



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #642 - 30 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.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

29 January, from NSW Police Force

Now entering the 🌟 school zone 🌟 era!

Remember to remain under 40km/hr to help keep children and parents safe 🚦 👮 👮



29 January, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find 14yo Killian?



He was last seen leaving a home at Ailsa Close, Lindfield at about 9am Saturday, January 27th.

Police hold concerns for Killian's welfare due to his age.

Killian was last seen wearing a black jumper and pants.

He is known to frequent Lindfield, Hornsby, Gordon, Chatswood, St Ives, Manly and Penrith.

Anyone with information into his whereabouts is urged to contact North Shore Police Area Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

More information [here](#).

29 January, from NSW Police Legacy

Congratulations to all ten of the NSW Police Force officers awarded Australian

Police Medals (APM) over the weekend, and please indulge our bias when we award an extra large helping of 🍌 to Board Member, Police Legatee, passionate NSW Police Legacy advocate, and all around Excellent Person Chief Superintendent Toby Lindsay APM!



29 January, from NSW Police Force

Work with **purpose.**

**Apply now to join
the NSW Police Force
in a civilian role.**



Contribute to your community, as part of our emergency response team.

Technical Officers provide operational support to our communications network to ensure we get help to those who need it most.

● Administrative Officer – Click [here](#)

● Senior Technical Officer Grade 1 – Click [here](#).

29 January, from abc.net.au:



Latest 'neo-Nazi demonstration' sparks police operation as NSW Premier Chris Minns condemns group NSW Premier Chris Minns has warned those involved in the latest "neo-Nazi demonstration" will be exposed after a group of men gathered in a North Sydney park, sparking another police operation.

A group of at least 20 masked men wearing black clothing congregated at Artarmon Reserve at about 9am on Sunday.

NSW Police conducted an operation into the gathering, which was "contained" and not a "threat to public safety".

The operation concluded after the group disbanded at 10:30am.

The premier condemned the group over their behaviour and said any individual involved could be unmasked to the public as a "massive racist".

Details [here](#).

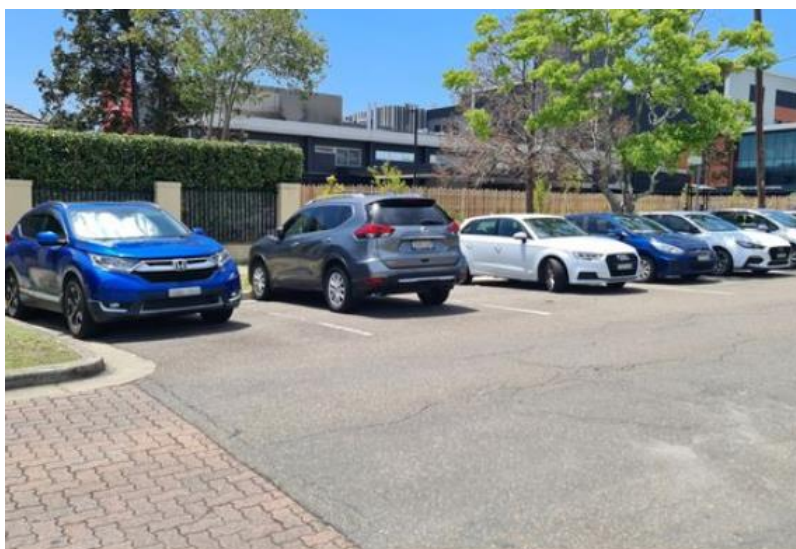


30 January, from Hornsby Shire Council

We are proposing to install two parking spaces for people with disabilities in Burdett Street, Hornsby and are inviting your comments on the project 🗨️👉
At the link below, you can find a document library, a feedback form as well as more ways that you can have your say on this proposal. The results of the consultation will be referred to the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Exhibition closes Monday 12 February 2024

[Learn more here.](#)



Have Your Say

Proposed Installation of Parking Spaces – Burdett Street, Hornsby

yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

30 January, from The Hills Command:



30 January, from NSW Health: NSW Health is warning of the dangers of tablets which are being sold as MDMA (ecstasy) and found to contain a

potent opioid (nitazene).



Three people presented to Sydney hospitals over the past weekend, after taking as little as half of the tablets. One patient was admitted to the ICU and has since been discharged home.

NSW Health warns the tablets are an orange/red colour and rectangular shape, with a red bull logo and wording, and were sold as MDMA (ecstasy).

NSW Poisons Information Centre Medical Director Dr Darren Roberts said drugs containing potent opioids such as nitazenes can cause unexpected and severe overdose or death.

"It's important people recognise the signs of an opioid overdose early and know how to respond. Taking the appropriate action early can save a life," Dr Roberts said.

Find out more [here](#).

