



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

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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](#).

24 May, from NSW Police: Guess what Sydney?!

Vivid is back, transforming our city for 23 nights 🌙⭐ Remember:

- 🚗 With extensive road closures and special event clearways in place, public transport will be the best option to get to and from the CBD. Visit www.livetraffic.com for more.
 - 🧑 Sydney Harbour and the Sydney CBD is a no-fly zone for recreational drones.
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- 🚢 If you're in command of a vessel, the alcohol limit is 0.05 – just like on land. Visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au for exclusion zones and movement restrictions.
- 🍷 If you're drinking, be sensible, know your limits and take responsibility for yourself and your mates [#PlanB](#)
- 👁️ Uniformed and plain clothes police will be patrolling the CBD - if you notice suspicious or dangerous behaviour, report it to police immediately.



: [Vivid Sydney](#)

22 May, from NSW Police: Police are warning the Sydney community to be aware of hoax phone callers purporting themselves to be from Redfern Police in an attempt to obtain personal details over the phone.

In the past 24 hours, police have received numerous calls from concerned community members, reporting they have received phone calls and voice messages, requesting they provide their personal details, as they have been identified as being victims of a scam or online fraud. In some cases, callers

were asked to contact or have been transferred to an overseas number where further personal information is sought. On each occasion, the caller is asked to contact Redfern Police on (02) 8303 5199 – which is the correct phone number for the station.

Inquiries by South Sydney Police Area Command and the State Crime Command Cybercrime Unit have revealed the phone calls are likely to have been as a result of web-based spoofing, with calls possibly originating from overseas. There have been no persons identified as being scammed as a result of the calls.

Police would like to use this incident to remind the public to take the following precautions to reduce the risk of being scammed by cold-callers:

- If you receive a threatening phone call (and demanding money), hang up immediately;
 - Do not disclose personal details to the caller;
 - Never provide your personal or banking details to a person who calls you;
 - Never provide your financial PIN or account passwords to anyone;
 - Do not make any payments to the caller, either via phone, internet, or cash;
 - If you are suspicious about the credentials of a person on the phone, ask questions of them. If they avoid answering or refuse to provide information, hang up;
 - Don't let scammers pressure you – scammers use detailed scripts to convince you that they're the real deal and create a high-pressure situation to make a decision on the spot;
 - If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately; and
 - Contact police immediately to report the incident.
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If you have been the victim of a scam, you can report it to local police or to the ACCC online at the 'SCAMwatch report a scam' page or by calling **1300 795 995**.

To find more information about scams in general or impersonation scams, or to find out ways to protect yourself, visit scamwatch.com.au

Further information is available on the NSW Police website, please visit: [police.nsw.gov.au/crime/frauds and scams](https://police.nsw.gov.au/crime/frauds_and_scams)

You can also visit cyber.gov.au/protect-yourself for more information about cybersecurity and reporting cybercrime.



21 May, from NSW Police: An investigation is underway and traffic is significantly impacted after the death of a woman at Pymble a short time ago.

Officers attached to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command were called to the Pacific Highway near the Beechworth Road intersection after a woman was struck by a northbound van about 6.20am (Tuesday 21 May 2024). NSW Ambulance paramedics rendered first aid; however, the woman died at the scene. She has yet to be identified but is believed to be aged in her 60s. A crime scene has now been established with an investigation underway into the cause.

Traffic is expected to be affected for some hours and motorists are advised to avoid the area if possible and to monitor www.livetraffic.com for updates.

The male driver of the vehicle involved will be undergoing mandatory testing.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



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

Two 'business cards' picked up from the police station, connecting women, including those with a disability, to Domestic & Family Violence Counselling

Services. Phone: 1800 RESPECT.



28 May, from Australian Federal Police



Public Wi-Fi networks can be a convenient way to access the internet when you are out and about, but that doesn't mean they are always safe!

These networks can be an attractive target for cybercriminals, who may try to use them to steal your passwords or sensitive information.

Here are some tips for using public Wi-Fi securely.

