



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #623 - 19 September 2023

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) 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 <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (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!").

- A 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.
- A Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- A Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

18 September, from NSW Police: Have you seen Ashley?

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's Northern Beaches. Ashley Westerman, aged 57, was last seen on Richmond Avenue, Dee Why, about 10pm on Saturday (16 September 2023). When he could not be located or contacted, officers Northern Beaches Police Area Command were notified today (Monday 18 September 2023) and commenced an investigation to locate him. Police and family hold serious concerns for his welfare. Ashley is described as being of Caucasian appearance, approximately 185cm, of medium build with red hair and brown eyes.

Anyone who sights Ashley - or knows any information into his whereabouts - is urged to contact Northern Beaches Police Area Command - Dee Why police station: 9971 3399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



14 September, from Ku-ring-gai command:

TOI: 9am

LOI: Pacific Highway cross of Ada Avenue, Wahroonga.

VEH1: Unknown Pantex Truck - Silver, with aqua/green branding.

VEH2: Red Mazda 3 sedan

About 9am on the 29th of August 2023, VEH2 was driving West bound towards Hornsby on the Pacific Highway cross of Ada Avenue, Wahroonga. VEH2 was driving at a speed of about 60 km/h in lane 1 of 3, when she noticed a Pantex Truck begin to move into her lane, from lane 2 of 3. DRIV2 tried to avoid the truck, but VEH1 drove into the side of her vehicle, causing major cosmetic damage to the offside panels, front and rear. VEH2 managed to come to a stop on the sidewalk outside of Abbotsleigh Girls School, left of lane 1 of 3. The truck continued to drive straight ahead, without stopping to exchange details.

If anyone witnessed this accident or has dashcam footage can they please contact **Hornsby**Police on 9476 9799.

13 September, from Ryde command: CCTV RELEASED AS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO ARMED ROBBERY - STRIKE FORCE MOOREHEAD

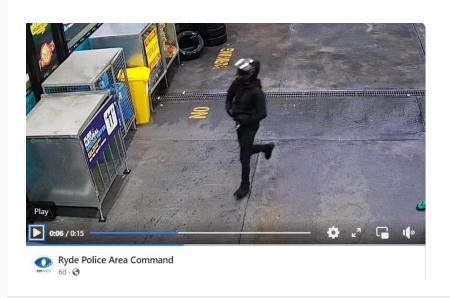
Police have released CCTV as investigations continue into an armed robbery in Sydney's north-west earlier this year.

About 7.40pm on Friday 6 January 2023, police have been told a man entered a service station in Bridge Street, Epping, and produced a firearm towards a male staff member. The man threatened the worker before stealing cash and cigarettes. No one was physically injured.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene and commenced an investigation under Strike Force Moorehead.

As inquiries continue, police have released CCTV footage of a man who may be able to assist with the investigation. The man is depicted in the vision wearing black pants, a black jacket, black gloves and a black motorcycle helmet.

Anyone with information that may assist **Strike Force Moorehead investigators** is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.







19 September, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Are you bushfire ready?

Spots still left for our free online webinar tomorrow night! Everyone in Ku-ring-gai is at risk of bushfire damage. Get ready for a hot, dry summer by watching our live digital simulation of how a bushfire might behave in your neighbourhood and how to prepare.

Wednesday 20 September, 7-8:30pm. ** NSW Rural Fire Service

Book now here.

18 September, from Hornsby Council: Hornsby Shire Council secures funding to prepare the community for bush fires

What would you and your family do if the bushland near your home caught fire? Would you leave early, or stay and defend? These are just some of the questions being addressed by Hornsby Shire Council's new bush fire education program launching this spring.

18 September, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from a resident in the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community Facebook group:

Hate to have to post this, but just letting everyone know that there are some scumbags going around the Turramurra area at the moment breaking into houses. Mine was broken into today, so please be vigilant and call the cops if you see anyone suspicious lurking around your house. Happened on one of the streets going off Bobbin Head Road, right near Turramurra North Public School.

