



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #658 - 21 May 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 <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (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.
- A 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.

20 May, NSW Police Force



We are pleased to report that Constable Elvis Poa has been discharged from St Vincent's Hospital.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with him and his family during this time.

17 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command: A weekend Chinese Family camp was held at the Collaroy Centre between the 26th-28th of

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

John MCLEOD, aged 31, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for a number of domestic violence offences and contravening an apprehended domestic violence order.

As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Operation Amarok VI is a State-wide operation targeting Domestic Violence and related offences.



16 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted for an outstanding warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

Mitchell JANSONS, aged 32 is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for a number of domestic violence offences. JANSONS described as Caucasian in appearance about 170-175cm tall, weighing approximately 70-75kg.

As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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15 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, as part of Operation Amarok VI.

Vladimir RASTOLNYY, aged 43 is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for a number of domestic violence offences.

As police continue to conduct enquiries into his whereabouts, they are urging anyone who may have information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Operation Amarok VI is a State-wide operation targeting Domestic Violence and related offences.



15 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby had representatives at the recent Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting held last week. Thank you to Kuring Gai Police Area Command for hosting this quarterly meeting at the Hornsby police station.

Crime stats and other topics were discussed, including increasingly sophisticated fraud, targeting of alcohol shops, parcel thefts at unit blocks, stolen precious metals from car exhausts, and graffiti that is happening regularly in the St Ives area.

The use of <u>VandalTrak Pty Ltd</u> was mentioned, and we have a case study (see attached flyer) to share with you outlining VandalTrak's use in the Redlands Council area.

This is Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby's advice regarding graffiti: If graffiti occurs on your own property or a property you are responsible for, you should report the incident to the NSW Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131 444 or via their online Community Portal <a href="https://example.com/her

You can only report the graffiti if you are the victim, ie its on your property. It is the responsibility of owners to remove graffiti from their private property. Your local Rotary Club may be able to assist you. Police recommend the rapid removal of graffiti - it takes away the glory!

We can also assist with advice, warning stickers and/or letterbox drops to surrounding residences.

There are several ways to report graffiti that is not on a private residence. Graffiti can be reported via <u>VandalTrak</u> who notify councils and public assets, and include photos to maintain the Graffiti Register <u>here.</u> The NSW Graffiti hotline also records graffiti and lets the public assets know 1800 707 125 between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday. More info <u>here.</u>

You can also directly inform public assets, eg railways, electricity companies, post boxes, or by using the Snap Send Solve App https://www.snapsendsolve.com/.

Ku-ring-gai Council would appreciate knowing about their properties online, via site <u>here.</u> Hornsby Council would appreciate contact made to their Graffiti Hotline on 1800 199 282. Further info <u>here.</u> Schools can be emailed directly

(the email address is usually on the school's website) and/or the NSW Graffiti Hotline will assist.



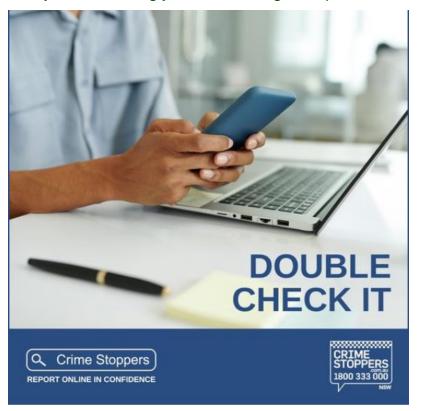


20 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: DOUBLE CHECK IT.

Fraudsters are exploiting a gap in the banking system which does NOT MATCH payee names to account numbers at time of processing.

BEFORE you hit - SUBMIT PAYMENT or PAY NOW button

Double check you have entered the right payee and account number to make sure you are sending your \$\$ to the right recipient.



20 May, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

- From July 1, Seatbelt Detection Cameras will be in operation.
- Make sure you and your passengers wear a seatbelt and wear it correctly.

The lap portion of a seatbelt should lie across the bony section of your hips and

the sash should fall across your chest and mid shoulder.



PENALTIES APPLY

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20 May, from volunteeringaustralia.org: National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be next held on 20-26 May 2024. This special event provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. Subscribe to VA News for the latest updates.

TOWARDS ZERO



We are pleased to announce the theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is 'Something for Everyone'.



National Volunteer Week 2024 will recognise the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering.

It's an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. Whether you're drawn to environmental causes, community outreach, education, or beyond, there's a place where your unique skills and interests can flourish.

Let's come together during National Volunteer Week, embracing this theme to showcase the vast spectrum of possibilities and the transformative impact that emerges when everyone finds their meaningful role in making a difference. For details, click <a href="https://example.com/here.



Thanks for sharing, Suzanne.

19 May, from NSW Health

NSW Health is warning the public of high-dose MDMA tablets (ecstasy) in circulation across NSW, found to contain around twice the average dose of other MDMA tablets.

The purple-grey tablets have a 'Punisher' skull design on the front.

Medical Director of the NSW Poisons Information Centre, Dr Darren Roberts, said consuming high doses of MDMA has been linked to cases of serious illness and death in NSW.

