



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #668 - 30 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.

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29 July, from NSW Police Force

Two drivers have died and the Newell Highway is closed after two trucks collided 35km north of Moree a short time ago.

Emergency services were called to the scene about 10pm (Monday 29 July 2024), and found a tipper truck and a B-double had collided. Both drivers died at the scene and have yet to be identified.

The Newell Highway is closed north of Moree at Boggabilla Road, and south from Boggabilla at the Bruxner Highway intersection. It's expected the highway will be closed for some hours while the scene is examined and cleared.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and monitor www.livetraffic.com for updates and diversions.



29 July, from NSW Police Force

Stopping human trafficking and slavery is everyone's responsibility.

Look a little deeper. Recognise the indicators. Know what to do.

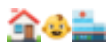
<p>30 July is</p> <h1>World Day Against Trafficking in Persons</h1> 	<p>This year's theme is Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking.</p> <p>The day aims to raise awareness of the causes and vulnerabilities associated with child trafficking. It highlights the critical need for dedicated support for child victims of trafficking and urges the public and policymakers to address the current shortcomings and accelerate action to end human trafficking.</p>
<p>1 in 3 victims</p>  <p>of human trafficking globally is a child.</p>	<p>If you have information about human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices (including forced marriage), report it to:</p> <p>Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 crimestoppers.com.au</p> <p>Australian Federal Police afp.gov.au</p> <p>If someone's life is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).</p> 

27 July, from NSW Police Force

Earlier this week, officers from [Brisbane Water Police District](#) made a heartfelt visit to [Ronald McDonald House Charities](#) in Newcastle, bearing gifts to show their support for families going through a tough time. 🚓❤️

Officers arrived with over \$1500 worth of essential items, including long-lasting food supplies and personal care products, all carefully chosen to assist those staying at the facility. 🍲💧

Ronald McDonald House Newcastle provides a home-away-from-home where families can find comfort and solace while their child undergoes medical care.



With over 600 families seeking refuge at the Newcastle House each year, Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern NSW relies on the kindness of donors and the dedication of volunteers who tirelessly support its mission. 🍷🍷🍷

For Brisbane Water Police District, this act of giving was deeply personal. One of their own colleagues has a son who requires ongoing medical attention, and they have experienced firsthand the invaluable support offered by Ronald McDonald House Charities. ❤️❤️

District Inspector Ben Campbell, who spearheaded the donation drive, reflected on the PD's motivation: "We understand the emotional strain on families dealing with illness, and our colleague's experience inspired us to give back and support an organisation that makes such a difference." ☀️



24 July, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us locate Alintra?



Alintra, aged 14, was last seen in West Pymble, about 8.10pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

Alintra is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, about 145cm tall, slim build, with brown hair.

She was last seen wearing a Queensland maroons jersey, black hooded jumper and black shorts.

Alintra is known to frequent the West Pymble, Mascot, Waterloo, Redfern, Erskineville, Petersham, Burwood, Surry Hills and Sydney CBD areas.

Inquiries have established that she was in the Erskineville area about 8.30pm yesterday (Tuesday 23 July 2024).

Anyone with information into Alintra's whereabouts is urged to call Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

FURTHER INFORMATION [here](#).

24 July, from illawarramercury.com.au: 'Disrespectful' thieves pinch World War I honour roll

Thieves have stolen a World War I honour roll from Turramurra Memorial Park in Sydney. Photo: HANDOUT/KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL



30 July, from abc.net.au: No move to curb 'predatory' gambling inducements more than a year after federal government urged to ban them 'without delay'

Callum feels the familiar vibration of his mobile phone. Another text from Sportsbet.

The name of Australia's most popular gambling app — official betting partner of the AFL and NRL — has become synonymous with major sport on TV.

Callum hasn't placed a wager for more than a year. Sportsbet is still trying to lure him back into action with an almost daily stream of text messages.

"There's an AFL deal on right now," he tells me, holding up his phone.

We're sat in his car, having a quiet chat about his gambling addiction.

It seems surprising that he hasn't tried to stop the texts.

He could do so by registering with the [federal self-exclusion register BetStop](#), which has been operating since August last year.

Callum admits he wasn't even aware that was an option.

Read full article [here](#).



29 July, from abc.net.au: Cyber ransom payments will need to be disclosed by businesses under new laws

In short:

The Cyber Security Act would force businesses to disclose when they pay ransom to a hacker, and prevent the information from being passed on to regulators.

The proposal is designed to lift the lid on a flourishing practice of secret payments, which in turn fuel further ransomware attacks.

What's next?

The government is expected to unveil the bill soon, and hopes to bring it before parliament in the next sitting.

Read more [here](#).



