



### Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #683 - 12 November 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 <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook</u> <u>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!").

- A 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.
- A 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 November, from The Hills command: \*\*停止家庭暴力\*\* (STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

我们 Hills 警**区指**挥部 24/7 全天候提供帮助。如果您需要逃离暴力,请发送电子邮件至 HILLSDVLO@police.nsw.gov.au,我们会为您处理一切。如果您认识需要帮助的人,请拨打 1800333000 联系犯罪举报热线。

### 以下是各种虐待类型:

- - 性虐待
- 言语虐待
- 经济虐待
- - 身体虐待
- - 强制控**制**
- 情感虐待
- 心理虐待

- - 技术虐**待**
- 生殖虐待
- - 精神虐待
- - 文化虐待

请不要沉默,寻求帮助是勇敢的表现。

下载我们的 "Empower You" 应用程序,从 AppStore 获取。



### **Translation**

\*\*Stop Domestic Violence\*\* (STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

Our Hills Police District Command is available 24/7 for help. If you need to escape violence please email HILLSDVLO@police.nsw . gov. au, we'll take care of everything for you. If you know someone who needs help, contact the crime hotline on 1800333000.

Here are the various types of abuse:

- Sexual abuse
- verbal abuse
- 经济虐待
- 身体虐待
- - Mandatory control
- - 情感虐待
- ・ 心理虐待
- - 技术虐待
- - 生殖虐待
- Mental abuse
- - 文化虐待

Please don't be silent, asking for help is a sign of courage.

Download our "Empower You" app and get it from the AppStore.

11 November, from The Hills command: With Black Friday promotions and marketing in full swing for the November 29 November sales, please be mindful that Scammers are still active online.

# ARE BLACK FRIDAY PRICES TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Fake websites and social media can be easily spotted. There's often an unusual website address, missing information, bad grammar or spelling errors. Ensure there's an ABN (Australian Business Number) before making purchases.

Avoid up-front payment, especially with money order, wire transfer or moneygram and request a full financial breakdown of services in advance.

Try to make payment using services that provide buyer protection.

If you believe that you are the victim of fraud, please report the matter to the NSW Police Force.

For further information on frauds and scams go to https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/crime/frauds\_and\_scams







### **Fake Websites**

Fraudulent websites can look almost identical to authentic sites and can be sponsored links in search results.

#### **How to identify FAKE websites**

### Check the domain (URL) name closely, look for:

- the use of numbers instead of letters
- dashes (-) or underscores (\_) instead of full stops (.)
- capitals instead of lowercase letters or extra letters
- spelling mistakes

#### If still unsure check the

• Australian Business Number (ABN) via https://abn-businessgov.com

SALE

- · reviews of the website
- domain address and its details using a number of malicious website searching tools

#### Always remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Report a scam to: https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam







11 November, from Police Transport command: Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify a female who may be able to assist police with their enquiries in relation to an assault which occurred at Central Railway Station around 4:00pm on Sunday the 11th of August 2024.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have knowledge of the identity of the person depicted to come forward.

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <a href="https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au">https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au</a>





### 11 November, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby reaching adolescence.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby is currently an informal group of volunteers. However, looking to the future, we are about to become more formal. The next quarterly Volunteer Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 January 2025. We intend to make this meeting our first AGM. We will be forming a Committee, adopting a Constitution, minuting the meeting and opening a bank account.

So... here is 60 days notice of the inaugural NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby AGM to be held at 6pm on Tuesday 14 January 2025 at the PCYC, Waitara. We will be welcoming new volunteers with open arms - please feel you can come along on the night and meet the team. Or please make contact via: <a href="mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com">NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</a>. We would love to have you on board for this important next phase.

# 11 November, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch NSW is looking for help.

They are after someone who is an expert or knows something about websites. Or maybe you know of someone outside of NHW who may be interested in giving back to the community pro bono?

If that is YOU, please PM us and your community would be extremely grateful - help given to NHW NSW benefits all the local NHW groups, like Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.

Thanks in advance.



