



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #633 - 28 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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- 🚗 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](#).

28 November, from NSW Police: 🚨 Job seekers beware! 🚨

Don't fall for the attraction of "easy money" job offers. Scammers won't compensate you for any work, and those dream job offers may never materialise. 🧑🏻💰💵



WHAT IS A JOB SCAM?

@nswpolice

Scammers pretend to be hiring on behalf of high-profile companies and online shopping platforms. They also impersonate well known recruitment agencies. Their goal is to **steal your money** and **identity details**.

@nswpolice

THE **RED** FLAGS

A recruiter contacts you out of the blue via text message or encrypted message platforms like WhatsApp, Signal or Telegram.

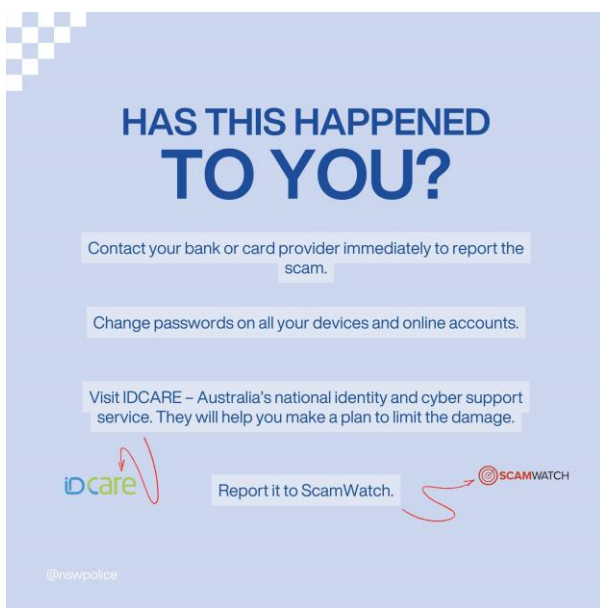
You are told you can earn a high income while working from home and with little effort.

There's no interview or discussion about your qualifications, experience, and references.

You are told to top up an account with your own money or cryptocurrency to complete tasks.

You are required to pay a 'recruitment fee' or pay for training materials before you begin the job and make any money.

@nswpolice



28 November, from NSW Police Force: Cybercrime Squad charge teenage boy with alleged sextortion and blackmail offences

Cybercrime Squad detectives have charged a teenage boy with a number of alleged sextortion and blackmail offences under Strike Force Lutwyche. On Wednesday 19 October 2023, officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command and State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad commenced an investigation into the alleged sextortion and blackmail of a 16-year-old girl.

Full Media Release [here](#).

26 November, from NSW Police Force: Teenager charged following pursuit in Mosman - North Shore PAC

A teenager will face court following a pursuit in Sydney's North Shore area. Just after 5am today (Sunday 26 November 2023), officers attached to North Shore Police Area Command attempted to stop a Toyota Hatchback and a white Mercedes hatchback on the Spit Road at Mosman. When the vehicles failed to stop, a pursuit was initiated before the Toyota crashed into a guard rail near Pearl Bay Avenue, Mosman. The driver of the Toyota – a 14-year-old boy – was arrested before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for minor injuries.

Full Media Release [here](#).

25 November, from NSW Police Force: Officer charged - Specialist Command

An off-duty police officer has been charged following an alleged assault.

About 12.50am today (Saturday 25 November 2023), officers from Kings Cross Police Area Command responded to reports of an assault along William Street, Darlinghurst. A 26-year-old male constable attached to a specialist command was arrested at the scene and taken to Kings Cross Police Station. The man was charged with three counts of common assault and one count of common assault (DV). He was granted conditional bail to appear at the Downing Centre Local Court on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

Investigations into the matter are continuing. The officer's employment status is currently under review.



26 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Gordon/Killara/East Killara: Are you aware of the crime going on in your neighbourhood?

- Geoff is! Senior Constable Geoff Moeller is our local Crime Prevention Officer based at Hornsby police station and it's his job to know. Why not come and meet Geoff at this meeting on Thursday and find out more? He will be updating us on crime in Gordon, and other suburbs within the Kuring Gai Police Area Command (from Pennant Hills to Brooklyn, Lindfield and across to St Ives North), as well as helping us to protect our family and valuables. Geoff will take questions, offer advice and suggest the best way NOT to become a victim of crime.
- Sergeant Dean La Greca from the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force will be bringing along some drug testing devices for the audience to see and try. This should be an informative talk about the alcohol and mandatory drug testing on our roads. Have you a question for Dean? Maybe about the use of prescription drugs?
Hmmm 🤔 some of our volunteers have wondered about that...

