



### Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #631 - 14 November 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.

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- 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.

# 12 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command are seeking assistance from anyone who may have witnessed an Assault that took place on the 4th October 2023 at 5.30pm.

The following describes the incident. Details:

About 05:30pm on the 4th of October 2023, an assault occurred between two males along Ray St Turramurra, outside the Coles supermarket. The first male is described as roughly 40 years old, Caucasian appearance, large build and was wearing a blue shirt, black shorts, and grey runners at the time of the incident. The second male is described as 50 years old, Indian appearance, slim build and was wearing a black tracksuit. Police are seeking assistance from members of the public who may have witnessed the incident, to assist in further enquiries. Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command is based at Hornsby & Gordon police stations. If you can assist, please phone Hornsby police station 9476 9799, the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 or Crime Stoppers NSW 1800 333 000.

#### 10 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: EPIC Support Online EXPO

This flyer is now out-of-date. Information about the NEXT webinar on **Monday 20 November** 7:30-8:30pm "*From worriers to warriors: How to support anxious young people*" can be found here.



14 November from Nepean command: SEATBELTS - The fine is secondary to the fact that your life and the lives of your passengers may be saved by wearing a seatbelt Driver not wear seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened \$387 PLUS 3 DEMERIT POINTS Passenger seatbelt not adjusted/fastened (16 yrs or older) \$387

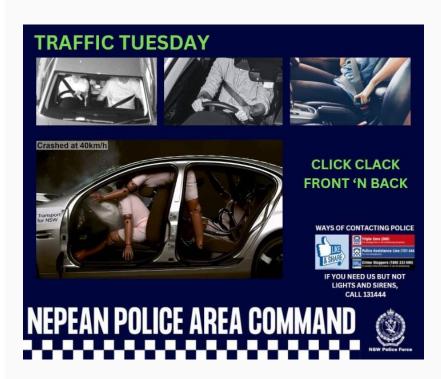
HOW DO SEATBELTS PROTECT US? IN A CAR CRASH THE FIVE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF SEATBELTS ARE TO:

• 1. Help people's bodies to slow down at the same speed as the vehicle. A person who

is not wearing a seatbelt will continue to travel forward at the speed the vehicle was travelling until something stops them.

- 2. Spread the force of the impact over the stronger parts of a person's body the pelvis and chest area.
- 3. Prevent the driver and passengers from colliding with each other or the inside of the vehicle.
- 4. Reduce the risk of the driver or passengers being thrown from the vehicle. In some crashes, a person may burst through one of the windows and be partially or fully thrown from the vehicle, exposing them to other dangers.
- 5. Work together with airbags. In a crash, the seatbelt slows the speed of the driver and passengers, so they impact safely with airbags.

'Seatbelts Save Lives' Fact Sheet from the NSW Government 'Towards Zero' campaign here.



12 November from NSW Police: Wishing your Diwali to be abundant with joy, light, peace and safety.

The NSW Police Force hopes Diwali brings prosperity to you and more opportunities for us to work together.

Happy Diwali!



11 November from NSW Police: Today we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice

Lest we forget.



12 November, from Hawkesbury command: ■ CRIME PREVENTION WEEK 6-11 NOV ■

#6 - TOOL SAFETY







10 November, from NSW Police: We all love a good deal - but we still need to be cautious when it comes to online sales ...

Be vigilant, double-check URLs, and only trust reputable retailers to ensure your bargain hunt doesn't turn into a cyber trap. Remember, a little caution goes a long way in securing your wallet and personal information.

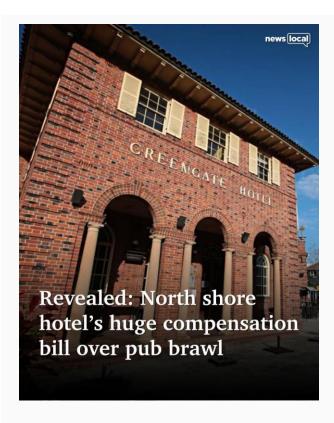
For more information on frauds and scams, head to here.





14 November from the North Shore Times: A popular north shore pub has copped a five-figure compensation bill after a wild brawl resulted in a pub patron being assaulted and 'falsely imprisoned'. [Usually behind a paywall]

FULL STORY - here.



#### 14 November, from the Tasmanian Police: One for the Santa List?

If you're getting someone a mountain bike for Christmas - consider putting an AirTag tracker on it like this Kingston teenager did. Last Friday, he realised his \$3,000 mountain bike had been stolen from his shed. Luckily, he'd thought to put an AirTag tracker on it and police were able to quickly locate the bike, return it to the teen, and charge the offender. This is a great example of how we can all take simple steps to protect our belongings from criminals.