Photo by Nina Strehl on Unsplash

### 11 November, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community (AU): Anyone missing this bike and helmet....

Has been locked to the private power pole at the front of our property since yesterday....a bit strange.



11 November, Shared with permission from the North Shore Mums group yesterday (Sunday):

Please RETURN YOUR TROLLEYS securely to the dedicated bays.

This happened yesterday at Westfield Hornsby and badly damaged several cars. 😳



[Screenshot taken from DashCam - thanks Che. Picture all the trolleys coming down the slope towards you...].

10 November, from Hornsby Shire Council: Hornsby Shire Council's newly elected Mayor, Warren Waddell, has issued a call to arms to Council and the community to tackle the problem of graffiti in the Shire's town centres, villages and transport routes.

In a special Mayoral Minute brought to his first Council meeting as Mayor, Mayor Waddell

requested Council prepare a report outlining options for a Shire wide strategy with a strong focus on community involvement in preventing unwanted graffiti and its removal from private property.

Full Media Release here:

10 November, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

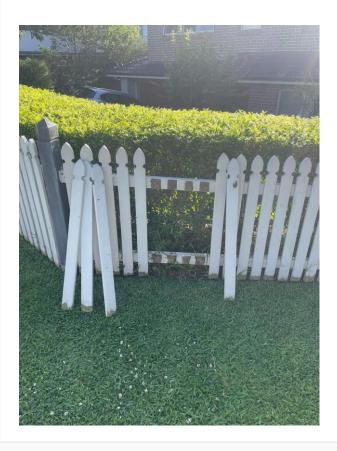
To the local drunken teens who ripped off 4 picketts from my fence at 1.30am this morning and threw one into my garden, thanks so much.

The loud swearing and arguing on my corner that woke me & my kids was also greatly appreciated.

In saying that, as I looked out the window to see what was going on, I saw and heard one boy trying to do the right thing and put the picketts back on.

This poor boy then got yelled at and left by his friends for trying to do the right thing. That was very sad to see.

I know the HSC has just finished and kids are celebrating and I'm all for that but there really is no need for them to damage peoples property.



### 09 November, from ACCC Product Safety: If you own a John Deere compact utility tractor, check if it's been recalled.

On some models there is a risk of serious injury or death to the user or bystanders, as the brakes may fail. Incidents have occurred overseas resulting in serious injuries. Learn more about affected models here.



### 09 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: What is Money Laundering?

Money laundering is a term we often hear in movies. It is a real and complex crime that involves making illegally obtained money appear legitimate. Want to test your knowledge?

Which of the following activities would be considered money laundering? Select all that apply.

- A) Moving money through multiple bank accounts to hide its source from illegal activities
- B) Buying luxury assets to disguise the origin of illegal funds
- C) Transferring money through multiple countries to complicate tracking
- D) Using legal businesses to mix illegal funds with legitimate profits
- E) Investing in businesses to turn 'dirty' money into 'clean' money.
- F) Investing in charities to gain a reputable public image
- G) All of the above



08 November: Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group: Any one find a Milwaukee charger and battery on Greengate Road, Killara?

I left it on the road beside my ute and forgot to pack it away last night.

# 08 November, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Tropical Brazil Pty Ltd - Acai with Guarana, Acai Guarana (acai cream with granola)

Product information: Tropical Brazil Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of:

- Acai with Guarana (acai Cream 20g Granola) 70g/200ml
- Acai with Guarana 1.7kg/2L, 3.6kg, 595g/700ml

The products have been available for sale at Acai Retailers and Bars in NSW.

- Date marking: Best Before 01/08/2026 Lot 302
- Problem: The recall is due to microbial (Salmonella) contamination.
- Food safety hazard: Food products contaminated with Salmonella may cause illness if consumed.

- What to do: Consumers should not eat this product. Consumers should return the product(s) to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.
- For further information please contact: Tropical Brazil Pty Ltd 02 8407
   9135 www.tropicalbrazil.com.au

See full Media Release here.