For support and information on drugs, alcohol and other substances, please contact: The Alcohol and Drug Information Service: 1800 250 015. This is a 24/7 service offering confidential and anonymous telephone counselling and information.

30 January, from The Hills Command

🏠 School zones are now in operation. 📢 message from [NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV](#)

🚗 Unlike Operation, school zones aren't a game, so always stay under the 40km/h speed limit and look out for children crossing when driving in a school zone. 🚸



30 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby: Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group:



Vehicle Hit And Run on McKay Rd Hornsby Heights

Unfortunately, I came home to find my Ute had been hit quite hard from the back, causing my vehicle to shift a couple of feet out of position with visible damage to the exhaust, underside of the vehicle, rear tray etc.

I have obtained a large amount of parts from the vehicle that hit my Ute.

My Ute was hit between 7 am and 2 pm today (Monday 29th of Jan).

If the owner would like to come forward or if anyone has seen a VW vehicle with some damage to the front end inclusive of missing the front badge (shown In pic) please notify me.

The damage to my ute is cosmetically not severe, however it was shifted quite substantially and the steering and handling has definitely been compromised as yet to be assessed by the professionals.

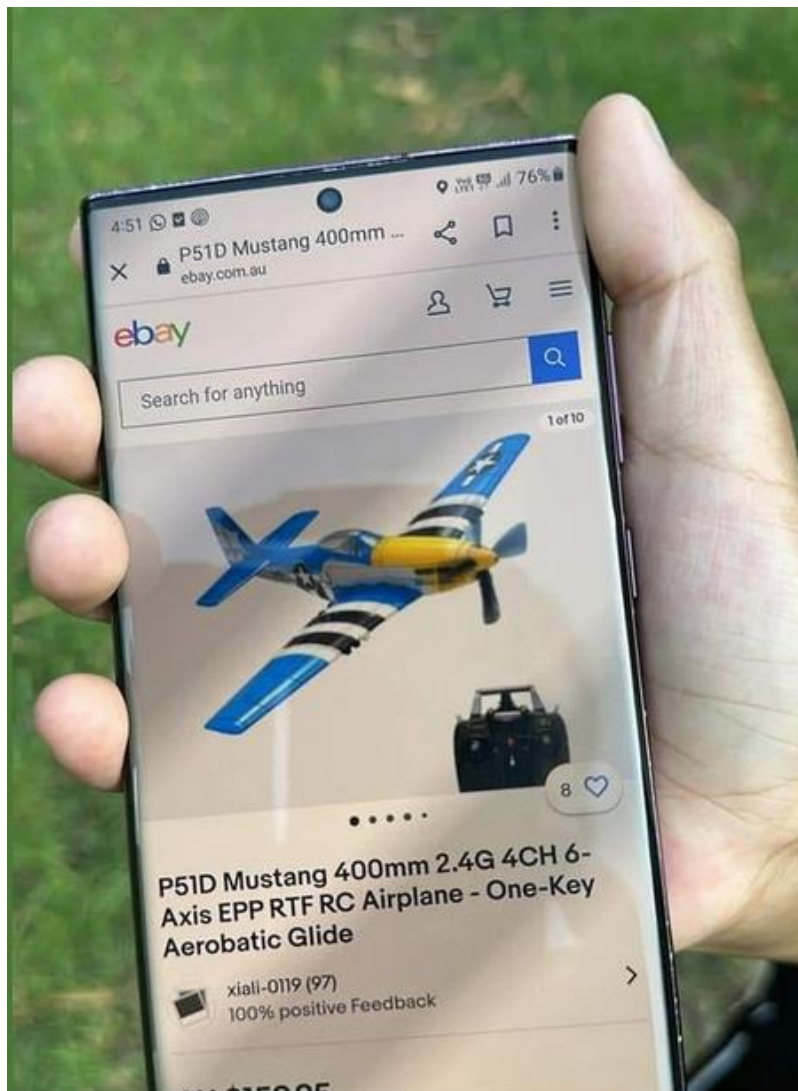
I have very good neighbours, and some who may have CCTV footage, but would prefer person responsible reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your time. [OBJ-Obj-Obj]

29 January, from Australian Federal Police: To anyone thinking about importing drugs – you'll have less success than a MAFS marriage. Instead of a ring you'll get some pretty silver bracelets.

28 January, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:

Young boy has lost his plane, any ideas appreciated last seen heading South South West from Loftberg oval



28 January, from smh.com.au: Ebikes and scooters keep catching fire. What can be done about it?

The number of fires caused by ebikes and scooters in NSW almost tripled last year, as a planned state parliamentary inquiry on electric car batteries shifts focus to the significantly more fire-prone devices.

Fire and Rescue NSW attended 61 fires caused by ebikes and scooters in 2023, an increase from 22 in 2022. A further six fires have been recorded this month.

