



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #671 - 20 August 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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19 August, from NSW Police: See how you keep left unless overtaking? Very demure.

Very mindful. 🍷🌟



19 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Please welcome our 3 new Probationary Constables who started their career with NSW Police today after graduating from class 363 on Friday, standing with our Commander, Detective Superintendent Scott.

Welcome to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command! Welcome to the Blue Family 🚔



19 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below female who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a sexual touching incident that occurred on the 2nd of July 2024, near Gordon train station.

The female is described as Asian in appearance, approximately 25 years of age, medium build with long orange/brown hair, wearing all black and a black backpack.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact **Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799** or **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.





15 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Follow link for updates. KU Police on scene & Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

From Live Traffic NSW: ⚠️ 1 of 3 northbound and 1 of 3 southbound lanes are closed on the M1 Pacific Motorway at Cowan due to a crash.

📍 Traffic is heavy, exercise caution through the area and allow extra time. More information at: livetraffic.com/incident-details/204858



20 August, from Hornsby Shire Council: We are proposing to ban cars from turning right from Buckingham Ave into Malsbury Rd, Normanhurst during peak hours to improve traffic flow and safety 🗨️👏

We have received numerous requests from the community concerning the operation of the intersection of Buckingham Avenue with Malsbury Road. We are aware that due to the high amount of traffic along Malsbury Road and Milson Parade during peak hours, vehicles coming from Buckingham Avenue railway bridge are finding it very difficult to find a gap in traffic to turn right safely.

You can learn more about the proposal and have your say before 2 September 2024 [here](#).



20 August, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

Last night at 1:30am we had a group of boys enter our property on Hampshire Ave. They left very quickly once they realised we had cameras. Police are aware of them - the boys were trying many houses. This is a reminder to please be vigilant and aware. Lock all doors, don't keep valuables in cars and keep any keys out of sight from the main doors!

And in the comments:

Most likely they are the same ones that opened our 2 cars at 2.20am at Kooloona Crescent. Police were called as well for a stolen car found on Kooloona at 3.30am.

We had one of our cars rummaged through in Kooloona also... camera shows around 1:50am ish...



19 August, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch: BREAK IN -Shared by a local resident

We had our house on Comenarra Parkway broken into last night and my jewellery, our trades people's tools, and an electric bike were stolen. Approximately \$20,000 worth of possessions stolen.

If anyone saw or heard anything suspicious or has CCTV footage of the area, could you please reach out?

It was a Trek bike and mostly DeWalt tools. Please keep an eye out for suspicious marketplace and Gumtree posts.

And from comments: We heard today (Tuesday) that there was a break into cars in Satterley Street last night.



18 August, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community group yesterday (Sunday):

Memo to those who came on my property in Foxglove Road, Mount Colah around 11.15am

today and stole our Birthday Party balloons securely tied to our gate-shame on you for your poor action that is not in the Mount Colah spirit!

18 August, Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group yesterday (Sunday):

Did anyone happen to see a suspected white car which hit my son's car today? My son's car, Blue Golf R, is parked on Woonona Ave in Wahroonga. The driver managed to scratch the entire side of the car and rims, knocking off the wing mirror. They left \$40 under the wiper and drove away without leaving and contact details.

18 August, Shared with permission from the Warrawee Valley and Surrounds Community group:

Seems some kids were exploding aerosol cans and making bloody mess with sparklers/party poppers/matches while trying to light various things on fire at the Twin Creeks dog park last night.

If any of these exploded deodorant cans look familiar from your bathroom and your kids were out last night, you might want to talk to your kids about the benefits of not blowing their fingers off or losing an eye.



17 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Saturday):

West Lindfield: right side mirror punched in last night. \$300 to fix.

17 August, from 9News.com.au: Student police officer charged after allegedly slamming door on woman's hand

A student police officer has been charged with domestic violence after allegedly slamming a door on a woman's hand in Sydney's north. Police were called to a premises at Asquith about 6pm yesterday after receiving reports of an alleged domestic violence incident.

Full article [here](#).


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Pleasant Avenue residents, you may have been disturbed by a car alarm around 2am last night. We have even informed by police that the car (dark grey Toyota with several ladders on the roof) is a stolen vehicle and there were 2 individuals tampering with it that triggered the alarm. If anyone living around the East Lindfield shops has helpful CCTV footage on 11 August around 4.00am, or tonight (17 August between 1.30-2.30am) that they could share with Chatswood Police Station, they'd be very appreciative.

Please stay alert and safe!



Traffic jams can be greatly reduced if we stop tailgating. An MIT research showed that journey times can be cut almost in half if everyone drives at a fixed distance from the car in front of them and the car behind them.

 unbelievable-facts.com

Thanks to Unbelievable Facts

17 August, from Beyond Blue: By the end of October Australia will no longer have a 3G network.

We want to make sure that you are not affected. The advice is to upgrade to 4G or 5G to ensure you stay connected and can reach out to the Beyond Blue Support Service and emergency services if you need to. Find out more at 3Gclosure.com.au.





