




Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #662 - 18 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](#).

18 June, from Nepean command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY – Think safety.

If you are towing anything or have anything in the tray of your ute or truck, remember to secure your load.

Loose objects bouncing around in the back of your ute or trailer can cause chaos and is dangerous for other road users if ejected from your vehicle. Failure to secure your load may result in infringements being issued. 'Drive/tow vehicle with unsecured load \$514 and 3 demerit points'. Think safety first and, no, you're not permitted to travel in the rear of your mate's ute. There are penalties for this as well.

TRAFFIC TUESDAY - Think safety!



Have you ever been hit
by an object that has
fallen from the tray or
trailer from a vehicle
in front of you?

It's dangerous!

SECURE YOUR LOAD!

WAYS OF CONTACTING POLICE



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

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND



NSW Police Force

15 June, from NSW Police: Abuse of older people is unacceptable

This day and every day, we must stand up for the rights of older people in our community. ❤️ #WEAAD2024

15 June is

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is commonly carried out by someone they know and trust, usually a family member. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological, or sexual, and can include mistreatment or neglect.

1 in 10



Australians over 65 fall victim to abuse.



For emergencies and life-threatening situations, call **Triple Zero (000)**.

[NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline](#)
1800 628 221

[Australian Human Rights Commission](#)
1800 353 374
humanrights.gov.au

[Seniors Rights Service](#)
02 9281 3600
seniorsrightsservice.org.au



15 June, from NSW Police: Can you help locate Saije?

Saije Saumaitoga, aged 14, was last seen in Dulwich Hill, about 9am on Wednesday 5 June 2024. Saije is known to frequent the Glebe, Dulwich Hill, **Hornsby** and Sydney CBD areas. He may be travelling on the rail network.

Anyone with information into Saije's whereabouts is urged to contact **Inner West Police Area Command 9568 9299** or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

MORE INFORMATION [➡ police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=112435](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=112435)



18 June, from NSW Food Authority: Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 7 premises added [including **Pottery Green Bakers, Gordon** - Ed]
- 13 premises publication period expired

See the Penalty Notice Register [here](#).

A Cautionary Tale

One of our volunteers used the driveway stencil to paint the white lines at the edge of their driveway. They were getting fed up of being blocked in by parents attending the school nearby. One day a parent parked overhanging their driveway - not completely blocked, but very annoying and unsafe nonetheless.

So they rang the school who poo-pooed it. Not happy, they rang the Ku-ring-gai council ranger, who came and watched for the driver to return to their car. And they did. Despite pleading ignorance they were fined on the spot a significant amount. Thank you to the Ku-ring-gai council rangers for enforcing the unsafe parking.

The driveway white lines are positioned one metre from the edge of the driveway, to allow sufficient viewing when exiting the driveway. Ignoring these mean you can be in breach of the NSW Road Rule 198 Obstructing access to and from the footpath, driveway etc.

Residents can borrow a Driveway White Line Marking Stencil Kit from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. See our website Driveway page [here](#).



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Last week all recipients of our eNewsletter which went to (mostly) a Bigpond or Ozemail email address suddenly bounced, probably because their spam filters had been updated to think we are spam. Obviously we have no way of contacting these non-recipients to let them know of the situation. If you know of anyone who normally receives our crime update, please would you check that they received theirs? Thank you.

What can they do? Please suggest they mark us as 'Not Junk' and add our email to their email client's 'White List'.

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Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 558-5.7.1 Message content rejected due to suspected spam. IB703 558 5.7.1 i{06e0e143-0028-4b69-bfcd-6f411aa19c44}
X-Mailchimp-BounceCategory: content-related

Graffiti Task Force | Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills Thornleigh

Last week Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby was represented at a Graffiti Task Force meeting convened by Julian Leeser MP. The outcome is a Blitz organised for the morning of **Saturday 03 August 2024** to remove the graffiti along Pennant Hills Rd (PHR).