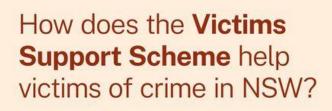
### 07 November, from NSW Dept of Communities & Justice: How does the Victims Support Scheme help victims of crime in NSW?

The Victims Support Scheme helps people who've been injured by a violent crime in NSW access:

- up to 22 hours of free counselling
- financial assistance for immediate needs to help pay for urgent health, safety, security expenses
- • financial assistance for economic loss to cover other expenses related to the crime
- a recognition payment to acknowledge the violent crime

To learn more about the scheme and how to apply:

- visit victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/
- Jcall the Victims Access Line on 1800 633 063 or Aboriginal Contact Line on 1800 019 123 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).











# 07 November, from ACCC Product Safety: If you lock your bike up using a Magnum X4P U Lock plus cable, stop using the largest key in the set immediately.

This key contains button batteries and the battery compartment is not adequately secured. If swallowed, button batteries can cause severe or fatal injury in as little as 2 hours.

Learn more about this recall here.





# 07 November, from NSW Household Problem Wastes: What do these rechargable products have in common?

They all have embedded batteries which are problematic when disposed of incorrectly. You can now safely drop off your unwanted embedded battery products at 21 Community Recycling Centres across the state.

To find what you can bring and your nearest Embedded Batteries Trial site, visit here.



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 09 May - Thursday 02 January:** LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 November: Chemical CleanOut 9am-3:30pm @ St Ives Showground

**Tuesday 19 November:** FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Intro to tablets 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. Bookings & info.

Wednesday 20 November: FREE 태블릿 소개 - Introduction to Tablets (TSS Korean)

10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. Bookings & Info.

**Wednesday 20 November:** FREE Teaching Your Learner Driver - GLS Presentation via Teams 6-7:30pm Bookings & Info.

**Thursday 21 November:** FREE Transition to High School & Mental Health Online via Zoom @ 1pm. Info & register here.

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, Kuring-gai 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.

**Friday 22 November:** FREE Scams Awareness 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. <u>Bookings & Info</u> **Saturday 23 November:** Kids (0-12yrs) clothing, book & toy swap 10am-1pm @ Douglas

Pickering Stand, St Ives Showground.

**Sunday 24 November:** NHW NSW Information Session #3 at 4pm online. <u>Email us</u> for Zoom link.

**Wednesday 27 November:** FREE Transition to High School & Mental Health Online via Zoom @ 6:30pm. Info & register <a href="here">here</a>.

Wednesday 20 November: FREE 스마트폰 소개 - Introduction to Smartphones (TSS

Korean) 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. Bookings & Info.

**Wednesday 27 November:** Hornsby Ku-ring-gai domestic & family violence walk the talk. 8:30-11am PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lan, Waitara. Info.

Saturday 07 December: FREE Rural eWaste Drop off Event - Galston 8am-3pm @ Rural

Sports Facility, 18-20 Bayfield Road, Galston (entry via Mansfield Rd) (Hornsby Shire residents only) Info.

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

### 07 November, from The Hills command: 4pm today - rider photographed lying flat on the bike !

Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill towards Norwest. Anyone with DashCam of this?





07 November, from NSW Maritime: Ok guys, test your skills. Which powered boat needs to give way?



#### Answer:

Powered vessels – including personal watercraft (PWC) – must give way to the right so in this image the yellow boat needs to give way to the right. For more info on giving way, overtaking and avoiding collisions visit <u>here</u>.

## 07 November, from Hornsby Shire Council: Our Rural e-Waste Drop Day is back at Galston in 2024!

Wherever you're hiding your e-waste. There's never been a better time for a clear out. Come along and drop off old televisions, computers, and peripherals, including keyboards, scanners, mice, DVDs (without covers), VCR players, and more for free.

- ÆThis is a drive-through event, staff will help you unload your e-Waste from your vehicle on the day.
- Taturday, 7 December
- 28am-3pm
- PRural Sports Facility, Galston entry via Mansfield Road

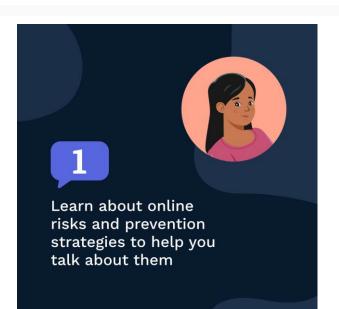
For a full list of accepted items, check our website here.



