



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #620 - 29 August 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.

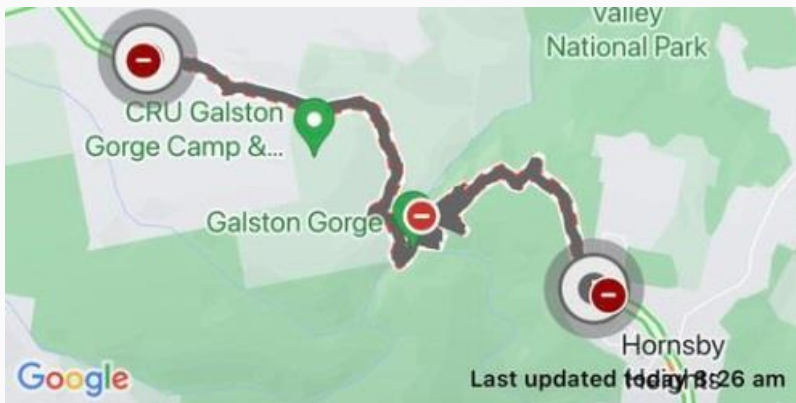
🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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**28 August, from Ku-Ring-Gai Command; Galston Gorge closed today for police operation**

[Follow link here.](#)



**CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS** Police operation

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**Galston**  
Galston Road in Galston Gorge

**Started today 7:42 am**

**Last checked today 7:42 am**

**Impact**  
Road closed in both directions.

**27 August, from NSW Police Force**



**\*\*\*UPDATE (Monday 28 August 2023, 8.15am): A multi-agency search is currently underway at the Galston Gorge to find the missing man.\*\*\***

Police are appealing public assistance to locate a man missing from The Hills Shire.

Adam Coulson, aged 52, was last seen at an address on the Old Northern Road, Middle Dural, about 10pm Thursday 24 August 2023.

When he could not be located or contacted, officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command were notified and commenced inquiries into his whereabouts. Police and family hold serious concerns for his welfare.

Adam is described as being of Caucasian appearance with an olive complexion, about 180cm tall, solid build, and has greying brown hair and a beard.

His vehicle – a white Toyota Hilux with NSW plates CZ53JQ - was located today near a bridge on the Galston Road, Galston.

Anyone with information into his whereabouts is urged to call police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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27 August, from The Hills Police Area Command



Three teenagers are assisting with enquiries this evening at Castle Hill Police Station after allegedly being found in possession of five replica pistols this afternoon at Castle Hill Metro Station after being observed on CCTV by Metro Security. Replica pistols and Gel Blasters are illegal in NSW and are deemed to be firearms. Hand in any firearm Or prohibited weapon without question to any Police Station under the [#firearmsamnesty](#)

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**27 August, from Ku-ring-gai Command**

You may receive an SMS shortly for a missing man.

**Received a call or text from  
0444 444 444?**

If you receive a call or SMS from the number above, it is genuine.

The message is from Emergency Alert, a national telephone warning system that sends voice messages to landlines and text messages to mobile phones in a defined area using geo-targeting technology.

The number may be used to advise about high risk missing persons and emergency situations such as fire, flood, or extreme weather events.





## 29 August, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch



The poster features a colorful illustration of a suburban street with houses and trees at the top. Below this, the text 'Be prepared... for summer' is written in a playful, orange, cloud-like font. To the right, the event title 'South Turramurra Community Emergency Expo' is displayed in bold black text, followed by 'A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT'. The poster includes details about the date (Saturday 16 September 2023), time (10.00 am until 1.00pm), and location (South Turramurra). It lists participating organizations like RFS, SES, Council, Police, NSW Fire & Rescue, Red Cross, and the Community Fire Unit. A section titled 'Keep an eye out for the NSW Fire & Rescue and SES Trucks!' is also present. At the bottom right, there is a graphic that says 'Enter & WIN' and a website address 'snhn.org.au'.

phn SYDNEY NORTH Health Network

**Be prepared...  
...for summer**

Make sure you're prepared for any emergencies this summer at our Community Emergency Expo.

