



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #660 - 04 June 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](#).

01 June, from NSW Police:

Financial Crimes Squad detectives have charged three men and conducted a compliance operation at Sydney Airport as part of an investigation into a fraudulent e-tag scheme worth over \$2.2 million.

Police will allege in court the syndicate harvested up to 10,000 compromised identities and banking details – which were linked to the tags – from an international website for approximately \$150,000.

During the operation, police spoke to 200 taxi drivers, and confiscated 12 e-tags

believed to be a part of the fraudulent scheme. The drivers identified with a fraudulent tag were spoken to and released pending further inquiries.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

01 June, from NSW police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance to identify 12 people they believe can assist with an investigation into multiple bike thefts across Sydney's transport network.

In May 2024, officers attached to Police Transport Command commenced an investigation into unsolved bike thefts reported across Sydney's north west metropolitan public transport network since early last year, with several offenders charged to date (Wednesday 29 May 2024).

As inquiries continue, police have released images of 12 men who they believe might be able to assist with their inquiries.

As inquiries continue, anyone who can identify the men depicted or provide information that may assist investigators is urged to call police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

More details available [here](#).



30 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Police are seeking the identity of the below male who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a malicious damage incident that occurred on the 3rd of May 2024 in Gordon.

The male is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 18 years of age, slim build, with a black goatee beard wearing a black hoodie, black track pants and black and white Nike TN's.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or site [here](#).

Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



30 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

A “Stay safe when fishing, swimming and boating” community event was held at Bobbin Head, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park on the beautiful Sunday, 26 May. Over 100 participants who are all families from Chinese backgrounds were divided into 4 groups and rotated to attend mini safety workshops run by the Department of Primary Industry, Maritime NSW, Surf Life Saving NSW and our Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command/Marine Area Command. (Our Youth Officer, S/C Boon and S/C Bruce Warner from Marine Area Command were delivering the workshops supported by our NHW team).

The participants also had the chance of practising their fishing skills. There are

also community stalls and kids activities being run for the whole time supported by CASS, Australian Asian Cultural Association, Asian Women at Work, TAFE NSW and Hornsby Chinese Education Centre.

In the end, all kids were given a FREE rod plus other goodies by having to provide right answers to our presenters. The kids were surprisingly doing well and remembered those key safety messages from the workshops. What a great fun and educational day !!!



03 June, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

On Friday night / Saturday morning around 2:30am one of my nearby Neighbours was visited by an intruder (off Wallalong cst.)

She has given me permission to publish.

Pls be careful everyone as they are making the rounds!

Apologies - Photo is a bad still from the cctv.



03 June, Shared with permission from the Galston Families Group:


For anyone going away the long weekend, the gorge will be closed on the Monday night 8pm.

Transport for NSW

Maintenance work on Galston Timber Bridge and road closure on Galston Road, Galston from Sunday 9 June 2024

Community Notice
June 2024

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Darug and GuriNgai people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.



The NSW Government is carrying out this essential work as part of ongoing maintenance of State road bridges.

We will be carrying out bridge maintenance on **Galston Timber Bridge, Galston and Hornsby Heights**, preserving the heritage of the timber-truss bridge built in 1893.

Please refer to detour map overleaf.

What work are we doing?

Work includes routine maintenance of the bridge structure to improve safety for motorists and extend the life of the bridge.

When we'll be working

We will be onsite for up to **15 night shifts** between **Sunday 9 June and Sunday 30 June**. Exact dates will depend on weather and other site conditions.

Our work hours will be **8pm to 5am**, Sunday night to Friday morning.

Work is carried out at night to minimise traffic disruption and reduce safety risks to workers and motorists.

What will this mean for you?

You may notice:

- workers and vehicles
- traffic controllers and signage
- road closures and reduced speed limits
- noise from machinery and equipment.