07 November, from eSafety Commissioner: We have a new hub with resources and advice for community organisations, services and practices who work with families and young people \( \mathref{Modes} \)

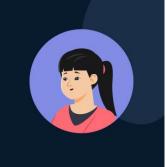
Learn 6 ways you can improve online safety for children in your community, and explore our resources to find out more <u>here.</u>











If something goes wrong, support children to report to eSafety for help and content removal



5

Support parents and carers to talk about this issue with their children using age-appropriate language



6

Help spread awareness within your community about child sexual abuse online and where to get support



### 07 November, from Beyond Blue: Financial stress can significantly impact mental health, leading to anxiety and depression.

Equally, mental health challenges can make it harder to get on top of your finances. We've created the Money and Mental Health Quiz with Financial Counselling Australia to help you assess your mental and financial wellbeing and connect you to helpful resources and support.

Check out the quiz here.



### 06 November, from Yup That Exists:



Cities in South Korea have plastic rolling barriers as opposed to steel ones. When a collision occurs, cars roll down along the barrier, which reduces the chances of a car flipping over to the other side.



In last week's eNewsletter we had a post from Justice Connect, about getting ePrepared: Learn how to store your documents on a USB.

<u>Here</u> is the link to the Justice Connect FREE self-help tool.

You can download their 'Checklist of Legal Documents to Store Electronic Copies of' <a href="here">here</a> (8 pages). Or request a copy in your inbox from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby <a href="here">here</a>.

### Checklist of legal documents connect to store electronic copies of



#### Losing essential documents is something you can prevent

Having all your important information organised in one place can:

• Help you feel confident and calm

• Protect you and your family

• Make it easier to navigate legal problems

- · Speed up access to services

documents that are relevant to your situation. Afterwards, you'll have a list of essential documents you should aim to store electronic copies, so you can be more legally prepared for an emergency.





#### Which of these identity documents with your name or photo on it do you have?

These documents are very important to keep safe and make electronic copies of. They will help you prove who you are.

If your name is different from the name on your identity documents, make sure you have a copy of your name change document too. This could be a marriage certificate, a name change certificate, or a name change statement

TIP: Different organisations and authorities may require their own combination of documents to reach 100 points. They may also require your primary documents to be certified. It can be useful to store a range of documents, ensuring at least one document has your photograph.

For example, you could have a certified copy of your birth certificate, and then a copy of your driver's licence, phone bill, Medicare card, and bank statement so you can be sure you have 100 points of ID handy for your situation. Make sure you review your documents regularly so you're not storing expired or outdated versions.

One primary document (70 points)	
Birth Certificate (or extract)	
Citizenship Certificate (or extract)	
Passport (current or expired no longer than 2 years ago)	
Another document that has the same characteristics as a passport, such as diplomatic documents and certain documents issued to refugees.	

JUSTICE CONNECT I CHECKLIST OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO STORE COPIES OF



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors' (Traditional Chinese): 20 個實用預防犯罪技巧:銀髮族

Tip #1. 安裝窺視孔。

Tip #5. 切勿任意接受工人到府報價 (例如砍樹、屋頂排水溝維修), 請先諮詢自己信賴的朋 友或親戚的意見。

**Tip #10.** 免費索取政府 Accc 出版的「詐騙小黑書」:

https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams

**Tip #17.** 安裝監控報警系統。大多數設置可設定「在家」和「離家」,當你在家中(尤其是睡覺時)記得設定「離家」的設定。

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 <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.



Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia

If you would like a regular 'No Junk Mail' sticker, contact NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby at: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

### **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: <a href="Mailto:@Kuring Gai PAC">@Kuring Gai PAC</a>

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 - 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)

<sup>\*</sup>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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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station
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