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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.

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25 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Introducing our 5 new Probationary Constables who started their career with NSW Police this week after graduating from class 362 on Friday, standing with our Commander, Detective Superintendent Scott.

Welcome to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command! We wish you all the best in your career. 🚗



24 June, from Police Transport command: Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify a male who may be able to assist with their enquiries in relation to an assault which occurred at Hornsby Railway Station about 2.50pm on Friday 19 April 2024.

The male is described as Caucasian, about 185cm tall, heavy build with white hair and goatee beard. He was wearing a dark coloured cap, black sunglasses, red t-shirt with "46" on the front, black shorts and white runners. Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have knowledge of the identity of the person depicted to come forward.

Anyone with information 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. **Reference E80415817.**



21 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Our Multicultural Liaison Officer with our Youth Liaison officer attending a few talks lately, educating our local community about a range of topics including police and crime as well as scams awareness.

Thanks for all those who came and listened!



20 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: A big thank you to those who attended "Meet and Chat with Local Police" on Monday at Hornsby Police Station.

The session involved local stakeholders including representatives from Mission Australia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Department of home affairs, Community migrant centres, Services Australia and Hornsby Council among others which aimed to build community ties.





20 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: Some of our Ku-ring-gai police officers stopping by to check out Ryano's Lemonade stand 🍋🍹



25 June, from Hornsby Shire Council: Helicopter operations will be occurring in Hornsby this week, to deliver construction materials from Old Mans Valley for the restoration of Hornsby Heritage Steps ⚠️

Pending weather, the operations are planned to take place near Hornsby Park on Tuesday 25 June. Please be advised that:

- 👉 For safety reasons, exclusion zones will be in place, which will require us to close the 50m pool at the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre for approximately 1 hour (10am - 11am).
- 👉 Ginger Meggs Park and the north end of Hornsby Park will be closed during the operation
- 👉 The Hornsby Mountain Bike Track trail will be closed during the operation and on 26 June while materials are removed from the site

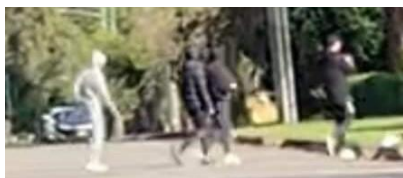
For more information, please contact Council by phone on **9847 6666**.



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

These are pictures of the youths who are around West Pymble on Sunday mornings usually between 10-12. They tend to walk from Todman, up Lachlan to the IGA. They have been known to smash windows, do knock and runs, throw items at cars and steal plants and packages from houses they decide to randomly target along the way. If you take a photo of them and they see you - you may become their next target!! They are intimidating! They steal food and drinks from the IGA and eat it in Yarrara walk or in the back car park. They then

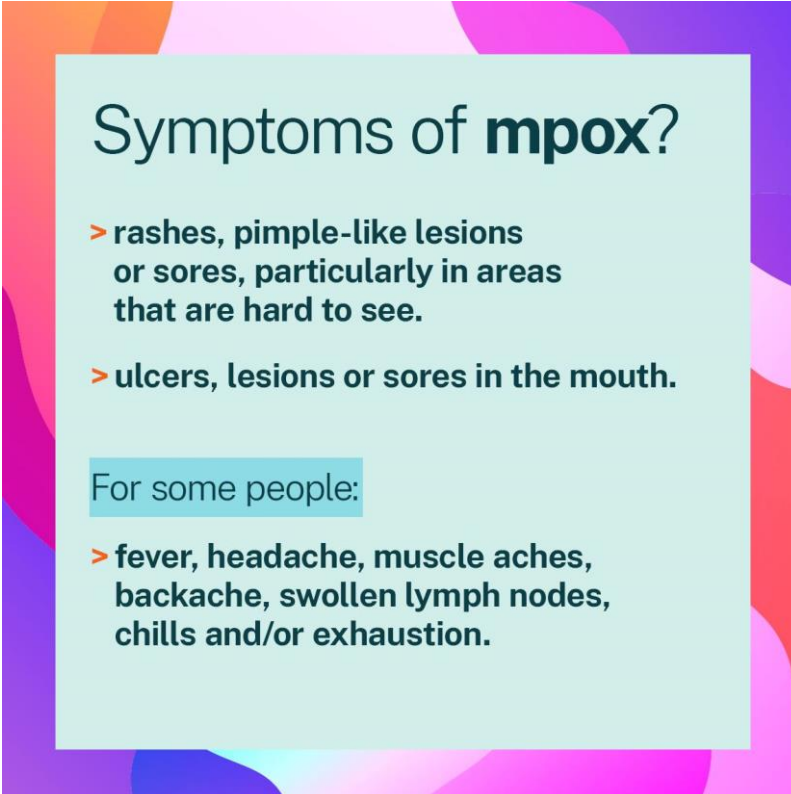
catch the bus to Gordon and may or may not get kicked off the bus along the way. The police have been notified and are aware of the situation and have said we can post any photos captured on phones or security cameras in case a parent here may recognise their child and decide to do something about it?!