\*Reminder - you can register your bikes on the Bikelinc website <u>bikelinc.com.au/</u> - registering your bike helps us to track down the rightful owner and reunite you with your bike if it goes missing.



#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 17 November:** Kids & Traffic FREE webinar - Out and About: Safe Journies with Kids. 10:30-12noon. <a href="Info/bookings">Info/bookings</a>.

**Monday 20 November:** EPIC webinar - From worriers to warriors: How to support socially anxuious young people. 7:30-8:30pm. <u>Info/bookings</u>.

**Tuesday 21 November:** FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to Tablets 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. **Bookings**.

**Tuesday 21 November:** Kids & Traffic FREE webinar - Out and About: Safe Journies with Kids. 5-6:30pm. <a href="Info/bookings">Info/bookings</a>.

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

**Thursday 23 November:** Kids & Traffic FREE webinar - Starting School Safely. 5-6:30pm. <a href="Info/bookings">Info/bookings</a>.

**Tuesday 28 November:** FREE Tech savvy seniors - Intro to Smartphones 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. **Bookings**.

**Thursday 28 November:** Kids & Traffic FREE webinar - Supporting Early Language and Literacy through Road Safety Education. 5-6:30pm. <u>Info/bookings</u>.

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.

**Wednesday 06 December:** 'Walk the Talk' against Domestic Violence. PCYC Hornsby/Kuring-gai (1 Park Ln, Waitara) to PCYC. 8:30-10:30am. NHW K&H will be taking part in this walk. Everyone is invited to join in.

Tuesday 06 February 2024: Safer Internet Day. Info.

## 14 November, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

New phone scam? YES!

"This is Australia Post, your mail has been delivered twice and not collected. To learn more, press 1 for English, 2 for Chinese."

I hung up at that point.

Male voice, no accent, a little stiff (possibly AI generated, but could also have been someone reading woodenly off a prompt).

Anyone gotten this one yet, or is it the new generation of scam calls? Or, an outside possibility, is it \*gasp\* for real??

#### 13 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: A reminder

Giving way to pedestrians when turning. If you are turning left or right at an intersection, you must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road that you are about to enter. This rule applies to intersections both with and without traffic lights. However, it doesn't apply at roundabouts.

More information here.

Watch the Transport for NSW video here Road Rules - Pedestrians here.

#### Sharing the road with pedestrians

Rules for giving way to pedestrians, mobility scooters and skateboarders on NSW roads. How to share the road, and when to slow down and take extra care.

- Give way to pedestrians
- Look out for vulnerable pedestrians
- Slow down and take extra care
- Mobility scooters and motorised wheelchairs
- Skateboards, foot scooters and rollerblades

Give way to pedestrians

As a driver, you must give way to pedestrians:

- in shared zones
- at pedestrian and children's crossings
- when turning at intersections
- when doing a U-turn
- when entering or leaving a driveway.

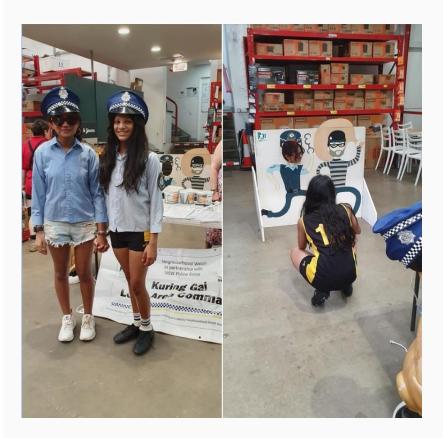
Always slow down and be prepared to stop if there's any danger of colliding with a pedestrian, even if they do not have right of way or are jaywalking (crossing the road illegally).

To make sure you have all the information you need, visit <u>here</u> for a Shared Zones fact sheet (August 2012) (PDF 3.04MB).

Full info from the RMS here.

## 13 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thank you to Bunnings, Thornleigh for inviting us as part of the National Crime Prevention Week.

On Saturday we held a crime prevention stall, along with the ever popular 'Catch-a-Crim' photo booth, police dress-ups and colouring-in. Many happy customers and an unexpected reunion for one of our volunteers. Thank you to Hanna at Bunnings, and to Fiona, our Multicultural Community Liason Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, and our Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers; Gay, Pasquale, Mary and Julia.



## 12 November, shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday (Saturday):

Parked my car between two cars on Beatrice Close on the night of 7/11/2023. When I left for work on the morning of 8/11/2023 I saw this big long scratch on it, looks like it was done intentionally with a key and the damage will cost well over \$5000 to fix. If anyone witnessed anything or has a similar experience please let me know. My car is only two years old and we have recently moved to Berowra, so it's really sad seeing this happen to my car. Any information/witness would be greatly appreciated, thank you!