Australia's 3G network is shutting down.

It's crucial to act now to maintain access to Beyond Blue and emergency services. Our chat service is accessible from any device with an internet connection.

13 August, from RACV: RACV features in this episode of SBS Australia's Australia Explained, alongside Associate Professor James Kirby from The University of Queensland's School of Psychology.

James Williams, RACV Head of Policy speaks to presenter Afnan Malik about road rage and how to stay safe if you find yourself experiencing it. This podcast is available in over 25 languages, including Hindi, Punjabi, Vietnamese and Chinese.

What is Road Rage and How to Deal with it? Access [here](#).

SBS Chinese - facebook.com/share/p/7mGZG4R2MBn17MK5/

SBS Punjabi - facebook.com/share/p/VDeC4MLJWeLdD4kK/

SBS Hindi - facebook.com/share/v/WJrDAz4Kd8yj3occ/

Aggressive driving is a continuum of bad driving behaviours which increase crash risk and can escalate to road rage. People who engage in road rage may be liable for traffic offences in Australia, have their car insurance impacted and most importantly put their lives and those of others at risk. Learn about the expectations around safe, responsible driving and what to do when you or a loved one are involved in a road rage incident.



16 August, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group (Wednesday):

Hi, I was just wondering if anyone was at West Pymble Dog Park yesterday 4:30pm (13th August) and witnessed the Rottweiler attack my black lab? If you were there, please can you PM me. Thanks, pic for attention.



16 August, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group yesterday (Thursday):

Apparently there were 8 b*stards last night trying to steal a car in Strone Avenue. The owner of the car caught them in the act and chased them away. So be warned and on the alert.

And in the comments:

Our 2 cars in Cyrus Ave broken into last night also. Just grabbed loose change in consol.

14 August: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby was contacted today. The resident said:

I saw in your eNewsletter today that someone in Pymble asked about having keys stolen and then thieves coming back later.

This exact thing happened to our neighbours in St Ives last week - keys were stolen while they were home (they didn't realise) and the house was burgled the next day while they were out.

Perhaps you could suggest that the Pymble person report her incident to the police?

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**.

Wednesday 21 August: Hornsby council's Teaching Learner Drivers - The Facts. FREE 6-7pm online. [Info](#).

Friday 30 August: 'Wear it Purple Day' with Benjamin Law 2-6pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Sunday 08 September: Emergency Services Expo 10:30am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Mall. NHW will have a crime prevention stall and kids activities.

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 September: Dementai Action Week [NHW is part of the Dementia Alliance.]

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 September: EmergencyRedi Week

Friday 20 September: Let's talk about Dementai 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & bookings](#).

Sunday 22 September: Party @ the Park 9:15am-2:15pm. NHW will have a crime prevention stall and kids activities.

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

14 August, from NSW Food Authority: #DidYouKnow Selling food prepared or stored at home is still considered a food business – with requirements to be met?

Read our home-based business webpage to learn more:

foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/retail/home-based-mixed-businesses



Home-based food businesses include:

- preparing food at home to sell at markets or school canteens
- home-based childcares that provide food for a fee
- home-based catering businesses
- bed and breakfast accommodation.

Food Authority

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Storgae Cages'

Tip #1. Storage cages in the underground car parks under unit blocks are built to a budget, not necessarily to any degree of security. Beware weak hinges, frames and wire. Have a qualified trades person inspect the cage and suggest how best to improve the security. Ensure it cannot be accessed, forced open or climbed into.

Tip #2. Triple hinge the cage, with triple locking points.

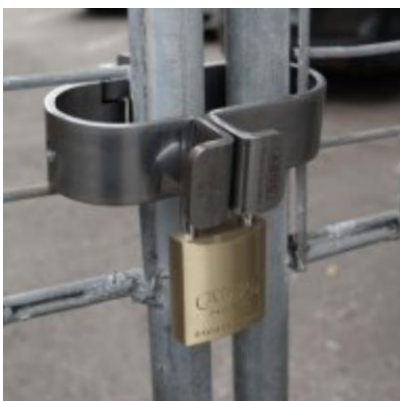
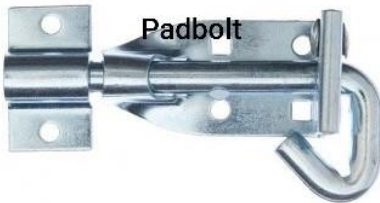
Padlock shackle protector



Hasp & Staple



Padbolt



Tip #3. Use a high-quality padlock on your storage cage and use it at all times. *"A lock is not a lock unless it is locked!"* Research the variety of secure locking devices available. You may

as well not have a quality lock if it is not paired with a quality chain/locking device (eg padbolt, hasp & staple, etc). Cheap hardware can be cut and broken-off in seconds, with almost no noise. A padlock shackle (U-shaped loop of metal) protector helps protect it against bolt cutter attack.

Tip #4. Install good lighting.

