



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #646 - 27 February 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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### 27 February, from NSW Police Force



Cybercrime Squad detectives have charged three men following an

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investigation into an SMS phishing scam, allegedly responsible for sending over 80 million fraudulent text messages.

Strike Force Kanbi was established by State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad to investigate the use of Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) boxes, which are an electronic device used to send bulk text messages across the Australian telecommunications network containing fraudulent links.

The text messages typically pertain to be a legitimate institution containing a fraudulent link, directing the victim to an illegitimate website for the purpose of financial gain.

Through assistance from telecommunications network, strike force detectives were able to identify the location of NSW's most prolific SIM boxes, who police will allege was responsible for sending over 80 million messages in five months.

Following inquiries, about 6am on Thursday 15 February 2024, strike force detectives – with assistance from the Public Order & Riot Squad – executed two search warrants at a unit in Burwood.

Read details [here](#).

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**27 February, from 9now.nine.com.au: Several dramatic and chilling developments have occurred as the NSW Police Force desperately searches for their bodies.**

Claims alleged murder victim awoke to shadowy figure in his home months before death.

The alleged double murder of TV presenter Jesse Baird and his partner Qantas flight attendant Luke Davies has rocked Australia and left a community in mourning.

Today we learned of several dramatic and chilling developments as the NSW Police Force desperately searches for their bodies.

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That includes the frightening claim Baird told friends he woke one night last year to see a shadowy figure at the end of his bed. It's understood Baird did not report the incident to police.

Read details [here](#).



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### **27 February, from Yahoo News Australia**

NSW Police Force have been uninvited from marching at Saturday's #MardiGras parade.

The calls come after Senior Constable Beau Lamarre-Condon was charged with killing Jesse Baird and his current partner Luke Davies using a police-issued pistol on February 19.

Sydney Mardi Gras organisers issued a statement on Monday night saying LGBTQIA+ communities across the country are “devastated” by the couple's deaths and “need space to grieve the loss”.

Read more [here](#).

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#### 24 February, from Ryde Command

This week officers from the Ryde Police Area Command's Crime Prevention Unit and Highway Patrol braved the rain to attend Macquarie University's Kickstart (formally known as 'O week').

We even met our counterparts from Tuvalu who are here to study at the uni! 🚔





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### 23 February, from NSW Police: Can you help us find Luke?

Police are investigating the suspicious disappearance of 29-year-old Luke from Sydney's Eastern Suburbs.



Details [here](#).



## 26 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: DID YOU KNOW?

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby has a project called 'KerbWatch' that offers residents DIY kits to paint their house number on the kerb. The kerb is chosen to enable emergency services to look to a common place, away from the physical structure of the house, to identify an address.

Contact us for use of a complete Kerb Number Stencil Kit with all the rules & information you need. We also supply a few traffic cones and high-vis vests to make the procedure as safe as possible. The stencils provided adhere to the Australian Standard AS1744.

More information can be found on our website [here](#).



This webpage includes, the Information Sheet, 'How to Achieve the Best Result for your Kerb', a presentation, "What could go wrong?" and a video, "What do we mean by dabbing?" If you view all of this, you should have a good result WITH NO DRIPS.

Can't do the job yourself? Our volunteers will happily help out – please contact us to discuss further.

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## 26 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby



Thank you to Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Curl Curl, Freshwater & Queenscliff for thinking of us. NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers have assisted them in the past with information and Facebook guidance. Unfortunately, NHW CC, F&Q have folded after many many years in the community. Thank you from all our volunteers to their volunteers for representing NHW.

The plant in the picture was presented to us in gratitude. 🙏 We also acquired a bundle of NHW letterbox plaques, window stickers, etc which has boosted our supply to last for another year.

The photos show a recent get-together hosted by Phil Sylvestro and his wife, Area Coordinator for the more recent years, where photos of past volunteers were honoured, along with sponsors and the 112 volunteers! Well done, to the retiring committee and especially Phil!

NHW letterbox plaques and window stickers can be requested from our website [here](#).