Road closures and detours

- A full road closure will be in place on Galston Road between **8pm and 5am** during the construction period.
- Closure points are located at:
 - Galston Road and Calderwood Road
 - Galston Road and Montview Parade.
- Road users will be directed on a detour route via Galston Road, Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road, and Pacific Highway.
- Galston Road will reopen to traffic between 5am and 7pm each day.
- Electronic message boards will advise exact closure dates in advance and the detour signposted.
- Please allow up to a thirty minutes of additional travel time.
- Please adhere to any changed speed limits and follow the direction of assigned traffic controllers and signage.

To subscribe to the email distribution list for this project, please contact info.harbour@connectsydney.com.au

Page 1 of 2

03 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby



03 June, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

Hi, a couple of hours ago at around 1:30 am I was woken up by a front door camera alert on my phone that detected a person / motion in my drive way. An hour later I heard some sounds in the backyard. I called the police and they updated me an hour later to say that they have made several rounds and apprehended some young persons. They said there are more calls from the area tonight of suspected intrusions, especially near Livingstone (I'm within 200 meter radius..) and the thieves are looking out for Audis. I thank the police for their swift and sensitive response.

02 June, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday:

Hi Neighbours,

We were broken into this morning at 3am.

They came in through the back door and stole our two handbags and took our Audi, which was parked in our garage with two cars parked behind it.

Carlyle Road, East Lindfield

Be vigilant please.

01 June, from NSW Police Force

State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad are urging people to be vigilant about scam calls after seeing an increase in reported caller ID spoofing.

To find more information about scams in general or impersonation scams, or to find out ways to protect yourself, visit site [here](#).

What is Caller ID Spoofing?

ID or web-based spoofing is where scammers use technology to make it appear their illegitimate call is originating from a legitimate phone number, such as a financial institution or government agency.

In recent months, detectives have been made aware of an increase of ID spoofing from scammers pretending to be from NSW Police Stations – specifically The Rocks, Burwood, Paddington, Redfern and Liverpool.

The caller will usually impersonate a NSW Police Officer and tell the person receiving the call they have an outstanding fine, before demanding payment to prevent further court action.

"THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THESE TYPES OF CALLS IS TO NOT ENGAGE OR PROVIDE INFORMATION, AND TO HANG UP."

Detective Superintendent Matt Crabb
Commander of State Crime Command
(Cybercrime Squad)

A police officer will always be willing to identify themselves and make themselves contactable at a police station.

If you're concerned or want to verify the legitimacy of your call, we recommend contacting the station or Police Assistance Line directly on 131 444.

NSW Police Force

31 May, from NSW police Force

Can you help police locate 12-year-old Isaiah Boskus, missing from the Girraween area.

Isaiah was last seen at a home in Lyle Street, Girraween about 6.00pm yesterday (Thursday 30 May 2024).

Police hold concerns for his welfare due to his age.

Isaiah is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 150cm – 155cm tall, of thin build, with brown hair and blue eyes.

He was last seen wearing a full grey matching tracksuit and black joggers.

Isiah frequents the Blacktown, Seven Hills, St Marys, Gordon and Pymble areas.

Please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information about Isaiah's whereabouts.



31 May, from Ku-ring-gai Council: UPDATE 31 May



Thank you everyone for your interest. Someone has come forward and Council is investigating further.

Council is seeking help getting in contact with the female handler of a German Shepherd dog regarding an incident that took place near the intersection of Koola Avenue and Bligh Street, East Killara on the morning of Sunday 26 May. The dog may possibly be named "Ollie" or "Oliver".

Please provide any information to Council's Companion Animal Officer on 9424 0000.

31 May, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

🎧🔑 "To the left, to the left". 🚦

👍 Brush up on keeping left road rules before your next drive. ✅

Watch video [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.

31 May, Shared with permission from the Asquith Community Australia group 2 days ago (Tuesday):

We have had a break in at our unit block in Asquith. These two thieves broke through storage cages and stole two bikes. Does anyone recognise them? Please keep a watch out. Definitely not their first time.



