



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 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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11 July, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Michael Woods, aged 37, is wanted on an outstanding revocation of parole warrant, related to domestic violence offences. Michael is described as being of Caucasian appearance, olive complexion, about 175cm to 180cm tall, of thin build, with brown eyes, black hair and black beard. He is known to frequent Western Sydney, Sydney City and **North Shore areas**.

Anyone who sees Michael or knows of his whereabouts is urged to contact **Triple Zero (000)** or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



11 July, from NSW Police: Can you help police?

Police are appealing for information following an assault last month in Hunters Hill. About 5.40pm Saturday 10 June 2023, police were called to bus stop on Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill, following reports of an assault. Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command arrived to find a 32-year-old woman with facial injuries. She was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore hospital in a stable condition. Police

were told the woman had allegedly been assaulted by an unknown man before a bystander intervened; the man then left scene. Police established a crime scene and launched an investigation into the incident.

As inquiries continue police are looking to speak with a man who may be able to assist police in their investigation. He is described as being of a Caucasian appearance, aged between 20 – 30 years old, 178cm tall and having short brown hair. At the time of the incident, he was seen wearing a green jacket, black pants and black shoes.

As inquiries continue, police are urging anyone with CCTV footage or information about the incident to contact **Ryde police 9808 7401** or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.





06 July, from NSW Police: Have you seen Poppy?

Poppy Doolan, aged 29, was seen in Brookvale on Tuesday 12 April 2023. When she could not be located or contacted after this, she was reported missing to officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command on Thursday 29 June 2023, who have commenced extensive inquiries to locate her. Police and family hold serious concerns for her welfare. She is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, 175cm tall, of a thin build, brown hair and eyes. Poppy is known to frequent the Dee Why, Brookvale and Collaroy areas.

Anyone with information of her whereabouts is urged to contact **Northern Beaches police 9971 3399** or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



11 July, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group: Good Morning, all
I was woken at 5am this morning with 2 Men /Boys trying to break into our house via the front door. (All caught on CCT footage) Thankfully they didn't get in, however they continued on to my next door neighbours house & managed to get through their garage door & they have stolen her car. We are located in Athena Ave. Just a reminder to be vigilant with locking the doors & perhaps invest in a camera.



10 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Protect your child online

Safety for children and young people on the Internet is quite possibly the biggest issue facing Australia's youth. Parents are more concerned than ever about how they can actively protect their child in the online environment. Talking with your children and being upfront and honest with them about the risks can help them understand how to best secure their safety online.

Tell your kids to NEVER:

- ➡ Tell anyone your name, address, phone number or school
- ➡ Send a photo of yourself to anyone that you don't know
- ➡ Tell anyone your credit card or bank details
- ➡ Make plans to meet anyone you find online – people you meet online aren't always who they claim they are
- ➡ Talk to anyone who is nasty or makes you feel uncomfortable

Tell your kids they should ALWAYS:

- ☒ Be careful who you talk to in chat rooms or on instant messenger
- ☒ Ask permission to use chat rooms
- ☒ Tell your parents or carer if someone says something to you in an email or chat room that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- ☒ Stay away from websites that are not meant for children
- ☒ Remember that people are not always as they seem online



09 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN AN EMERGENCY?

- 🚨 What is an emergency?
- ➡️ Is someone injured?
- ➡️ Is your life or property being threatened?
- ➡️ Have you just witnessed a serious accident or crime?

If you answered YES call **Triple Zero (000)**. Triple Zero calls are free. When you call Triple Zero (000) you will be asked by the initial operator if you require POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE? You must tell the operator which service you require and what your area, town or suburb is. If you require Police and any other service, such as Police AND

Ambulance or Police AND Fire Brigade ask for “POLICE”.

When you are transferred to POLICE operator;

- ☒ STAY FOCUSSED, STAY RELEVANT, ☒ STAY ON THE LINE and speak CLEARLY
- ☒ The operator will ask you for your LOCATION – provide a street address if possible, or a street and nearest corner street AND suburb, or provide as much information about your location as possible.
- ☒ Try not to move onto any further details about what is happening until the operator has CONFIRMED your location with you. If the police operator does not know exactly where you are, or where the incident is occurring, they cannot send police on the way.
- ☒ Let the operator ask you for the information they require – this will help police get to you faster.
- ☒ Don't hang up until the operator has all the information they need. Operators do not ask you for unnecessary information, EVERYTHING they ask is information police require before attending the incident.

For non-emergencies, report online via the NSW Police Ford Community Portal at portal.police.nsw.gov.au or you may choose to call the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444** (24/7).

To report crime information call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7).

IS IT AN EMERGENCY?

- Is someone seriously injured or in need of urgent medical help?
- Is your life or property being threatened?
- Have you just witnessed a serious accident or crime?

**If you answered YES
Call Triple Zero (000).**


1800 333 000
nsw.crimestoppers.com.au



09 July, from The Hills command: The NSW Road Rules 2014 require that:

The rider of a motorcycle must wear an approved motorcycle helmet securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head, The rider of a motorcycle must not ride with a passenger unless the passenger is wearing an approved motorcycle helmet.

NB 📌 secured & worn properly - not like this.



