



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 <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (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.

27 October, from NSW Police: Emergency services are at the scene of a multi-vehicle crash in Wyong today.

Just after 1.30pm (Sunday 27 October 2024), emergency services were called to Pacific Motorway, Wyong, following reports a woman had been hit by a car in the northbound lanes. Shortly prior, four vehicles – a Mazda Cx5, Honda Odyssey, Hyundai Kona and a truck – collided in the southbound lanes. Officers from Tuggerah Lakes Police District attended and have established a crime scene.

The woman died at the scene. She is yet to be formally identified; however, her death is not being treated as suspicious. One woman – who was in one of the four vehicles which had collided in the southbound lanes – was taken to Gosford Hospital for treatment to minor injuries. The other drivers and passengers of the four vehicles were uninjured and treated at the scene for shock.

All northbound and southbound lanes of the Pacific Motorway remain closed and traffic diversions are in place. Motorists are urged to avoid the area and check www.livetraffic.com for updates. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

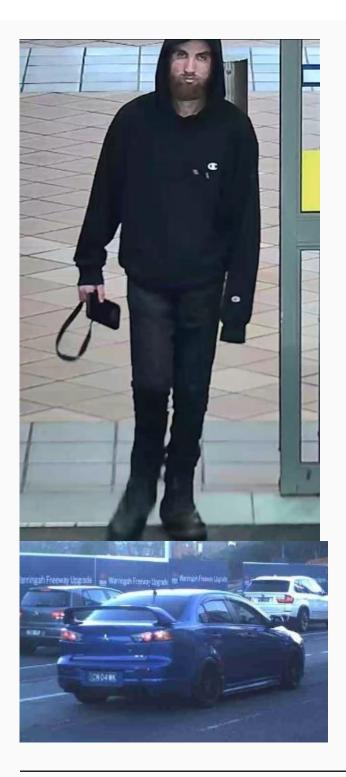
Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

27 October, from NSW Police: Reappeal to locate man missing from Tuggerah Lakes

Shane, aged 20, was last seen at a fast food restaurant in Tuggerah about 7pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024. Shane was last seen wearing a black hooded jumper and black pants. He is possibly wearing a nose ring. Shane could be driving a blue Mitsubishi Lancer sedan bearing NSW registration 'CN04WK'. He is known to frequent Wyong and Central Coast.

Anyone who sees him is urged to call **Tuggerah Lakes Police District 4356 6099 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

MORE
INFORMATION https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=114835



24 October, from NSW Police: Two 27-year-old men reported missing from Glenorie have been located.

Police would like to thank the public and the media for their assistance.

22 October, from NSW Police: A \$500,000 reward is on offer for information into the 2018 death of Cecilia Devine

Commander of Blue Mountains Police Area Command said "We are urging

anyone who saw Cecilia at the time she was reported missing, or who has any information about her whereabouts at the time, to contact police. This information could very well be the missing puzzle piece for this investigation. Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

MORE

INFORMATION https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=114738







29 October, from Ryde command: A Missing Person is defined as anyone whose whereabouts are unknown and there are genuine fears for the safely or concerns for the welfare of that person.

It is important to remember that going missing is NOT a crime. The NSW Police Force is here to ensure the safety of the public, including investigating the whereabouts of missing persons.

If you have genuine concerns for the safety and well-being of a person and are unsure of their whereabouts, you MUST attend your local Police Station to make a Missing Persons report.

visit: police.nsw.gov.au/can_you_help_us/missing_persons

If you have concerns for the safety or welfare of a person who is missing you can make a report in person at any local Police station.

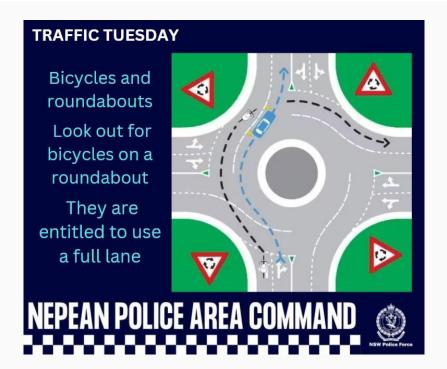
Reports cannot be accepted by email or over the phone.

If you are unable to get to a Police station, Police may be able to travel to you. Call your nearest Police station for advice.



