



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #675 - 17 September 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](#).

11 September, from Ku-ring-gai command Elderly community members are being targeted by persons posing as an employee from technology companies.

These persons are calling and convincing victims that their credit cards have been compromised, and that they should leave them in their letterbox for collection. The credit cards are then taken and then used to withdraw large amounts of cash. For those followers whose elderly friends and relatives may not be connected to social media, please have a chat to them about this.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call **Crime Stoppers NSW on 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 Force social media pages.



10 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Don't miss Emergency Alerts from Kuring Gai Police.

We are now using the Broadcast Channel from our Facebook Page, to send Instant Messages to followers who subscribe to the Alert Channel ---

> <https://m.me/j/AbZwDDVSh8EZ1Zjo/> Alerts relating to High Risk Missing Persons, Serious Crimes, or Emergency Events such as Bushfires will be notified on our Page - but instantly on Messenger.



17 September, from Hornsby Shire Council: A Potts Hill man was fined \$4,750 for illegally dumping almost 2 tonnes of building and renovation waste at James Henty Drive Oval, Dural.

The homeowner had done the right thing and paid for their waste to be disposed of legally, but sadly the waste was dumped at the local park instead. The large waste piles and other pieces of gyprock and rubbish scattered around the local field and park, making it dangerous and difficult for the community to use.

How to stop this happening?

When getting someone to remove waste:

- 👉 ask to see evidence of where they are taking it
- 👉 ask to see their insurance
- 👉 receive a tax invoice

Remember to report any suspected illegal dumping by contacting **Council's Waste Hotline on 13 70 30**.

For more details: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/illegal-dumping



15 September, from Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra Community group:

Had 2 sharp arrows land in our backyard today. They are around 700mm long. Could have caused serious injury to kids or pets. If someone is using them for fun, please go in open space. We are worried. This happened on Forwood Avenue.



14 September, from The Hills command: Cnr of Pennant Hill Rd and Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills. 1030 pm 14/9/24

Driver travelling east along Pennant Hills Rd when they lost control of their vehicle and collided with a traffic light pole, knocking it over before coming to a stop inside a liquor store. Driver left scene.



15 September, from NHW St Ives: Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group:

If anyone saw a light blue BMW being hit on the drivers side which was parked on Kenthurst Road, St Ives between the hours of 4.30 and 10.30 pm on Friday September 13, could you please pm me as the damage is quite extensive?! TIA

14 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thank you to Cloris and Sarah for these photos from last Sunday's Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby crime prevention stall at the Emergency Services Expo in the Hornsby Mall.

It was a great day and the weather held out. Thank you to Hornsby Shire Council and the following organisations that participated:

Hornsby RFS, Hornsby F&R, Hornsby NSW SES Hornsby Unit, St Johns Ambulance Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai Kuring Gai Police Area Command, Surf Life Saving, Hornsby Lions, CASS, HKCC, Hornsby Library, Ravenswood School for Girls, AACA, HK Women's shelter and CatholicCare.

We helped many people and shared a lot of printed information in Simplified Chinese. The kids' police dress-ups were very popular, as always. Thank you to Gay, Pasquale, Noushin, Sarah, Cloris, Mary and Julia. We also got to say hi to another volunteer, Zoya. And thank you the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Community College, as well as to our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona Zhou and Senior Constable Kok Boon for being such good

neighbours.



13 September, from Gordon NHW: Shared with permission from the Gordon, Killara and St Ives Community Group:

Asking for HELP

On the 29th August around 5:55pm a local lady witnessed a young person in a Ravenswood uniform back into a white BMW parked on the left hand side of Bruce Ave near the school. The witness had left a message on the white BMW as the Ravenswood student did nothing after backing into the vehicle. She left the scene after causing damage. The vehicle driven by said Ravenswood student is a dark grey Mercedes with red Ps displayed, number plate with some of these digits & letters IB? 26B.

This matter was reported to Police. Ravenswood School are still looking into the matter.

If anyone recognises the vehicle/number plate please come forward to assist with the inquiry.

Owner doesn't want Police to fine student for leaving the scene, but would like the damage paid for and the person to face the consequences. Thank you for any insight.



12 September, from Blue Badge Insurance Australia: How to Display a Disabled Parking Permit in Each State

... So, while you're able to use the Australian Disability Parking Permit nationally (and how to display that particular permit remains the same anywhere), there might be additional state/territory permits you need to display too. ...



Read article [here](#).

12 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: From the NSW Police website: To register a party, as well as safe party tips.

For your information we have listed some suggestions for you to consider when having a party or gathering. By following the advice below, you can help minimise the risks and help make your party successful, enjoyable and a safe time for everyone.