A North Bondi unit was destroyed last week when an ebike exploded while on charge, forcing the South American tourists inside to escape out a window. Three food delivery riders were hospitalised, one with extensive burns, after an ebike battery caught fire in their Annandale apartment in December.

The NSW Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety has established a parliamentary inquiry into electric and hybrid vehicle batteries, with submissions closing this week.

The inquiry's terms of reference focus on electric cars and their charging infrastructure. However, already published submissions from government, industry and emergency services acknowledged ebikes and scooters presented a much greater fire risk.

There have been only six electric vehicle fires during the vehicle's normal operation in Australia, according to EV FireSafe, an electric vehicle safety research company which receives funding from the federal government. Fire and Rescue NSW attended four fires caused by electric or hybrid vehicles in 2023.

For more details, [click here](#).



28 January, from brisbanetimes.com.au: Cybercriminals having a field day: Credential Stuffing attacks set to soar (Behind a Paywall):

Cybersecurity professionals are bracing for a surge in attacks where hackers use stolen passwords to make fraudulent purchases online, saying recent data breaches mean more businesses will join The Iconic, Dan Murphy's and Event Cinemas in suffering financial losses.

Industry insiders told this masthead that cybercriminals are having a field day with Australian usernames and passwords, which are being bought and sold on the dark web after being stolen in data breaches.



27 January, shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group:

My husband made three of these 'drain wickies' so we didn't lose all our cricket balls down the drain and today two of them were pinched from Valley View Close in Roseville, from our nature strip... if you happen to see them around town, could you let me know so we can get them back!!

We don't leave them over the drains. Just put them out when we play and then we bring them back in. They weren't over the drains at the time, just on our front lawn.



Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 01 February: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's Safe driving for seniors 10am-12:30pm @ Council Chambers. [Info & booking.](#)

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.](#)

Sunday 03 March: Clean Up Australia Day

Wednesday 13 March: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors

Expo 10am-2pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall.

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

**23 January, shared with permission from the Lindfield/East
Lindfield/Killara/ Roseville Community group:**

Hi everyone,

I was driving down Boundary Road in the gutter lane about to turn down Archer Street around 12.40pm today (23/01) when a speeding big brown car hit the front of my vehicle trying to overtake a car in front of them and then swerved through the traffic and away without stopping before I could get the number plate. I have filed with police, but if anyone has home cctv or dash camera videos please message me.

Thank you so much, hope you have a good day!

**Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #25: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I
SEE/HEAR
LIGHTS & SIRENS?**

2. If you are in the way of an emergency vehicle behind you:

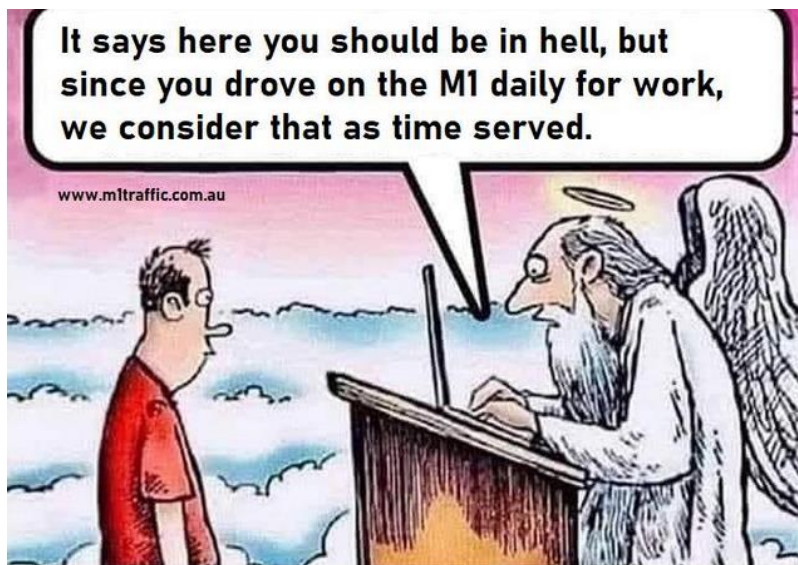
- You must move out of the way as soon as you can safely do so.
 - Do not panic.
 - Generally, you should slow down and pull over to the left when it is safe to move over.
 - Use your indicator, to let the emergency vehicle know that you have seen them.
 - If possible, move into the left lane, or into the road shoulder, or breakdown lane, and come to a stop.
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- If you cannot move out of the path of the vehicle, keep moving forward until it is safe to do so.
- Do not brake suddenly.
- Drivers on both sides of the road should be prepared to move out of the path of approaching vehicles. You must obey the road rules at all times

See **FAQ #25** on our website for other information, such as What to Report, the Anti-hoon Laws etc: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/faqs/

For more FAQs, 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 M1 Pacific Motorway NSW



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 - Turrumurra](#)

[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.