29 October, from Nepean command: BICYCLES AND ROUNDABOUTS

Look out for bicycles on a roundabout. They are entitled to use a full lane. Bicycle riders must follow the same rules as other drivers on roundabouts. However, on a multi-lane roundabout, they can use the left lane to turn right. When turning, they must give way to vehicles leaving the roundabout. Look out for bicycles stopped in the left lane who are giving way to vehicles leaving the roundabout



29 October, from the Australian Signals Directorate: Your router is the door between your home and the Internet.

Have you left it open?

Compromises in home and small office routers are on the rise. Across Australia, there are approximately 8.3 million residential Internet connections relying on home and small office routers. Routers are often set up then forgotten. This 'set and forget' attitude can leave these devices vulnerable.

Follow our simple steps to secure your Wi-Fi and router <u>cyber.gov.au/protect-yourself/staying-secure-online/secure-your-wifiand-router</u>



29 October, from 9News.com.au: Police investigate after resident and firefighter injured in Sydney house blaze

A crime scene has been set up and two people taken to hospital after a house fire on Sydney's North Shore overnight. Two people were injured during the blaze at Mycumbene Avenue in East Lindfield, including a man in his 60s who suffered burns to his arm and shoulder as well as smoke inhalation.

Full report and video here.



29 October, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade: Ku-ring-gai, the bushfire season is here, are you living bushfire ready?

Come along to the West Pymble Village Green this Saturday from 10am-2pm and chat to your local emergency services and partner organisations about your bushfire and emergency preparedness.

We'll be joined by NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit, Fire and Rescue NSW, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ku-ring-

gai Council, and other emergency partners at the West Pymble Emergency Expo ready to help your prepare for the summer season ahead.



28 October, from NSW Fair Trading: Have a spooky but safe Halloween! Common Halloween products can pose serious safety risks. Here are our top 3 safety tricks for a happy Halloween.

📽 Button batteries are the hidden ghouls in Halloween gear

Often used in jack-o-lanterns, cauldrons, fake candles, torches, wands and even some costumes, button batteries are a choking hazard and can cause internal burns or even death when ingested. Check battery compartments are secured with a screw and keep batteries out of reach.

More info here.

Don't let makeup turn you into a monster

Before using Halloween cosmetics like face paint, novelty tattoos, or fake

blood, always check ingredient labels to avoid potential skin irritations or allergic reactions.

More info here.

b Avoid a fiery fright

Always check costume labels for fire safety, keep costumes and wigs away from open flames and supervise children around heat sources.

More info here.



28 October, from Sutherland command: It has come under notice at Sutherland Police that the young men of the Shire need to be reminded.....

For our young men -

- Got a DM from someone new & interesting on your socials?
- Haven't met them IRL?
- They want pictures of your eggplants?
- They probably want money or gift cards from you & will threaten to share your eggplant pictures to your contacts.
- · Protect your eggplants!
- Don't send money #Sextortion



27 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: There is an upcoming Bushfire Emergency Expo to be held from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 02 November 2024 on the West Pymble Green.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall, as well as kids' activities - photo booth, police dress-ups and colouring-in. (The Green is opposite the Philip Mall, down from the BP petrol station.) What a good reason to share this useful leaflet!

GET READY FOR BUSH FIRE PREPARE YOUR PETS AND ANIMALS

Planning for pets and animals is an important part of your household's bush fire preparations. Safety for your pets and animals is your responsibility. Being prepared is essential to you and your animal's survival.

[/] EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- [] Food: At least three days' worth of non-perishable food (canned or dried) in an airtight, waterproof container
- [] Water: At least three days' worth of water
- [] Medicines: Store in a waterproof container, as well as any special dietary needs or supplements
- [] Veterinary/Medical Records: Store copies of any medical and vaccination records in a watertight container including your vet's name and telephone number
- [] First Aid Kit: Store extra cotton bandage rolls, bandage tapes, scissors, tweezers and latex gloves in addition to those required for yourself
- [] Blanket/Bedding: Familiar items like a favourite blanket or toys can help reduce stress
- [] Sanitation: Useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, gloves and household bleach (to dilute) to clean

[IDENTIFICATION

- [] Collar or tag: Ensure that your animal's name, your name, phone number and, if there is room, your address are clearly visible
- [] Register and microchip: Ensure your animal is registered and their microchip details are current
- [] Photograph: Store a current photograph of your animal in a



Back up: Save microchip details, medical and veterinary details, key contact details and all photographs electronically











Email us here for a copy in your inbox.