Before the party

- Let the police know that you are having a party by completing the Party Registration Form online. Access the form through the NSW Police Force website and lodge at least 72 hours prior to the party being held.
- Consider how the party will be advertised. Don't use Internet, SMS or email distribution lists, online notice boards or social networking sites. If word of the party has spread, you will need to take extra preventative measures (ie. Change venue, more adult supervisors, hire a security guard, ask neighbours to notify you of any unusual behaviour).
- Guest lists should be kept to a manageable size. If you are hosting a young person's party, and you are expecting a large number of people, consider asking other responsible adults to assist with supervision, or consider hiring security officers.
- Consider numbering your invitations or have the guests produce their invitation at the door in order to get entry. Accompany this with a door list to ensure only those invited are allowed to enter. This is relevant for adolescent parties.
- Ask your guests to ensure that other people are not invited without the host's permission....

Much more advice and Safe Party Tips can be found at the NSW Police website [here](#).

From Ku-ring-gai Council: FREE Ageing & Disability Rights and Self-Advocacy workshop

Next date: Friday, 27 September 2024 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2

Info and bookings [here](#).



Ageing & Disability Rights and Self-Advocacy Workshop

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER · 10AM - 12PM

Come along to a free workshop for people living with dementia, people with disability, their families and carers.

We will explore appropriate processes and pathways to advocate for the rights of those living with dementia or disability and their loved ones.

A speaker from Action for People with Disability will discuss the definition of a 'right' in this context and give a brief overview of existing protections. They will also show how you can develop a working relationship with various agencies to uphold your rights, and how effective communication can help you to reach your goals.

At Gordon Library Meeting Room or online. Teams link will be sent on Thursday 26 Sept
Bookings krg.nsw.gov.au/advocacyworkshop Morning tea provided.

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12 September, from Nepean command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY

The question has been asked! Can you use your mobile phone when in a drive-thru of a fast-food outlet?

TRAFFIC TUESDAY

Can you use your phone when waiting in the drive-thru?



WAYS OF CONTACTING POLICE

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

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND



NSW Police Force

ANSWER

You are able to use a mobile phone if,

(a) the vehicle is stationary in a road related area, and

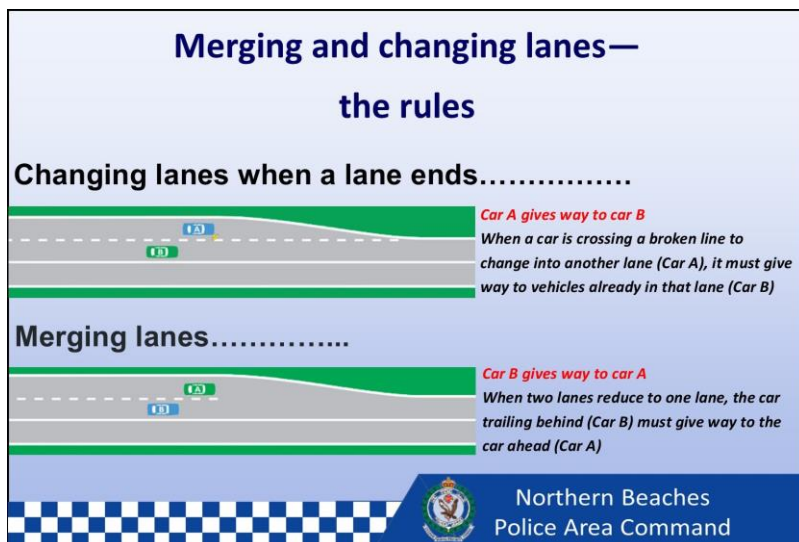
(b) the phone--

(i) is functioning as a payment device to enable the driver to pay for goods or services that are required to be paid for in the road related area, or

(ii) is being used to display an electronic coupon, voucher, card or similar article that requires the body of the phone to be held in close proximity to another device located in the road related area in order for the article to be used or redeemed, or

(iii) is being used as an electronic device that enables the driver to enter another road related area or land adjacent to the road related area.

12 September, from Northern Beaches command:



For more on merging and changing lanes, head [here](#).

11 September, from NSW SES Ku-ring-gai Unit: Storm season is approaching.

We're getting ready, are you?

Visit ses.nsw.gov.au to learn more about preparing.

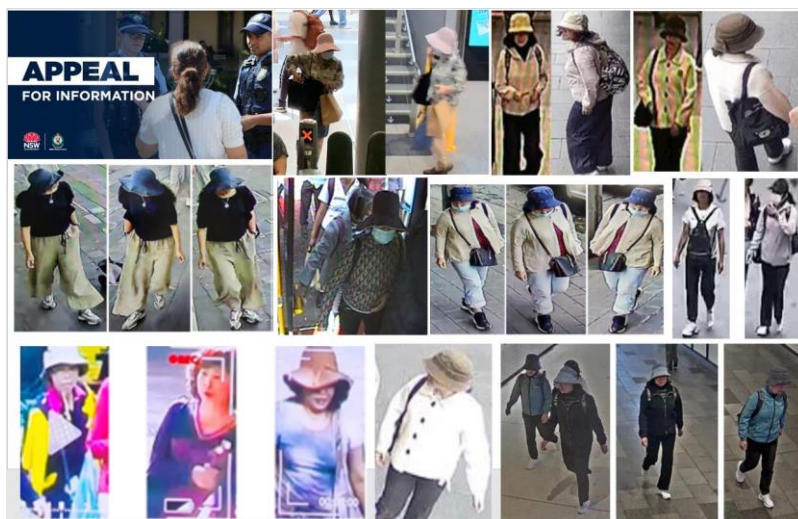
11 September, from Burwood command: Help Police identify these Blessing Scam Offenders.

