



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

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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.

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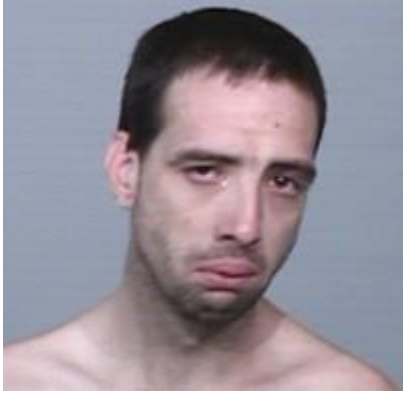
08 January, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on outstanding warrants, as a part of Operation Persistence.

Jeb SAMEUL, aged 35, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding warrants relating to property offences.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 175cm tall, of thin build, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Operation Persistence is a NSW Police Force initiative aimed at arresting individuals wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants.

Anyone who may have information on about this incident is urged to contact **Penrith Police Station on 4721 9444** or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



08 January, from The Hills command: PayID is a safe way to send and receive money, however, there have been a number of reports of PayID scams targeting people selling things on online marketplaces like Facebook Marketplace and Gumtree.

Information about PayID [here](#).

The best way to protect yourself against scams is to familiarise yourself with the tricks scammers use. Be on the lookout for buyers who offer to pay for an item using PayID but claim to have a problem with the transaction, especially when they offer to send a friend or relative to pick up the item on their behalf.

Remember these tips:

- Never send money first to receive a payment via PayID.
- PayID is free so you will never be asked to pay for an upgrade to a business or premium account before you can receive any payments on PayID.
- PayID is managed by your bank, so you will never receive communications direct from PayID. Ignore any text messages, calls or emails claiming to be from PayID.
- Never rely on confirmation emails showing a buyer has overpaid you. The buyer will put pressure on you to repay the amount, however, the email is fake, and no money ever appears in your account.

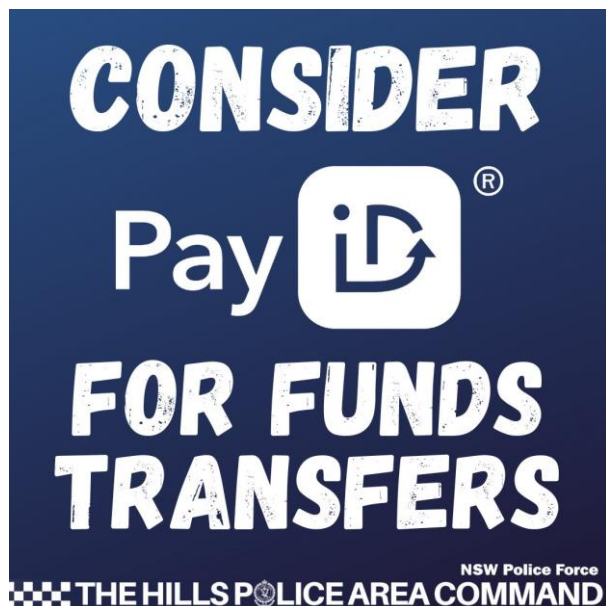
To protect yourself against scams on online marketplaces, read our tips on how you can avoid Gumtree scams and stay safe on Facebook.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam, it's important to act right away:

- Contact your bank immediately to ask them to stop any further transactions.
- Contact IDCARE, a free support service for people impacted by scams and identity theft, to build a response plan. Visit IDCARE or call 1800 595 160.
- Report the scam to Scamwatch to warn others.

Being scammed can be emotionally and financially stressful, so get support for yourself. Reach out to family or friends, or speak to Lifeline and Beyond Blue for a confidential chat.

Find out more about common online scams, how to identify them and what to do if you find yourself a victim of a scam.



08 January, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on outstanding warrants, as a part of Operation Persistence.

Nicholas WILLIAMS, aged 44, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding warrants relating to domestic violence offences.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 180cm tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Operation Persistence is a NSW Police Force initiative aimed at arresting individuals wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants.

