



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #664 - 02 July 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](#).

28 June, from Alister Henskens MP: This morning, I attended the Ku-ring-gai and the Hills Police Area Command Award Ceremony where 57 awards were presented.

Many instances of brave police officers and community members were given. We heard examples of the police providing incredible protection of our community. In another case a mother and daughter came to the aid of a man who collapsed and performed CPR and were awarded a Police Area Commander's Certificate of Appreciation.





27 June, from Matt Kean MP: 🚓💙 Every day, police officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command and The Hills Police Area Command face unimaginable situations. From detaining armed individuals for the safety of others to administering CPR, their dedication is truly commendable. I extend my deepest gratitude to every member of our NSW police force - those currently serving and retired - who bravely put their lives on the line so that we can sleep peacefully. Congratulations to today's award recipients at the Ku-ring-gai PAC and The Hills PAC Awards Ceremony.





01 July from NSW Police: The NSW Police Force is reminding the community to stay vigilant of phishing scams that attempt to impersonate government agencies, such as the Australian Tax Office (ATO), as this end of financial year approaches.

Phishing scams involve a fraudulent attempt by criminals to obtain and use your personal information by sending messages via text and email which appear to contain genuine links from legitimate companies.

These ATO impersonation phishing scams are often sent by text message, email or received by phone call, encouraging you to click on a link or to visit a website that is actually a fraudulent MyGov login page. From there, scammers will steal your personal information and credentials, and gain access to your accounts.

- **✗ DO NOT** provide personal or financial information
- **✗ DO NOT** click on the link
- **✓ DO** contact the agency directly to confirm legitimacy or access your account safely by typing ato.gov.au or my.gov.au into your internet browser.
- **✓ DO** screenshot the message and report to: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a->



CAUTION

Is someone phishing for your information?

What is phishing?
Phishing is a fraudulent attempt by criminals to obtain and use personal and financial information by sending messages via SMS/text or email which appear to contain genuine links (URL) from legitimate companies or organisations.

Unable to confirm your address, your packages can't deliver, please check <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au> as soon as possible

Your delivery attempt was unsuccessful. Please visit <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au> for updates.

Final Notice: Please review your E-Toll account through <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au> by next business day

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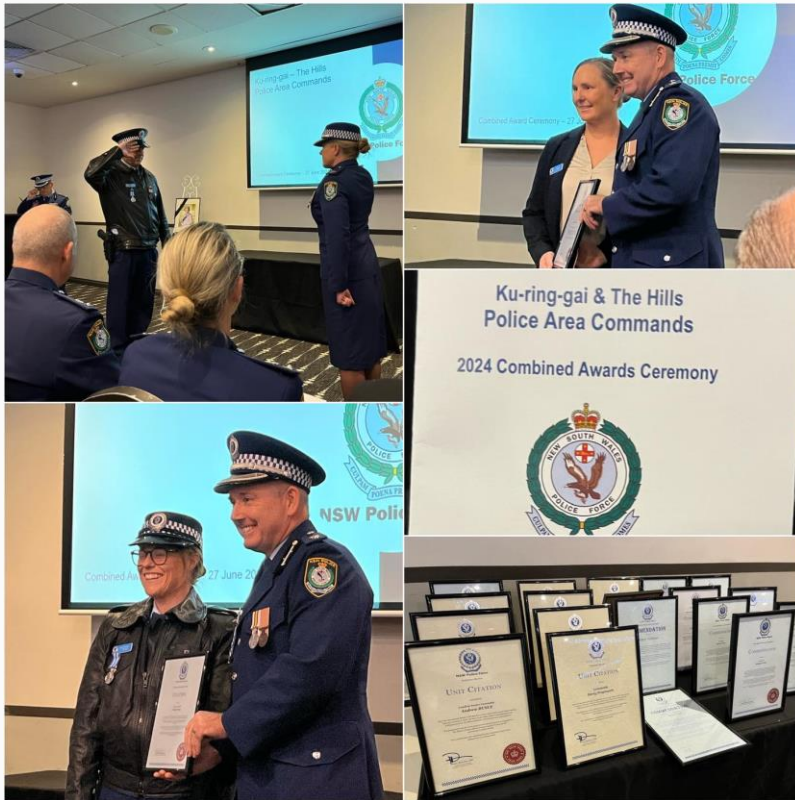
DO contact the company direct to confirm legitimacy.