27 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Have you read this leaflet?





Email us here for a copy in your inbox.

27 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: These images are of the two sides of a wallet card created by the eSafety Commissioner.

The information is for women who need to put strategies in place - 'Empowering women to take control online'.

More information is available at: https://www.esafety.gov.au/women



resident about password managers.

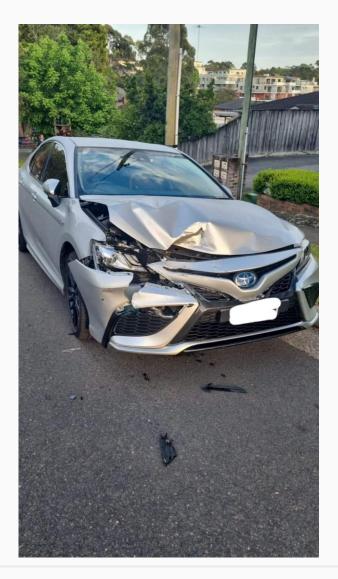
The FREE password manager that was recommended to us by Ian Ward of CyberPro at a Ku-ring-gai Council Small Business Breakfast Seminar (The simple steps to secure your business against cybercrime) last year is bitwarden: https://bitwarden.com/

Please note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

27 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

Hi all, asking the local community for they saw anything or has footage. Someone crashed into my father's new car last night at 1am and did a hit and run. Driving is his only source of income.

Unfortunately this happened at Northcote Rd, Hornsby, but thought i would post here incase someone happened to see something.



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.

October: Cyber Security Awareness month.

Wednesday 30 October: FREE 智能手机简介 – Introduction to Smartphones

(Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. Info & Bookings

Wednesday 30 October: FREE Family and domestic violence awareness

workshop 9:15am-12pm @ Gordon Library Info & bookings.

Saturday 02 November: Bushfire Emergency Expo 10am-2pm @ West Pymble Green (opp Philip St Mall). NHW K&H will have a crime prevention table and kids' activities.

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

Thursday 21 November: Neighbourhood Watch Gordon/Killara/E.

Killara/some St Ives/some Pymble AGM & Get-together 7pm @ Garden Square rooms, Gordon Baptist Church (entry via Garden Square). GUEST SPEAKERS: Captain Andrew Wilson, Killara Rural Fire Brigade and Phil Smith, Shore Safe Locksmiths and Sgt Stephen Whalley, Crime Coordinator, Ku-ringgai Police Area Command. PLUS: Be a good neighbour: elderly checks, dos and don'ts, The future of the Neighbourhood Watch in our area with local coordinator Julia Eagles.

Tuesday 14 January 2025: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby meeting #44. 6pm @ PCYC Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln, Waitara. Followed by dinner @ Magpies.

27 October, from NSW Road Safety: Which of the following applies to motorcyclists when riding through a corner?

- a) Stay within your lane do not cross the centre line
- b) Start the curve wide and plan to finish tight
- c) Do not fully commit until you can see through the corner
- d) Adjust your speed accordingly
- e) All of the above



Answer: The correct answer is E − all of the above.
Remember, you can't see around corners.
When cornering, early braking, good gear changing and the correct road position will allow you to lean the bike, negotiate the bend smoothly until you can see the exit, and then accelerate through to the exit point.
There's no room for error; if you brake late into a corner, you can experience serious consequences.

Learn more https://ridetolive.nsw.gov.au/

27 October, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group yesterday (Saturday):

A family member of mine has lost a wallet on Wednesday around Coles. If anyone found one, could you please let me know. It has everything in it and I can provide you their name as proof.

26 October, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Friday): * Lost engagement ring *

I know it's a long stretch, but wondering if anyone has found a ring that looks like the one pictured- silver band with a small raised triangular diamond. I was at RNSH yesterday, then caught the train to Lindfield and went into Harris Farm at Lindfield at around 6pm. Please send me a PM if so. Thanks!



25 October, from the Identity Theft Resource Centre: Do you know how long it could take a hacker to crack your password?!

It may be faster thank you think! Check out this recommended password length chart, and click <u>here</u> for more password advice.

