



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #661 - 11 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](#).

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### 09 June, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force: Look at what getting caught for 12 kays over uncovered.

About 4:10pm Friday 7 June 2024, officers from the Traffic Response Group while on extended patrols, detected a Green P plater travelling at 112km/h in the 110km/h area on the Princes Highway, Maddens Plains – P2 speed restriction is 100km/h. The 19-year-old male from Warrawong was also found to be using maps on his mobile phone and to be wearing knuckle dusters. An

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inspection of the vehicle found 2 x tyres to be bald and defective and to be a badged up STI.

He was drug and alcohol tested and returned a positive detection to Meth. He was arrested for secondary testing and at the Police station he returned a positive result to Meth and was served with a 24hr prohibition from driving. Action is pending receiving the oral fluid lab results, and if positive, the accused will also receive a court attendance notice for possessing a prohibited weapon.

He was issued the following;

\$137 & 8 points for Exceed Speed 10km/h and under – lidar

\$387 & 10 points for P2 licence holder use mobile phone while driving and a Red label defect notice.



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**08 June, from NSW police Force: Welcome to #Forensics Friday** 🧪🔍🚗

On Fridays, we'll be taking you inside the command where law enforcement and science meet - our Forensic Evidence & Technical Services!

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The NSW Police has two pharmacology units with three pharmacologists each – one under Traffic & Highway Patrol (THWP) and the other under Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command (FETS).

Dr Shuang Fu, Dr Petra van Nieuwenhuijzen and Brett Fletcher specialise in providing expert statements and advice for any criminal or coronial matter – sexual assault, drink spiking, drug possession, murder and the investigation of critical incidents. They also provide countbacks for alcohol in driving matters – blood sample outside of two hours and PCA countback to the time of the incident.

To do this, they use analysis certificates from FASS, witness statements, hospital records, camera footage and other information that's relevant, such as the time a drug was taken or how much alcohol was consumed.

Once their certificates have been sent to the investigating officers, they're able to provide evidence in court and explain concisely how someone may have been affected by the drugs found in their system. They provide detailed information on any drug, including what the drug is, what it's used for, how it can affect a person and how it can interact with other drugs.

The Pharmacology Services Unit helped solve a recent case when the victim's cause of death was unclear. They had been stabbed in the neck several times, strangled and had a lethal methadone range. It was argued in court that the deceased had died from a methadone overdose instead of by stabbing and strangulation. After examination of the victim's 40 years of drug use, comparison of studies, particularly based on the behaviours the victim displayed in the CCTV footage prior to death, a PSU pharmacologist explained in court that it was very unlikely the deceased died from methadone overdose. As a result, the accused was charged with manslaughter.

If you think a rewarding and challenging career with the NSW Police Force might be for you, visit the NSW Police Force Recruitment website [here](#).

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### 08 June, from NSW Police Force

I said... brrr! It's cold in here 🧊❄️ Operation Snow Safe runs from today until October 7, so expect extra police in the Snowy Mountains to keep everyone safe.

🚗 Plan your trip, take extra breaks and monitor the weather conditions before leaving. Check if there are any park alerts, road closures and car park capacities.

🚗 Slow down and use caution when driving in fog, wet or icy conditions. When directed by signs or authorities, fit snow chains to your vehicle's driving wheels.

🏂 If you're skiing or snowboarding, know your ability and stick to designated slopes.

🧑‍🦕 Hikers – no matter how experienced – should submit a Trip Intention Form and hire a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB).

For more snow safety tips, visit site [here](#).

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#### **07 June, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force**

Officers from Burwood Highway Patrol arrest and charge 4 males all aged 15 and 16 years old with driving a stolen vehicle, being unlicensed and possessing prohibited drugs.

About 11.20pm, on Saturday 12th May 2024, Police were conducting high visibility patrols of the Lakemba area. Police were travelling on Punchbowl Road, Lakemba when they detected a stolen vehicle being a Toyota Corolla. As Police activated their lights and sirens, the vehicle came to a stop and as Police exited the Police vehicle to approach the stolen vehicle it accelerated away in a southerly direction on Collin Street a pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit continued for about 500 metres and as the stolen vehicle was attempting to negotiate the left turn it collided with a Toyota Yaris which was parked and unattended.

The driver and all occupants ran from the vehicle and police commenced a foot pursuit detaining all occupants in a nearby premises a short time later. All occupants were arrested and conveyed to Campsie Police Station.