- To connect to a free Wi-Fi network, you shouldn't have to enter any personal details— such as logging in through an email or social media account.
 - Where possible, choose Wi-Fi networks that require a password. Try to avoid 'open' or 'unsecure' networks.
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- Disable file sharing on your device and don't do anything sensitive while connected, like banking.
- Once you finish using the Wi-Fi, go into your device Wi-Fi settings and select 'forget network'. Turn off the Wi-Fi on your phone or other electronic devices to prevent your device from automatically connecting to a network.
- Install a reputable virtual private network (VPN) on your devices to encrypt and secure your data when using the internet.

Remember, always use caution when logging onto public Wi-Fi networks! If in doubt, wait until you can use a trusted network such as your home, office or personal mobile connection.

27 May, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Did you know?

Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch has a property marking kit for local residents to borrow. It contains an engraver, UV pen and UV torch, plus instructions and a stencil to make life easier.

Why borrow? Marking your items can help return your property to you. It gives you irrefutable proof of ownership. It can also tie a criminal to a crime scene, allowing for a better chance of conviction.

Request to borrow it now from our website. More information here: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/property/

Is it something you've been meaning to do? The kit will be moving to another suburb soon...



27 May, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thanks to The Bush Tele.

Here's their article on Mick in their latest edition - our Coordinator volunteer at [Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch](#). Congratulations, Mick!

NAVY VETERAN RECEIVES MEDAL 60 YEARS ON

After 60 years a **Navy Vietnam Veteran** has finally received his medal for service in the *Malaysian - Indonesian Confrontation*.

"The medal was issued by the Malaysian government and arrived just in time for ANZAC Day 2024," said Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah.

In 1964 Mick was a 17-year-old serving in the destroyer HMAS VAMPIRE as an Ordinary Seaman Quarter Master Gunner.

His ship is now preserved at the *Australian Maritime Museum* in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Mick Gallagher said, "My shipmates received their medals many years ago but for some reason I never received mine.

"I finally made an inquiry to the Department of Defence - Honours and

Awards earlier this year who went to 'Action Stations' for me."

"A big thanks to them."

Photo right:

Lieutenant

Commander RAN

Rtd Mick Gallagher

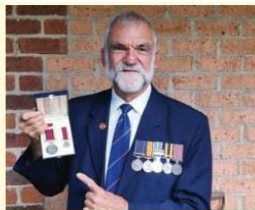
of Mt Colah shows

his 'Pingat Jasa

Malaysia' medal.

Mon 22 April 2024.

Photo by Silvia Chen.



27 May, from au.news.yahoo.com: Woman riding e-bike with child fined \$2500 as police crack down on ignored rule

The woman's morning school run took a very costly turn after she ran into the highway patrol.



One woman's morning school run has ended in her being slapped with more than \$2,500 worth of fines after she was caught allegedly transporting a child on an electric bike unrestrained.

The 42-year-old Sydney woman, from Canley Vale in the city's west, was allegedly riding with a child on the e-bike on Monday morning when officers from Liverpool Highway Patrol stopped her near a school zone. Police say the woman was found to be breaching a number of offences, and therefore attracted four separate fines totalling \$2,575.

The woman was fined for using an unregistered registrable Class A motor vehicle (\$772), using an uninsured motor vehicle on the road (\$772), being unlicensed (\$644), and riding with a passenger under eight years not in a sidecar (\$387).

Read full article [here](#).

27 May, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page group yesterday (Saturday):

Update: the paint was taken by a kind neighbour to the chemical recycling place.

To whoever decided to dump rubbish outside our house: I hope you see this and come and get it. Thank you for leaving your trash in a place that they are

unlikely to collect it, and leaving full paint tins which they definitely WON'T be collecting, leaving us to deal with it!! A hassle we didn't need thank you very much. If this is yours, please come and take it away.

Our advice: Report all illegal dumping to council.



27 May, from Fire+Rescue NSW Station 383 Morisset: Are you ready to be a Hydrant Hero?



There have been numerous incidents throughout the State where firefighters have been unable to access the nearest hydrant in an emergency due to it being poorly marked, obstructed by parked cars, mud or debris, or over-grown vegetation. Poorly maintained or unusable hydrants result in critical time being lost while firefighters clear the hydrant or search for and access another hydrant further from the fire.