DO screen shot the message and report to: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>

28 June, from Mayor Sam Ngai: Glad to attend the Ku-ring-gai and Hills Police Area Command 2024 Awards Ceremony, where 37 police officers and members of the public were recognised for their contributions to the community.

This was my second time attending such a ceremony and it was encouraging to hear about the bravery of the officers and civilians who have served us.



CONGRATULATIONS to the new board of Neighbourhood Watch NSW, who were voted in at the weekend.

Board members are:

- President - Wayne Deaner NHW Wagga Wagga
- Vice President - Ramee Florentino NHW Rhodes, Wentworth Point & Sydney Olympic Park
- Treasurer - Prashant Somaiya
- Secretary - Bruce Adams NHW Forbes

More information to follow.

02 July, from Whitlesea Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): Overgrown trees and bushes can provide perfect hiding spots for burglars.

By trimming your greenery, you not only improve the look of your home but also make it less appealing for criminals.

Trim the trees and bushes around the house to reduce concealment opportunities



02 July, from 9News.com.au: What is going on with Australia's vaping laws?

Vaping laws in Australia have undergone a significant overhaul with new measures coming into effect today as the government tackles what it has called "the biggest loophole in Australian healthcare history".

The federal government has tweaked its ongoing plan, that was first announced last year, after reaching an agreement with the Greens to pass an amended version of its laws that changes how Australians can buy the products.

Here's what the new rules are, now the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024* has passed. Full article [here](#).

01 July, from 1000 Hacks: #1302

Too lazy to read pages and pages of a Terms of Service? On [TOSDR.org](https://tosdr.org) you can read a simplified version of it with just the most important stuff.

01 July, from Nathan Tilbury - Deputy Mayor Hornsby Shire Council: BEROWRA AMBULANCE CENTRE - SITE ACQUIRED

Early last year, Matt Kean MP announced a major boost for frontline emergency service care, with new ambulance stations for both Cherrybrook and Berowra. While a site for Cherrybrook is still being investigated, a suitable site for Berowra has been confirmed and acquired at 1011-1013 Pacific Highway, directly opposite Berowra Railway Station. This is great news for the community in the Berowra district. This location is a former service station and it will provide ambulance services excellent access to the Pacific Highway, M1 Freeway and the railway network, as well as the surrounding residential areas. The next steps for the project include design development and planning approvals for the new station.



01 July, from NHW Pymble & West Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group: Uninvited guest in the rain early this morning.

Sunday 5:15am. Yarrara Rd, West Pymble. Cameras show he tried to open car door and also tried to enter a gate, totally unphased by sensor lights turning on. Both doors locked fortunately. Reported to Gordon police. He was carrying 2 bags (loot?) plus backpack. Keep your cars and homes locked!

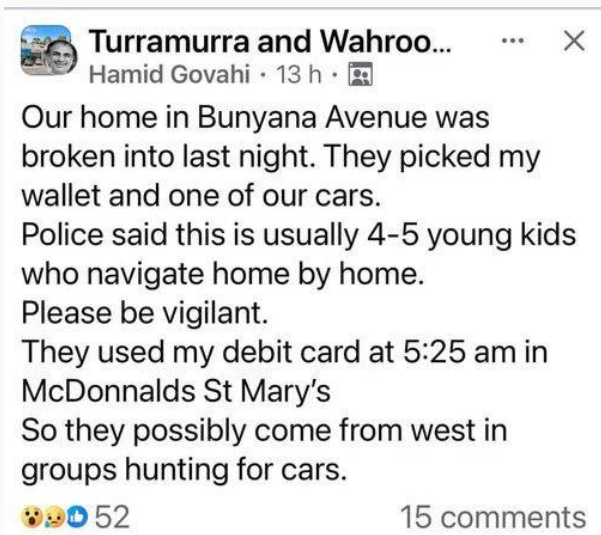


28 June, from the Australian Federal Police: Evil twin WiFi?! WiFi would you risk it?

The AFP has charged a West Australian man who allegedly established fake free WiFi access points across various airports, to capture personal data from unsuspecting victims who mistakenly connected to them. Police will allege the man used a portable wireless access device to create 'evil twin' free WiFi networks, which he used at multiple locations to lure unsuspecting users into believing they were legitimate services. The AFP alleges that when people tried to connect their devices to the free WiFi networks, they were taken to a fake webpage requiring them to sign in using their email or social media logins. Those details were then allegedly saved to the man's devices.

