



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #594 - 28 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.

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

22 February, Orange & Cabonne Road Safety updated their cover photo



22 February, from NSW Police Force: A man missing from Sydney's North Shore has been located safe and well following a geo-target SMS alert for assistance

The 74-year-old was last seen on Yanilla Avenue, Wahroonga, about 10.00am this morning (Tuesday 21 February 2022). Following a public appeal for information, including a geo-target SMS alert, the man was found in Wahroonga this afternoon. Police would like to thank the public and media for their assistance.


22 February, Ku-ring-gai Command added a temporary profile picture



22 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Come and join us for a free coffee and chat next Tuesday the 28th of February!

No agendas or speeches, just a chance to ask questions and get to know your local police officers.

Westfield Hornsby - Level 2, next to Jiminis Café. See you there!



**Tuesday 28th
February 2023**

9am – 10am


**Westfield Hornsby
– Level 2, next to
Jimini's Cafe**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighbourhood!

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station

**KU-RING-GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND**



22 February, from NSW Police Force: It's safe to say Sydney WorldPride 2023 is in full swing 🌈 So for today's #MeetTheTeamMonday, we're introducing you to one of our WorldPride team members - Lauren!



Lauren attested in 2019 and started her policing career at St George Police Area Command, doing many secondments with the Proactive Crime Team and Traffic and Highway Patrol. Lauren loves a good chat! Hearing peoples' stories and telling stories is her fave, so in late 2021, she moved to the Media Unit as a Media Liaison Officer. Since then, her experience in Media Communications has been ✨shining✨ through, working with the Projects team on stories such as Zoe's Big Day Out and Lily's Defibrillator Story ❤️ Lauren has always wanted to be a part of the discussions surrounding LGBTIQ+ issues within the NSW Police Force, and do her part in providing a safe space for the community to report crime without fear of judgement. More recently, she's been hard at work in the Sydney WorldPride 2023 team, ensuring that it is a safe and enjoyable festival for not only our LGBTIQ+ communities, but our local community as well. When she's not on the job, Lauren loves going to music gigs, theatre shows and eating burritos - the spicier the better 🔥

👉 Thank you for your service (and constantly slaying) Lauren 🙌

To find out more about becoming a police officer, head to site [here](#).



28 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: At a recent community event, we were asked advice about stalking.

A woman has been followed into shops and around a shopping centre on several occasions. What can she do?

We confirmed the following with our local Crime Prevention Officer, Cst Gemma Walker.

- Report it to the shopping centre security.
- Get shopping centre security to confront the person - ie don't confront the stalker yourself and make yourself vulnerable.
- If not in the centre, consider asking a male friend to confront the stalker.
- Report to the local police, in order to regularly record each occurrence and create the bigger picture of what is happening.
- If you can be discreet, take a photo.

28 February, from 9News.com.au: Woman scammed out of \$30,000 inheritance after one simple call

... "They will tell you to download remote control software such as **Zo Ho Assist, AnyDesk or TeamViewer**. Once the scammer has control of your computer or device, they will ask you to log into applications such as emails, internet banking or PayPal accounts, which will allow the scammer to access your banking and personal information to impersonate you or steal money."

Full article [here](#).