"MDMA can cause severe agitation, raised body temperature, seizures or fits, irregular heart rhythm and death," Dr Roberts said.

"Other risks include taking MDMA in combination with other stimulants, such as amphetamines or cocaine.

"The amount of MDMA in a tablet or capsule can vary a lot, even within the same batch. The health risks from MDMA are greatly increased if high amounts (including multiple doses) are consumed over a short period.

"It is very important to remember, if you or a friend has taken drugs and feel unwell, you won't get into trouble for seeking medical care. If you or a friend feels unwell, please seek help immediately by calling Triple Zero."

For images and more information on the high dose MDMA tablets, visit site here.

For support and information with alcohol, MDMA and other drugs, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 250 015. This is a 24/7 service offering confidential and anonymous telephone counselling and information. NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) also provides a range of harm minimisation resources and advice and can be reached on 1800 644 413.



18 May, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch

Here are the top cars highly coveted by thieves around Australia. Keep your eyes peeled from now on if you own these cars.

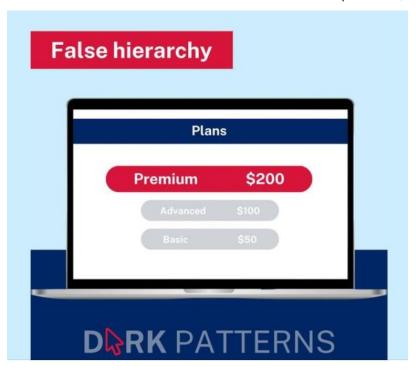


18 May, from NSW Fair Trading

False hierarchy tactics are designed to nudge you towards the business's preferred product or service they provide.

The business's preference is generally displayed prominently using attractive colours, while the least preferred option can be presented in smaller font or in subtle or dull colours.

For more information about this and other dark patterns, visit site here.



18 May, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch

Sometimes the best way to secure your home is to think like the bad guys. They are opportunistic thieves that steals from easy targets. So harden up, and make

your home a more difficult target.



18 May, from Daily Dose of Smiles



18 May, from 9news.com.au: Several products recalled from same baby brand over serious safety concerns



Several products from a baby toy and accessories brand have been recalled due to serious safety concerns.

A selection of toys and accessories from Romper & Co have been recalled, all of which were sold nationally through various sellers, and online through their website directly.

The toys that have been recalled by the Australia Competition & Consumer Commission are as follows; the wooden barbell rattle, acorn rattan rattle, wooden egg shakers, 360 teether and Wooden toy maracas.

The toys do not meet the standard size, shape and safety requirements for children up to 36 months, outlined by the ACCC.

If a part of the object becomes dislodged in a child's mouth, it can cause choking, suffocation or death, the ACCC said.

The full list of traders who sold the listed toys can be found on the ACCC's website.

Anyone who purchased the items should keep them out of children's reach and contact the brand to arrange a refund.

Romper & Co's children's bamboo pyjama set has also been recalled by the ACCC.

For details, click here.

16 May, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

I very stupidly accidentally left my car unlocked today between 10am and 2pm. Someone has been in my car in broad daylight, because my seat was adjusted really far back (I'm very short and need to be right at the steering wheel) so I knew instantly someone had been in there. I also have my car set to stay on with the headlights for 45 secs after turning the car off and they switched it off to turn off straight away. Also my Bluetooth had been fiddled around with- I don't know what they were trying to do.

They are quite brazen, because my car was at the back of the house up a drive with a battleaxe and my neighbour's house.

Has anyone in the area had this happen to them?

16 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday:

Hi everyone. Just warning that someone just tried to break in to our house. We live in Yarrara Road. A guy with a hoodie ran away when he realised we were home. Please keep your eyes open and be safe.

And in the comments:

We had someone with a similar description knocking on our front door around 9:30pm last night. He said he was looking for a Daniel Green. We live in the cross street of Yarrara.

There were police with an Alsatian working the bush between Lofberg Oval and the playground area during the day earlier this week, looking for a teenager. Maybe there had been an attempted/successful break in in daylight? Our door was knocked on by police officers around 3am a few days ago. But when we opened the door, they already left. Maybe they were searching for someone.

15 May, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Hello everyone, I'd like to bring to your attention of an incident that occurred yesterday on Nelson Rd, Lindfield. Someone bent the number plate and rearview mirror of our parked car, which we believe was done by one of the homeowners. We will be reporting this to the police. If anyone else has experienced similar incidents, please report them as well, so that the police might take it more seriously. Thank you.

Thanks for all the comments. These make us feel supported. To give everyone an update, we've reported this to the police today and they've already found a match. They will knock on his door and fine him. If he refuses somehow, this case will go to the court. We will also be talking to our insurance company who

will ensure he pays for the damage.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 May: Wear Orange Wednesday - **WOW Day** - to show support for the State Emergency Services (SES)

Thursday 23 May: FREE Law Week 2024 - Family Law Act changes by Cecilia Castle 6:30-7:30pm @ Hornsby Library. Bookings here.

