



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #640 - 16 January 2024

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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### 15 January, from The Hills Police Area Command:

Crews on scene at a large tree on a house at Garthowan Ave Castle Hill no person injured Fire and Rescue NSW Station 071 Castle Hill.

📞 Call 132500 for 🌧️ storm damage to keep 000 clear for life threatening emergencies. . Please be patient as all available emergency services are now

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stretched.



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### **15 January, from The Hills Police Area Command**

Break & Enter reported at Roma Crt West Pennant Hills - occurred a few hours ago - Suspects arrived in a White BMW. Have stolen a Silver Mercedes C200 2019 Model at 4.00am 15/1/2024

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to call Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police Force social media pages.

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# Break & Enter WPH



Stolen C200 Mercedes 2019  
Roma Crt #9pmRoutine



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## 12 January, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol suspend a 20-year-old male from Glenwood travelling 78 km/hr over the sign posted speed limit.

About 4.35am on Wednesday the 10th of January 2024, officers were conducting stationary speed enforcement along Windsor Road, Castle Hill and detected a blue Mercedes travelling at 138 km/hr in a sign posted 60 km/hr zone. The vehicle was stopped and officers spoke with a male driver who produced an NSW C Class licence. Checks on that licence revealed that his provisional licence was completed only 4 months ago. The driver returned negative results for alcohol and drugs.

The driver was issued an infringement notice for Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph, his NSW driver's licence was suspended and confiscated on the spot for a period of 6 months. The vehicle was not owned by the driver and the number plates remained on the vehicle.

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## 12 January, from 10 News First Sydney

NSW Police Force have foiled a plot to kill the rappers of Sydney rap group, Onefour resulting in the arrests of two men.

It is alleged the members of the rap group made up of Pio 'YP' Misa, Dahcell "Celly14" Ramos, Spencer "Spenny" Magalogo and Jerome "J Emz" Misa, were targeted in the alleged murder plot.

The alleged plot was uncovered by Strike Force Tromperie, which is run by the State Crime Command's Organised Crime Group and the NSW Crime Commission, finding an associate of the Haouchar crime clan had accepted a contract from another gang to murder the group.

In a series of house raids, officers arrested a 26-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, charging them both with conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, firearm offences, and large commercial quantity of prohibited drug supply.





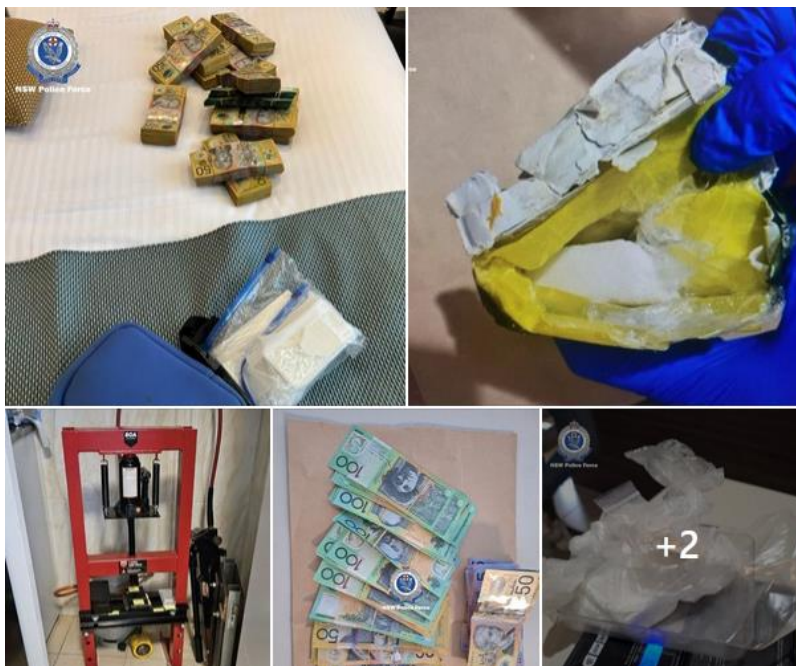
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### 12 January, from NSW Police Force

Four men have been charged and drugs and cash worth more than \$1.3m seized, after simultaneous search warrants were executed in homes across Sydney yesterday.

Following extensive investigations, detectives from Bankstown Region Enforcement Squad and Wollongong Police District executed seven search warrants simultaneously at homes across Cecil Hills, Sadleir, Punchbowl, Bankstown, and Castle Hill, about 1.30pm yesterday (Wednesday 10 January 2024).

Officers seized a total of 6.5 litres of 1,4-butanediol, 1kg of heroin, 981.7g methylamphetamine, cannabis, MDMA, and cocaine, a mobile phone, and \$270,000 cash. These items will undergo forensic examination. More details [here](#).