The driver a 16 year old male was charged with being unlicensed and Police pursuit. A 15 year old male was charged with be carried in conveyance and

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possessing a prohibited drug. The other two young males were released and are being dealt with under the Young Offenders Act.



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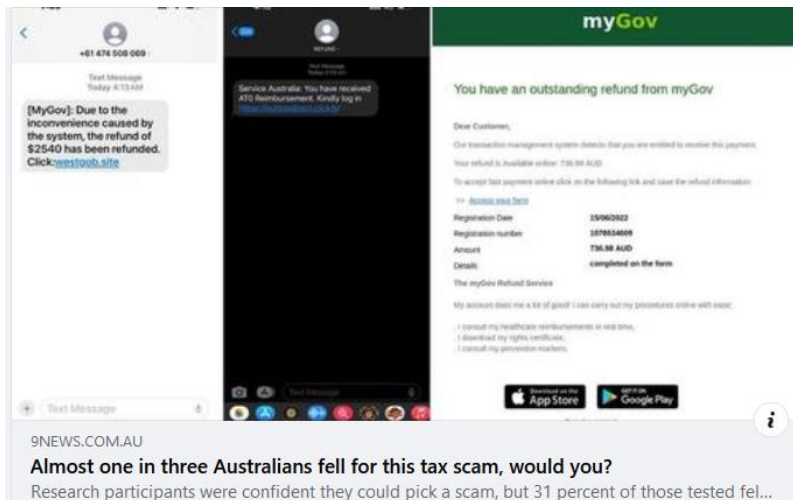
**11 June, from 9news.com.au: Almost one in three Australians fell for this tax scam, would you?**

Australians are being warned to be wary of tax phishing scams as the financial year comes to a close.

The alert comes amid new research which shows that while Australians are overwhelmingly confident about their ability to identify scams, around a third failed to identify at least one when tested.

The research, commissioned by the Commonwealth Bank, shows nine in ten of adults surveyed were confident they could spot a fake SMS or email.

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However, when they were tested with three examples of tax scams, only 69 percent successfully identified all of them.

Read details [here](#).

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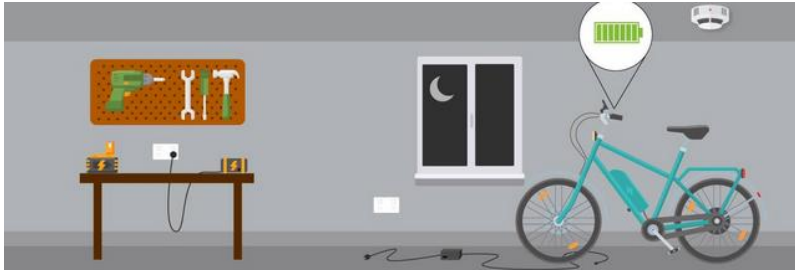
## 10 June, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

#NSWRFS Lithium-ion batteries are the fastest-growing fire risk in New South Wales, making it crucial for residents to understand the associated dangers and be prepared for potential incidents. These batteries, commonly found in everyday devices, pose significant fire hazards when they overheat or are improperly charged. Damaged batteries, characterised by swelling, leaking, or punctures, can be particularly dangerous, even leading to explosions if mishandled.

Safe charging practices should also be observed, such as avoiding overnight charging or leaving devices unattended while charging, and only using approved chargers. Also, properly disposing of lithium-ion batteries is vital; they should never be placed in regular bins but instead recycled correctly. Damaged batteries should be stored outside, away from flammable materials, to prevent any potential fires.

For more information refer to site [here](#).

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## 10 June, from [pedalsetgo.com.au](http://pedalsetgo.com.au): Bicycle Education in Sydney for Adults and Children

Have you heard of these guys? How to cycle safely.

"Creating Safe and Confident Riders - Connecting People and Places

Bicycle Education Courses in Sydney"



**10 June, from krg.nsw.gov.au: Reporting illegal tree removal, pruning or damage**



Something we are asked is, "If we hear a chainsaw, how can we check it's an approved tree removal and if not, how do we report it?"

[Here's](#) the link for Ku-ring-gai Council.

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**10 June, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch**

Shared with permission from the Thornleigh/Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group Saturday:

**\*\*stay alert\*\***

This lowlife was busted trying to steal packages from an apartment block in Bellevue Street. If anybody knows him or has any info, please contact me

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directly.