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TIME IT TAKES A HACKER TO BRUTE FORCE YOUR PASSWORD IN 2024								
Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters, Symbols			
4	Instantly	Instantly	3 secs	6 secs	9 secs			
5	Instantly	4 secs	2 mins	6 mins	10 mins			
6	Instantly	2 mins	2 hours	6 hours	12 hours			
7	4 secs	50 mins	4 days	2 weeks	1 month			
8	37 secs	22 hours	8 months	3 years	7 years			
9	6 mins	3 weeks	33 years	161 years	479 years			
10	1 hour	2 years	1k years	9k years	33k years			
11	10 hours	44 years	89k years	618k years	2m years			
12	4 days	1k years	4m years	38m years	164m years			
13	1 month	29k years	241m years	2bn years	11bn years			
14	1 year	766k years	12bn years	147bn years	805bn years			
15	12 years	19m years	652bn years	9tn years	56tn years			
16	119 years	517m years	33tn years	566tn years	3qd years			
17	1k years	13bn years	1qd years	35qd years	276qd years			
18	11k years	350bn years	91qd years	2qn years	19qn years			
HIVE SYSTEMS > Learn more about this at hivesystems.com/password								

25 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Received from a resident:

Please refer to the video link for the incident that occurred on this Monday, 13:56pm at West Pymble Plaza.

A 30 year old man (in green hoodie) demanded money from West Pymble Chinese Resturant for 'food poisoning'. When confronted by multiple witnesses, he assaulted a 76 year old male and left the scene. If you have any information about this man please report to NSW Police.

Much appreciated, if anyone find that person please contact NSW Police Event No E98116522.





Australia:

This evening I came home to 2 people dumping bricks in front our unit block needless to say I took photos and reported it.



24 October, from NSW Government: Got 5 minutes?

Complete our survey to help inform the NSW Drug Summit conversation on policy for a healthier, safer future.

bit.ly/HYS_DS



24 October, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard yesterday (Wednesday): **update - it's been reported**

If this is your car parked at Waitara Station it was just hit by a Mercedes, I have the rego and photos - feel free to PM me.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect your Identity' (Traditional Chinese): 20 個實用預防犯罪技巧: 身分安全

Tip #1. 考慮使用第三方支付系統進行網路交易,例如 PayPal,以避免輸入信用 卡信息。考慮用另一張信用 額度較低的信用卡,專門用於網路購買或海外使用 。

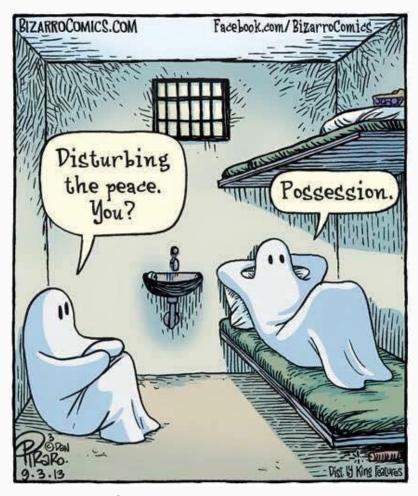
Tip #2. 當你訂閱或線上註冊時,請使用虛擬出生日期。它是必須在固定的範圍,但它不是按照實際出生日期。例如,使用01/01/出生年份-保持年齡人口統計不變,但身份安全。

Tip #3. 在所有電子設備上,設定輸入強安全性的密碼 - (按強度順序)使用複雜密碼、PIN碼或圖形密碼。或考慮使用臉部或指紋識別(兩者都有很強的安全性)。請注意,最簡單的方法可能不是最安全的 (讀取最懶惰的) - 你的手機包

含大量個人訊息,例如:家庭和電子郵件的敏感數據。 考慮在電子 設備或帳戶上使用「雙重身份驗證」。對於所有觸摸銀幕的設備,定期清潔銀幕上的指紋或標記。

Tip #17. 請注意,社群媒體可以設定上傳照片,標識拍攝地點的「地理位置」訊息,請考慮更改社群媒體設置,刪除此設定。並考慮是否要避免在社群媒體上進行「簽到」,讓不肖人士知道你去過哪裡,或喜歡去哪裡。

For more FAQs, tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.



Thanks to UK Cop Humour



Thanks to Nurses 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

<u>NSW Police - website</u> 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 <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u>
Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby
Facebook Group NHWKuringgaiHornsby



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.







Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station
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