This is where you come in! We'd like to encourage members of our community to be a Hydrant Hero following 3 simple steps;

1. Find your closest water hydrant
2. Clear around the hydrant and ensure it is clearly marked and accessible.
3. If maintenance or marking is required, report it to us and we'll take it from there!

More information on how to locate your nearest hydrant can be found at the link [here](#).

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

A great time helping our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Fiona Zhou, with a Rockfishing, Boating and Swimming Safety day at Bobbin Head. The sunshine came out, making the perfect opportunity to use the kids dressups, take photos using the 'catch-a-crim' photo booth and listen to officers from Ku-ring-gai PAC (Snr Cst Boon) and Marine Area Command (Snr Cst Warner). NSW Maritime and NSW Primary Industries were there, with Beach Safety, CASS personnel, and students from Macquarie University acting as translators (Mandarin). 30 Chinese background families came to learn more. 25 kids fishing rods were gifted after the training! Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers that made this happen, including those on lunch duty (sausage, onions, bread, a drink and a juicy mandarin) and our Neighbourhood Watch ladies: Michelle, Gay and Julia.

Two offers to buy our police dressups (shirts donated by The Uniform Exchange, Pymble), one query about graffiti, one query about illegal dumping and lots of discussion about how NHW helps residents in our command.

P.S. the kids really enjoyed trying the handcuffs and having their fingerprints done 🤔.



26 May, from Nepean Police Area Command: **SCOOP THAT POOP!**



I was picking up
some dog poo in
the park the other
day and thought
to myself ...

I really should get
a dog!

WAYS OF CONTACTING POLICE

IF YOU NEED US BUT NOT
LIGHTS AND SIRENS,
CALL 131444

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND

 NSW Police Force

I was picking up some dog poo in the park the other day and thought to myself, I really should get a dog!

There is nothing worse than stepping in dog faeces when out for a walk or having to pick up some random dog's poo before you mow the nature strip at home.

Question: Can I be fined for allowing my dog to defecate in public and not pick it up immediately (the faeces, not the dog)?

Answer: Yes, you can.


The offence is: Not immediately remove dog faeces from public place \$275 and you can be fined by police as well as Council Rangers.

26 May, from Nepean Police Area Command: Has someone stolen your ID?

Do you want to learn about data breaches, scams and cybersecurity?

ID Support NSW makes it easier for you to find the right support and advice.

Click [here](#) for support.

A blue banner for ID Support NSW. The top section has the title 'ID Support NSW' in large white letters, followed by the subtitle 'Protect your identity information'. Below this, a white box contains two paragraphs of text. The bottom section of the banner has more text and two logos: the NSW Police Force crest and the NSW Government logo.

ID Support NSW
Protect your identity information

ID Support NSW was established by the NSW Government to help people understand and prevent identity crime.

ID Support NSW helps protect your personal information and supports you if your proof of identity credentials have been compromised.

If you believe your identity has been stolen, used, or accessed without your knowledge or consent, ID Support NSW can simplify the process and guide you through protecting your identity, accounts, and devices. Contact an ID Support advisor on **1800 001 040** between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or visit their website for more information:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw>

If you've been a victim of identity crime you can also contact police on **131 444** for further advice and assistance. Please also consider contacting your financial institution.

26 May, from Neighbourhood Watch NSW



Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales

Neighbourhood Watch NSW is reviewing its contact list to ensure that the information is kept current. This ensures that we can contact you after the upcoming AGM and let you know the outcome.

Please would you email the contact details for your local group to NHWNSW2024@gmail.com?

Please include: local group name, contact name(s), phone(s) and email address(es).

Thank you.

@everyone

26 May, from 9news.com.au: Man's body found in Sydney river prompts police investigation



Police have launched an investigation after a man's body was found in a Sydney river.

Officers were called to Lane Cove River in West Pymble after the man's body was found in the river about 6.50am today.

"Officers attached to North Shore Police Area Command believe the body is that of a man aged in his 50s," NSW Police said in a statement.

"A crime scene has been established, and detectives have launched an investigation into the incident."

Police are urging anyone with information to come forward.