Anyone who connected to free WiFi networks in airport precincts and on domestic flights is recommended to change their passwords and report any suspicious activity on their accounts via cyber.gov.au.

28 June, Shared with permission from the Turrumurra and Wahrenonga Community group 2 days ago (Wednesday):



28 June, from NSW Speed Camera Locations: Drivers warned days ahead of major camera change on Aussie roads.

From the first of July 2024, mobile phone detection cameras in NSW will have the capability to spot when drivers aren't buckled up. Drivers and their passengers are being warned to comply or cop the consequences ahead of new changes to mobile phone detection cameras that will, from July, be able to detect when people aren't wearing their seatbelts. While the changes have been in the works for some time, road authorities are reminding motorists this week there will be no grace period for those caught breaking the law, with "the message having been out there for five decades", drivers have been told "50 years is enough" warning. In NSW from the first of next month, mobile phone detection cameras will have the capability to spot when drivers aren't buckled up, in a fresh bid to drastically reduce the number of road deaths around the state — the rate of which data has shown continues to increase.

More info at Yahoo!News [here](#).

28 June, from NSW Maritime: 🌊 Meet the NSW Personal Watercraft Handbook – your ultimate companion for riders of all levels!

Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned pro, this handbook has got you covered for safe cruising on NSW waterways with your Personal Watercraft (PWC) 🛥

Head [here](#) to check it out.



28 June, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Have you a luxury vehicle?

You may find this article interesting.

'The issue is significant': Experts issue keyless car theft warning. Keyless car systems can be convenient but are also vulnerable to theft. Here's what you can do to protect yourself from being a victim.

Read DRIVE article [here](#).

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**.

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.

Thursday 18 July - Sunday 21 July: Sydney's Biggest Book Fair (LifeLine H2H), 9am - 5pm @ Knox Grammar School, The Great Hall, Woodville Avenue, Wahroonga. Free entry & free parking.

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](#)

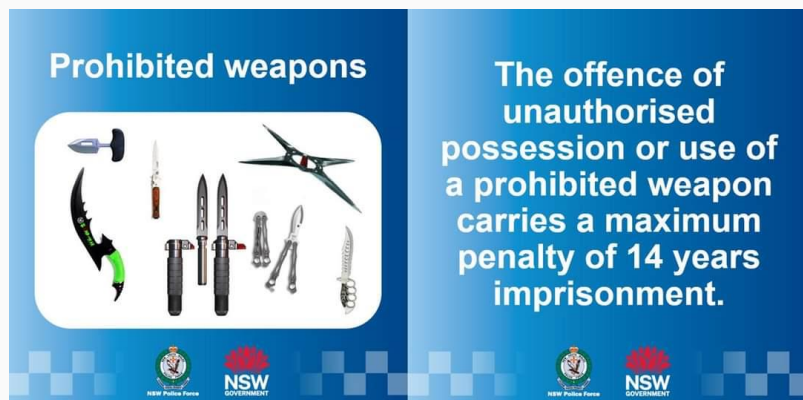
Saturday 03 August: Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Pennant Hills Graffiti Removal Blitz Email us [here](#) to learn more.

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.

27 June, from Auburn command:



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IF YOUR MAIL GETS STOLEN, THIEVES CAN CREATE A FALSE IDENTITY.

IN YOUR NAME.



HERE ARE FOUR EASY WAYS TO STOP THEM:



1

Is your mailbox secure?

Locking your letterbox with a non-master key lock is a great way of securing your mail from theft.

2

How often do you clear your mailbox?

Do it daily. Overflowing mailboxes are a criminals paradise.

3

Are you getting a new credit card?

Arrange to collect it in person.

4

Are you going on holiday?

Have a friend or relative clear your mail daily. Australia Post also offers a Mail Hold service for a reasonable fee. They'll hold your mail at the post office until you return from your trip. Find out more at auspost.com.au or call 13 POST (13 76 78).

