




# Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

**eNewsletter #651 - 02 April 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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## **01 April, from Nepean command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY!**

Giving way to other vehicles when lanes merge. Which vehicle in image one and image two have the right of way and why?

## TRAFFIC TUESDAY

Who has right of way in image 1 and 2?



# NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND



### ANSWER:

Image 1: Yellow vehicle A has right of way as it is front of red vehicle and the two lanes become one without dividing lines

Image 2: Red vehicle B has the right of way as the yellow vehicle must give way as it is merging over marked lane lines.

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### 28 March, from Galston Rural Fire Brigade: ⚠️ INCIDENT CALL - GALSTON GORGE ⚠️

**Update:** Gorge has reopened.

Crews from Galston Rural Fire Brigade, Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade and Hornsby Heights Rural Fire Brigade are currently responding to a motor vehicle accident within Galston Gorge. Galston Gorge is currently closed and diversions are being put in place.

📷 FF Leigh



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**26 March, from NSW Police: Missing girl from St Ives located safe**

**| Tuesday, 26 March 2024 12:26:58 AM**

A missing girl from St Ives has been located safe. The 12-year-old leaving a property on Woodbury Road, St Ives at 6:30am yesterday (Monday 25 March 2024). When she didn't return home and was unable to be located, Vienna was reported missing to officers attached to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, who commenced inquiries to locate her. Following inquiries, the girl was located safe and well at Ryde today (Tuesday 26 March 2024).

Police would like to thank the community and the media for their assistance.

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**02 April, from NSW Police: Eight people lost their lives on our roads during the Easter long weekend following a number of crashes on the state's roads, as a minority of road users continue to put themselves and others at risk through irresponsible and selfish driving behaviours**

**[extract for Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC) - Ed]**

Operation Easter 2024 commenced at 12.01am on Thursday 28 March 2024 and concluded at 11.59pm yesterday (Monday 1 April 2024), with double

demerit points in place throughout. The operation targeted the major factors contributing to road trauma – excessive speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fatigue, non-wearing of seatbelts and helmets, and mobile phone use.

**NORTH WEST METRO [which includes Ku-ring-gai PAC - Ed]:**

- • Speed infringements: 719
- • Breath tests: 39,476
- • Drug-driving tests: 3,255
- • PCA charges: 52
- • Major crashes: 50
- • Fatalities: 0

Full Media Release [here](#).

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**02 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We were recently asked by a resident how to recognise and prevent crypto scams, a growing market**  
We reached out to a contact at the Cybercrime Squad at NSW Police and they pointed us to the following resources (thank you, Ross). We've also included an extract from the Moneysmart webpage here, because we felt it looked like an informative read.

**How crypto scams work**

There are three main types of crypto scams:

1. - investing in a fake crypto exchange, website or app
2. - fake crypto products or jobs trading crypto

### 3. - using crypto to pay scammers

#### **Fake trading platforms or fake crypto wallets**

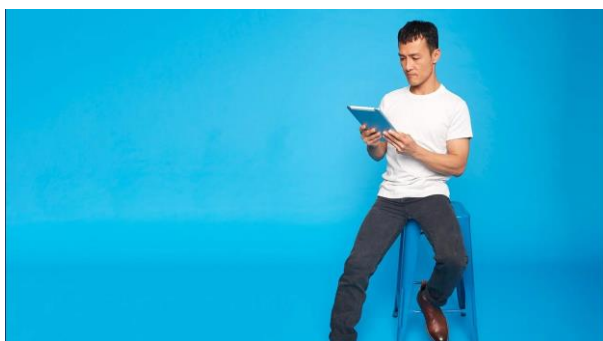
These may mimic a real online exchange or wallet, but can work in different ways:

- Phishing webpages – These capture the details you enter, so the scammer can log in later and steal your crypto. They may also send links via phishing emails or pretend to be official customer support in direct messages.
- Investment opportunity – You use their platform to trade or mine crypto. Initially, your crypto goes up in value, so you invest more. But then they lock you out, close the site and disappear with your money.
- Fake crypto trading apps - Scammers create fake crypto trading apps to steal your money. The giveaway is usually that they ask you to download the app from their website. They may appear on legitimate platforms like Google Play and Apple, but are usually promptly removed. If you find one on an app store, check for overly positive reviews and be cautious.