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### 10 January, from Australian Federal Police

The AFP has joined [NSW Police Force](#) to renew the global appeal to locate James Dalamangas as the Greek statute of limitations nears.

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James Dalamangas is wanted over the fatal stabbing of Sydney man George Giannopoulos at a nightclub in Belmore on Sunday 25 April 1999, before it's alleged he fled to Greece.

An age-progression image of James Dalamangas has been released, showing what he may look like now, aged 54.

Records indicate Mr Dalamangas is of Middle Eastern/Mediterranean appearance, approximately 182cm tall, with brown hair, brown eyes and a Greek inscription tattoo on his right forearm.

He may be using the names 'James', 'Jim' or 'Tim' with surnames 'Dimitrious' or 'Kanis'.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence.





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## 16 January, from Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation



### FREE GAME FOR MOBILE AND TABLET

Our partners at Bravehearts have created a mobile app for children called 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure' game.

The game brings to life the latest research from child protection experts through scenarios and games, teaching children (aged 3+) important personal safety skills to help keep them safe.

Each scenario is underpinned by Ditto's 3 Keep Safe Rules:

- 👍 We all have the right to feel safe with people
- 👍 It's ok to say no if you feel unsafe or unsure
- 👍 Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it

The game features Bravehearts' mascot, Ditto, with his five friends who each learn how to recognise, react, and report to help them keep safe.

Learn more [here](#).

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16 January, from Hawkesbury Police Area Command: 🇺🇸 BEWARE OF QR CODES 🇺🇸



Malicious QR codes can:

- Add an unknown contact to the mobile phone list.
- Connect the victim's device to malicious networks.
- Automatically initiate phone calls, emails and send text messages from your device.
- Reveal the victim's location.
- Enable the camera on the device and commence recording.
- Download further viruses and malware to the device which may provide full access to the attacker.

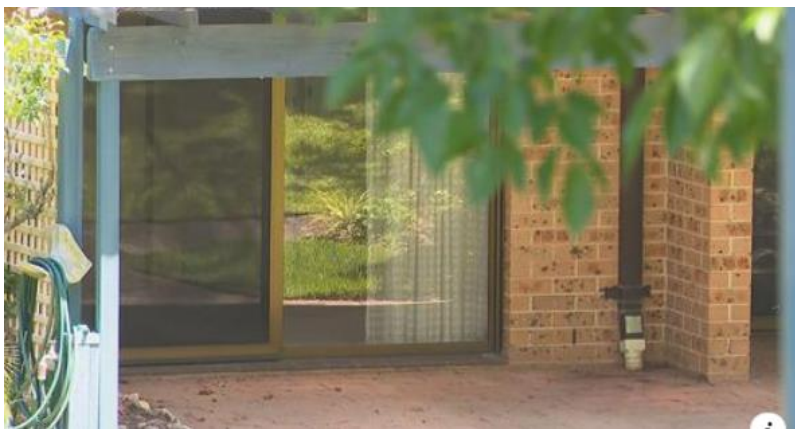
How to safeguard yourself:

- Avoid scanning unnecessary QR codes.
  - When scanning a QR code, check the link address to ensure it's a legitimate web page. Scam sites often have hyphens, symbols or misspelt words.
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- Be aware of malicious QR codes that might be placed over genuine QR codes in restaurants and public places.
  - Be cautious of parking tickets with QR codes which may lead you to fraudulent websites.
  - Be cautious of QR codes redirecting you to digital crypto exchanges.
  - Enable multifactor authentication to prevent theft of login credentials.
  - Be careful about granting permissions when an app asks as some permissions could be dangerous.
  - Install a mobile security app for virus and malware protection to keep your mobile devices safe and secure.
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**14 January, from 9news.com.au: Man charged over alleged sexual assault of elderly woman, 87, at Sydney aged care facility**



An 80-year-old man has been charged after he allegedly sexually assaulted an elderly woman at an aged care facility in Sydney's north-west.

Police were called to the aged care home in Galston yesterday and later arrested the man at a home in nearby Asquith.

Paramedics treated the 87-year-old woman at the scene and she was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital without any serious physical injuries.

Police said the man was "known to visit the facility" and had allegedly entered the woman's room on two occasions before sexually assaulting her.

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A crime scene was established at the aged care home.  
Police arrested the man at the Asquith home at 7.40pm.

He was taken to Hornsby police station and charged with the aggravated sexual assault of a victim with cognitive impairment and aggravated sexual touching.  
He was also charged with failing to store a firearm properly.  
The man was refused bail to appear in court today.  
Details [here](#).

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### **12 January, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find Kayden?**



Kayden, aged 14, was last seen in Oran Park about 5am on Saturday 6 January 2024.