1. Do you wish to volunteer your time on **Saturday 03 August**?
2. Do you live along the PHR and wish to nominate a hotspot location?
3. Do you have a business such as a cafe that may wish to sponsor a thank you lunch that day?

Thank you to Julian for convening this Task Force.

Neighbourhood Watch tips against graffiti.

- Residents are encouraged to report any new graffiti to the NSW Police via the [Police Community Portal](#). You will receive an Event Number.
- Residents with any graffiti on their property are encouraged to remove it ASAP. See our [WatchOut.org.au/Graffiti](https://www.watchout.org.au/Graffiti) page for suggested products and/or [email us](#) how.
- Residents in a hotspot area are encouraged to use a product such as 'blood & bone' to deter congregation of youths.
- Residents are encouraged to grow a creeper (possibly one with thorns) on their walls/fences.
- Residents are encouraged to install sensor lighting and/or CCTV. Note: You must display a sticker saying you have CCTV on premises. It is possible to display a sticker without having any CCTV.
- Residents reporting graffiti on Transport for NSW property, please use the Snap Send Solve App.



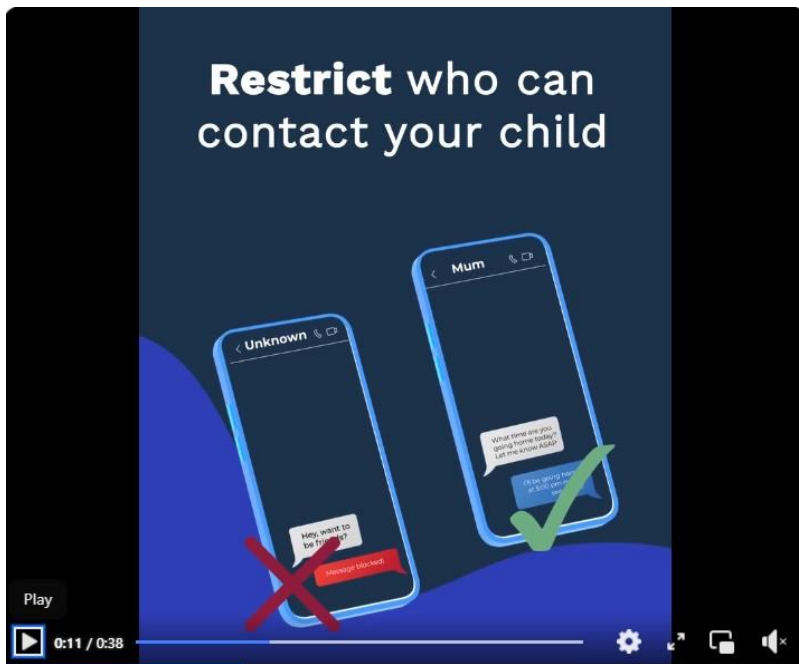
17 June, from the eSafety Commissioner: Take charge of your child's online safety! 🧑🏫📱

While the internet brings many benefits to our lives, it also presents risks that are worth understanding and mitigating. Learn how to use parental controls to manage your kids' digital activity.

Parental controls can help you:

- 🚫 Block access to specific websites, apps, or functions.
- 🔒 Filter out adult content and other harmful material.
- 📊 Monitor their device usage with detailed reports.
- ⌚ Set time limits to manage screen time effectively.

Foster a safe and secure digital environment. Discover how parental control settings can help protect your family: news.esafety.gov.au/3kRnXwC



eSafety Commissioner
7 hours ago · 🌐

17 June, from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA): Do you gamble on poker, blackjack, roulette or the pokies online?

These services are operating illegally in Australia. Avoid high-risk sites.

Find out more at: <https://www.acma.gov.au/protect-yourself-illegal-gambling-operators>

'I had money in my online casino account and sent certified documents so I could collect it. The casino claimed my ID had been tampered with and confiscated it all.'

**Even if you win,
you might *LOSE***

Offshore gambling, don't bet on it.

17 June, from NSW Road Safety: 🧠 Quiz time! Which sign matches the rule? 🤔

You must come to a complete stop and remain stopped until it is safe to go.