Anyone who may have information on about this incident is urged to contact **Albury on 6023 9299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



08 January, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a female wanted on outstanding warrants, as a part of Operation Persistence.

Thi HOANG, aged 56, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding warrants relating to drug offences.

She is described as being of Asian appearance, about 145cm tall, of thin build, with black eyes and black hair.

Operation Persistence is a NSW Police Force initiative aimed at arresting individuals wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants.

Anyone who may have information on about this incident is urged to contact **Mt Druitt Police Station on 8805 8399 or Campbelltown Police Station on 4620 1199 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



07 January, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on outstanding warrants, as a part of Operation Persistence.

Kye ROWE, aged 23, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding warrants relating to assaults.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 175cm tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Operation Persistence is a NSW Police Force initiative aimed at arresting individuals wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants.

Anyone who may have information on about this incident is urged to contact **Queanbeyan Police Station on 6298 0599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



06 January, from Sutherland Shire command: Lock your vehicle and remove all items of value



Don't leave valuables in cars

04 January, from Nepean command: We are experiencing some very hot summer days across NSW.

Never leave a child in a hot car. If you see a child alone in a hot car and can't find the parents quickly, call 000. Did you know? Within 5 minutes the inside of a car can get 20-30 degrees HOTTER than the outside temperature.

Shared from Crime Stoppers



09 January, Shared with permission from the West Lindfield/ Killara FB group yesterday (Monday):

My son's baseball bat was stolen from my husband's car in the last few days and we would very much appreciate its return, as he has an important tournament coming up and bats are difficult to source here in Australia. We found his glove and ball on the nature strip on Cook Road, so if you could keep an eye out for a grey and black baseball bat anywhere in the neighbourhood - please let me know! Or happy to have it returned anonymously too, without questions.

09 January, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Notice Board group (Monday):

My e-bike was stolen from the Hornsby Station bike lockup yesterday between

11.30 and 6pm. Combination lock cable cut and helmet left behind. Reported to police. It's a NCM Paris Max folding e-bike and not many about. Please notify Hornsby Police if sighted. Thank you. 🙏

Edit: Distinguishing feature - It has a homemade drum stick end to the stand to fix the rubber end that fell off.

It would make a good delivery bike.





08 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Are you planning a road trip this Christmas?

Nothing spoils a holiday more than having valuables stolen from your car, caravan or RV.

Follow these tips to keep your valuables safe while you're on the move:

- 🌲 Install anti-theft screws on all the number plates on your car, caravan RV or trailer.
 - 🌲 Consider installing a safe in your car boot or inside the caravan to keep phones, wallets and other small valuable items safely locked away.
 - 🌲 If you're leaving the caravan for any length of time, consider securing it with a key-operated wheel lock or tow ball coupling lock.
 - 🌲 As part of your pre-departure preparations record the VIN number of your caravan and the model/serial number of other valuables you'll be taking with you.
 - 🌲 Make sure any bicycles, kayaks, surfboards, fishing rods etc, are locked securely to the car or caravan/RV.
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Car rego plate locking screws are available via our website: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/screws/.

And our advice: Consider installing a GPS tracker in your vehicle.

08 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District Inc. NSW: How to reduce the risk of having your vehicle stolen

Preventing car keys from being taken and reducing the risk of vehicle theft in your local area involves a combination of security measures and responsible habits. Here are some steps you can take:

1. **Secure Your Home:**

- - Install strong exterior doors and windows with reliable locks.
- - Consider installing a security system with surveillance cameras.
- - Use motion sensor lights to illuminate the area around your home at night.

2. **Secure Your Car:**

- - Always lock your car doors and close windows when not in use.
 - - Park your car in well-lit and populated areas.
 - - If possible, park your car in a garage or a secure parking facility.
 - - Install a steering wheel lock or a car alarm system for added security.
 - - Never leave keys/fobs in the vehicle when not in use.
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3. ****Keep Keys Secure:****

- - Avoid leaving car keys in easily accessible areas, such as near doors or windows.
- - Keep car keys out of sight and away from doors and windows, especially overnight.
- - Consider using a key holder or a lockbox for spare keys, placed in a discreet location.