Crime Stoppers collects information which may help Police solve a crime. Some people prefer not to become involved in a police investigation and therefore may not share what they know about a crime directly with Police. Crime Stoppers welcomes that same crime information and the person providing it does not need to give his or her name.

You will be provided with a unique code when you contact Crime Stoppers. Use this code number when providing further information or to enquire about a reward. You can contact Crime Stoppers 24 x 7 x 365 by phone or online.



Email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox.

26 June, from 1000 Life Hacks: #1468 Own a GoPro?

Make sure to put a text file on the SD card that contains your contact info, especially email. That way if you lose it, people who find it have a way to contact you.

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1000LifeHacks.com

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Staff in Aged Care' 我们的 20 个最常用的犯罪预防提示 养老院员工

Tip #1. 请勿将手提包、手机、钥匙等放在明显的地方。窃贼将分散您的注意力以便盗取您的财产。个人物品请置于上锁的橱柜或抽屉中。

Tip #2. 根据工作场所的情况，随时做好个人胁迫报警的准备。

Tip #8. 当各种紧急情况发生时，请确保员工都知道紧急联络电话号码以应对突发事件。所有办公电话都应设定紧急及重要电话号码快速拨号。

Tip #9. 如果在陌生的地方停车，请考虑有同伴的陪同一起步行到车。

Tip #14. When setting the burglar alarm, or setting a pin pad, look around and double-check no one can see the entered pin.

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.

26 June, from 1000 Life Hacks: #1322

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Buying a new car? Create an email for it and send everything regarding the car to it, like: maintenance records, gas receipts, registration, or pictures of it before you let a friend borrow it. This will make things much easier when you go to sell it or have an insurance claim. The same technique can be done with a house or other big purchases.

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26 June, from the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC): If you

have a problem with a product, it can be useful to set out your complaint to the business in writing.

That way they're clearly aware of the problem, what you want, and you have a record of your contact.

Writing a complaint to a business about a consumer guarantees issue

- ✓ Describe the problem and the outcome you want
- ✓ Include key dates e.g. when you bought the product and when the problem occurred
- ✓ Explain what actions you've already taken to fix the problem
- ✓ Mention that even if the warranty has expired, you're still covered by the consumer guarantees
- ✓ Ask for a reply within a reasonable time
- ✓ Say what you'll do if the seller can't resolve the problem e.g. contact state or territory fair trading
- ✓ Attach a copy of supporting documentation e.g. receipt

Email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox.

26 June, from The Hills command: Coercive control is when someone repeatedly hurts, scares or isolates another person to control them.

It's domestic abuse and it can cause serious harm, so it's important to know the signs.

More information about the 'Empower You' mobile app is on the NSWPF website [here](#).



The advertisement features the NSW Police Force and NSW Government logos at the top left. The main title 'Empower You' is in large white and purple font. Below it, text describes the app as a free safety tool for domestic and family violence. A QR code and a 'Download the Empower You App' button are on the left. On the right, a smartphone displays the app's interface, which includes buttons for 'Services', 'My Diary', 'Settings', 'FAQ', and a prominent red 'Send an SMS' button. At the bottom of the phone screen, it says 'Quick Lock'.

NSW Police Force
NSW GOVERNMENT

Empower You

A free safety app for people experiencing domestic and family violence.

Empower You provides access to your local domestic violence support services and helps you keep a record of what you've experienced for safe keeping.

Download the Empower You App

Services
My Diary
Settings
FAQ
Send an SMS
Visit 1800RESPECT.org.au
If you feel unsafe, immediately call 000 for police assistance.
Share this app with a friend
Quick Lock

26 June, from Hornsby Shire Council: Our roads team are innovating with a new pothole filling technique 🧡💙

Dirty, cheap and generally considered to be hazardous waste, we're proud to have found a good use for this maroon-coloured material.

#RoadsRatesAndRubbish #StateOfOrigin 🍷



Thanks to Transport for NSW: SPOTTED four hooligans at Katoomba Station making a mockery of the yellow line, even going to the extreme of wearing yellow on their heads to blend in. 🤡

Please avoid rustling any feathers like this lot and stay behind the yellow line. 📡

 **Josh Collins**



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

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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