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STRATEGY - What would you like to see Neighbourhood Watch doing in your community?

Please email us on: <a href="mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com">NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com</a>

### 12 November, shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Saturday):

1.10pm There is teenager graffitiing fences on Werona ave near Killara station with a black hoodie and okanui type board shorts on. Tried to get photo of him but he ran off, please keep an eye out. This is not on!

#### 11 November, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group:

Hi all, Just over a week ago, I witnessed an older man nearly being hit by a car at the Mona Vale Rd - Link Rd intersection (going at approximately 60km/h - though not the fault of the car). I checked in with the man as it was pretty terrifying. His name is Reg and his wife was in hospital at the time. I had some concerns regarding his welfare. I went to the police, though they haven't been able to identify him. Please contact me if this gentleman is known to you. Thanks

#### 11 November, from Creekside Kennels & Shop:

Cold weather reminder.

Do NOT plug space heaters into power strips or extension cords.

Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet. Powers strips are not designed to handle the high current flow required by a space heater and can overheat causing a fire.



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

- **Tip #2.** Do not leave your handbag, phone, keys, etc behind the counter. Thieves will distract you, reach over the counter and take your property.
- **Tip #4.** Ensure all perimeter fences, gates and doors are in good order and that gates are kept closed and locked (use a padlock or similar) when not in use, to restrict unauthorised access to your property.
- Tip #6. Photograph all graffiti and vandalism. Report to NSW Graffiti Hotline 1800 707
  125. Remove graffiti promptly.
- **Tip #8.** The power board to your business should be housed within a metal cabinet locked with an electricity authority lock to restrict tampering with the power supply.

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.

### 11 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland: W NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHWEEK

- 💖 Cyber safety tips for youth 🧔
- The internet and mobile phones are incredible tools for self-expression and communication. Let's use them responsibly for a positive online experience.
  - Respect yourself and others by following these tips:
- Create a strong password like P@SSword!
- 2 Use secure web browsers (look for https and a padlock icon) for sensitive info.
- 3 Keep your operating system and antivirus software up to date.
  - ® Stay safe online:
- 4 Avoid unknown emails they may carry viruses.
- 5 Protect your privacy don't share personal info or revealing photos.
- 6 Accept friend requests from trusted people only.
- Think before you post consider the consequences.
  - Ensure your accounts are private and regularly check your settings.
  - Respect your friends ask permission before posting or tagging photos.
  - X Don't share inappropriate or illegal content it's permanent.
  - Some Most importantly, seek help when needed.
  - Speak to a trusted adult or visit these resources:

Reach Out: <u>www.reachout.com.au</u>

• - Bullying. No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.com.au

- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

• - Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com

### ThinkUKnow is an extremely helpful product that you may want to look at.

ThinkUKnow is an online safety education program that aims to empower children, teenagers, and their caregivers with the knowledge and tools to stay safe in the digital world. Developed by law enforcement agencies and industry partners, ThinkUKnow provides valuable resources, interactive activities, and informative materials to help individuals understand the risks associated with the internet and how to mitigate them. It covers topics such as online privacy, cyberbullying, social media, and the potential dangers of sharing personal information online. ThinkUKnow is a valuable initiative that promotes online safety, fosters responsible internet usage, and helps protect young people from the various threats they may encounter in the digital age. <a href="thinkuknow.org.au">thinkuknow.org.au</a>





Email us here for the pdf in your inbox.

#### 11 November, from Nepean command: CRIME PREVENTION WEEK

Crime Prevention week gives us the opportunity to focus in on the Crime Prevention story.

THIEVES ARE OPPORTUNISTIC AND NEVER LIKE TO EXTEND THEMSELVES BEYOND THE EASIEST PATH TO STEALING AS MUCH AS THEY CAN.

Examples of this may be, stealing from motor vehicles. Our message has always been to;

- Lock your vehicle, windows, and doors.
- Even when parked in your garage, lock your vehicle
- Keep valuables out of sight

- Park in well lit areas
- Don't leave your garage remote control in your vehicle it gives the criminal easy access to your home.

