



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #636 - 19 December 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.

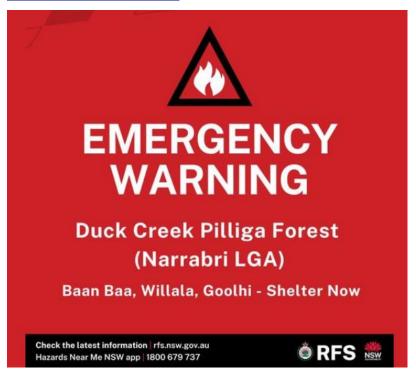
19 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service

Emergency Warning: Duck Creek Pilliga Forest, (Narrabri LGA) Baan Baa, Willala, Goolhi - SHELTER NOW

A fire generated thunderstorm (pyro-cumulonimbus) has formed to the south east of the fireground, causing erratic and dangerous fire behaviour.

If you are in the areas of Baan Baa, Willala or Goolhi, your life is at risk. It is too late to leave. Seek shelter now in a solid structure such as a house. Do not be caught in the open in the path of the fire.

For more information, visit the Hazards Near Me app and <u>#RFS</u> website: https://brnw.ch/21wFpvz.



18 December, from NSW Police Force

BLEED4BLUE UPDATE:

- ♦ Whole Blood = 135
- **●** Plasma = 135
- ♦ Platelets = 9
- ♥Lives Saved = 837
- **T**= 2nd

A big thanks to our latest donors from <u>Sutherland Shire Police Area Command!</u>
Make sure you join the 'NSW Police Force' team when you donate blood or plasma next <u>https://www.donateblood.com.au/bleed-4-blue</u>



16 December, from NSW Police Force

First week on the job for our Class 360 Probationary Constables All their hard week has finally paid off - and you could join them! If you've always wanted to be a police officer, there's never been a better time. Learn more about our recruitment incentives here: <u>police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment</u>.



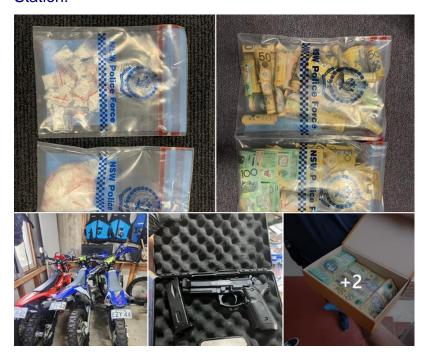
15 December, from NSW Police Force

Six men will appear in court today for their alleged role in a cocaine syndicate operating in the Sutherland Shire.

In August 2023, detectives from Sutherland Shire Police Area Command commenced an investigation into the ongoing supply of cocaine using a 'dial-a-dealer'-type delivery service.

The investigation led police to execute five search warrants; one at a home on Chalker Street, Thirlmere, a home Barnes Crescent, Menai, a home in Uralla Avenue, Padstow, a home in Brown Close, Menai, and a home in Sandra Avenue, Panania.

During a search of the homes police seized a total of 272.5g of cocaine, 33g of MDMA, 300g of cannabis, \$130,000 in Australian currency, approximately \$400,000 in luxury watches, \$340,000 in vehicles, \$95,000 in trail bikes, and a gel blaster. The drugs have an estimated potential street value of \$110,000. Six men – three aged 23, and one each aged 24, 28-and 35 – were arrested in various locations within the Sutherland Shire and taken to Sutherland Police Station.



15 December, from NSW Police Force - Operation Generate

Investigators have released images of three men as part of ongoing investigation into crimes on the NSW public transport network.

In July 2023, Operation Generate was established by the Police Transport and Public Safety Command with the initiative formed to enhance commuter safety on the public transport network.

With the operation well underway, police are appealing for public assistance in relation a number of ongoing investigations.

As those investigations continue, police have released CCTV images of three men who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

The first man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his 50's, large build, has long white hair, and a white stubbly beard.

He is depicted wearing a long sleeve dark grey button-up shirt, long black pants, and black shoes.

The second man is described as Indian/Sub-Continental appearance, aged in his 30's, medium build, with short black hair, and has a black moustache. He was depicted wearing a black sunglasses, a blue cap, black and grey camouflage-patterned hoodie, white LION'S DEN ACADMEY shirt with a red collar, and long black pants.