29 July, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW

HAZARD, digital advertising sign says ANUS - M1 Pacific Motorway Mardi on the Alison Road overpass. Southbound. Motorists are advised not to take photos of the sign whilst driving as several cars have encroached into neighbouring lanes approaching the sign. Reduce Speed, exercise caution. [JCDecaux](#) are attending.

From Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby



29 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra

Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:

STOLEN

My son's bike was stolen from Berowra Public School on the weekend. If you see a blue Merida Juliet bike (as pictured below) around Berowra, please let me know. The thieves must have been keen to get to it as they had to climb over a high fence and either lift it throw it over.



29 July, from Nepean Police Area Command

I am often asked if Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) still exists today.

Well, the answer is “Yes!”



If you would like to start a NHW Group in your local area; it could be your own street, a few streets around you or even a unit complex or estate, then contact our Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Mitchell at Penrith Police station on 4721 9444 or email 43611@police.nsw.gov.au for more information.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested, please read the overview below, then contact the Crime Prevention Officer if you wish to find out more.

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM?

The Neighbourhood Watch program is one of a range of crime prevention and community safety strategies currently in use within NSW. Since 1984, when the program was first introduced, the NSW Police Force has supported the NHW program in those communities that have demonstrated their ongoing support for it. The program itself is not funded at a community level by the NSW Police Force, or any other government organisation. Instead, Neighbourhood Watch is resourced through fund-raising, sponsorships and grants and has at its core, dedicated volunteers in each local community.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based, crime prevention organisation that aims to reduce localised crime and fear of crime by promoting and coordinating multifaceted approaches to prevention and problem solving.

Neighbourhood Watch (NSW) OBJECTIVES:

- Minimise the incidence of preventable crime.
 - Deter criminal activity by increasing the probability of apprehension.
 - Reduce the fear of crime.
 - Increase the reporting of crime and suspicious behaviour.
 - Improve the degree of personal and household security through education.
 - Expand the program's involvement in wider community safety and crime prevention initiatives.
 - Making people feel more connected and involved in their communities.
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29 July, from ACCC Product Safety

If you rest and recover in far infrared saunas by Found-Space, be aware that they've been recalled. Various models of these saunas have faulty heater elements or electrical connectors that may catch fire. If this happens there is a risk of property damage, serious injury or death. Fires with associated property damage have occurred. Stop use immediately and learn more about this recall below.



29 July, from Neighbourhood Watch Berowra

Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group yesterday (Sunday):

Can the idiots that poured flour and egg all over my car tonight please come back and clean it tomorrow. I don't appreciate it.



29 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby



Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community group:
LOST WEDDING RING

Trying our luck to see if anyone found my husbands wedding ring at Hornsby Westfield last seen Monday night (22/7) around the fitness first, carpark and Coles.

Reward if found!

29 July, from Manly Observer: MONA VALE ROAD CRASH FATALITY



A serious collision has occurred between two motorbike riders and a p-plater on Mona Vale Road, at the western end of the major road near Link Road at St Ives, this evening.

Sadly one of the riders, a teen, has died. There have been conflicting reports as to whether it was motorbike or e-bikes being ridden. Police have confirmed the bikes had a carbureted 4-stroke motor and as such are considered motorbikes. This incident is out of our coverage area, but this the second major collision on Mona Vale Road this week. Also the second involving a p-plater.

A fatality on Monday was towards the intersection between Mona Vale Road and Pittwater Road at Mona Vale.

Update: Police issued the following statement this morning.

Read story [here](#).



The Car Bible

28 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Friday):

Trying my luck with this one! Just wondering if anyone happened to see or have dash cam footage from yesterday (Thursday 25 July) at 9:30am going past the Shell at Wahroonga, just coming off the M1? I've had a blue semi-trailer side-swipe my car and has caused damage to my mirror. I did not get his rego, as he did not stop and I was also pulling into the servo at the time he hit me. All I saw was him speed off 😞 I have a white RAV4.

27 July, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com if you'd like a copy in your inbox.

Hi everyone, I would like to share my experience at Gordon station this morning. While I was waiting for a train, an elderly Chinese lady came to me and asked what language I speak. Thinking that she may need some help with directions, I gladly told her that I can speak Cantonese and see how I could assist. She told me she's in some trouble that she needed \$1500 and she would be able to get a large sum back tonight. It rang an alarm bell for me immediately as a scam. She asked if I could lend it to her. Knowing nothing

about her at all, I politely declined and she insisted if I could at least lend her a few hundred dollars. Again, I apologised and advised her to seek help from her family. She said she only had a daughter and she could not get in touch with her at the moment. She went on to say her house which is at St Ives will be taken from her otherwise and claimed that it's worth more than a million dollars. I found it very strange that she would tell this to a stranger. I did not lend any money to her at the end and have later been told by friends that there have been a number of incidents around north shore where strangers have been asking people to "lend" them money. I would like to warn our kids to be vigilant of any scams and don't be distracted as they may work in pairs or groups so they could steal from you while their partners talk to you.