**Saturday  
16 September 2023**

**10.00 am  
until 1.00pm**

**South Turramurra**  
(Between the South Turramurra shops and Rising Point Rd)

**South Turramurra Community Emergency Expo**

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Join us for a **free family BBQ** run by Ku-Ring-Gai Rotary and talk to your community partners in safety including your local Ku-Ring-Gai and Hornsby:

- RFS • SES • Council • Police •
- NSW Fire & Rescue • Red Cross •
- Community Fire Unit •

**Keep an eye out for the NSW Fire & Rescue and SES Trucks!**

Complete the activities in our 'Emergency Passport' and go in the draw to win one of three 5 GB external portable hard drives.

**Enter & WIN**

[snhn.org.au](http://snhn.org.au)

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby will be holding a crime prevention stall at this Community Emergency Expo. We will bring along our 'Catch-a-crim' carnival style photo booth, police dressups and colouring-in for the kids. Learn more about 'KerbWatch' kits currently being offered to Turramurra residents. See you there!

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### KerbWatch - have you got your house number on your kerb?

NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby are loaning kerb painting kits and are rolling these out first in Turramurra! Each kit contains all necessary stencils, paints (black, white and reflective), wire brush, tape, turps, acetone, traffic cones, high vis

vest and full instructions. We have had some enthusiastic response to our launch. Do you want to make use of it?

Please contact us for more information and to borrow a kit: [nhwkuringgaihornsby@gmail.com](mailto:nhwkuringgaihornsby@gmail.com).

For all the information about the kit, or how to book it, see our website: [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/](http://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/).



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**27 August, from Live Traffic NSW: MOONEY MOONEY CREEK FINAL UPDATE, 6:45PM:**

# Road closed



THE M1 Pacific Motorway has now reopened for southbound traffic following an earlier car fire.

Traffic remains very heavy in the area, but should slowly ease now that all lanes are open.

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MOONEY MOONEY CREEK: The M1 Pacific Motorway is closed southbound at Mooney Mooney Creek due to a crash and vehicle fire approaching the Mooney Mooney Bridge.

Southbound light vehicles can exit at the Kariang Interchange and use the Old Pacific Highway as an alternative route.

Northbound traffic is also very heavy through the area.

Motoists in both directions should allow plenty of extra travel time and also follow the directions of emergency services and traffic crews on site.

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**27 August, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:**

Hi All, I left my daughter's bike at Ruddock park on Wednesday afternoon near the BBQs. It was under the tree near the corner of the car park. That's BYK 14" toddler white bike with training wheels. See the photo. My daughter is super sad and I am so sorry to make this mistake. I am stressful recently, I can't believe I