28 February, from eSafety Commissioner

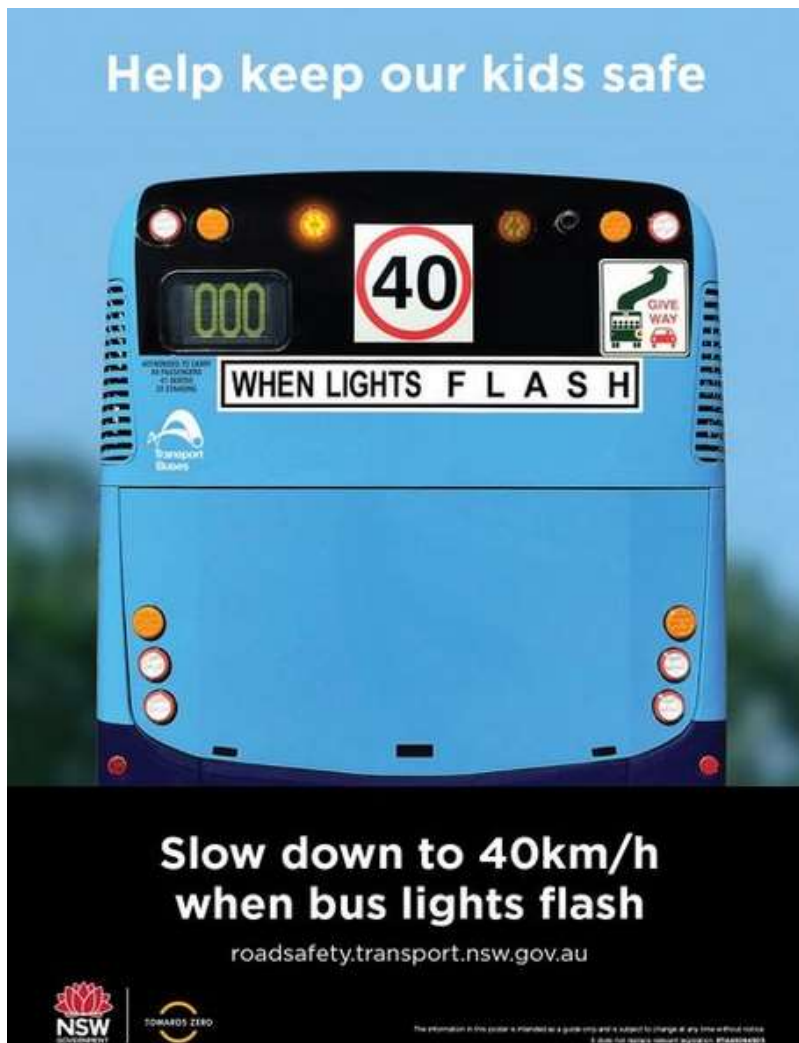
eSafety parent and carer webinars are designed to give you the knowledge, skills, and tools to support your children to have safe online experiences. Register today, [here](#).

eSafety 101:

how eSafety can help you



28 February, from NSW Department of Education: This #BusSafetyWeek, remember to slow down. 🐢



Help keep our kids safe and slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash. 🚗 🚒 🚓

28 February, Shared with permission from the West Lindfield/Killara group yesterday (Monday):

Garage break in at Killara on Sunday morning, near Greengate Hotel. Intruder was trying to get into main garage and building, but managed to get into one outer garage with a simple clothes hanger. Check your garage and building security. Professional guy, despite CCTVs. Looks like Burglary Time is back.

(Most Garage Gates can be opened with a solid rod or clothes hanger. Thief was caught on CCTV. Very professional and ingenious. Tried different ways to get into the building.)

27 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Carer Gateway is an Australian Government program providing free services and support for carers. We have been asked to share their information to the community.

Do you support someone close to you?

Many people don't see themselves as carers. There are 2.65 million unpaid carers living in Australia. That's **1 in 9 people.**

More than 235,300 carers are under the age of 25

Every caring situation is different

As an unpaid carer, you may help with:

- Shopping
- Housework
- Transport
- Cooking

What is the Carer Gateway?

Carer Gateway website:

- Phone counselling
- Online peer support
- Emergency Respite
- Carer Directed Support
- 10 Person Hour Respite

Carer Gateway services:

- Online self-guided learning
- Online care advice
- Young Carers
- 10 Person Hour Respite
- Facilitated Coaching

If you are caring for a family member or friend there is support for you too.

27 February, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group: All parents please warn your kids, we just got the email from the school [Note: truncated screenshot]

Please note this information and report any suspicious activity.

Two High School students reported that they were approached this morning (27/2/23) outside Gordon East Public School at the bus stop directly across the road from our school at around 8:10am by an unknown person in a car. The person inside the car offered the students a lift to Gordon railway station.

The students are safe.

The description is a white Toyota Yaris car with a male driver. The matter has been reported to Police along with licence plate number.

Please take the time to remind your children of stranger danger and what to do should they feel unsafe. Staff are on duty inside our school from 8:40am in the morning and outside the school until all children are collected of an afternoon at both Kulgoa Road and Rosedale Road.

Any child, regardless of age or school they attend, is encouraged to seek help from inside our school at any time during the day should they feel unsafe or nervous. Should

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 01 March: Teaching Your Learner Driver - GLS Presentation via Zoom 6-7:30pm. FREE Booking essential [here](#).

