around the Showgrounds. The search was suspended overnight to ensure the safety of our members, the search recommenced the following morning.

Around midday on Monday 30 January, a NSW SES Search Team located the missing person. Our members rendered first aid and arranged for the missing

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person to be rapidly extracted from the bushland by NSW Police Force Aviation Command before being transferred to hospital for observations and any further medical treatment.

This is the second missing person the Ku-Ring-Gai Unit has been involved in over the last month, with NSW SES members successfully locating the missing person in both cases. Land Search is one of the many skills our members train in, and being able to apply the skills and experience developed through our training to achieve an outcome like this is very rewarding for all involved.

Thank you to all of the volunteers from the many Units who made the time to assist us, and our community, during this incident. And thank you to the families and employers who supported out volunteers in making themselves available. Have you considered joining NSW SES? Visit site [here](#), or call 1800 201 000 to find out more.

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### **2 February, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:**

Seeking help....On the very off chance that anyone was at West Pymble shops around 8-8.30pm tonight (31/1) and witnessed someone backing into the side of my Black Santa Fe before taking off without leaving a note, (the car in question would have been parked in front of the clothing bins by the Daily Grind Cafe, as it backed directly into my side), could you please reach out? Similarly if there are any businesses connected here that may have cameras, can you reach out? I'll swing by some places tomorrow but if anyone saw anything, please sing out. Thanks all 🙌 very much appreciated 🙏

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

**Tip #3.** As you approach a situation where you may need to brake suddenly, eg

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an intersection, or when children are about, 'cover' the brake pedal with your foot so you are ready.

**Tip #5.** Leave space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you, sufficient to stop safely. Use the '3 second rule' – see when the car ahead passes a landmark and start counting: "One Mississippi, two Mississippi, three Mississippi" (each one takes a second to say). If you can't count to three in the time it takes for you to reach the same landmark, then there is insufficient space for you to do an emergency stop.

**Tip #6.** When coming to a stop in traffic, you should be able to see the bottom of the rear tyres of the vehicle directly in front of you. This gives you room to manoeuvre if the vehicle in front should stall, roll back, etc. It also allows space to pull forward if a vehicle is approaching you too fast from behind.

**Tip #7.** When merging, pulling out into traffic, or changing lanes, indicate your intentions and check all mirrors. Remember the 'life-saver': double-check over your shoulder/s before you proceed. Be careful to judge the speed of traffic you may be joining.

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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My inner 11 year old self  
will now be giggling forever,  
as he knows that the  
Norwegian Phrase for  
speed bump is "Farts Humper"



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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](#)**  
Non-emergency two-way communication

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**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

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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