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**26 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: Shared with permission from the West Lindfield/Killara group:**

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At 5.45pm Friday 23 Feb, 2 boys aged 10-15ish lit a fire at the edge of Lane Cove National Park (Carramar Road Lindfield). Luckily we immediately smelt it / dealt with it. We've included a photo of the boys running towards Fiddens Wharf Road, but have blocked out their heads as we don't want the boys to be publicly identified (so pls don't provide identifiable information in the comments if you know who they are!). We DO want their parents to know this has happened as presumably the boys don't understand how serious this could have been (at least one of them was laughing). One was wearing white crocs with socks, the other thongs



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**26 February, Shared with permission from the NHW Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby group:**

Warnings to the community, suburb: Hornsby, near the hospital. Remember to lock your bikes and secure your permise area. Some teens walked pass our property and walked in the front yard and stolen our bike. I have CCTV capture, so I would like to post the theft face and my stolen bike to our community. Hope

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this can help. Thanks.



25 February, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:  
Interesting letter to the NRMA Open Road magazine

### **UNSAFE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

Computer assistance in cars has its place and, as you point out in 'What happened to the autonomous car?' (September/October), it has saved dozens of lives. But are there any statistics on accidents caused by computer assistance technology?

My son's car has lane keeping assistance. As he weaves around potholes or obstacles, especially when on the highway, he must often go over the lane lines. The car wants to keep pulling him back into the lane and he has to fight to keep it where he needs to go.

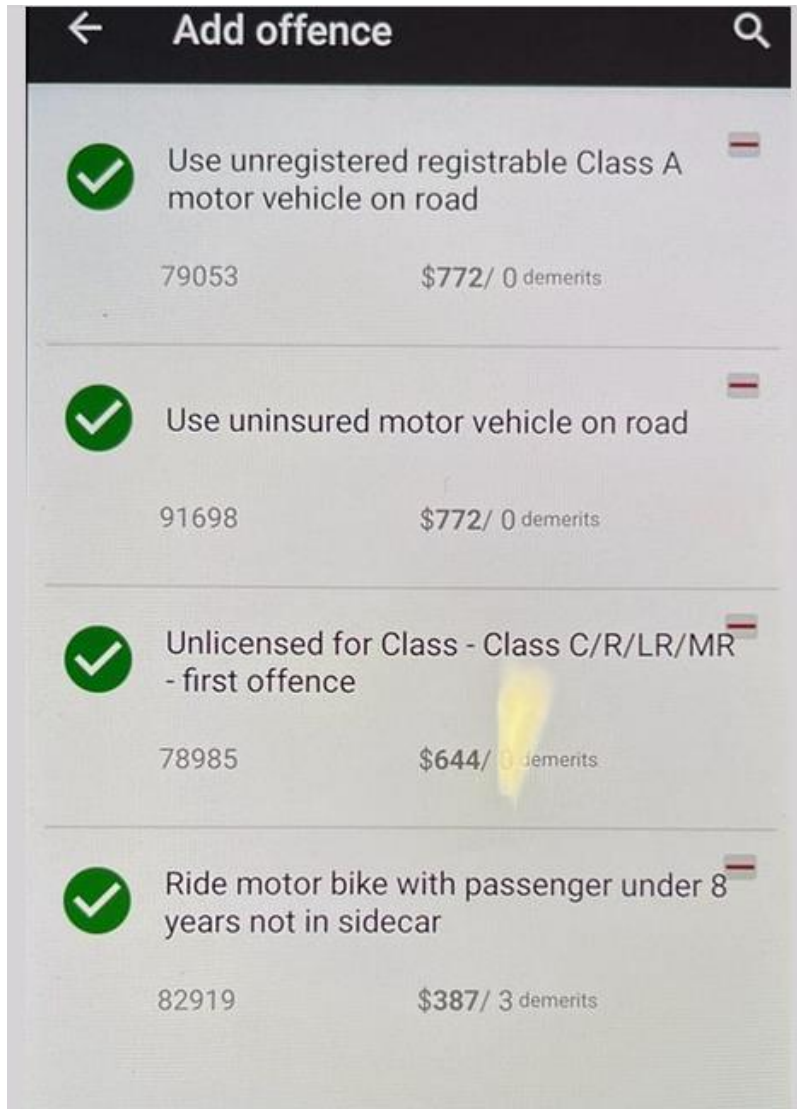
He has also experienced times when he has moved too close to the lane lines and the car has tried to take him across the line into oncoming traffic, before 'realising' and whipping him back into the correct lane.