This advice continues at: [moneysmart.gov.au/financial-scams/crypto-scams](https://moneysmart.gov.au/financial-scams/crypto-scams)

#### **Further info can be found at:**

- [moneysmart.gov.au/financial-scams/investment-scams](https://moneysmart.gov.au/financial-scams/investment-scams)
- [scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/investment-scams](https://scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/investment-scams)
- [beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/identifying-and-avoiding-scams/crypto-scams/what-is-a-crypto-scam](https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/identifying-and-avoiding-scams/crypto-scams/what-is-a-crypto-scam)
- [beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/identifying-and-avoiding-scams/crypto-scams/report-crypto-scams-and-update-your-details](https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/identifying-and-avoiding-scams/crypto-scams/report-crypto-scams-and-update-your-details)





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**02 April, from NHW Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group**

Hi, my son's red bike (Giant) was stolen from the station. If anyone has seen it around please PM me, thanks.



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**01 April, from Mariana Harrison: My dad gave me this advice a long time ago when I moved into my first apartment.**

He even came out and changed the screws for me as soon as I moved in. Someone else recently posted about it and I thought I would share! A good home security tip that you may have never thought about.... Most contractors install the plates with the supplied screws which are only a half inch long and come out with one kick by a burglar. He installed 4 inch screws in their place that go through the door frame and into the framing of the house. They can kick for a long time before they get tired! You can see in the picture the screw in his hand is the screw supplied with the door hardware. Making a burglar make a bunch of noise and be foiled in their initial plan can not only give you time to arm yourself, but they will most likely move on to an easier target.



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**01 April, from NHW Hornsby: Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group yesterday (Sunday)**

Just wondering if anyone witnessed anyone hitting a grey Corolla yesterday in the Westfield carpark, on the Kmart side level, where the old parents with prams parking was? Someone hit me and didn't leave a note 😞 Forgot to mention, I know this is a long shot, if anyone has any dashcam footage of the area between 12:30pm and 2:20pm.



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**01 April, from NSW Historic Police Museum: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force, St Ives Driver Training Section back in the late 1970s, with the NSW Police Spectacular Holden Gemini vehicles and also Holden Kingswood on the skin pan**

.....who remembers those days?!!!!





**01 April, Shared with permission from the Pennant Hills/Thornleigh/Westleigh and Surrounds Community group**

Highly alert for everyone : so scary someone broke into the house when the family still awake upstairs.

**And in the comments:**

Pennant Hills, close to the high school.

A few weeks ago we had a vehicle acting suspiciously in front of our garage (we caught them on CCTV/audio saying “surely they’ve gotta have an Audi or something in there” 🙄) After reporting it to police, apparently our area is the current hotspot for this.

Be vigilant - lock everything securely and hide away keys and valuables out of sight!



01 April, from Steven M. Silverman:



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31 March, from NHW Mt Colah: Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group

My son and his friend had their bikes stolen from outside the church on Pierre Close about 45 minutes ago. Apparently the boys that took them were seen riding them near McDonald's. If anyone's son has a surprise new bike home this evening, can you please let me know?



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Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 03 April to Wednesday 10 July:** Car park on Grandview Street, Pymble will be partially occupied by Sydney Trains for slope remediation works at Pymble Station. [Info](#).

**Thursday 11 April:** FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Useful Tips for Using your Android Phone".

[Info/Register](#)

**Tuesday 23 April:** FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Apps for Smarter Travel". [Info/Register](#)

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**30 March, from NHW Pennant Hills: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group 4 days ago (Tuesday):**

It's really disappointing to see our property targeted by graffiti again. You have been reported to NSW Police. I was eight months pregnant when we were first hit in late January and I was threatened by the teens I saw doing it. Now with a newborn at home, I'm not sure when I'll get the chance to clean this. If you see anyone doing it in our suburbs, **please report it** 😞!

**And from the comments:**

- Police said they are patrolling at night and haven't caught anyone yet.
- Neighbours, MAKE COMPLAINTS to the authorities!
- Perhaps we can organise too to help neighbours repaint their fences, such as at the end of Osborn Road (timber paling fence) and opposite corner (colourbond fence) AND consider a neighbourhood watch to police our own streets in shifts? Gangs coming in from out of town.