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**.

Saturday 17 August: Normanhurst/Thornleigh/Pennant Hills Graffiti Removal Blitz. 10am-1pm Meet at Kenley Park, 136-140 Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst. 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.

26 July, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Group:



Hi everyone,

Did anyone witness my car get rear ended this morning at the roundabout of Eastern Arterial rd and Horace St heading towards St Ives High School this morning at approx 8.40am-8.43am on 25/7/24? In the photos the x shows where I was hit and the arrow is where I pulled over but the other car was nowhere to be seen. I thought I was doing the right thing by moving through the roundabout to pull over and not blocking traffic but apparently not... It was busy so I was focusing on getting through the roundabout and didn't see where the other car went but I assumed they were going to pull over behind me. If anyone had dash cam footage it would be extremely helpful. I have also added a photo of what my car looks like in case anyone recognises the incident.

All I know is that the car that hit me was a small silver car (not an SUV) but I didn't get the make or model unfortunately.

I have made a police report but hoping that someone saw something and can help...

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors 'हमारे वररषठ नागररक ों (सीन्यर सससिजेन) के सिए अपराध र कने के २० महत्वपूर्ण तरीके

Tip #2. सुरक्षा देने वाली दरवाजे की कडी या डंडा स् थापपत करें या सुरक्षा दरवाजा लगायें एवम् उसका इस्तेमाल करें

(बुजुग हाथ ं के पलए दरवाजे की कडी आसान ह गी) ।

Tip #5. कभी भी दस्तकार ं द्व ारा दरवाजे पर पदए गए काम के प्रस्त ाव ं क (जैसे पेड काटना, गटर रखरखाओ) नहीं

अपनायें, जब तक पक आपने पकसी भर से वाले ररश्तेदार या द स्त से सलाह नहीं ली है।

Tip #10. मुफ्त में पमलने वाली (पलटल ब्ल ाक बुक औफ स्कै म) पल्कब्लिकेशन प्र ाप्त करें। यह सरकारी ऐसीसीसी द्व ारा प्र कापशत की गई है।

Tip #13. अपने पबस्तर के नजदीक टॉचग ऐवम फ न रखें।

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 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: Shared with us by a resident: Hi. I heard today that Killara Convenience Store (on the Pacific Highway) was robbed.

I heard this from the store owners next door. Apparently, a pair of young Caucasian men made off with some smokes, and ran off while being chased by the cashier at the time.

While not the most major of crimes, I'd like to let you all know, since I don't want any more shops there to get hit, especially since I don't think they get many customers in the first place.

26 July, from beloud.com: Helga Lam: Teacher cleared of sexual abuse on gender grounds wants taxpayers to cover legal bill (ex-Killara High School teacher)

An ex-teacher who had multiple sexual abuse charges quashed because of her gender wants taxpayers to cover her hefty legal bill for defending the now-failed criminal prosecution.

Helga Lam, a former teacher at a Sydney boys' school, had been charged with 15 counts of indecent assault on four boys for alleged offences dating back to 1978.

Before the matter could go to trial, Lam applied to have the case thrown out but was knocked back in the NSW District Court.

That decision was overturned in February, when the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal dismissed all charges and found the relevant 1970s law only applied to men abusing boys.

The legislation at the time, which was repealed in 1984, was directed towards the "crime of sodomy upon a male and other male homosexual conduct," the court found.

Lam and her legal counsel have since made an application for taxpayers to pay the legal costs of defending the charges.

They appeared in the appeal court on Thursday, when the matter was adjourned to give prosecutors time to consider whether they consented to the ex-teacher's legal bid.

26 July, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Shared with permission from the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby group (Tuesday):

Submitted to Vandaltrak: Two young men graffitiing on the corner of Redgrave and Pennant Hills Road. Happened this evening at 10:11pm. If you can identify

the vandals, please report to the police.



25 July, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Just wish to update everyone. The “Emergency Services Expo” which was proposed for the 25 August and has now rescheduled to 08 September. Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby will have a crime prevention

stall at this event. See you there?



Do you know what to do in an emergency?

**Come along and meet your local emergency
services and find out.**

Enjoy a **FREE** BBQ, face painting, family/children's games, prizes and more.

Have fun, meet your local emergency and community services and learn what you can do.

FREE

**Hornsby Mall
Sunday 8 September
10.30am-12.30pm**

In the case of rain, the expo will be cancelled.

For more information, contact Jian at jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
or visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson





Thanks to Sarcastic Funny Memes

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](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@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 - Turrumurra](#)

[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.