4. ****Be Mindful of Key Placement:****

- - Avoid leaving keys on hooks or tables near windows or doors.
- - Do not leave car keys in visible or easily accessible places within your home.
- - Where practical place your car keys within a cupboard or drawer

5. ****Use Technology:****

- - Consider installing a smart home security system that includes features like door/window sensors, motion detectors, and smartphone alerts.
- - Make sure that the security system monitors shared and private areas where possible.
- Review monitors on a regular basis and keep in a well maintained condition.
- - Some car models offer keyless entry and ignition systems. Be aware of potential vulnerabilities and follow manufacturer recommendations for securing these systems.

6. ****Community Awareness:****

- - Stay informed about local crime trends and share information with your neighbours.
- - Ask a trusted friend, or neighbour, to keep an eye out on your property when you are on holiday.
- - Join or establish a street neighbourhood watch program to collectively address security concerns.

7. ****Educate Family Members:****

- - Teach family members, especially younger ones, about responsible key handling and the importance of vehicle security.

8. ****Routine Check:****

- - Regularly check that all doors and windows are locked before leaving your home.
- - Verify that your car is securely locked when parked.
- - Always double check that you observe that the vehicle indicators reflect when it is locked.

9. ****Invest in a GPS Tracker:****

- - Consider installing a GPS tracker in your vehicle. This can aid in recovery if your car is stolen.

10. ****Report Suspicious Activity:****

- - Be vigilant and report any suspicious individuals or activities to local law enforcement.

Remember, preventing car theft is about creating layers of security. By combining these measures, you can significantly reduce the risk of car theft in your local area.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11 January: Ku-ring-gai Council Car Maintenance workshop 4-6pm \$35 @ St Ives Community Centre. [Info](#).

Thursday 18 January: Ku-ring-gai Council Car Maintenance workshop 4-6pm \$35 @ St Ives Community Centre. [Info](#)

Wednesday 31 January 2024: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - East & St Ives Chase - West.** [Info](#).

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

Tuesday 06 February: FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 计算机简

介 Introduction to computers (Mandarin). [Info](#).

Tuesday 13 February: FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 互联网和

网络安全简介 - Introduction to Internet and Cybersafety (Mandarin) [Info](#).

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06 January, from NSW Road Safety: 🙄👶 Kids are cute, but they're cuter when they're in the correct car or booster seat.

Before your summer road trip, make sure you've got the correct child car or booster seat for your child's age and size and they're properly adjusted. ✅

🔍 Find the safest models at www.childcarseats.com.au

#SafetyNeverTakesAHoliday



06 January, from NSW Maritime: 🧐 Did you know that the number of jet-ski & personal water craft (PWC) licences have increased by over 30% since 2020?

They're heaps of fun but do the wrong thing and it can give all riders a bad wrap. This weekend, we're focusing our attention on PWC riders across New South Wales. Our tips:

- 👉 Keep a safe distance from other water users and swimmers
- 👉 Stick to a safe speed at all times
- 👉 Use your eyes and ears to ensure your surroundings are safe



06 January, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh and Surrounds Incidents group:

Metro Normanhurst closed due to break and enter this morning.

05 January, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:

12.30 Thursday 9th Jan

Does anyone have any information or saw who the driver was in a small red car which dented my Nissan Munaro and left red paint on the drivers side rear door in the Coles car park opposite the click and collect at approx 12.30 pm today? Anyone with information please message me. Thanks.

04 January, from NSW Road Safety: 🚗 Is your child starting or changing schools this year?

Check out these safety tips to keep in mind as you start planning your kids' new school journey 👉 [here](#).



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Thanks to AUSTRALIA - The Land Down-Under



Thanks to Transport Accident Report - Australia Wide

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](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)
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[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)
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[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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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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