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

Sunday 05 March: Clean Up Australia Day. [Info](#).

Thursday 23 March: Harmony Day Expo 10am-2pm @ Gordon Uniting Church. NHW Crime Prevention stall TBC.

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

Wednesday 03 May: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6-8pm @ PCC Waitara.

27 February, from 9 News Sydney: [#ALERT](#): A motorcyclist has died after falling off his bike and then being hit by a vehicle in Arcadia.



Paramedics attended and the male rider was declared dead, however, has not yet been identified.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash or has any available dashcam footage is asked to contact **Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799** or **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000**.

27 February, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group yesterday (Sunday):

Hi All, I'm wondering if anyone along Arthurs circle or Excelsior have had any incidents in the past month with theft of property or damage of property or dog poop thrown up near their front door?

I don't know what I have done to anyone around here (don't know many people at all) but to have someone steal plants and veggies, throw bagged dog poo into the garden near our windows and then today finding someone had put tomato sauce all over the roof, bonnet and front of my car is just unbelievable.

These things may seem like very small things, but to have this happen all in the space of a few weeks, I can't help but think it's targeted. It has been reported to the police and if anyone has any information it would be very helpful.

26 February, from bannerhealth.com: What Is Love Bombing and How to Recognize the Signs



You've started a new relationship. Finally, all those swipes and dating apps have paid off!

This person you've met is incredible. I mean, really unbelievable. You've never been treated this way. They're showering you with gifts and serenading you with compliments and praise. You're the center of their world. In fact, they want to spend every waking moment with you.

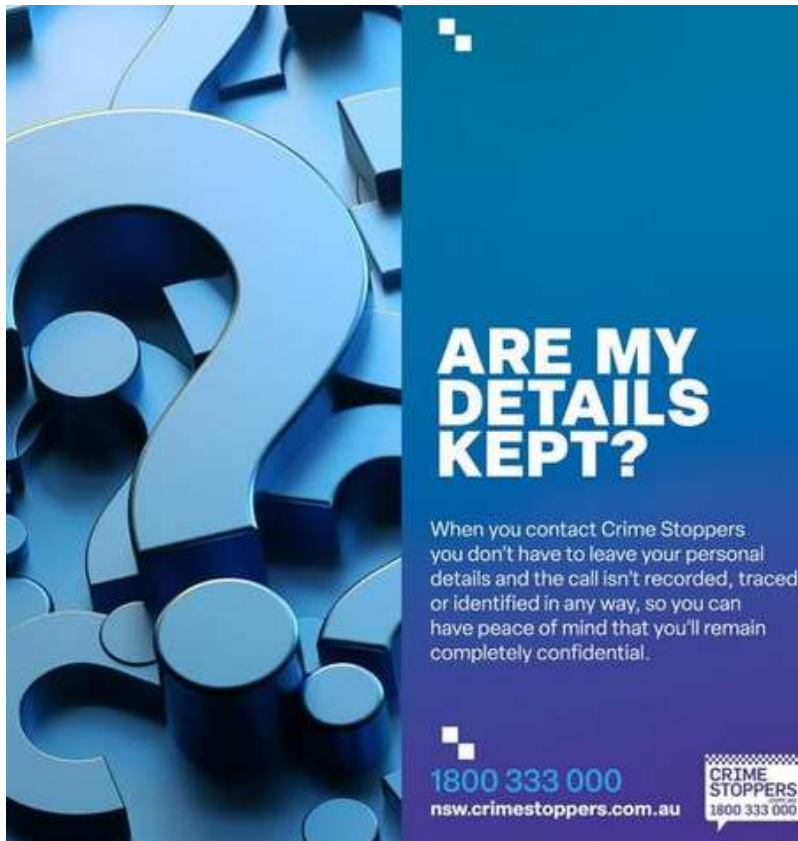
All this attention is flattering and a bit overwhelming, but this is how true love should feel right? Could you have found "the one" or is this person just too good to be true?

Unfortunately, you may have been love bombed. It turns out, your Prince/Princess Charming may be another [Tinder Swindler](#).

Love can be a beautiful thing, but getting love bombed can send you down an emotionally abusive and manipulative path. Read on to learn more about what love bombing is, the signs to watch out for and how to deactivate the "bomb" and safely get away.

Read details [here](#).

26 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are my details known if I call Crime Stoppers?