Police are investigating 'Chinese blessing scams' or 'ghost scams' across multiple Metro Police Area Commands in Sydney. In the past 11 months there have been 20 incidents reported in Metro Sydney where elderly Asian females have been targeted through this scam. Total losses for victims of this scam are estimated to be over a million dollars. At this time no arrests have been made and the identity of the offenders remains unknown.

The offenders target human vulnerabilities by instilling fear in vulnerable elderly Asian females who speak limited English and may not have access to the internet or social media. Victims are approached in public places such as parks, markets, train stations and are persuaded to withdraw large amounts of cash and/or hand over their cash or jewellery. The offenders may be operating as part of a larger criminal syndicate however they appear to be working in groups of 3s and the victims targeted are from middle age to 60-years-old. In almost every incident the initial interaction with the victim is based on the first offender's knowledge of a healer or a doctor who practices traditional Eastern medicine. Within a few

minutes 2 x other offenders join into their conversation and as a group they persuade the elderly Asian female victim to provide her valuables blessing, get rid of the evil spirit and/or convince the victim that her family member of hers needs urgent healing to prevent an imminent calamity. The victim hands over her belongings, cash, and jewellery, in a bag which is swapped by the offenders during the 'blessing' ceremony. Once the valuables are handed over, the offenders disappear. A while later or at a time/ date instructed by the offenders, the victim opens the bag and realises that she has been scammed. This scam is likely to be under reported as the victims are less likely to go to the Police or warn their communities due to language barriers and the fear their actions would be a cause to bring personal shame.

Anyone with information about the identity of the persons in the images is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be supplied anonymously if required. Information can also be provided to Crime Stoppers online at https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/crime_report.



11 September, from NHW Wahroonga: Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group:

If you can believe it somebody managed to steal this huge staghorn from my front tree! Has anyone else had things stolen.. or seen a suspiciously large staghorn appear somewhere?
Grrrrr



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**.

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

Tuesday 08 October: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Computers 10:15am-12:15 pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

Wednesday 09 October: FREE 计算机简介 - Introduction to Computers (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

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

Tuesday 15 October: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Internet 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Wednesday 16 October: FREE 互联网入门 - Introduction to Internet (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Tuesday 22 October: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Tablets 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

Wednesday 23 October: FREE 电子邮件简介 – Introduction to Email (Mandarin) 10:15am-

12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Tuesday 29 October: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Smartphones 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Wednesday 30 October: FREE 智能手机简介 – Introduction to Smartphones (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

Sunday 03 November: FREE Motorcycling Safety Workshop – Survive the Ride 10:30am-2pm @ Storey Park Community Centre (Fowler Hall), 12 Old Berowra Road, Hornsby. [Info & Bookings](#)

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Fire Issues (Traditional Chinese):

Tip #1. 如果最近所在地區重複發生森林火災時，要做心裡建設。在新南威爾斯州（NSW）70 %的森林火災是被人為故意 縱火。

Tip #2. 請注意你所在地區中，有可疑行為的人。記錄詳細訊息，如外觀特徵、汽車描述和註冊。立即聯繫犯罪制止者（Crime Stoppers）：1 800 333 000。

Tip #3. 聯繫當地消防局，協助評估所在場所的火災風險並了解情況、如何保護它。準備你在森林火災生存計劃、緊急疏散 計劃和為寵物準備緊急求生套件。熟悉：何時、何地、誰、為何、有什麼需要拿。下載「森林火災應急計劃」（Bush Fire Emergency Plan）應用程式。

Tip #11. 「蓄意縱火」是自發或受同儕壓力。小心注意不尋常的行為，和找尋火柴、打火機、香煙、噴漆罐、髮膠、香水、紙巾或易燃液體。大部分的起火時間在在傍晚或晚上、星期五或星期六。

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.

Go ahead and park like an idiot,
I have something for your fancy
backup camera



Thanks to All Things Halloween

11/21/84



“My next guest, on the monitor behind me, is an organized crime informant. To protect his identity, we’ve placed him in a darkened studio—so let’s go to him now.”

Thanks to The Comic Classic

A tree fell on my fence. Making the best of it while I negotiate the repair.



Thanks to plantsages

	I have questions	Disturbingly specific	Vivid
Done with this shit			
Ominous			
Do not test the gods			

Thanks to Imgur.

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](#)

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[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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