

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #627 - 17 October 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 [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](#).

16 October, from NSW Police: Hate Crimes - How to Report Hate Crimes - NSW Police Force



Watch video [here](#).

12 October, from The Hills command: Hills Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding warrant in Sydney's North West.

Christopher Darren AMEY, aged 49, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding arrest warrants. Officers attached to the Hills Police Area Command have conducted inquiries into

his whereabouts; however, he has not been located. He is known to frequent the Balgowlah, Penrith and Glenorie areas. Anyone with information regarding Christopher's whereabouts is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.



12 October, from Police Transport command: Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify a male who may be able to assist with their enquiries into an alleged Sexual Touching incident which occurred on board a train between Wynyard and Central Railway Stations around 10:10pm on Wednesday 7th June 2023.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have knowledge of the identity of the male depicted to come forward. Anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au



17 October, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Page group:

This guy was spotted around Minnamurra Avenue and Minnamurra Place, Pymble this morning (17/10/2023). He was trying to break in to several houses. If anyone came across

this guy or know him, please report to the police immediately.



17 October, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council and Hornsby Shire Council for hosting and inviting Neighbourhood Watch to today's Upper North Shore Volunteer Forum. Great discussion, stories and idea generation!

Pictured are the three volunteers who described their own personal stories: Krishan Gupta (Lifeline), Mark Lawson (NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit) and Kathy Bradfield (Ku-ring-gai Council Environmental Program).

Representing Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby we have Gay Balasubramanian and Julia Eagles the Joint Coordinators.





17 October, from the Australian Cyber Security Centre: Back those files up!

Important data such as your photos, documents and financial records can be lost instantly. By maintaining regular backups you will ensure you have a safe and up-to-date copy of your files at all times. Be cyber wise – don't compromise!

Here are some guiding principles and tips to backing up your data to make sure it is secure, up-to-date and available when you need it [👉 here](#).



17 October from Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch:



**20 MAJOR ACCIDENTS THIS YEAR & COUNTING.
HOW MANY MORE WILL DIE?
WE SAY NO MORE!**

If the safety of you & your family is paramount then join us on the old highway opposite Kangaroo Point & protest for the return of our road, lower speed limits, noise & speed cameras. To book a ride or for more information email us at takebacktheoldroad@gmail.com

Saturday, 21/10/23 from 11am-1pm

17 October, Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra Community group yesterday (Monday):

Hi, on Thursday 12th October between 10:30-5:30 someone hit my side mirror and left no note...

I was parked on Kissing Point Road outside Ku-ring-gai Kindergarten, next to Turrumurra Public School. This person's side mirror cover came off too, which I've collected. If anyone witnessed this or you'd like to fess up and collect your mirror cover please message me.



16 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Congratulations to Wayne Deaner, fellow Neighbourhood Watch volunteer down in Wagga!

This recognises his work during the Covid period. 🎉🎊



Nominate now for the NHTWA Volunteer of the Year Award and NHTWA Police Commissioner's Award. Applications close 31st October 2023.

Visit www.nhwa.com.au/awards to nominate online or download a form.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 October: FREE Be connected - Intro to computers for seniors 10am-12noon @ Hornsby Library. [Bookings](#).

Wednesday 18 October to Thursday 19 October: 3-6pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE

support - GambleAware Week. [Info](#).

Tuesday 31 October: FREE Red Cross - Get prepared Workshop @ Galston Community Centre, Arcadia Rd, Galston 6:30-8pm. [Bookings](#).

Wednesday 01 November: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6pm @ PCYC, Park Lane, Waitara. New volunteers very welcome. Refreshments provided. [Email](#) us for more info.

Monday 06 to Sunday 12 November: NHW Crime Prevention Week

Tuesday 07 November: FREE Red Cross - Get prepared Workshop @ Cowan Community Centre, Bujwa Rd, Cowan 6:30-8pm. [Bookings](#).

Tuesday 07 November: FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to computers 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Bookings](#).

Saturday 11 November: 12noon-2pm Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Crime Prevention stall & kids activities at Bunnings, Thornleigh.

Tuesday 14 November: FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to Internet & Cybersafety 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Bookings](#).