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### **10 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby**

We were reminded this week that some residents still don't know of the existence of the NSW Police Community Portal. Thank you to the victim of a crime who suggested we should share the information with the community via our weekly eNewsletter - great idea!

It is an online digital engagement channel for the community, which is easy to use, confidential, and always secure. You can access Community Portal [here](#).

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Providing a range of services including minor crime reporting and applications for information, reports and applications can be lodged online using phone, tablet or desktop devices.

Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a police officer is not necessary, you can now report crime and apply for services including:

Lost property

Theft

Intentional damage & graffiti

Fail to Pay

Break, Enter & Steal

Stolen motor vehicle

Minor traffic crash

Access to information

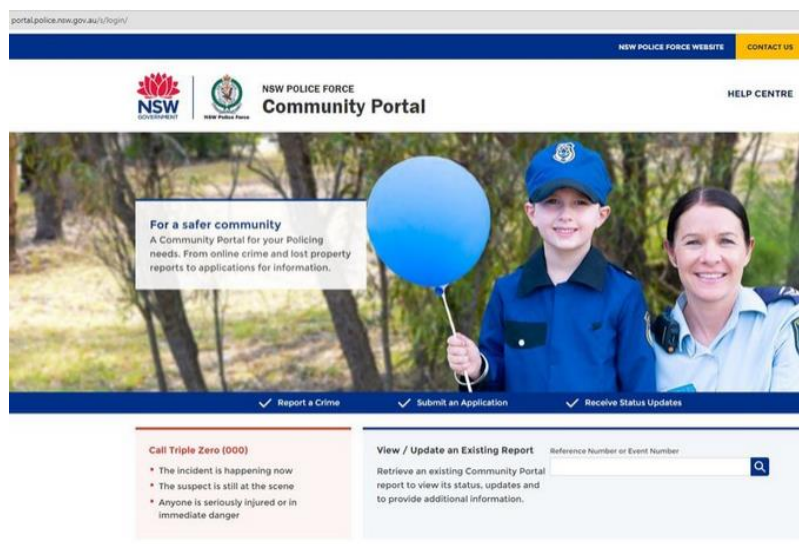
Property lists

Fraud

Firearms applications

NSW Police Check

Insurance related to police event report



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09 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Queensland:

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Vehicle Security is the topic of this post and, even though we are constantly reminded to lock our vehicles, offenders can and do target insecure vehicles. Two recent offences that were included in a report for a Neighbourhood Watch group highlight either, or both, carelessness and foolishness.

At approximately 3:20am offenders entered vehicle (possibly unlocked) in XXXXXX and stole wallet.

At approximately 8am owner has left vehicle running with keys in it while buying a coffee at XXXXX. Offender has walked up to vehicle and stolen it.

It is easy to say that in both of these cases the driver/owner was simply asking for trouble but, if we think about our own behaviours, any one of us could be the victim in these situations. Most of us are trusting but that is not enough – we need to “expect” thieves to rob us of our property and that means that we need to take security seriously.

In the first case the vehicle was probably parked at the owner’s home, in the driveway or carport, or perhaps on the roadway. Where it was parked is largely irrelevant and the “carelessness/foolishness” was in leaving a wallet (or any other valuable item) in the vehicle, possibly in view. Temptation is a strong “vibe” for potential thieves and simply “seeing” something might be enough to make them want to steal it.

The second scenario might seem to be unlikely but it happened and the driver probably realised later how foolish it was to leave the vehicle running and the “temptation” that that posed. Change the location slightly and it might well be your own driveway and you who go back into the house to collect something you need – you should be able to leave the vehicle running on your own property. Think again, anywhere can be vulnerable.

I am fortunate enough to have an enclosed garage and I never leave the door open, even if I am going out again in a few minutes. My car is always locked, both when it is on the driveway and inside the garage. When I am at a shopping centre I lock the vehicle and that’s nothing more than common sense. I am also in the habit of locking the car when I am at a service station so that when I go inside to pay for my fuel my car isn’t vulnerable. These behaviours cost me nothing and provide a sense of security – offenders mostly want to find an easy

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target, get in and get out quickly so anything we can do to make the task harder for them is to our advantage.

The Queensland Police Service has developed a series of Information Sheets, including one addressing Vehicle Security. Even if you are already vigilant, take a bit of time to read their suggestions – it just might help to ensure that you and your vehicle don't appear in police reports. Click [here](#).

## Vehicle Security

Most car thefts are opportunistic and there are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of having your car stolen or broken into.



If a crime is happening now, call Triple Zero (000). If not, think Policelink and report online.