24 June, from NSW Health: NSW Health is asking gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men to be on the lookout for symptoms of mpox following the recent detection of new cases.

Do you know the symptoms of mpox? Most people who get mpox will experience rashes, pimple-like lesions or sores, particularly in areas that are hard to see such as the genitals, anus or buttocks. Usual symptoms also include ulcers, lesions or sores in the mouth. They usually begin 7-14 days after you've come in contact with someone with the virus. If you have mpox, you can spread it to others up until the lesions crust over and fresh skin covers the area. It's important to get help as soon as you notice symptoms. Self-isolate and call ahead to make an appointment with your doctor or sexual health clinic. Watching for symptoms and getting vaccinated if you're recommended to are important ways to keep you safe from mpox.

Learn more about mpox, who is recommended to be vaccinated and how to make an appointment: health.nsw.gov.au/mpox



Symptoms of mpox?

- > rashes, pimple-like lesions or sores, particularly in areas that are hard to see.
- > ulcers, lesions or sores in the mouth.

For some people:

- > fever, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills and/or exhaustion.

23 June, from NSW MAritime: Quick reminder:

If your vessel is under 6 meters, make sure you've got a paddle or oars on board unless there's another way to power it. Don't get caught adrift without one! 🛶

23 June, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Let's talk displaying of L and P-plates.

Mt Druitt HWP will like to remind all learner and provisional licence holders how to display L and P plates to comply with legislation. The legislation states 'The holder of an Australian driver licence who fails to comply with a condition of that licence is guilty of an offence.' One of the conditions is the displaying of L and P-plates. They need to be displayed conspicuously at the front and rear of a motor vehicle and in the case of a motor bike, at the rear. 'Conspicuously' means in a clearly visible way. It is important to display L and P plates as there are certain conditions on these classes licences that these drivers have to abide by. [Here](#) are links to Transport for NSW outlining these rules. We have attached a few images of how they should and should not be displayed.



23 June, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch: Tips for backing up

your data:

- 📁 Use External Drives: Regularly back up your data to an external hard drive.
- ☁ Cloud Storage: Utilize cloud services like Google Drive, iCloud, Dropbox, or OneDrive for automatic backups.
- 📅 Set a Schedule: Make backups a routine task—weekly or monthly, depending on your data usage.
- ✅ Verify Backups: Occasionally check to ensure your backups are complete and accessible.

#cyberhygiene #neighbourhoodwatch



23 June, from NHW Wahroonga: Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group yesterday (Saturday):

Watch out everyone, 2am this morning, Wahroonga ave, Wahroonga. Lock your homes and cars, this person jumped over a locked fence/gate. Do you recognise these clothes or the run? The video has been provided to the police.

Watch out everyone, 2am this morning,
Wahroonga ave, Wahroonga. Lock yo... See more



Still from cctv

23 June, from NHW Wahroonga: Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Saturday):

Has anyone else noticed that someone has been pooing at The Glade (yes, I'm talking about a human). This person is doing it not too far from the path, so my dogs always manage to find and eat it. It's always got toilet paper nearby. Seriously foul.

21 June, from NHW Pymble & West Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group yesterday (Thursday):

A house on Greendale Ave was broken into this morning around 9am. These two suspicious boys were seen loitering around the house at 8.45-9.30am. Please be vigilant.



21 June, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: McCain Family Pizza's - Ham & Pineapple and BBQ Chicken & Pineapple 500g

Product information:

McCain Foods (Aust) Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of McCain Family Pizza's - Ham & Pineapple 500g and BBQ Chicken & Pineapple 500g. The products have been available for sale at Woolworths and independent retailers including IGA nationally; Coles and Aldi in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA, NT and WA, and Drakes in QLD and SA.

Date markings:

- McCain Ham & Pineapple Family Pizza 500g: Best Before APR 2025 097
- McCain BBQ Chicken & Pineapple Family Pizza 500g: Best Before APR 2025 097 and Best Before APR 2025 098

Problem: The recall is due to the presence of foreign matter (metal).

Food safety hazard: Food products containing metal may cause illness/injury if consumed.