Friday 24 May - 07 June: CatholicCare's Online 3 week course for parents of 2-12 year olds - 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program 12noon -1:30pm. Register here.

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May: 9am-3:30pm Household Chemical CleanOut @ St Ives Showground.

Tuesday 25 June: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Useful Tips for Using your Android Phone". Info/Register **Sunday 30 June:** NHW NSW Inc AGM via Zoom. 3pm introductions &

discussion before a 4pm start. Email for a link and more info here.

Thursday 11 July: FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Government websites". Info/Register

Thursday 25 July: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". <u>Info/Register</u>

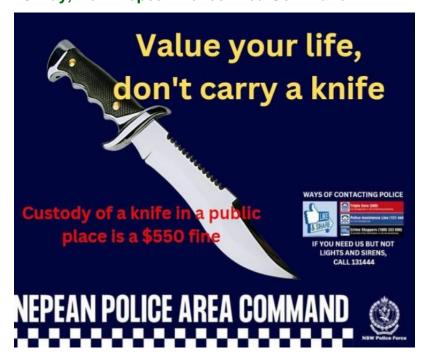
Saturday 12 October: St John's Anglican Church Fete 9am-2pm NHW crime prevention stall & kids activities tbc.

15 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:



We are shared custodians of the street library on BWR. This is the 6th time it has been vandalised...less than 24 hours after last repair yesterday. Initially hesitant even to post in case it gives them validation. Happy to provide this community service and have had positive feedback...but really? Do we need to speak to our humans? They are just poor wee books.

15 May, from Nepean Police Area Command



The NSW Government will today 15 May 2024, introduce legislation modelled on Queensland's 'Jack's Law' which will give Police powers to "wand" or "scan" people for knives without a warrant in designated areas.

15 May, from ACCC



Scammers are using social media marketplaces to post fake car ads and steal deposit payments.

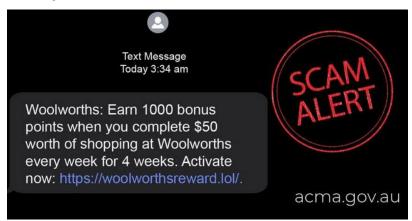
They create a sense of urgency by saying there's a lot of interest in the car.

They then use this to pressure you into paying a deposit to lock-in an inspection time.

Take your time and don't feel pressured to act quickly. Never transfer money before inspecting a car.

If you've transferred money or shared financial information, contact your bank immediately. Report the scam to the platform where you saw the listing.

15 May, from Australian Communications and Media Authority



Scam alert Have you received a text asking you to click on a link to stop your loyalty or reward points expiring? It's likely to be a scam. We're seeing a sharp rise in reports of shopping points and rewards-based SMS scams. These scams impersonate trusted brands that have well-known loyalty programs, including companies such as Coles, Woolworths, Optus, and Telstra. These scams try to create an urgent need for you to click on a link to redeem your points or rewards before they expire. The links then take to you a scam website that looks like the real thing and prompts you to provide your login or financial details, which the scammer then steals.

What should you do?

- Stop before you act. Scammers will always try to create a sense of urgency.
- Never click on any links or provide any personal or financial details if the sender is unknown or suspicious.
- If you need to check a message is genuine, contact the business using details you confirm yourself for example, via an official website, bill or app.

 Learn more about how to protect yourself from phone scams here. You can also make a report to Scamwatch here.

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

示 行人

Tip #6. 横穿马路之前和横穿之时,请确认是否有车辆要在十字路口转弯。请朝各个方向查看,乃至包含您身后!如果颈部僵硬或活动受限,请转动身体查看。

Tip #7. 在外出时佩戴得当的眼镜,并在需要时佩戴助听器,以便听到车辆行驶 及鸣笛。如果您较易失去平衡或跌倒,请穿着合适的 **鞋子**。

Tip #11. 当全向过街交叉口的红色信号灯亮起,所有车辆都会停下,并让行人往 各个路口方向行走。此时,请更加当心四下的车辆, 特别是当您走到路中央、绿色行人通行标志灯熄灭时。

Tip# 14. 护栏用于阻止行人随意横穿马路,请勿翻越护栏

For more FAQs, tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.

15 May, from NSW Fair Trading

Confirm shaming is loaded language designed to make you feel silly, ashamed or worried if you don't agree to buying a product or service.

This dark pattern usually appears on subscription offers and larger purchases.

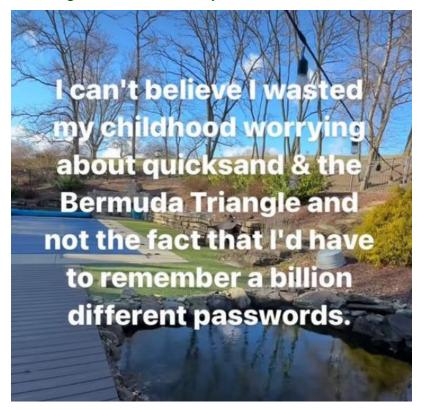
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19 May, From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: FridayFunnies - If only we knew then what we know now ②.

Have a great weekend, everyone .





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 <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u> **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 - 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.