A



B



C

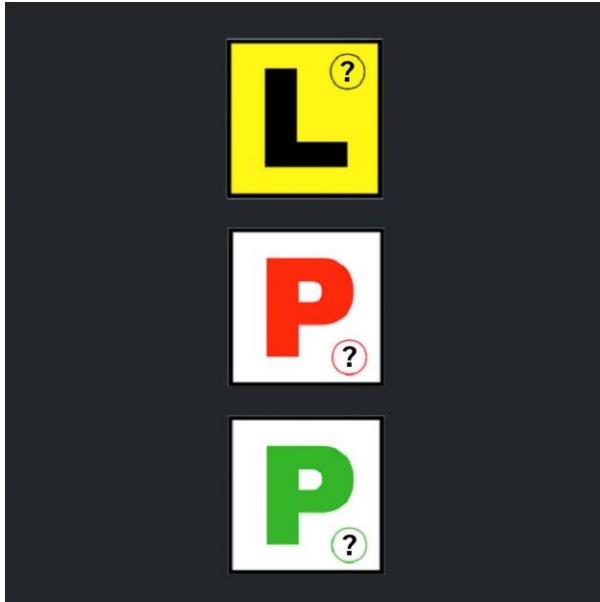


Answer: For everyone who answered B, you are correct! ✓

● At a stop sign, you must come to a complete stop and remain stopped until it is safe to go.

Learn more about NSW road rules 📖 transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/roadrules

17 June, from NSW Road Safety: 💡 Quiz time! Do you know the maximum speed for Learner and Provisional drivers? 🤔



Answer: 🤔 Well done to everyone who got all three correct! These are the maximum speeds you can drive on your learner or provisional licence, even where there is a higher speed limit. Every K Counts so slow down and drive to the conditions. 👍

L = 90km/h **RedP** = 90 km/h **GreenP** = 100km/h

16 June, from NHW K&H: Spotlight on Small Businesses

Small Business Cyber Security - How to keep your small business secure from common cyber security threats.

More information from Australian Signals Directorate [here](#).

15 June, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch: Why did Bill separate the admin account from normal user account? 🤔

This is Bill.

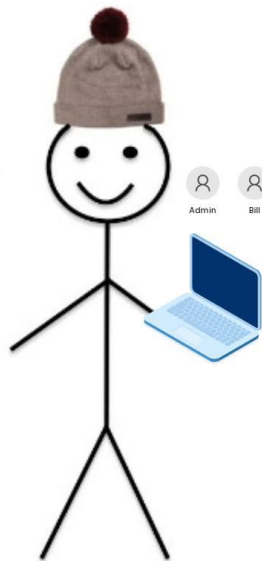


Bill recently bought a new laptop.




One of the first thing Bill did was to separate the admin account from the normal user account.

Bill is taking cyber security very seriously.

Be like Bill.



ingfilp.com

-  Admin accounts have elevated privileges that can make critical changes to your computer and data. These privileges should **ONLY** be accessible to the owner of the computer.
-  If adversaries gain access to your computer through successful phishing attacks or if you unintentionally download malware from an infected website/email while logged onto your admin account, they will then have **FULL** control of your computer. This will further lead to data compromise and disruption of service, etc.
-  By having a separate account such as a normal user account for everyday activities, you **LIMIT** the attacker's access to just your local account when compromised. Therefore, reducing the impact of the threat.

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](#)

Tuesday 16 July: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting. 6pm @ PCYC, Waitara. Email us [here](#) for more info. New volunteers welcome.

Wednesday 24 July: Dementia Alliance Expo. 10:30am-12:30pm @ Gordon Uniting Church. NHW to have a stall TBC.

Thursday 25 July: FREE 10-11am Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". [Info/Register](#)

Saturday 03 August: Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Pennant Hills Graffiti Removal Blitz Email us [here](#) to learn more.