When you contact Crime Stoppers you don't have to leave your personal details and the call isn't recorded, traced or identified, so you can have peace of mind that you'll remain completely confidential. When completing an online report, you have the option of remaining completely confidential or providing contact details, so either Crime Stoppers staff or a police investigator can follow up on any of the information you have provided. The choice is yours. If you have information to provide to police through Crime Stoppers, you can report online [here](#) or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).

25 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Crossing the Road



If you are a pedestrian, you should take responsibility for your own safety by using crossings, obeying road rules and being aware of your surroundings. As a pedestrian you should:

- 🚶 Obey signals at crossings (penalty applies for failure to do so)
- 🚶 Always cross at a pedestrian crossing if one is available (penalty applies for failure to do so)
- 🚶 Never assume a driver has seen you or intends to stop
- 🚶 Never cross a road while using headphones or mobile phones
- 🚶 Always hold the hands of children when crossing the road.

25 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SHOPLIFTING is STEALING and accounts for up to 40% of reported shop losses each year



KNOW A SHOP LIFTER?

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Shoplifters come from all walks of life and from all socio-economic backgrounds, but generally they fall into one of two groups, amateurs and professionals.

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CRIME STOPPERS
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Shoplifters come from all walks of life and from all socio-economic backgrounds, but generally they fall into one of two groups, amateurs and professionals. Amateur shoplifters usually steal on impulse. Juveniles (aged 10 to 18 years, usually teenagers) who steal to impress friends form a big part of this group. Professional shoplifters are more likely to work in pairs or groups, although they will work alone. They often steal to obtain a false refund for the items and have often 'cased out' a store before stealing. Some are highly skilled thieves. The NSW Police Force has developed strategies and tips for best preparing your business against shoplifters. Find it [here](#).

If you have information about the identity of a known shoplifter you can report this online [here](#) or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).

23 February, from Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade



This morning at 1:17AM we were paged with NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade to a flooded basement carpark in an apartment block in Warrawee. Unfortunately the truck pump could not reach the water and so instead multiple smaller portable pumps had to be used inside the carpark.

Due to the potential for toxic fumes from the portable pumps to build up inside the enclosed carpark, firefighters wore breathing apparatus to setup and monitor the pumping operations. Additional portable pumps, breathing apparatus sets and firefighters were provided by Cherrybrook Rural Fire Brigade, Belrose Rural Fire Brigade and NSW RFS - Terrey Hills Brigade. Fire and Rescue NSW Station 075 Berowra were also in attendance.

22 February, from 9news.com.au: New beverage coasters, covers introduced in NSW in bid to combat drink spiking.



New beverage coasters and covers that aim to protect patrons from having their drink spiked have been introduced in New South Wales in a bid to increase safety in bars. Announcing the new protections today, NSW Police said the coasters - which are still under trial - will be a "conversation starter" and will expand on the force's existing "Drink Safe" campaign. The covers will be distributed "with priority" to venues around Sydney's WorldPride precinct, and work using a single-use self-adhesive lid to protect the top of a person's drink from any unknown substances entering it.

For details, click [here](#).

22 February, from Nepean Command

How flubot scams work



- 1 Phone owner gets a text message containing a php link
- 2 Clicks link and is invited to install software
- 3 Phone becomes infected with malware
- 4 Infected phone's contacts are added to central list of Flubot text recipients
- 5 Flubot can steal banking, contact and personal info from infected device



If your phone is infected, clean it with a factory reset after saving sensitive information

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

Tip #7. DO REGULAR STOCK TAKES, EVEN HOURLY, IN ORDER TO NARROW THE TIME FRAME OF A THEFT. This enables CCTV to be checked more effectively.

Tip #8. ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES KNOW ALL PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY KIND OF EMERGENCY. All office phones should have emergency/important phone numbers as speed dial.

Tip #11. REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAYOUT OF THE WHOLE SITE & MAKE CHANGES WHERE THERE IS CONCEALMENT OR A SECURITY RISK IDENTIFIED. The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police station can assist with a free Security Audit. **Phone: 9476 9799.**

Tip #15. ALL COMPUTER ACCESS TO BE MONITORED & PASSWORDS CHANGED REGULARLY .

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](#).

Don't worry bro it will fit... 🤔



Thanks to Only in New Zealand

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](#)

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[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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