Find us at [www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au)  
For news and alerts sign up to [myPolice.qld.gov.au](http://myPolice.qld.gov.au)

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This sheet contains only general guidelines for increasing household security. The Queensland Police Service, in providing this information, makes no representations nor gives any warranty or guarantee concerning the safety of persons or property.

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### What you can do

- Park your vehicle in well-lit and highly visible areas whenever possible.
- Wherever possible, use off street parking or secured parking.
- When parking in a garage, ensure both the garage and vehicle are locked and the garage door remotes are secured.
- Avoid marking your keys with your personal or vehicle details such as name, phone number or vehicle registration.
- Consider installing a car alarm or steering wheel lock to help protect your vehicle.
- Use lockable devices to help keep your vehicle secure including lockable fuel caps, wheel nuts, spare tyre covers and roof racks.
- Consider installing a remote engine immobiliser which meets Australian standards.
- Secure your registration plates with anti-theft screws.
- Consider installing a GPS tracker to your vehicle.

### Make good vehicle and key security a habit today.

- Always lock your vehicle, including the boot and sunroof, and remember to fully close all windows.
- Always keep your keys out of sight and never leave vehicle keys lying around on tables, benches, bedside tables or key hooks.
- Remove keys from the ignition and lock your vehicle if your vehicle is parked or unattended, even if it's only for a minute.
- Never hide spare keys on or in the vehicle – thieves know where to look.
- Remove all valuables and personal items when leaving your car unattended, or ensure they are out of sight.
- Always take your vehicle keys with you whenever you are going out, even if you are leaving your vehicle at home.

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07 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:  
Berowra Station Carpark

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Collision Thursday 5:40pm

Hi everyone,

If you happened to be the driver who accidentally reversed into our white station wagon at around 5:40 PM on Thursday at Berowra Station carpark, could you please get in touch with me?

The car involved was a large family vehicle, possibly grey.

We'd really appreciate hearing from you soon, as our car did sustain some damage.

Thank you so much for your understanding and help! 😊

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**07 June, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Thursday):**

Hi all,

Unfortunately my car was involved in a hit and run today near Lindfield Station on Newark Cr between 8:00am and 12:30pm. I'm wondering if anyone has a security camera at the front of their house (between the addresses 10-16), or if anyone parked on that street during this period has a dash-cam?

Thanks everyone!

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### **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](#)

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

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**07 June, 9now.nine.com.au: Travel scams to be wary of coming into winter**



With thousands of Australians heading overseas to escape winter over the next three months, security experts are warning people to be on the lookout for scams.

Criminals are increasingly targeting major sporting events and concerts.

NAB Group investigations' Chris Sheehan told Today there are three specific scams to be wary of.

He said accommodation and booking website impersonation scams, false tickets for major sporting events or concerts and overcharging or false charging on services were the main ones, but there are some important red flags to keep an eye out for.

Read more [here](#).

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**05 June, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch**

Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday (Tuesday):

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Hello, my friend parked her yellow Honda jazz outside 30 Thornleigh Street, Thornleigh. It was swiped and the right side of the mirror completely torn off. If anyone saw or has footage of this, can you please get in touch. We believe it happened around 6:30pm-7:30pm on 3rd June.

Thank you 🙏!



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

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**Tip #7.** 请在床边放置手电筒和电话。预先在手机中存储紧急联系号码 – 请参见本文最后的联系号码。

**Tip #13.** 对电话推销员、促销电话员或希望通过电话请您提供个人信息的人坚决说“不”。

**Tip #16.** 如果使用电脑，请及时更新安全系统和防火墙软件。如果您对最近一次的银行对账单感到困惑，请向年轻亲戚或朋友请教 – 这点非常重要。Ku-ring-gai 邻里互助中心 ( Neighbourhood Centre, 电话：9988 4966) 和社区服务中心 ( Community Shed, 电话：9983 9732) 为老年人提供免费电脑课程。

**Tip #18.** 请与邻里增进来往，建立“伙伴关系”。互相知道彼此的暗号，代表相安无事，比如早上拉开窗帘。

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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Thank God they put a cone up,  
I would've driven right into that mess



**Thanks to Bernie Bille Jr**

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Officer: TURN AROUND!

Me: Every now and then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming round

Officer: TURN AROUND!

Me: Every now and then I get a....

**\*\*gets tasered\*\***



**Thanks to Bernie Bille Jr**

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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.

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**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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