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**29 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday (Thursday): Warning - break in.**

Someone broke into our downstairs studio room last night and found my husband's spare car keys. They stole his car - a silver Honda Accord C196ZY and an old mobile phone. We are in Holliday Ave. It has been reported to the police. If anyone sees his car, please let me know. Be vigilant Berowra! Scumbags are everywhere.

**And in the comments:**

- I caught a man lurking around my car up the driveway last Friday night. He left when I yelled at him. Security cameras didn't catch him. Alan Road.
- Our garage was also broken into last night. Between 2-2:30. Wyanna St.
- Hi, we got someone on camera around midnight last night. Can I please pm you?

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**29 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group yesterday (Thursday): Looks like Wyanna Street was targeted last night.**

Both our cars were broken into and items from the glove box thrown on the



floor. Battery packs, coins etc, were not taken, so now worried that they were looking for ID or other relevant information. Could have been looking for spare car keys too, I guess.

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**28 March, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community group 6 days ago (Friday): Make sure everyone's locking there doors and cars, these flogs came around this morning took some things out of the car and tried to get into the house.**



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**27 March, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group: Dear neighbourhood dog walker**

You're welcome to walk your dogs in our lovely street. You're not welcome to



steal from our yard. Please kindly return my son's basketball you so ungraciously stole at 3.32pm yesterday, Tuesday 26 March. Waiting with patience. Jugiong Street resident



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**27 March, from NHW Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group: Information post**

Be aware that I had a phone call this afternoon from someone who said they were doing a check of my property details for Hornsby Shire Council. Once I requested what department of council he was from, he hung up. The mobile he called from was a number not in service. HSC have confirmed it was not them.

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**27 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: We are pleased to again open the Child Car Seat Voucher Program to eligible residents of Hornsby Shire.**

The voucher will allow you to book in with an accredited child car seat company to have your child car seats installed or be checked for safe installation.

- 👍 This voucher is valid at Bubba Snug, 2/29 Leighton Place, Hornsby
- 👍 Opening hours: Wednesday-Friday, 10am – 4pm. Bookings are

essential.

Please be sure to read the terms and conditions at the webpage below.

Vouchers must be redeemed by **4 May 2024**.

To find out more and to apply, visit [here](#).

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### **27 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Tree Forum success 🌳**

Last night Council held a productive forum addressing the critical issue of illegal tree removal in our area. The forum opened up discussions, where the community had the opportunity to share potential solutions as well as their insights and experiences in protecting Ku-ring-gai's trees.

View the presentation and a recording of the session [here](#).

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### **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners' (Simplified Chinese): 我们的 20 个最常用的犯罪预防提示 车主**

1. 在您离开您的车辆并且车内无人时（即使很短时间），请关闭所有车窗，将车钥匙从点火处移除，并锁上车门。请牢记：根据澳大利亚交通道路管理条例，驾驶者离开无人车辆而不锁车属于违法行为。
2. 切勿将备用钥匙藏在您的车辆中。千万不要大意，窃贼知道车内所有可能藏匿物品之处。
3. 请确保在车内的可见位置没有放置任何财物，例如：手机、太阳镜、CD（刻录光盘）、背包、钱包、零钱、衣服、笔记本电脑、iPod 等。所有财物要么随身携带，要么放在车辆的储物箱内。另外，确保车内没有任何疑似财物，例如，后座上放了一条毛毯有可能让窃贼认为毛毯下可能会有手提袋等其他物品。

18. 晚上睡觉时最好将车钥匙置于床边，遥控钥匙在紧急情况下可以作为开关触发车辆报警。请勿将车钥匙放在 客厅的桌上或厨房的台面上。 19. 在夜间行驶时请锁好车门。当陌生人在夜间求助时，请勿下车提供帮助，而是拨打报警电话寻求援助

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.

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**Forensics is equal to ten.**

Thanks x 2 to Steven M. Silverman

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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**  
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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)  
**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)  
**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/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](https://www.facebook.com/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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**Our mailing address is:**

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby  
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station  
292 Peats Ferry Road



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