Tuesday 21 November: FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to Tablets 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Bookings](#).

Wednesday 22 November: FREE Teaching your Learner Driver - Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS) Presentation via Teams 6-7:30pm. [Bookings](#).

Tuesday 28 November: FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to Smartphones 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Bookings](#).

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.

16 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

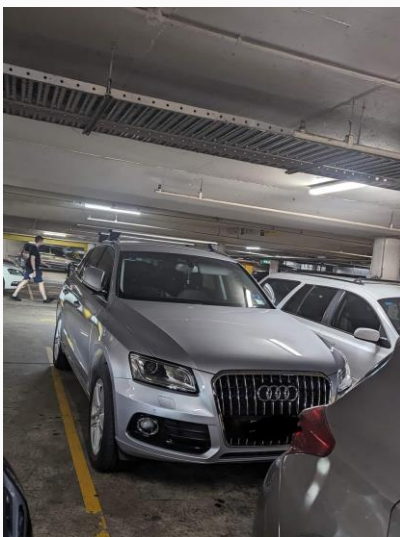
Given the recent tragedy on Pennant Hills Road I felt it important to write to warn other drivers after dropping off my daughter to her bus stop this morning. Turning right from Dartford onto Pennant Hills road I had the green and large white truck drove straight through the red along PHR from Normanhurst towards Thornleigh. Then turning right from Stuart Ave onto PHR, again having the green, a car travelling from Thornleigh to Normanhurst ran the red light and had I not stopped she would have kept going and most likely hit me. Now I am fully aware that these drivers may not be on this page, but it's more to share this so you know to stay safe and to share with your learners (one of whom I have!) and young drivers, that they should wait and constantly check people have fully stopped before crossing PHR (or any

other main road). We really do not want another tragedy with one of our loved ones.

*In case anyone asks, the white van was too fast for me to get details and ran the second red light near the petrol station so was gone, and I was driving the opposite direction from the car and couldn't get hers.

16 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

If you own this Silver Audi parked underground in Thornleigh Marketplace, I just watched a black BMW scrape the side of your car while they were backing out, then drive off. PM me if this is your car, I have the number plate of the BMW.



14 October, from 9Now.Nine.com.au: How strong is your online password?

- "a new complimentary service by the NSW Government can help you choose a password that is just about uncrackable."

Read more [here](#).

14 October, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page group:

Hit and Run 12:31PM 13/10

If anybody witnessed an accident between a white Tesla and an old style Ute at 12:31 at the intersection at Mona Vale Rd and the Pacific Highway, or has any dashcam footage, could you please let me know? Thanks.

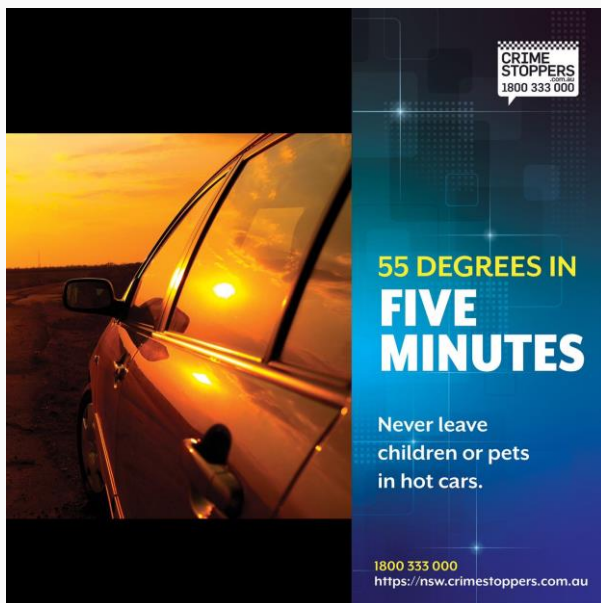
13 October, from Ku-ring-gai Council: We need our community's help !

Approx. 5m³ of waste was illegally dumped near the playground at Bert Oldfield Oval, Killara. The incident took place between 9pm Wed Oct and 9am Thurs 12 Oct. Seeking witnesses, CCTV, or dashcam footage of a suspicious ute/small truck. Contact **Council on 9424 0000**.