And in the comments:

Thanks for sharing!! I had both my next door and cross the street neighbours' houses broken into and cars stolen Saturday night—lucky for us our dog warned them off breaking into our home, but I am devastated for my neighbours. I can't believe this!



18 September, from NHW Pymble & West Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Cars broken into overnight along Todman Ave. Might be worth checking your belongings /

dashcam etc.

And in the comments:

Our car was broken into last night as well on Wyomee Ave. Thief stole wallet, coins and a pair of Ray bans.

Not sure when but we've just discovered our car in the driveway in Tristania Place was opened and glove box and centre console searched, nothing taken; old Ray bans left on the seat.

No damage, they must be opening them with a lock bypass system.

They were in Warrowa Ave at 3am. Nothing taken, no face shots... (photo accompanying this comment).



17 September, from NSW Health: Often a glass, bottle or can of alcohol is more than just one standard drink

It can be easy to think that one premix can = one standard drink, when really it can be 1.5 standard drinks or even more. A standard drink contains 10 grams of pure alcohol. The type of alcohol (beer, wine or spirits) you choose makes no difference. It does not matter whether it is mixed with soft drink, juice, water or ice. 10 grams of alcohol is 10 grams of alcohol.

The Australian Alcohol Guidelines state that healthy men and women should drink no more than 10 standard drinks a week and no more than 4 standard drinks on any one day to reduce the risk of harm from alcohol.

To learn more about standard drinks, visit the Your Room website here.



17 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thank you to PHN & Sydney North Health Network, Ku-ring-gai Council and everyone who made possible today's 'Be Prepared for Summer' Community Emergency Expo at South Turramurra.

Lots of Emergency Services agencies having a fun day out in the hot sun. The Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby stall had a great turnout with plenty of residents learning more about what Neighbourhood Watch is doing these days - mostly online, with our website, Facebook and weekly eNewsletter. We gave away lots of the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' sheets, NHW window stickers, car rego plate locking screws, along with promotional flyers for 'KerbWatch' (the latest project encouraging residents to paint their house number on their kerb).

Lots of children enjoyed the police dress-ups, 'catch-a-crim' photo booth and colouring-in. The highlight for us was introducing our new kangaroo team member who needed a name. The winner was the name 'Hoppy' and in the photo we have Paul Fletcher MP presenting the winner's grannie with the prize goodie bag (containing items from NSWPF, AFP, Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre and the NSW Government).

Thank you to our volunteers; Gay, Mary, Wal, Ben, Haylie, Warren and Julia. Also thanks go to Fiona and the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command guys, for being such good neighbours,

and Paul Fletcher MP for joining in with us so enthusiastically.







16 September, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group:

My car was side-swiped this morning (15/9) while parked on the Pacific Highway outside the Coles site. The whole right side is damaged and there was no note left. If anyone saw anything or might have dash cam footage between 10.13-10.48am, I would be so grateful if you could please let me know. I've lodged a police report. Thank you!



16 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: [Behind a paywall]

■A 32-year-old man has admitted flashing his privates and masturbating in front of children at Waitara. ★Read the latest U here.



15 September, from Nepean command: Having an issue with the barking dog next door? ₩

Here's how to deal with it:

- Talk to the owner.
- mReport to your local council.
- lf the issue persists, contact the community justice centre to help mediate.
- In extreme cases, you can also seek a noise abatement order from your local court.



15 September, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Hi everyone! I was having lunch yesterday at Sous Le Soleil and I have to say it was delicious! However, when I returned to my car around 3 - 3.30pm I saw that it had been hit from behind. My car is brand new and I've had it less than three weeks. No note left, so I was wondering if anyone saw something? It was near the tennis courts and right behind the restaurant.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20 September: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's Bushfire Simulation & Climate Wise Communities webinar 7-8:30pm. Book.