**Debbie Bollinger, via email**

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**24 February, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force**



Add offence	
	Use unregistered registrable Class A motor vehicle on road 79053 \$772/ 0 demerits
	Use uninsured motor vehicle on road 91698 \$772/ 0 demerits
	Unlicensed for Class - Class C/R/LR/MR - first offence 78985 \$644/ 0 demerits
	Ride motor bike with passenger under 8 years not in sidecar 82919 \$387/ 3 demerits

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**24 February, from NSW Government**

Seen this sticker before? It's mandatory for taxis to display and makes it easier for passengers to report complaints.

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More than 800 refunds have been issued since the hotline's launch 📞 If you think your taxi driver is doing the wrong thing, you know who to call 📞



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24 February, from [9now.nine.com.au](http://9now.nine.com.au): 'We're looking into a number of people': Detectives cast wide search net for Samantha Murphy following public tip-offs.



EXCLUSIVE: A convicted sex-offender who has spent time in jail has been interviewed by detectives probing the disappearance of Ballarat mother Samantha Murphy.

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The local man, who has a long rap sheet and who A Current Affair has chosen not to name, is understood to have provided an alibi for the day the 51-year-old went missing.

While there is nothing to suggest he had anything to do with Murphy's disappearance, he is among several people spoken to by detectives in recent days – illustrating the wide net police have cast – and the fact they are exploring all possibilities.

More details [here](#).

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### **22 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wharoonga**

Shared from Wahroonga Community group:

Hi all, I am organising a Clean Up Australia event in and around Turrumurra Station on Sunday morning the 3rd March. I will be there for registration from 8am to 8:30am. I will then be helping to clean up our local community. Please join me for this really important event. It's only an hour or so of your time. Thank you.

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## 22 February, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Gluten Freedom products



### Product information:

Bio Living International is conducting a recall of the following Gluten Freedom products:

- Gluten Freedom Broken Black Rice & Polenta Sourdough (550g)
- Gluten Freedom Everything Sourdough Bagels (400g)
- Gluten Freedom Splendid Sourdough English Muffins (280g)

The products have been available for sale at IGA, independent grocery stores and independent food retailers in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, TAS, SA, NT, WA.

### Date markings:

- Gluten Freedom Broken Black Rice & Polenta Sourdough - Best Before 17 FEB 24 up to and including 09 MAR 24
- Gluten Freedom Everything Sourdough Bagels - Best Before 01 MAR 24 up to and including 12 MAR 24
- Gluten Freedom Splendid Sourdough English Muffins - Best Before 17 FEB 24 up to and including 09 MAR 24

Problem: The recall is due to the presence of foreign matter (plastic).

Food safety hazard: Food products containing plastic may cause illness/injury if consumed.

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What to do: Consumers should not eat these products. Consumers should return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

For further information please contact:

Bio Living International

03 9357 7161

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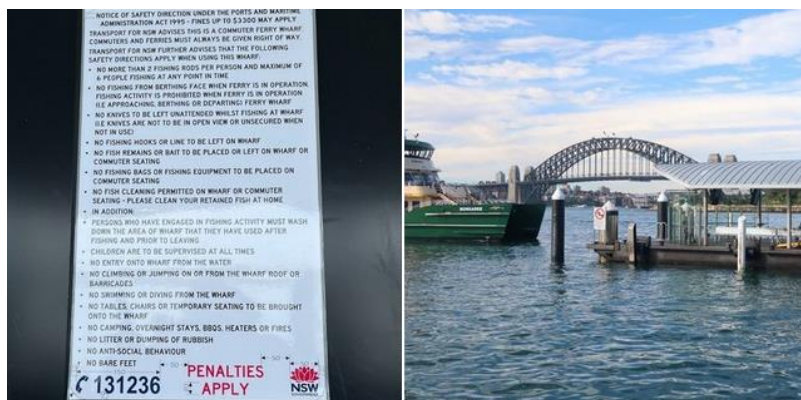
## 21 February, from NSW DPI Fisheries: Do You Fish the Ferry Wharves?

