



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #612 - 04 July 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.

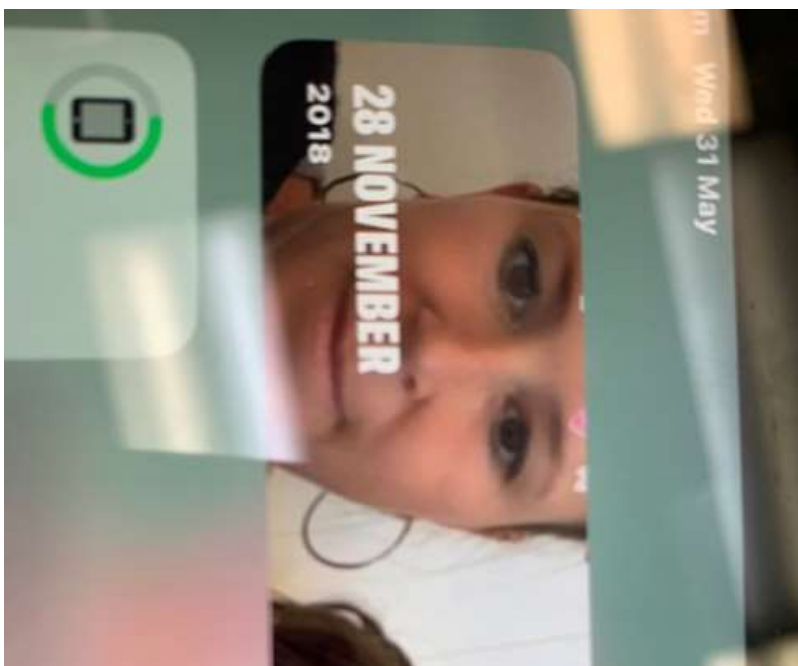
The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork 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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3 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Does anyone recognise this lady. If so, can you please have her contact Hornsby Police and ask to speak to the Exhibit Officer on 94769799



3 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Does anyone recognise any of these girls, could they have them contact Hornsby Police Exhibit Number on 94769799.



30 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: OPERATION PERSISTENCE METRO - WARRANT WEDNESDAY

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on arrest warrants, as part of Operation Persistence Metro.

Sophie MORGAN, aged 50, is wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants in relation to Assault

she is described as being of Caucasian, thin build, 150cm tall.

Sophie is believed to frequent the Normanhurst and surrounding areas.

As police continue to conduct inquiries into his/her whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Operation Persistence Metro is a Sydney Metropolitan wide operation aimed at arresting individuals wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants. Warrant Wednesday is being conducted across Sydney as a prelude to Operation Persistence Metro from from 22nd to 28th June 2023.



30 June, from Ku-ring-gai command:

With numerous steal from motor vehicle offences occurring throughout the Command, please remember to REMOVE all your valuables, LOCK your vehicle and REPORT any suspicious behaviour to the Police Assistance Line 131444.



30 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: OPERATION PERSISTENCE METRO

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on arrest warrants, as part of Operation Persistence Metro.

Marc McGRORY aged 32, is wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants in relation to traffic offences

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, Medium build, 175cm tall.

He is believed to frequent the Hornsby and surrounding areas.

As police continue to conduct inquiries into his/her whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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04 July, from Kids and Traffic: New online workshop dates! Book a place via our website.

Click [here](#).



04 July, from Service NSW

Have a temporary visa and currently driving in NSW on an overseas driver licence?

From 1 July 2023, temporary visa holders who take up residency in NSW for more than six months, must convert to a NSW driver licence to drive legally.

The rule applies to anyone who takes up residence in NSW on or after 1 July 2023.

Some temporary visa holders will need a computer-based knowledge test and on-road driving test as part of the licence conversion. We encourage you to book a test at one of Service NSW's service centres or our dedicated St Marys Driver Testing Centre in Sydney's west.

The centre offers about 450 driving tests and 1000 computer-based examinations each week. For information about the regulation changes, visit site [here](#).

04 July, from The NepeanPolice Area Command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY

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Did you know you
MUST carry your
driver's licence
when driving
in NSW?

Drive motor vehicle
not carry licence
\$120



NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND



Did you know that you **MUST** carry your driver's licence when driving in NSW?

"No, I don't have my licence on me officer, but I am licenced. I even know my licence number".

The question is not so much as to whether you have a driver's licence but, 'can you produce it' or show it to a police officer when asked to do so. Are you carrying it with you?

The offence if you don't have it on you is:

Drive motor vehicle not carry licence \$120

04 July, from 9news.com.au



Parents are being warned what their young child wears while travelling in the car could be putting them in danger if there was a crash.

As the mercury plunges across Australia as winter temperatures hit, the perfect clothing choice to keep the little ones warm is a puffer jacket.

But while the jackets are keeping kids snug outdoors, they're putting them in danger in cars.
Read more [here](#).

04 July, from NSW Health

Leave BBQs and
outdoor heaters
outside.



As the days and nights get colder, keep your family safe. Never use BBQs and outdoor heaters inside your home.

They make carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas you can't see, taste or smell. This gas can kill quickly without warning.

Leave outdoor heaters, barbeques, and charcoal OUTSIDE.