He was last seen wearing a black shirt, black pants, Nike-branded shoes and a backpack.

Kayden is known to frequent Oran Park, Fairfield, Liverpool, Eastern Beaches and the North Shore.

Anyone who sees him is urged to contact Camden Police Area Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

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12 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW

## Buying alcohol for minors IS a crime



The safety of our children is paramount.

Providing alcohol to minors endangers their health and can put their safety at risk.

What some adults don't know is that:

Buying alcohol for minors IS illegal.

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### 12 January, from NSW Maritime

Got some new toys for Christmas? Here are some towing tips to keep you and your passengers safe:

👍 Maintain a proper lookout, not just for the vessel, but for the person you are towing.

👍 Regularly check the waterway for hazards such as people, or other vessels when towing

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👉 The skipper, observer and the person being towed must all stay under the 0.05 alcohol limit.

👉 Beware of the whip effect during turns



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### **12 January, from Ryde Police Area Command**

Firearms must be stored in a secure receptacle that is not easily penetrable.

If a receptacle's weight is less than 150kg when empty, it must be fixed to prevent it's easy removal.

Ammunition must be stored in a locked receptacle separately within or external to the firearms safe.

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CHANGE OF SAFE STORAGE ADDRESS MUST BE UPDATED WITHIN 14 DAYS.



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### Dates for your Diary

**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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Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We merely bring it to your attention. Please do your own research.

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## 11 January, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade



### Media release

#### Gully Road Berowra, Fire Track & Bushfire Mitigation Works

10 January 2024

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Resident can see considerable works have taken place and many have expressed their thanks for making it happen.

The works have been carried under the auspices of the recently approved Hornsby/Kur-ring-gai Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) that can be accessed here.

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/hornsby-ku-ring-gai>

Thanks go to:

- MLALC staff
- RFS Cowan Mitigation Crews
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**Received from a resident:**

**Just to let you know someone tried to break in to our home last night in Lindfield. Didn't get a good look; quite young. My extremely loud swearing and anger frightened him off. So be vigilant.**

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**11 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**



🤪 KLUO... what does that spell? Keep Left Unless Overtaking!

For anyone who needs a refresher, the rule is this: on multi-lane roads with a speed limit of more than 80km/h, you must keep left unless overtaking, turning right, or making a U-turn. ➡

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## **11 January, Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst**

We have been contacted by a resident:

We have seen an increase in graffiti in the Normanhurst area that we have never seen before. Almost every 5 metres, walking from Loreto College down Pennant Hills Road towards Thornleigh you will find someone's ugly graffiti tag. Tags such as "Cosmo" "Doser" "Mosk" "Poker" "Shrek" "Skamar". Normanhurst is starting to look like the ghetto's.

I have reported it but I will make sure to utilise the links you have provided too. I am also writing to our Premier to lobby for a change in firmer legislation and perhaps also a dedicated community day twice a year for cleaning up graffiti.

Our response:

We can share the graffiti pictures and warn the community to look out for suspicious behaviour/people. (Neighbourhood Watch isn't a reporting agency. )

Have you reported all the graffiti? There are several ways to report.

The NSW Graffiti hotline records the graffiti and lets public assets know. 1800 707 125 between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday.

The police are only interested if you are the victim ie it's on your property.

You can also inform public assets, eg railways, electricity companies, post boxes, by using the Snap Send Solve [App](#).

Council would appreciate knowing about their properties, but they prefer use of email, rather than Snap Send Solve. Phone Hornsby Council's Graffiti Hotline on 1800 199 282 or visit site [here](#).

The schools can be emailed (the email is usually on the school website) or the NSW Graffiti Hotline will contact them directly.

Hope that helps and it can be stopped. Thank you for being so community minded.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby supports any project to stop vandalism. We have helped in the past on Graffiti Removal Day - happy to join in if a site is organised this year in Normanhurst.

Edit: We can confirm that VandalTrak are still up and running, for the community to report graffiti [here](#).

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### **10 January, from Hornsby Shire Council**

If you've got some excess recycling lingering around after the holidays, don't forget that you can drop it off for free 24/7 at the Mount Kuring-gai Household Recycling Drop Off 🔄👉

The Drop Off includes bins for mixed recycling, which is anything you can put in your yellow bin at home. There are also separate large bins for flattened cardboard, and a Return and Earn point.

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👉 For more information visit our website [here](#).



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### From Meanwhile in Australia

Difference between cyclists and motorcyclists:

Cyclists: Assume it's everyone else's responsibility to look out for their safety

Motorcyclists: Assume everyone on the road is a hired assassin out to kill them

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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**

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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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



**WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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 - Turrumurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

**Face-to-Face NHW groups:**

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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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