#### FOR BREAK AND ENTER INCIDENTS INTO YOUR HOME.

- 8 out of 10 break and enters occur through unlocked doors and windows.
- Lock your doors and windows
- Install good quality lighting
  - Consider installing CCTV
  - Contact Nepean Crime Prevention Officers to conduct a risk and safety assessment on your home

#### FOR TRADIES THE MESSAGE IS SIMILAR:

- Don't leave expensive tools and equipment in your vehicle or at worksites overnight.
- Keep your vehicle doors, windows and storage locked, even when working on site.
- Invest in a lockable storage box.
- Don't leave anything of value visible inside your vehicle.
- Don't hide spare keys inside or underneath your vehicle.
- Remove any documents from your vehicle which reveal where you live.
- Engrave or mark your tools with your driver's licence number.
- Photograph and record details of expensive tools or equipment (i.e., Serial number).

#### HOW TO REPORT CRIME:

Way too often crime is reported through incorrect channels – social media, Facebook messaging portal. These are incorrect pathways of reporting if you require police attendance. The best way to have police attend to your needs follows:

"**000**" Triple Zero for emergency or life-threatening situations – to have a car crew attend urgently

"131444" Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-emergencies – to have a car crew attend but not lights and sirens

"1800 333 000" Crime Stoppers – to provide crime information – you may remain anonymous



11 November, from Ryde command:



11 November, from 9News.com.au: NSW Health encourages mask-wearing as COVID-19 cases rise

Full article here.

### 10 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: 'Maybe I'm hallucinating': Man flashes at schoolgirls

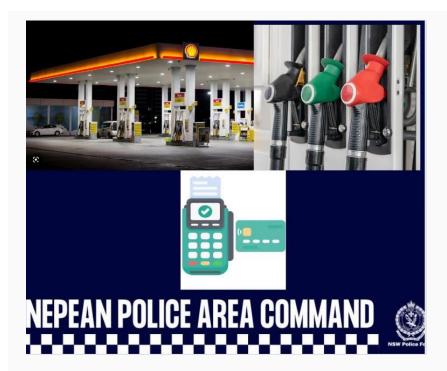
A man who masturbated in front of minors at Waitara has learned his fate after initially denying the offences and telling one victim 'you can touch it if you want'.  $\nearrow$  [Usually behind a paywall]

Story here.



08 November, from Nepean command: Failing to pay for fuel which is also known as a Drive Off constitutes a form of Fraud.

This is an offence. As a Licensed Driver of a motor vehicle it is your responsibility to pay for the fuel obtained from a Service Station prior to driving away. Do the right thing and pay for what you pump.



### 08 November, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Tuesday):

If anyone experiences a daylight break in or disturbance today - most likely in the area around Roseville P.S., I have details of suspicious activity. Went to put my front blind down, as I was leaving, and saw a black Falcon sedan was pulled up across my driveway with the driver peering down the drive. They moved off when they saw me. When I drove out, I spotted the car in my rear vision back up the street now facing the opposite direction, they pulled over and waited. So did I!! Under the guise of checking my phone. They waited a while then drove off. I followed at a distance and saw that they turned the corner - twice, indicating potentially going around the block. I did a u-turn and went back into my street and pulled up just down the road and waited. They didn't return, so I drove out and around the block, opposite direction to how they did. The car was parked in the next street, empty. I thought perhaps they were rear neighbours checking something, but it was 3 or 4 houses down, so that's a no. Anyway, I have their vehicle and rego details and am happy to give police info if anyone finds their property tampered with today.

#### And in the comments:

My husband also saw some suspicious behavior in our street which is off park avenue and he reported it to the police today.

Just an fyi - a friend in Northwood has his house broken into and car keys taken and expensive AMG Merc stolen. They also broke into the neighbours and stole cars. 6 houses in a row were broken into and cars taken. This was last night, apparently the cars are being stolen from the North Shore and being used in ganghits (what the cops told him). Stay aware neighbours. Thanks for this post btw

# 07 November, from NSW Road Safety: Å As a pedestrian, you must use a pedestrian crossing if there's one within:

- a) 20 metres
- b) 30 metres
- c) 40 metres

Answer: a) 20 metres.

### 07 November, from NSW Health: NSW Health is warning the public of high-dose MDMA tablets (ecstasy) currently circulating in NSW.

Three types of high dose MDMA tablets have recently been found in NSW:

- Blue diamond shaped tablet with 'punisher' logo contained 216 mg MDMA
- Blue skull shaped tablet with 'MYBRAND' logo and text contained 216 mg MDMA
- Yellow square tablet with 'SpongeBob' smiley face markings contained 160 mg MDMA.

These tablets contain up to twice the average amount of MDMA usually contained in tablets circulating in NSW.

Full Media Release here.





Thanks to Barbara Ann Oates

i will be late for work today. There is a cat on my car roof. Have to take the bus.

You can't just come in late because you don't want to bother a cat. just get rid of it.

I'm afraid i wont be able to.

What is more important? Your job or a inimal?



#### **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

### **©**3WatchOut!

#### 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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