What to do: Consumers should not eat these products. Consumers should

return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

For further information please contact: McCain Foods (Aust) Pty Ltd, 1800 000 422 mccain.com.au

See [here](#) for full recall.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 09 May - Thursday 14 November: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Sunday 30 June: NHW NSW Inc AGM via Zoom. 3pm introductions & discussion before a 4pm start. Email for a link and more info [here](#).

Sunday 30 June: SES Warringah/Pittwater 'Women helping women' FREE workshop to prepare for emergencies to keep your home safe. Limited spaces [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.

21 June, from Whitlesea City NHW: Why is Bill so serious about securing his wireless router?🤔

-  Think of your wireless router as your digital home and the password that comes with it is the digital key that allows you to connect to the internet. Just as you wouldn't let strangers into your physical home, you shouldn't allow unauthorized access to your internet and home network.
-  Apart from using your internet without your permission, if adversaries gain access to your wireless router, they could potentially ACCESS your personal data, including emails, banking information, and passwords, etc. Therefore, it is important to have SEPARATE strong passwords for your wireless router and Wi-Fi. By ensuring you have the latest firmware update on your wireless router, you REDUCE the risk of malware and viruses being installed on your device, leading to data theft, identity theft, network hijacking, or other malicious activities.
-  By hardening your wireless router, you can PROTECT your personal information, maintain your privacy, and ensure a smooth and fast internet experience.

This is Bill.

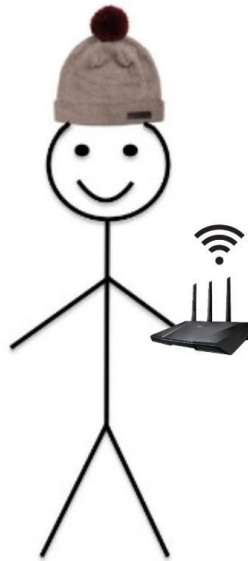


Bill bought a new wireless router to connect to the Internet.

The first thing Bill did was changing the router's default password. Bill then select the WPA3 encryption setting before creating a strong password for his Wi-Fi. Lastly, he checks if the router has the latest firmware and selects the option for automatic update.

Bill don't want anyone to access his router and using his internet.

Be a cyber warrior.
Be like Bill.



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21 June, from NSW Government: New domestic violence laws to keep our communities safe

Here's what's changing 📌

- 🔒 tougher bail rules for alleged domestic violence offenders
- 👤 only magistrates or judges will make bail decisions
- 🔍 more support for remote bail hearings with new tech and extra magistrates
- 📅 from 1 July 2024, new laws about coercive control (find out more at bit.ly/NSWCoercive-Control).

If you or someone you know needs help, 24/7 support is available. Contact **1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732** or visit 1800respect.org.au

20 June, from 9News.com.au: Man charged after alcohol allegedly found in his system following fatal boat crash

A man has been charged after a woman died in a boat crash in north-west Sydney in February. The 38-year-old man, who was driving the boat, was

allegedly found to have alcohol in his system after it crashed into a riverbank on the Hawkesbury River near Wilberforce...



Full story [here](#).

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

Tip #9. 敬请联系邻里互助中心 (Neighbourhood Centre), 该中心可提供以下系列服务: 邻里协助电话、家庭访问、社区支持、购物大巴、基本交通预约, 甚至可以安排麻将活动。该中心位于 St Ives、Berowra 和 Galston。电话: 9988 4966, 网址: knc.org.au。

Tip #10. 新南威尔士州老年反虐待求助中心 (NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit, EAHRU) 提供老年人反虐待的资讯和支持。任何人可以拨打电话: **1800 353 374**, 网址: elderabusehelpline.com.au。

Tip #14. 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 #15. 请勿将您的出生日期、信用卡及银行账户信息向他人泄露！

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.

19 June, from SES Warringah/Pittwater: Interested in learning some new skills for around the house and what to do incase of an emergency well this is the workshop for you.

Free to join just click [here](#) below to register.



Women Helping Women

NSW Warringah pittwater unit is hosting a free workshop for women, to prepare for emergencies to keep your home safe.

Where: Unit 3 Thompson Drive, Terrey Hills
When: 30th June 2-4pm

Limited spaces
Follow the link <https://forms.office.com/r/9YLYb9dk36>



HUMP DAY HUMOUR
@THEUNIFORMEXCHANGE

Thanks to The Uniform Exchange



Thanks to The Hills command: Fog + Wet Roads = Significant Risk
Modify your driving to these conditions

You really can't make this up! Caught by Wiltshire Specialist Ops: This has to be the most ironic car to be driving while missing a police car because you're

on your mobile phone. Should've gone to Specsavers, indeed! 🤖



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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](#)

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[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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