06 July, from Wells Fargo: Can you spot a scam?

Five red flags to watch out for. When it comes to helping you and your family avoid scams, it starts with awareness. Here are a few consistent red flags you can watch for so you can stop a scammer in their tracks.

1. Unexpected contact

A person or company contacts you out of the blue by phone, text, or email about an invoice, order, delivery, or charge you didn't know about.

2. Everything is urgent

Scammers will create a false sense of urgency and use pressure tactics like rude or pushy language to get you to act immediately.

3. Very specific or unusual way to pay

Someone is asking you to pay or send money using gift cards, cryptocurrency, a payment app, or even an online wire — to pay for something, resolve an “issue,” get sweepstakes “winnings,” or secure a high return on your “investment.”

4. Threatening language

Scammers may tell you that you owe money and then threaten to call the police if you don't pay immediately. They may also coach you on what to tell the bank to withdraw or transfer money, or ask you to keep a secret.

5. The romantic “emergency”

A new online love interest bombards you with “sweet talk” but doesn't seem to want to meet in person. Suddenly a hardship or emergency strikes and they want you to send them money.

What to do if you suspect a scam

- Slow down. Pause, take a breath, and think it through.
- Someone you don't know is asking you for your money. Remember, it's your right to confirm things no matter how urgent anyone says it is. You're in charge when it comes to your money.
- Contact the company they claim to be, call your bank, or call the police if it doesn't seem right.
- Consult with a friend or family member you trust.

[In our command, fraud is the fastest growing crime category. Please ensure your more vulnerable contacts are more scam-savvy. Thanks - Ed]

04 July, from NSW RFS Southern Highlands: Overloaded power boards can set your home alight when you're not looking

Now the cooler months are here, are you ready?

🔌 Plug in responsibly! 🔌

For more tips to keep your family safe this winter, go to fire.nsw.gov.au/winter to download your [Winter Fire Safety Checklist](#) (pdf).

Watch the video [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.

Saturday 22 July: FREE 10am-3pm Repair Cafe - Electronics/Furniture @ Storey Park Community Centre (Jonas Fear Hall), Storey Park, 12 Old Berowra Road, Hornsby. Bookings essential [here](#).

Sunday 27 August: Berowra Woodchop Festival.

06 July, from NSW Police: Have you seen Edward?

Edward West, aged 45, was last seen leaving Royal North Shore Hospital just after 5.30pm on Monday (3 July 2023). Edward is described as having a dark complexion, about 180cm to 185cm tall, with a large build, short brown greying hair, grey beard, and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a grey 'Raiders' hooded jumper, black shorts and a black cap. Edward is known to frequent the North Shore, Northern Beaches and Gosford areas.

Anyone with information of his whereabouts is urged to contact police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

For Media Release: [here](#).



06 July, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Ku-ring-gai Council joins the Sunflower Program

The program aims to provide more assistance to residents with chronic health conditions or hidden disabilities. The Sunflower Program is an innovative project aimed at raising awareness and providing support for people with hidden disabilities and chronic health conditions. Some examples of hidden disabilities include autism, anxiety, dementia, epilepsy and hearing loss. Chronic health conditions can include arthritis, diabetes, chronic pain, severe allergies and sleep disorders. ...

Full Media Release [here](#).



And following on from knowing your emergency numbers in the posts above, here are some more important phone numbers for you...

- State Emergency Services (SES) on 132 500 for storm and flood assistance.
- In a boating emergency call Marine Rescue NSW on Channel 16 on VHF (distress and calling channel) or Channel 88 (27.880 MHz) on a 27 MHz radio or by calling Triple Zero (000). Everything from assisting sinking vessels, boats with flat batteries and other mechanical problems, to those that have run aground, volunteers often towing disabled vessels back to safe harbour.
- NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
- If you have found a sick, injured or orphaned native animal in NSW please phone WIRES Wildlife Rescue Line 13 000 WIRES or 1300 094 737.
- Lifeline Australia Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention. Phone: 13 11 14 (24hrs)
- School Security Unit (NSW) Phone: 1300 880 021 To report any suspicious activity at a school during holiday periods and at weekends.
- NSW Elder Abuse Helpline Phone: 1800 628 221
- NSW Graffiti Hotline Phone: 1800 707 125 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm)
- NSW Mental Health Line Phone: 1800 011 511 (24/7)
- NSW Rape Crisis Service Phone: 1800 424 017 (24/7 Counseling)

More information like this can be found n the Neighbourhood Watch NSW website, WatchOut.org.au.

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

- **Tip #1.** At the end of the day, remove all money from the cash register and display the empty drawer as a message to potential thieves.
- **Tip #5.** Install good quality security lights and/or sensor lights around the perimeter to provide more effective illumination at night.
- **Tip #10.** When setting the burglar alarm, look around and double-check no one can see the entered PIN.
- **Tip #13.** Photograph and record descriptions, model and serial number of all valuables. Consider etching a driver's licence number. UV pens can be used on more sensitive items – your local Neighbourhood Watch group has an engraver/etching tool/UV pen that can be borrowed free of charge.
- **Tip #19.** Do you enjoy a 'POETS' day drink? Ensure employees have a designated driver, or alternative way to get home.

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](#).

The only person that calls to
check up on me every day



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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)
Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)
Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/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](#)
[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 - 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 \(The Chase\)](#)



This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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