The third man is described as Caucasian appearance, aged in his 30's, medium build, and has a black moustache.

He was depicted wearing a black cap, black sunglasses, white jumper with a zipped collar, white and grey pants, white shoes, and was carrying a black backpack.

Anyone who recognises these men or has information that might assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.





Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade

SANTA RUN - Sat 23rd Dec

Covering the east side of Mount Colah, Asquith and Hornsby! Santa will be riding in the fire truck and handing out sweet treats to all the good boys and girls!

Not on the route? Or wanting to see Santa in person? Then come visit us at one of the three parks we're stopping at (see below) to get a photo with Santa and sit in the fire truck!

- 15. Myall Road (~2PM)
- Neridah Avenue Wonga Road
- 18. 19.
- Telopea Street Cowan Road
- 20. Belmont Par 21. Berowra Roa 22. Gray Street 23. Colah Road Belmont Parade
- Berowra Road
- Santa and our trucks will be at Berry Park at 2:20PM for 45
- 25. Lord Street (~3:10PM)
- 26. Queen's Road
- 26. Queen's Road
 27. Hazelmead Road
 28. Eden Drive (~3:30PM)
 29. Sunnymeade Close
 30. Chelmsford Road

- Santa and our trucks will be at Mills Park at ~3:45PM for 45
 - mins, come say hi! Baldwin Avenue

- Victory Street
 Dudley Street
 Stokes Avenue
- Jacobs Avenue Michigan Avenue
- Denison Street (~4:45PM) Arthur Street
- 10. Stephen Street
- 11. Lockwood Street
- Olive Street
- 13. Heath Street
- Santa and our trucks will be finishing up at Lessing Street Playground at ~5:10PM for 45 mins, come say hi!



Scan the QR code to see the Facebook event including detailed maps of the route! Click 'Going' to stay up to date!







From Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade Hornsby RFB Santa Run!!!



In a very first for our brigade we are so excited to be escorting Santa along the east side of Mount Colah, Asquith and Hornsby on Saturday 23rd Dec from 2PM onwards! Santa will riding along in the fire truck throwing sweet treats to all the good boys and girls!

- We'll also be stopping at three parks along the way to let the kids (and adults of course) meet Santa and jump in the fire truck!
- PBerry Park 2:20PM
- ₱Mills Park 3:45PM
- Lessing Park 5:10PM

Click 'Going' or 'Interested' on our Facebook event <u>Hornsby RFB Santa Run</u> 2023 to keep up to date with all the information!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 23 December: 2pm (Myall Rd) - 6pm (Lessing St Playground).

Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade Santa Run.

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.

18 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai Hornsby

e-waste collection - 8 Jan - Lofberg Road.

They also take small appliances.



17 December, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hello Community!

Can you please help me to find my Pandora bracelet? ...

I was picking Agapanthas on the corner of Coonanbarra Rd and Bareena Ave, the corner of Burns Rd and Coonanbarra Rd and Braeside Street, in that order. It was between 8:30am and 8:50am on Thursday 14th December. Very sentimental to me as there are charms from my Grandmother who has passed. Pandora bangle with two rose gold charms, a blue turtle charm and two other blue charms on it.

Please help. I'm so upset and would be very grateful for some help finding it. 🙏





16 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service

A reminder not to fly drones over or near a bush fire. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority - CASA enforces strict regulations for flying drones, especially during fire emergencies.

Flying a drone near or over a fire can ground all firefighting aircraft in the area and could put people, property and aircraft at risk.

Know your drone and rules - more information at www.casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone.



16 December, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch

Good reminder with it being holiday shopping season Don't make it easy for thieves to "shop" at your place.



16 December, from NSW Police Force: Tis' the season ... for scammers and hackers.

Make sure you follow these advised safety protocols to keep you and your bank/social media accounts safe.

For more information regarding scams, head to https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/crime/frauds_and_scams.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #2: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR AN INTRUDER IN MY HOME?