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.

14 August, from Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch: This is pretty genius.

Does anyone have other clever hacks that they would like to share? 😊

We also add:

A door wedge to stop the door being opened.

Chewinggum on the spyhole.



14 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW): Many of us were taught as children to treat others as we would like to be treated and nowhere is this truer than in the complex relationships within a neighbourhood.

Are you the kind of neighbour you would want?

It all starts with us:

- ☒ Keep loud music, power tools and barking dogs to a minimum.
- ☒ Keep clear of the neighbour's driveway when parking on the street.

- ☒ Get rid of rubbish from around your yard and house.
- ☒ Take out the bins or bring them back in for the neighbours occasionally.
- ☒ Wave and say hello when you see each other outside.

The neighbourhood you want starts at our own front door.

#nhwa #vibrantcommunity #crimeprevention #happyneighbourhoods

 Scott Webb via Unsplash



09 August, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Council policy to protect local bushland

A draft policy to protect Ku-ring-gai's bushland from illegal waste dumping and encroachment by private property owners is on public exhibition for comment. The Bushland Illegal Dumping & Encroachment policy has gone on public exhibition until 4 September, following endorsement by the Council at its July meeting. The draft policy aims to better manage instances of illegal waste dumping in bushland areas and educate the community on the effects of dumping on the natural environment.

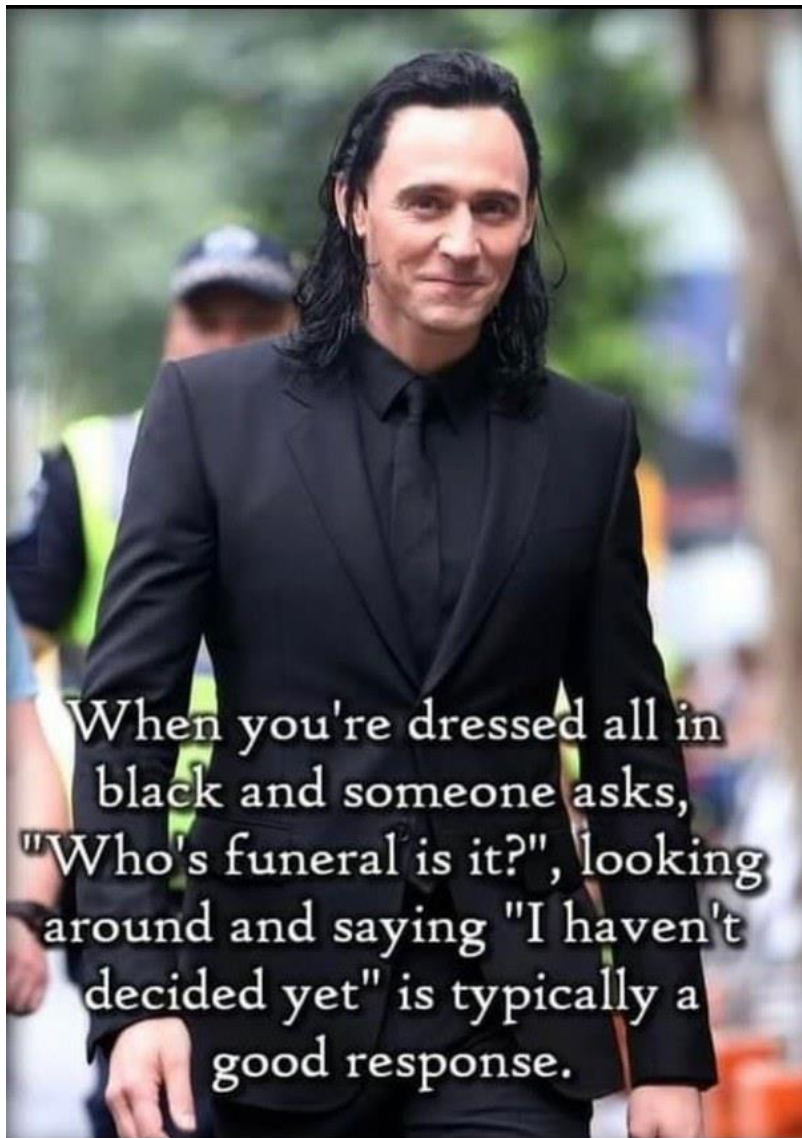
Read more [here](#).



16 August, from Hornsby Shire Council: Hornsby Shire Council urges residents to get emergency prepared

As EmergencyRedi Week approaches (16-22 September), Hornsby Shire Council is calling on residents to take proactive steps in safeguarding their families and houses in emergencies by downloading and completing an emergency plan on the Australian Red Cross' Get Prepared app.

Read more [here](#).



Thanks to Nina Hibiki



Thanks to The Car Bible

When you're a thinker ✨



Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia

Drive-thru takeaways
should print the car rego
number on the bag so that
when it's tossed out the
window it can be
delivered back to the
owner with a fine

Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia

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](#)
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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](#)
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[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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