30 May, from Nepean Police Area Command: WHAT WOULD YOU DO WEDNESDAY

Scenario:

You see a man entering driveways on the street you live in. He is dressed in high visibility work gear and has a backpack on. You see him walk into your

neighbour's driveway, down the side of a house, looking into a side window. He then disappears around the rear of the property and out of sight.

What would you do?

- a) Would you go over the road and ask the man what he was doing?
- b) Would you do nothing but tell your neighbour later when they return home from work?
- c) Would you call police at the time as you thought it was suspicious?
- d) Would you call police later that night informing them that there was a suspicious person walking down driveways in your area earlier that day?
- e) Would you not do anything and mind your own business?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You see a man entering driveways on the street you live in.
He is dressed in high visibility work gear carrying a backpack.
You see him walk into your neighbour's driveway, down the side of their house, looking into a side window.
He then disappears around the rear of the property and out of sight.



WAYS OF CONTACTING POLICE

- Police Direct 24/7
- Police Assistance Line 131 444
- Crime Response 1800 223 889

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

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND

NEW Police Force

And the answer from Nepean:

Thank you for your comments. It shows we all react differently to what would be the same scenario.

If you are confident in checking out the person who is in your neighbour's property then you might go over and speak with them but remember you don't know their intention nor what they are willing or capable of doing, whether they're drug, or alcohol affected.

Our suggestion would be for you to note as much as you can regarding their description, call police immediately or as close to the incident time as this will

give police the best chance of stopping and speaking with the person. Police may even have a car crew in the area your call comes through.

Is this an urgent call? Well, that would be dependent upon what you see or hear. If you saw or heard smashing glass or breaking doors, then yes, it is an urgent call to triple zero '000'.

If they are visible to you and your instinct suggests they are acting suspiciously but have nothing to say they are actually breaking in, then a call to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131444 would be appropriate. 131444 places a job on police radio and a vehicle dispatched. This call can be upgraded to urgent if new knowledge comes to hand.

The person may have legitimate reasons for being there, but do not put yourself in danger, call police and explain clearly what you have seen and heard. Let us find out why they are there.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Protect Your Identity' (Simplified Chinese). 我们的 20 个最常用的犯罪预防提示 **保护身份文件**

Tip #5. 加密保存所有重要文件。考虑对您的设备进行安全加密。使用加密的即时通讯系统，例如 Signal。考虑使用虚拟专用网 (VPN)。一旦使用完 Wi-Fi 请立即清除网络连接记录。使用“匿名”模式，以防泄露浏览历史记录

Tip #10. 请在政府网站注册下列警报事项：staysmartonline.gov.au, scamwatch.gov.au, esafety.gov.au/about-us/subscribe.

Tip #14. 电子设备使用完毕后，请务必使用清理软件删除所有个人信息。请对电子设备进行加密设置，然后重置成出厂设置。（
出厂重置将删除加密密码）如果不再需要使用设备，请使用磁铁来销毁数字内存。
如能使用锤子、钻子或剪刀则效果更好。

Tip #20. 如果您认为自己的身份已经被窃取，请迅速采取行动。请与下面的警察 (PAL) 和 iDcare 联系。为了保护他人，请举报
所有涉嫌欺诈或欺诈行为 - 使用网站 scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam 中的“To Report a Scam”。对于网络犯罪
， 请向 Australian Cyber Security Centre ReportCyber (previously ACORN)
cyber.gov.au/report 举报。请每年
检查一次您的信用报告（如果不急于看报告，是免费的）。请访问网站
www.mycreditfile.com.au 尽早查看您的信用情况。

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 Transport for NSW

What regular
passengers see:



What passengers
who litter see:



A fun little rule to help you remember... if you can sit on it comfortably, it probably isn't a garbage bin. 🗑️🤔



A parrot that was trained by drug dealers to alert them of police presence and is refusing to speak after being detained.



Why So Accurate?
@whysoaccurateig

No shit, it's a bird not a rat

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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website 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.