Sunday 25 August: Emergency Services Expo @ Westfield TBC

Sunday 22 September: Party @ the Park 9:15am-2:15pm TBC

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

15 June, from NHW K&H: Spotlight on Businesses

The NSW Police Force CCTV Register ('the Register') is a database which has been established to record the location of CCTV installations across NSW. Information stored in the Register has been collected and will be used for operational policing purposes. We will not provide this information to a third party and we will secure this information from unauthorised access. Your consent to supply this information to us for inclusion in the CCTV Register DOES NOT mean that you consent to supply us imagery captured by, or stored on, your CCTV system/s (eg. video footage or still images). There is no obligation for you to provide information. Registration is purely voluntary.

More information on the NSW Police website [here](#).

15 June, from NHW K&H: Spotlight on Businesses

"Protect Your Business" is a 32 page brochure available from the NSW Police website. This brochure will provide important security information for your business and allow you to carry out your own security assessment. If a major

security upgrade is necessary for your business, it's advisable to contact a professional security company to carry out a security assessment.

Contents page:

- BUSINESS SECURITY 4
- BUSINESS SECURITY CHECKLIST 5
- SAFETY 6
- ON THE STREET 7
- IN YOUR CAR 7
- RETAIL THEFT 8
- LAYOUT & DESIGN 8
- EDUCATE EMPLOYEES 9
- CATCHING A SHOPLIFTER 10
- AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR 11
- DEALING WITH CONFLICT 12
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- EVACUATION 15
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- DURING AN ARMED ROBBERY 18
- AFTER AN ARMED ROBBERY 19
- OFFENDER DESCRIPTION FORM 20
- CRIME SCENE 21
- HANDLING CASH 22
- EMPLOYEE THEFT 24
- FRAUD 25
- CREDIT CARD FRAUD 26
- CARD NOT PRESENT TRANSACTIONS 27
- MOBILE PAYMENTS 28
- CYBERCRIME 29

The brochure can be found [here](#).



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

Tip #8. 在咖啡厅或餐厅结账时，请勿让信用卡离开您的视线。

Tip #9. 可以与邻居建立一套安全信号机制，表明彼此安全（例如，按时升起百叶窗）。

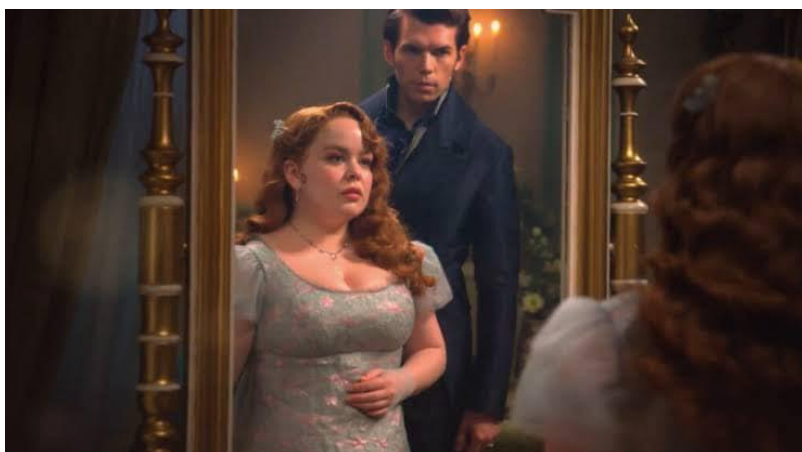
Tip #10. 免费获取“防诈骗指南”(Little Black Book of Scams)，此指南由政府出版发行。

Tip #14. 将汽车遥控器随身携带或放在床边，它可以在紧急情况下用作警报。

Tip #18. 确保窗户最大可打开缝隙不超过 10 厘米。（考虑新的安全产品，包括开窗感应器以及阳台区域感应器等）。

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.

Thanks to Tasmania Police.



📖 Dearest gentle reader, if there is a crime, we shall uncover it. For there is one thing that humbles even the most esteemed members of our ton a scandal



PS don't do crime 🗨️

📠 PPS if you spot a scandal (crime) contact us on **131 444** or **Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000** or online [here](#).

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.



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Our mailing address is:

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