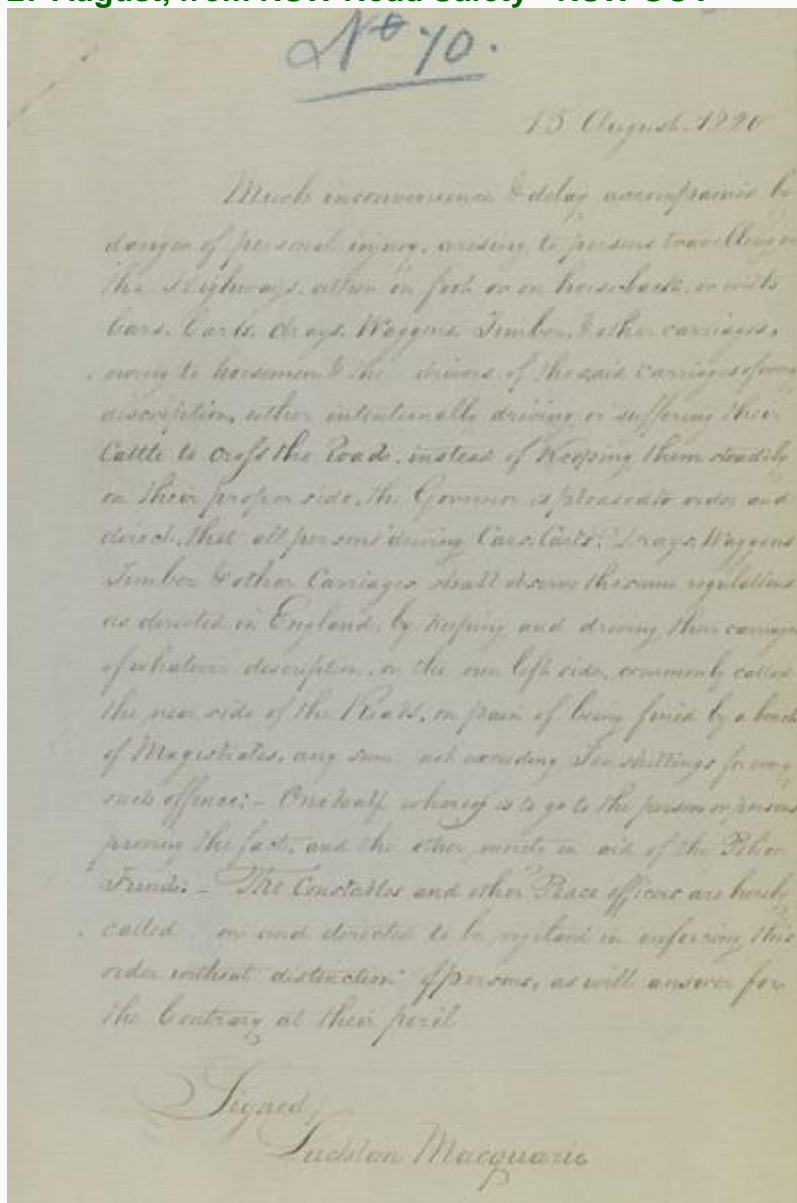


would make it happen. If anybody picked it up or saw it, can you please please get contact with me. 🙏

Thanks Mavis.



## 27 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



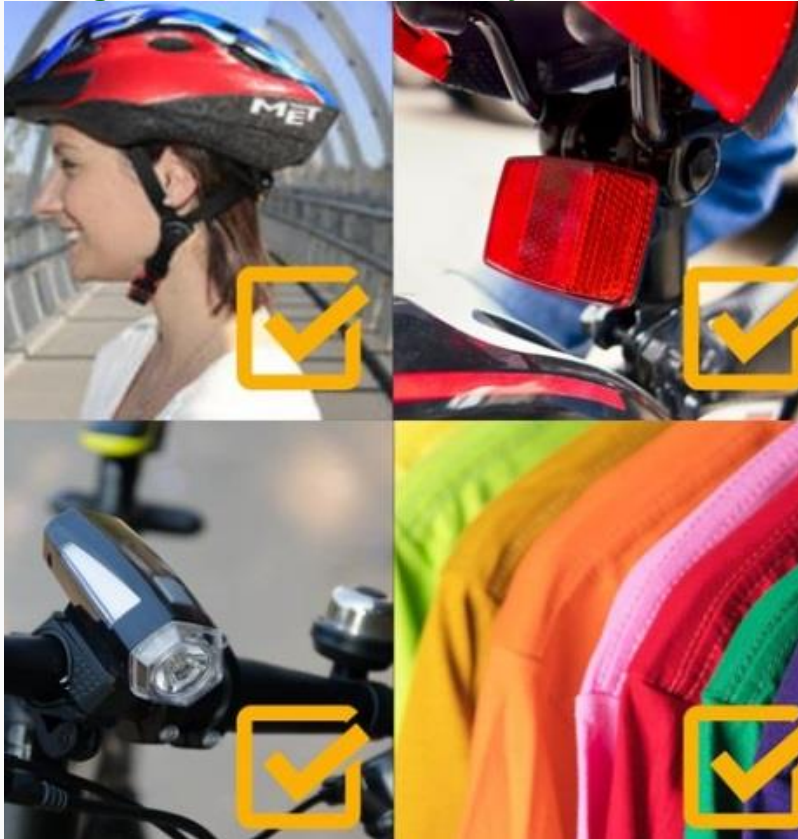
🤖 Did you know that the rule of keeping to the left side of the road has existed for 203 years?

📅 In August of 1820, Governor Lachlan Macquarie issued an order that driving cattle and carts, walking and riding must be on the left-hand side of the road to avoid crashes. 🚗

📄 Check out the original order – and Governor Macquarie’s stunning handwriting! ✍️

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27 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



🚲 Are you ready to ride? Helmets, reflectors, lights and bright clothing help keep bicycle riders safe on our roads.

💡 Learn more about road rules for bicycle riders [here](#).

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25 August, from NSW Police Force: ATTENTION ONLINE DETECTIVES 👁️ HELP US REUNITE THESE MEDALS!



These service medals were located by an eagle-eyed traveller on a train journey from Sydney to Kiama on Friday, 3 June 2022.