Wednesday 20 September: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's Teens & Emotional Health webinar 6:30-8pm. **Book**.

Wednesday 20 September: FREE Hornsby Council's Digital Support Session 10-12noon @ Hornsby Library. No need to book. <u>Info</u>.

Saturday 23-Sunday 24 September: NHW Australasia 'Secure Your Home Day'. Info.

Monday 25 - Tuesday 26 September: Hornsby Mobile Blood Donor Centre @ William Street Car Park.

Wednesday 01 November: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6pm @ PCYC, Park Lane, Waitara. New volunteers very welcome. Refreshments provided. <u>Email</u> us for more 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.

14 September, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Keep an eye out for two teenagers with backpacks checking out houses. Just caught them on my cameras in Fiddens Wharf Road, one looking around the house and the other as a lookout.

And in the comments:

if it's the same people they were on Lady Game last night too, and caught on camera, the owner of the house called the police.

Can anyone describe them? We had a young guy walk enter our back yard and walk into the back room of our house tonight. He said he was looking for a specific house number. Could have been legit but odd that he opted for the back gate in the dark and didn't come to the front door. Unnerving.

The footage we had was both had backpacks on and what looked like dark short hair. Gordon police came out to check and also have the footage of our incident.

13 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SIX THINGS YOUR DEALER WON'T TELL YOU

1. **Dealers use fillers** It is common knowledge that drug dealers "cut" or mix in fillers to drugs, and what is added could easily be a death sentence to a user. Drugs are sold

- by the amount, so when a dealer wants to make a bigger profit they simply mix drugs with a range of other substances to achieve more income.
- 2. **It's profit over people** Drug dealers do what they do so they can make money. They work hard to build up trusted clients to create a 'supply and demand' dynamic and will do plenty to be your 'friend' in order to get the sale. Don't forget, there's plenty of examples where someone suddenly owes money to a dealer, and that friendly demeanour slips and becomes a far more violent association.
- 3. They don't know what's in the drugs It might be hard to believe, but dealers don't really know what's in the drugs they are selling. Plenty of drug dealers are just a middle-man, and someone else, somewhere else originally made the drugs before they were shipped, trucked or flown into the hands of the current dealer. When you buy drugs there's no guarantee that they are what someone says they are, so it is Russian Roulette when it comes to your health and well-being.
- 4. Pain caused is conveniently forgotten Drug dealers operate in a world full of fear, hurt and pain. Not only does a dealer face the constant prospect of being arrested and held to account, each and every customer they have also faces the same threat and could easily turn in their drug dealer to help reduce the severity of charges they might be facing or shorten a prison term. A drug dealer isn't going to tell you about some of the desperate things addicts do to get their next fix, or the occasions where someone overdoses and dies as a result. It would be bad for business.
- 5. **There's never a "deal"** Whether someone likes it or not, drug dealers don't play favourites. There's never going to be a 'special rate' or deal on offer just because you happen to be a nice person. Like any other business, drug dealers make a profit by charging more for their product than what they paid for it.
- 6. There's something you can do Crime Stoppers is a trusted, independent link between police and the community. We do not have call display or call trace on any of our telephones, and we do not record any calls or log an IP address if it is an online report. You are under no obligation to share any personal details, and information you provide can be nothing more than a suspicion. Even the smallest piece of information can make all the difference.

If you have any information about drug makers or dealers, you can contact **Crime Stoppers** via a toll-free hotline (1800 333 000), make a report at www.crimestoppers.com.au/home



13 September, from Anti-discrimination NSW: Anti-discrimination NSW has fact sheets/flyers that come in a zillion languages.