If you think you may have carbon monoxide poisoning, call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26. In an emergency, dial triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

04 July, from the Hills Police Area Command: We're changing our boundaries..... this will occur from the 4th of July 2023



The Hills PAC will no longer cover parts of Parramatta LGA - such as Northmead, Oatlands, and parts of North Rocks, so officers will be better able to focus their efforts on their more immediate surroundings in Castle Hill, Dural, Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook which had previously been covered by Ryde PAC.

Since its inception, NSWPF has undergone several boundary changes and we will continue to evaluate our organisational structure and overall performance to ensure we deliver/provide the best services to our communities.

Why it's happening:

By realigning the service areas under these four Police Area Commands (PACS), we will better fit the needs of residents in the Greater Sydney area.

Local police will be dealing with local problems. Where officers are better connected with their communities and know and understand their communities, they are better able to work with and serve those communities.

This move will allow us to engage more efficiently in areas of greatest need, with partners to better understand local issues and better align resources and better enhance officers' response to crime. We're confident that this is a long-term solution that will benefit everyone.

How this geographical realignment affects you/public:

The police service you receive will not change and our Police Commands will continue to be accessible to all. Staffing aligns with resource needs so communities continue to receive a prompt police response.

04 July, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

🚗 Travelling these school holidays? Never be unsure of the speed limit again with our Speed Adviser app. Get alerts if you exceed the speed limit or drive through a mobile speed camera zone.



02 July, from amp-abc-net-au.cdn.ampproject.org: Federal government launches new investment scam taskforce with help from ASIC, ACCC

Investment scams will be the first target of the government's new National Anti-Scam Centre, and regulators have called on banks to do more to protect customers from falling victim.

Australians have been losing more and more money to scams each year, with total losses exceeding an estimated \$3 billion last year.

Investment scams were the main way people lost their money, accounting for about \$1.5 billion in losses.

Financial Services Minister Stephen Jones said scammers were becoming increasingly sophisticated and the government's existing cyber security strategy needed to change.

"A cyber attack is when somebody breaks into your house and tries to steal your stuff. A scam is when somebody opens the front door and lets that person in," he said.

"You've got to use a different approach and a different set of strategies."

Read more [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

July (dates tbc): Rollout of KerbWatch into Turramurra suburb.

Wednesday 02 August: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #38 @ PCYC, Waitara. Email us [here](#) with any question or issue.

Sunday 27 August: Berowra Woodchop Festival.

02 July, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday:

CAR BREAK IN-



This evening Thursday 29th/Friday morning 30th.

I caught 3 men along Ingram and Cam Street in Wahroonga breaking into cars.

If you experienced a break in or anything missing here is a shot of the men involved.

Remember to LOCK up guys. I actually seen them touch 10 plus cars after I had already yelled out to them.

Still taken from video shared in the group.

02 July, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hello everyone, there's a group of 4 teens going around ringing doorbells, and then running away. Not sure if they are scouting places to rob.



01 July, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

This was my car on the 19/06 🙏🙏

Neringa Avenue South.



30 June, from Neighbourhood Watch NSW: We are loving our new video ❤️ Feel free to share

Click [here](#).

30 June, from Dural Rural Fire Brigade:



Congratulations to Chris and Amy who today both successfully completed their assessments to become heavy vehicle drivers. 🚒

Both passed their licence tests this morning and are now qualified as heavy vehicle drivers capable of driving both our fire trucks. 🚒

Thank you for your commitment to completing this training and all the practice hours from yourselves and our driving instructors!

30 June, from doingdrugs-darta.blogpost.com: How do you best handle the 'alcohol issue' at an 18th birthday when there will be many underage young people present? Click [here](#).



30 June, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: Received from a resident:

Dear Neighbourhood Watch,

An out-of-control car sped north along Rosebery Road, Killara on the wrong side of the road about 7.25pm on Wednesday 21 June. It crashed into my car, which was parked outside my house, moved it metres and wedged it up onto the curb, causing immense damage. The car then sped away without stopping. If anyone saw or heard this or has dash-cam or other images please contact Gordon Police station.

Thank you, Narelle.

30 June, from 7news.com.au: Kmart lamps urgently recalled over electrocution fears; Customers are urged to disconnect the item from the power and cut the cord safely.



Lamps sold at Kmart stores nationally and online have been urgently recalled over electrocution fears.

Reports of electric shocks related to the defect have already been reported, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission confirmed.

Marmo Table Lamps with inline switches have been recalled after a defect exposing live wires was discovered.

For details, click [here](#).

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

- **Tip #2.** Be aware of wi-fi security, and items such as baby monitors. Password protect your wi-fi, router, computer, laptops, mobiles, everything!
- **Tip #5.** Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive. Arrange for your next credit card to be collected at the branch.
- **Tip #9.** Reduce the chances of 'tailgating' by waiting until the doors/gates to your carpark close completely after you, before moving further within.
- **Tip #15.** When moving in, consider installing new locks. You don't know if the unit has been burgled before. For extra security it's a good idea to get locks changed and re-keyed. This includes the mailbox. Request our 20 Tips for MAILBOXES.
- **Tip#20.** Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies, eg. wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.

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](#).

Be careful out there everyone. I had 2 tickets to Taylor Swift in my car and someone broke in and left 4 more.



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](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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble](#)

[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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