Best advice: Is to scream, run and hide. Try and keep a line of retreat open at all times. If possible, lock yourself in a room. Barricade yourself in a room if you have to. Do NOT confront the intruder. PHONE 000. You might only have a few seconds to get the call in. State "I am at (give address) and there is person(s) on premises; I fear for the welfare of myself and family". Police will respond 'code red'.

Only fight an intruder if you have no other choice. Just think, if you get killed or incapacitated then who is going to protect your partner/kids, let alone support them if you die? Possessions are not worth dying for. Keep a pre-programmed mobile phone by the bed. And a large million candle power torch is recommended, as it has the added bonus of being able to blind an attacker. A

flash (just a flash) of light in their eyes will rob them of their night vision, so they are going to be severely hindered if they try to run off in the dark, where as you have the advantage of knowing the layout of your place. When you flash, just-in-case, keep one eye shut.

If someone is prepared to enter a home knowing someone is in residence, it can be taken as a fact they would be prepared to confront anyone who challenges them.

Related information: Is the front gate to your property locked? If so, then you must provide a bell, buzzer or method for a person to alert you they are there. Otherwise they have a common law right to go to your front door. Even if that includes jumping the fence or gate.

For more FAQs, 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>.

15 December, from mynrma.com.au: Car park etiquette rules



With the holidays upon us, parking spaces can go at a premium and cause some motorists to forget basic etiquette. When this happens in car parks,

tempers can fray, delays increase and otherwise reasonable people end up doing things they later regret.

But car parks needn't get heated. If we all commit to courtesy, we can get home safely and with our dignity intact. Use these rules to guide you, and feel free to suggest any new ones we might have missed.

- 1. If it isn't a spot, don't park there Don't be that driver who parks at the end of aisles. It might look like there's just enough space for passing traffic, but it was designed that way for a reason. Not only does this create a potential impediment for passing traffic; it also leaves your car vulnerable to collisions and scratches. Only park in designated spots in which you and your vehicle are eligible.
- 2. Park straight and between the lines

It sounds simple, but ensure you are parked within the designated space. This makes it easier for those parked next to you and allows them to get in and out of their vehicles and load their vehicles safely. If you park so close to someone that your door – or theirs – can't easily open enough to get in or out, don't be surprised if you come back to a dinged panel.

For more, click here.

14 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai Hornsby

Last Friday 08 December, a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer helped with 'cocooning' letterbox drops in Waitara. Cocooning is the idea of warning residents around where an incident has occurred. Our Crime Prevention Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Senior Constable Geoff Moeller, without identifying the actual residence for privacy reasons, identifies letterboxes around the area where community alerts can be delivered. Geoff printed 120 'Preventing Parcel Theft' flyers. Hopefully the warning will prompt neighbours to be more vigilant, careful and less likely to become a victim. Thank you to Geoff, Matt and volunteer, Jack and friends.

The latest cocooning warning: Parcel Theft, Park Avenue, Waitara.

Please report any incident, no matter how minor - it all helps build a bigger picture of what is going on in your neighborhood. Phone the Police Assistance Line 131 444 to report non-emergency crime.



13 December, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Did anyone witness a truck side swipe a grey Audi Q3 on Showground Road this morning at appx 10:30am? The truck did a hit and run on my kids and I! It was near the Metro. If you did please PM me.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales Issues:

Tip #5. You cannot sell dangerous goods, chemicals, faulty electrical items, or firearms.

Tip #8. It never hurts to take precautions. Apply all necessary security

measures prior to and

after the garage sale, e.g. In case of customers looking the night before, lock all doors & windows, set the alarm, leave lights on, etc.

Tip #11. Be careful of distractions, e.g., by a request for water, or to borrow your phone.

Beware of criminals working as a team. One person may engage you chatting, whilst

the other steals items, or enters your property (see #9 above!).

Tip #14. Criminals are just like us. They don't advertise the fact. Even little old ladies can be

thieves. Greet all shoppers, so they know they have been seen. Mingle, make eye

contact and be observant: age, height, clothing, hair & eye colour, etc. Would-be

burglars may be scoping your home as a future target.

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.

From Siiri Parks: Just saw this sticker on a car in Louisville and I never empathized more 😅



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.