Look for them all on the website <u>here</u>. For instance:

- Age discrimination
- Carers discrimination
- Your rights during Covid
- · Disability discrimination
- HIV/AIDS vilification
- Homosexual discrimination
- Infectious diseases discrimination
- Marital or domestic status discrimination
- Pregnancy & breastfeeding discrimination
- Race discrimination
- Racial vilification
- Sex discrimination
- Sexual harassment
- Transgender discrimination
- Transgender vilification
- Victimisation
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Service





If you think that you have experienced discrimination, you can first try speaking to the person or organisation responsible to let them know you have been treated unfairly. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, or if it isn't appropriate, you can contact us to make a complaint of discrimination. You can write your complaint in your language, and we will have it translated for free into English. If writing your complaint is difficult, you can contact us to discuss other ways to submit your complaint.

You can contact our enquiry service if you need more information or are unsure if you have experienced discrimination.

Translating and Interpreting Service - 131 450 Law Access - 1300 888 529

Complaint case study

Adnan* lives in Australia while the rest of his family lives overseas.

Adnan asked his supervisor for some time off work so he could travel overseas to support his elderly dying father. Adnan's supervisor was unsympathetic to his request and discouraged him from taking leave. Despite this, Adnan was able to travel to see his father.

Adnan lodged a complaint of carer's discrimination, disability discrimination and victimisation with ADNSW.

*Name has been changed to protect the privacy of the individual

This factsheet has general information about discrimination and there may be some exceptions to the law. Please contact us if you have questions or you would like information about how to make a complaint.

Anti-Discrimination NSW

Enquiries
Phone: 02 9268 5544
Free call: 1800 670 812
Email: complaintsadb@justice.nsw.gov.au

Office location

Locked Bag 5000 Parramatta NSW 2124

Website

ADNSW Fact Sheet | Anti-Discrimination NSW

Email us here for a pdf in your inbox.

12 September, from Dunga Simulation Driving PTY LTD: When your tyre bursts and you're on high speed sometimes, the first instinct is to panic and apply brake

But this can be really dangerous. So train your mind to stay calm in such situations and try to follow the below steps. If your tyre bursts while driving fast:

- 1. Don't apply brake; you will tumble
- 2. Switch on your hazard light
- 3. Release the accelerator gradually
- 4. Keep car going straight; don't steer
- 5. Let car gradually stop; don't match brakes!

Safety is healthy!!



From Live Traffic NSW

Asquith Scheduled Roadwork - Pacific Highway @ Peats Ferry Rd/ Wattle St Monday 10 - Tuesday 17 October 2023

Mon, Tue, Wed (9:30pm to 5:00am)

Thu, Fri, Sat (10:00pm to 5:00am)

Sun (9:30pm to 5:00am)

Traffic affected both directions. Traffic lights will be flashing yellow at the intersection. Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions will be in place.

Normanhurst to Wahroonga Scheduled Roadwork, re-surfacing - Pennant Hills Rd between Buckingham Av & Ingram Rd

Monday 09 - Friday 13 October 2023

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu (10:00pm to 5:00am)

Traffic affected both directions. Reduced speed limit (40km/h), Exercise caution, Check signage. Contraflow traffic conditions will be in place to allow motorists to pass in both directions and a number of traffic lights will be blacked out, with alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions in place to allow motorists to pass in one direction at a time.

More information and traffic cameras at Live Traffic NSW here.

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

- **Tip #1.** Install a peep-hole in your front door & install the brightest lightbulb in the light outside your front door.
- **Tip #4.** Fit keyed locks on sliding doors/windows. Alternative holes can allow a locked-while-open position for ventilation.
- Tip #11. Use ATMs inside the bank. Take your time. If you are worried about someone
 nearby, cancel the transaction. Hide that cash! Don't advertise the fact that you have
 money. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase
 necessary?
- Tip #20. Know your phone numbers. Ensure they are ready and available in your phone. Include an ICE number (In Case of Emergencies) for access by emergency services.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.

Thanks to Partage d'images



~~ In 1971, a cement truck crashed near Winganon, Oklahoma. The mixer was too heavy to move so they left it. The locals have since repainted it to look like a NASA space capsule.

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
Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby
Facebook Group NHWKuringgaiHornsby
Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

WatchOut!

WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website 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.







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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