Please feel very welcome - this informal meeting is open to the general public and you are encouraged to come and meet the cops. A great relaxed environment to learn more about crime prevention. Our volunteers will be bringing a plate, so let's meet some new faces over a cuppa and a bite. We'd love to see you there.

7pm on Thursday 30 November 2023 @ the Garden Square rooms, Gordon Baptist Church, Park Avenue, Gordon.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) AGM/get-together

All residents welcome! New volunteers invited.

7:00-9:00pm Wednesday 30 November 2023

Gordon Baptist Church, Park Av, Gordon

GUEST SPEAKER

SGT DEAN LA GRECA, NSWPF Highway Patrol, Ryde PAC will be talking about Random Breath Testing (RBT) and Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT). Bring your questions!

POLICE REPORT

SNR CST GEOFF MOELLER, Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC), based at Hornsby police station will give an update on crime in the command, as well as advice on how *not* to become a victim of crime.

CRIME PREVENTION STALL

FREE personal goodie bags to attendees, containing:

- Car rego plate locking screws (specific to car model/make)
- NHW window/garbage bin stickers and/or letterbox plaque
- Little Black Book of Scams
- Crime prevention tips and literature
- Colouring-in and word search for the kids... and more.

General community very welcome! Please bring a plate. We'd love to meet you.

27 November, from NSW Health: COVID-19 transmission continues to increase in NSW, with community transmission now moderate to high.

Several easy but important COVID-safe behaviours helped keep us safe during the pandemic and these little things can still make a big difference now. These include:

- - stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms
- - stay up to date with your recommended COVID-19 vaccinations
- - get together where there's fresh air
- - wash your hands regularly using soap and water or hand sanitiser
- - be kind to people who choose to wear a mask.

For more information, visit [here](#).

Got cold or flu
symptoms?
Please stay home

Don't share your virus
with others



27 November, from the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC): We're warning consumers about scam social media posts using images of media personalities, politicians and other Australian celebrities to endorse scam investments or sell fake products.

If you come across this scam don't tap any links or share your personal or financial information.

Report the post to the social media platform and to Scamwatch [here](#).

 Scam Alert

Rise in fake ads
using celebrities
to endorse scam
investments and
products

After week 4, I stopped using it because it was too effective



In Just 3 Days, You Will Feel Your Clothing Bulky

Nick Kyrgios Announces "Brief Retirement" From Tennis After Big Banks File Lawsuit Against Him For His Latest Investment



Vijay Rai Journalist
Forbes Financial News | Paid
Innovation



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29 November: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation) [Gordon East](#) . [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.**
- Come and collect a personal goodie bag of literature and freebies.
- Bring a plate.

Wednesday 06 December: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation) **North Turramurra - North.** [Info.](#)

Wednesday 06 December: 'Walk the Talk' against Domestic Violence. PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-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.

Wednesday 06 December: FREE Child Car Seat Safety Program. 9am-2:30pm [Info](#) [& Bookings.](#)

Wednesday 13 December: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - West.** [Info.](#)

Wednesday 31 January: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - East & St Ives Chase - West.** [Info.](#)

Tuesday 06 February 2024: Safer Internet Day. [Info.](#)

Sunday 17 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Annual Santa Run 8:30am.

26 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Turramurra: Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group:

On Wednesday 17:50 on the cnr of Higgs Lane and Pacific Highway, Turramurra a blue BMW 3 Series P Plate driver hit into the back of my car. As we were pulling over, he sped off. I managed to get the first part of his number plate: EKT0 and his front bumper is badly damaged. If anyone knows who the driver is please contact me.



26 November, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community (AU) group yesterday (Saturday):

The little park, towards the end of Quarter Sessions road recently got new tables, seats and a bench.

And then this. 🙄



26 November, from Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra Community group yesterday (Saturday):

I hate to be this person but -

I was just at south turrumurra IGA and about 5 boys I'm going to guess 11-13, trashed the outside of the IGA with rubbish, and when the staff asked them to clean it, I heard them make some really nasty comments (race, etc). They then proceeded to give me trouble on the road, not letting my car pass - if your kids were out tonight with friends on bikes - maybe have a chat.

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

- **Tip #3.** Please remove parcels from display inside your car. Covering with a blanket may not work.
- **Tip #4.** Before Xmas, don't leave the Xmas presents under the Xmas tree if they can be seen from the windows, or by visitors when you answer the door. After Xmas, remove from view any packaging that came with any new expensive items.
- **Tip #13.** Do not share anything on Social Media to indicate you are on holiday. If possible, avoid setting up auto-replies to emails. [See also 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel' and [WatchOut.org.au/Travel/](https://www.watchout.org.au/Travel/)]
- **Tip #15.** Beware allowing parcels to be delivered to your empty house doorstep. Thieves follow delivery vans. Consider requesting a FREE 24/7 parcel locker, or have mail held at the local post office. Maybe ask family or neighbours to help out?
- **Tip #17.** If you are going on a road trip, check your car's safety before you travel. Service your vehicle, tyres and trailer. Check the safety of any load or trailer: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/towing.html.