26 May, from 9Now.nine.com.au: Kathy Pearson is a woman who won't give up on finding the answers.



Her daughter Cecilia Devine's naked body was found in the remote Upper Cascade dam in the NSW Blue Mountains in 2019. By then, the 41-year-old had been missing for six months.

How she ended up in the dam still baffles police, as well as Devine's family and wide circle of loyal friends.

Devine, born Kristen Pearson, was a natural entertainer. She was a talented singer who loved being on stage.

While she lived with a mental health condition, her mother is adamant, there's no way she went to that dam on her own.

"I believe someone has done this...horrible, horrible thing," Kathy said.

"I know my daughter very well, I'm her mum and I know that she wouldn't have gone into the Cascade Dam at all.

"She was seeking somewhere safe to sleep.. that's all she was looking for.

"She wouldn't have done that and she certainly wouldn't have stripped her clothes off."

Read full article [here](#).

23 May, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group yesterday (Tuesday):

Lost! Ladies watch. Posting on behalf of a family member:

Coach brand, gold face...tan leather strap. Engraved on back, sentimental value.

Lost possibly at the St Ives shopping ctr or St James church (Turra). Thank you



23 May, from NSW SES Ku-ring-gai Unit: WOW Day!



Today is "WOW Day" - Wear Orange Wednesday, an opportunity to show our appreciation and support for our NSW SES volunteers across the state who go out in the wet and the cold to answer the call when someone has been affected by storms and floods.

The volunteers who form the NSW SES come from all walks of life - you might see them every day, but not know that they are one of our heroes in orange.

And for them, seeing their community wearing orange on this special day, reminds them how much the work they do is appreciated.

You never know - you might find that orange is your colour! In which case, NSW SES is always looking for new members to join the team. To find out more about volunteering with NSW SES visit site [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

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". [Info/Register](#)

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

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

Shared with permission from the Lindfield / Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Tuesday):

Hi everyone, I lost my necklace near the oval today, it meant a lot to me, if you see it can you let me know please. Thanks in advance.

The Roseville oval, the one that has tennis court and dog park. The French restaurant used to be there, can't remember the name. Thankyou.



23 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Join Us for an Educational Workshop on ADHD, and Autism

Hi Everyone,

We still have online places available for an educational workshop on ADHD, Autism and the differences between anxiety and depression, led by the experienced Art Psychotherapist, Jessica Matotek. This workshop aims to provide valuable insights into the differences between Anxiety, Depression, ADHD, and Autism, helping you better understand and support your loved ones.

Workshop Details:

Date: Saturday, 25th of May

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Online

What You Will Gain:

A comprehensive understanding of the key characteristics of depression, anxiety, ADHD, and autism.

Strategies to identify and manage the different needs associated with each condition.


An opportunity to ask questions and connect with others who share similar experiences and concerns.

About the Facilitator:

Jess is a registered Art Psychotherapist with 9 years of experience in trauma and psychosocial disability services. She specializes in helping caregivers navigate the emotional complexities of caring for individuals with mental illnesses. Jess is passionate about creative approaches to rebuilding lives during and after a mental health crisis.


Don't miss this chance to gain valuable knowledge and connect with a supportive community.

To attend, please register by emailing us at fcmhinfons@uniting.org.



Understanding the Difference
An educational workshop about anxiety, depression, ADHD and Autism
INK & INTUITION
with Jessica Matotek

Saturday 25th of May at 10am-1pm
47 Hercules Street, Chatswood

 An educational workshop about the difference between Anxiety, Depression, ADHD and Autism. This workshop will explain what each of these look like and how to best support our loved ones experiencing them.

What You Will Gain

- A better understanding of the key characteristics of depression, anxiety, ADHD and Autism and how to identify what might be going on for our loved ones.
- Strategies to manage the different needs that come along with each presentation.
- An opportunity to ask questions and connect with others who understand your experience.

About the Facilitator

Jess is a registered Art Psychotherapist with 9 years of experience in trauma and psychosocial disability services, helping caregivers navigate the emotional complexities of caring for individuals with mental illnesses. She is passionate about getting creative when it comes to rebuilding our lives after before, during and after a mental health crisis.