But here's the twist – the medals are not engraved with the recipient's service number, initials, or surname.

- 🇺🇦 1939-1945 Star
- 🇫🇷 France and Germany Star
- 🇦🇺 Australia Service Medal 1939-1945
- 🇵🇱 Polish Air Force Medal

Over a year has slipped by and we're yet to reunite these medals with their rightful owner; so we're calling on the power of our incredible community. ❤️

If these medals belong to you, or if you have any information about who owns them, please contact Lake Illawarra Police:

📍 6 Pioneer Dr, Oak Flats NSW 2529

☎️ (02) 4232 5511

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### 24 August, from Australian Federal Police



Three men have been jailed for their roles in the Plutus Payroll fraud responsible for defrauding the Australian tax system of more than \$105 million over three years.

Two Sydney men, aged 36 and 53, were today jailed for 15 years each for their roles in creating and operating the fraudulent scheme.

A Thornleigh man, 39, was also jailed for 14 years in July for using his knowledge, qualification and professional status as a solicitor to mislead

the [Australian Taxation Office](#).

Operation Elbrus was an AFP-led investigation into the scheme that revealed a group of people using payroll service companies to divert pay-as-you-go withholding tax and goods and services tax owed to the ATO.



Read more [here](#).

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## Dates for your Diary

**Thursdays 27 July - 31 August:** 10-12pm Online Circle of Security Program (for parents of 0-12yr) FREE. [Info](#).

**August:** Rollout of KerbWatch into Turramurra suburb. [Info](#).

**Wednesday 30 August:** KYDS 'Small fish, big pond', Managing the transition to high school. FREE webinar 6:30-7:30pm. [Info](#).

**🔥 Saturday 09 September:** Berowra RFS Street Meeting 12:30-2pm @ Bambi Rd nr Fire Trail gate.

**Saturday 16 September:** South Turramurra Community Emergency Expo - NHW Crime Prevention stall. Times tbc

**Saturday 23-Sunday 24 September:** NHW Australasia 'Secure Your Home Day'. [Info](#).

**Thursday 30 November:** Gordon/Killara/East Killara NHW AGM & get-together 7-9pm @ Gordon Baptist Church 'Garden Square' rooms, Park Ave. Speaker: Sgt Dean La Greca, NSWPF Highway Patrol - Random Breath Testing (RBT) & Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT). And speaker (hopefully): Snr Cst Geoff Moeller, Crime Prevention Officer with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command based at Hornsby police station - current crime in the command and advice. General public very welcome. Bring a plate. Come and collect a personal goodie bag of literature and freebies.

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

- **Tip #1.** MAKE EYE CONTACT with drivers before crossing any road, even on a pedestrian crossing. Parents – teach your kids this life skill.



Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you. Your life – your decision.

- **Tip #3. PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE.** Unplug your earphones. Give all senses to the job of keeping you safe. Concentrate whilst you are on that road. Pause any involved conversations with those near you. 100% concentration please!
- **Tip #8. WAIT FOR THE WALK SIGNAL** at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. Do not enter the road if the red 'Don't walk' signal shows, flashing or otherwise. Beware adjacent crossings having similar 'Walk' sounds – you may start to cross prematurely, by mistakenly hearing the other crossing's 'Walk' signal – easily done!
- **Tip #9. BE A ROLE MODEL FOR CHILDREN.** Don't run across the road. Walk at a determined pace. This helps to avoid a trip or fall, and also gives time for a driver to predict your path.
- **Tip #15. REFUGE ISLANDS ARE NOT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.** Please do not treat them as such. They are to help you cross the road in two stages, when traffic is busy or the road is wide. A driver should not stop for you at these islands.

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](#). Other languages are available.

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....Yes your eyes aren't deceiving you, that is one of our Tactical Cycle officers carrying a Chihuahua 🐶 (and now one of our favourite photos).

Two members of the public approached our officers at the festival and handed over a lost dog that they found.

The dog didn't fancy the walk so the only option was to scoop him up so they could take him to get his microchip scanned.

Dog reunited with owner within an hour 👍

We'll leave you to decide the best caption for this!



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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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

**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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@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](#)

## **Local NHW Facebook pages:**

[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 NHW groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (paused)

\*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

\*Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara (plus part of Pymble)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

\*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

\*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.