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.

26 November, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Don't be delulu!

Not caring about cyber security is more outdated than wearing skinny jeans. The Australian FBI wants you to know that y'all are mad likely to be scammed and you should fr do smth about it.

This one fed was chatting about how hackers and that be trying to confuse u with some big politician type words to yoink ur info. Mans was tryna let u know that y'all Gen Z be no cap most likely to fall for the scammers trickery.

Are you young? Like, young enough to think these translations are a bit too cheugy? Or that IG stories about how someone "can't live without my coffee!" and "well, THAT just happened"

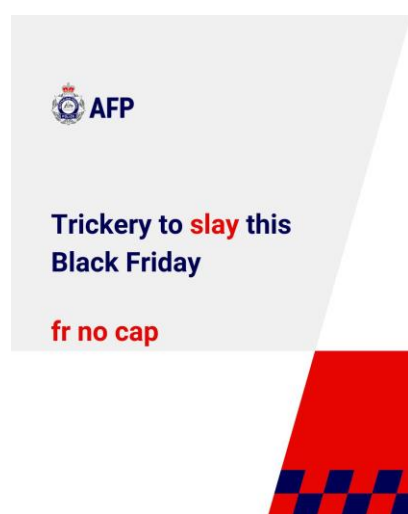
are cringe? Then you're likely to fall victim to a fraud or scam, facts!!!

So according to stats we're the most likely to be scammed. That's so not a slay!!!! Some of these scammers have major rizz fr, you wouldn't even know they're scamming.

Being safe online hits different. It's giving.... Cyber safety! Like imagine getting hacked, that would be so out of pocket, smh. Online safety, it's a vibe.

This profile will give you the deets on how to stay on top of your Cyber Security. The fam is most at risk from cyber crime, head to cyber.gov.au/report to find out how to protect yourself today! gtg ttyl!

Read more [here](#).



24 November, from The Sydney Morning Herald: Adrian Bancui, 33, called emergency services and his family last week, saying he was lost in bushland at Berowra Valley National Park.

Police believe his phone has since died. [Possibly behind a paywall, apologies.]

Full article [here](#).

23 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Hornsby: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

This might be a stretch, but wondering if anyone witnessed a car hit a white Mazda outside the Waitara PCYC this morning between 6:30-8am? A white Holden Ute hit my car while it was parked and my car needs to go to a panel beater.... A witness came forward and reported it to the PCYC with the rego number of the car but they won't make a statement or provide their contact details to the police or anyone. Thanks in advance 😊

23 November, from Gordon Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the Gordon Community group:

Yesterday, our naughty (not really naughty, very curious, kind hearted and patient with all kids/dogs) 12 year old tan Staffy dog, Chopper, escaped our yard. He tends to wander to Darnley oval (directly across from our house) and enjoys to nibble as much rabbit poo as he can until we've noticed he's missing or one of our lovely neighbours has told him to go home, which he will then sit on our porch until I arrive back home (manor seperation anxiety).

I was not home from 12:30pm-2pm yesterday Nov 23rd. Upon my return, chopper was sitting on my porch with slashes to his face, legs and arms. He was rushed to the vet for an emergency operation. The vet concluded the wounds are consistent with a sharp, clean man made object (most likely a knife of some sort).

If you have any CCTV around Darnley, could you please check the footage around that time and let me know if you have any sightings of chopper at that time or any suspicious activity. The police would greatly appreciate any information anyone might have. Thank you, Cynthia & family



23 November, From Ku-ring-gai Council: Safeguard your little ones on the road!

Our FREE Child Car Seat Safety Check Day is approaching on Wednesday 6 December from 9am to 2.30 pm.

There are a few places left for Ku-ring-gai residents so book in now!

- 🚗 Get your child's car seat professionally checked by Transport for NSW approved fitters to ensure the correct fit.
- 📞 Reserve your spot by calling 9424 0940, Booking is essential – no walk-ups.

More info [here](#).

I... am just going to note that there are **two** people at the start of this hike >.>



Thanks to James Lehman.



Thanks to Exploding Fish Shitposting & Senseless Drivel Cult by Chad Mojito

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

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WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:
Website WatchOut.org.au
Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)
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[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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Our mailing address is:

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