13 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: It's going to be a VERY hot summer.




NEVER leave children or animals in hot cars. If you see a child or pet left unattended in a car, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.



12 October, from the Australian Federal Police: The AFP is encouraging grandchildren of all ages to help seniors learn their cyber ABCs in a bid to stay safe online.

Some older Australians say they are worried about using technology because they fear they will be scammed. As a community, we need to ensure that older Australians can participate online, and be safe doing so.

To keep it simple, we're urging seniors and all Australians to learn their cyber ABCs:

-  Avoid clicking on links sent in unsolicited email or text;
-  Block calls on mobile devices from suspected scammers; and,
-  Call your financial institution immediately if you identify a suspicious transaction or you believe your bank account has been targeted by cyber criminals.

We encourage seniors to take advantage of the resources offered by the AFP and other government agencies and engage in conversations with trusted family members to help them online.

 Full story [here](#).

12 October, from 9News.com.au: Driver charged after motorcyclist killed in crash in Sydney's north

A man has been charged following a fatal crash that killed a motorcyclist in Sydney's north on Tuesday. The driver of a Ford Ranger Utility was arrested after allegedly colliding with the motorbike and three cars on Pennant Hills Road in Normanhurst about 11.45am yesterday...

Full article [here](#).



The ute and a motorbike crashed through a brick wall during the incident. (Nine)

11 October, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Performance Inspired Protein Water

Full Media Release [here](#).



11 October, from 9News.com.au: Demerit point dealers: The dodgy black market scheme operating through social media

Drivers who have accrued demerit points have been selling them off on the black market through a new scheme operating on social media. The points are supposedly being exchanged for cash by drivers using social media marketplaces or groups.

Read more [here](#).

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

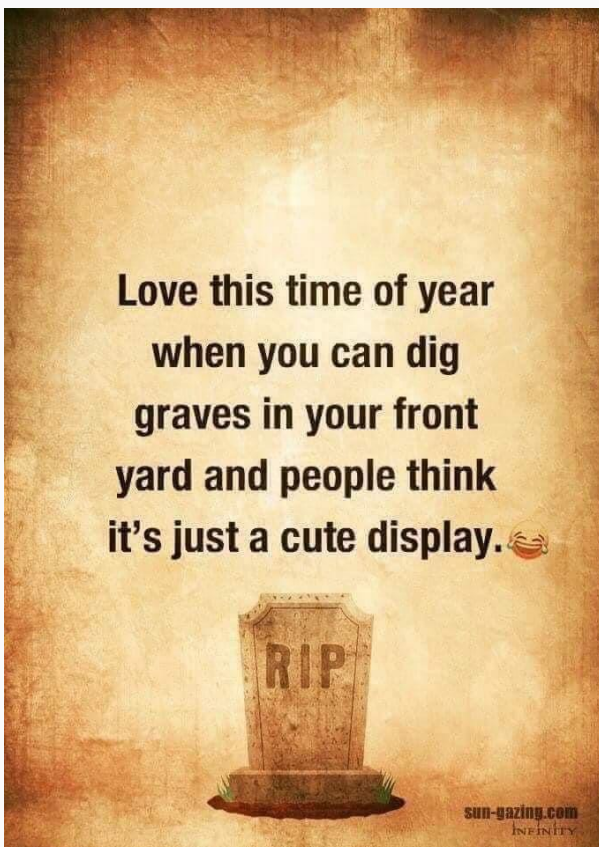
- **Tip #5.** Hold regular staff training in relation to managing difficult/violent residents/patients. Call Security/Police for assistance.
- **Tip #11.** Review the environmental layout of the whole site & make changes where there is concealment or a security risk identified. The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police station can assist with a free Security Audit. **Phone: 9476 9799.**
- **Tip #12.** Business/personal mailboxes should be cleared daily & secured with appropriate locks. The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police station can assist. **Phone: 9476 9799.**
- **Tip #19.** For deactivated staff, ensure all computer access is removed, and keys & swipe cards are returned.

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.

Town in Iceland paints 3D Zebra Crosswalk to slow down speeding cars.



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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](#)

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 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.



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