RSVP only to fcmhinfons@uniting.org

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Personal Safety' (Simplified Chinese). 我们的 20

个最常用的犯罪预防提示 个人安全

Tip #8. 安装入侵警报系统并且定期测试电池和感应器。清除感应器上的蜘蛛网。

Tip #9. 不论您在家或离家，请锁上所有门窗，包括储藏室和车库。警报系统总是处于工作状态。大多数警报能够进行“在家”和“离家”设定，请在家中（尤其睡觉时）及外出时设置警报。

Tip #12. 切勿告诉盗贼您独自一人居住。即使您独自生活，在电话留言机上留言时请说“我们现在不便接听电话”。如果有人有人在门口，您可以大声与您的虚拟室友说话，诸如“别担心，我去开门！”不要在公寓或门牌上写上您的名字。

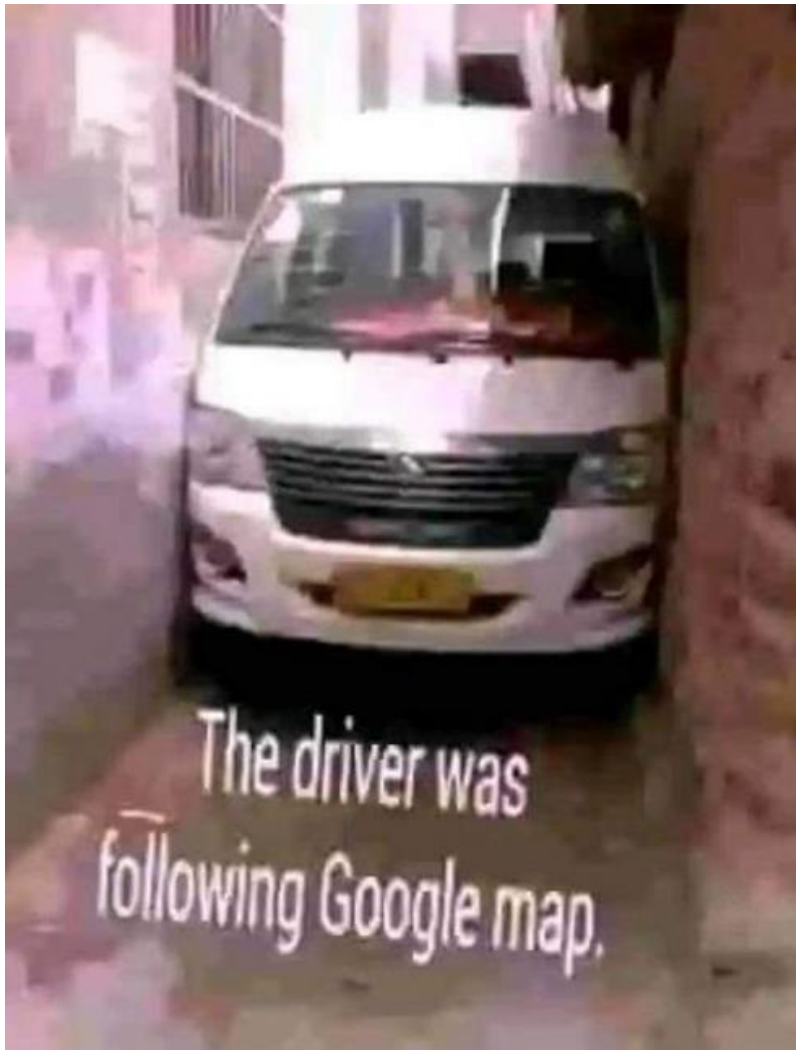
Tip #14. 请在光线充足的人行步道上行走（汇报路灯问题：Ausgrid 公司，1800 044 808）。如果发现被尾随，请立刻穿过马路并向回走，或在需要时掉头继续前行。若仍然被尾随，可以尝试下列方法吸引他人注意 – 呼叫、拉响火警警报、挥动任何物体引起过路司机的注意。如果可能，请携带个人警报器，并在危急时刻保持镇定。

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.

28 May, from Youtube.com: A funny video for you. "When you rob a big tech company and the employees are..."

Click [here](#).

From Funky Comedy and Entertainment



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.