Throwing a line from Sydney Harbour's ferry wharves is popular during summer and fishers may notice some new signage on their favourite wharf.

These signs are being installed by Transport for NSW to make it easy for fishers to understand the rules when fishing the wharves, noting the primary purpose of the wharves is to provide safe ferry access for commuters.

The signs summarise all the rules in one place. Some of the new rules to address congestion on the wharves and ensure safe access for commuters include: Fishers can only have up to 2 fishing rods per person; A maximum of 6 people can fish at any wharf at any one time; and Knives used for cutting bait must not be left out in the open or unattended.

When fishing wharves, please be aware of all the rules and ensure you fish responsibly and safely. Police are also continuing to conduct regular patrols to ensure fishers are following the rules and infringements will be issued for not doing the right thing. Also keep a lookout for Alex, our local DPI Recreational Fishing Education Officer, who is out and about on the wharves talking to fishers and providing advisory material. Tight lines!



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## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 27 February:** FREE 2-3pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Apps for Smarter Travel". [Info/Register](#)

**Tuesday 27 February:** FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 平板电脑介绍 - Introduction to Tablets (Mandarin) [Info](#).

**Tuesday 27 February:** Business Clean Up Day. Register [here](#).

**Thursday 29 February:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Selling Safely Online". [Info/Register](#)

**Friday 01 March:** Schools Clean Up Day. Register [here](#).

**Sunday 03 March:** Community Clean Up Australia Day. Register [here](#).

**Thursday 07 March:** Upper North Shore Volunteer Expo 1:30-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Rooms [Info](#).

**Thursday 07 March:** FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Learner driver workshop online event 6:30-8pm [Info](#).

**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.

**Tuesday 19 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "All you need to know about data & public wi-fi". [Info/Register](#)

**Thursday 21 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Protect yourself against scams". [Info/Register](#)

**Tuesday 26 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Technology & your Health". [Info/Register](#)

**Wednesday 27 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". [Info/Register](#)

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## **Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #29: 'IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON THE KERB?'**

NO. There is no legal requirement for kerb numbers. It is optional. It is only a legal requirement to display the correct house number (street number) on the building (house) OR fence fronting the street [– see FAQ #28 IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON MY HOUSE?].

- The kerb is chosen to enable emergency services to look to a common place, away from the physical structure of the house, to identify an address.
- The kerb number should be located about 60cm from your driveway entrance.
- You will need the kerb number to be visible, eg a white number on a black background.

Some councils dictate the height, font, colour and method of kerb numbering. Each Local

Government Area has its own Policy. Please check your council's regulations.

- Rather than simply one number, Neighbourhood Watch suggests all three numbers:
    1. A number displayed on the façade or fence of the property, and
    2. In addition, a number displayed on the letterbox (optional) and
    3. In addition, a number on the kerb outside your property (optional).
  - If your home is situated on a corner, the number should face the street named in your address.
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- Reflective numbers are optional, although highly recommended by NHW.
- Double-check for Homeowner's Association restrictions

See **FAQ #29** on our website for other information, such as for businesses: [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/faqs/](http://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.

Want to paint your house number on your kerb? Contact NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby for the [loan of a DIY KerbWatch kit](#).

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Sometimes I think I'm reasonably intelligent, and sometimes I click the remote car door lock a second or a third time for extra lockiness.

**Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia**

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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**  
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Local Police Facebook page:** [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)

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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 - 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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