



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #688 - 17 December 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 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.

16 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: On Wednesday the 27th of November 2024, Ku-ring-gai Police partook in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai #16Days WALK THE TALK to raise awareness on Domestic and Family Violence, at Waitara PCYC.

It was a massive turnout by local high schools and stakeholders. This was the fourth annual event with a 20-minute walk around the streets of Hornsby with keynote speaker Dr Hannah Tonkin, NSW Women's Safety Commissioner, and many more stories shared.



16 December, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby: Well Santa's visit is now complete.

He is off to make all the final preparations for Xmas. Thanks to everyone that came to say hi to Santa. We hope to see you all again next year!!!



14 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Merry Christmas, from Ku-ring-gai PAC's Youth Liaison Officers!



13 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: New legislation was introduced on the 9th of December 2024 which means increased penalties apply for anyone selling knives to anyone under 16 years of age and making it illegal to sell a knife to anyone 16 or 17 without a reasonable excuse.

Police have the power to use metal-detecting wands to search for knives in public places such as train stations, shopping centres, sporting venues or late night entertainment hubs.

Visit the NSW Police website for more information https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/



New legislation as of 9 December 2024

Amendments to the Summary
Offences Act 1988 that coincide
with the new knife crime laws:

- increased penalties apply for selling knives to anyone under 16 years of age, and
- making it illegal to sell a knife to anyone 16 or 17 years of age, without a reasonable excuse.

The penalty for selling a knife to a child is now \$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.







13 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Good news for Friday - a 15-year-old girl reported missing to Kuring Gai Police has been found!

Thanks to everyone who assisted.

13 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command took part in the annual Kids V Cops Competition at Barker College on the 26th of November, alongside NSW Police Force Youth Command, Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force, Ryde Police Area Command, NRL, PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai and all the competing schools and sponsors.

A special thanks to Barker College for hosting the event and to those schools who competed - Ku-ring-gai High School, Marsden High School, Knox Grammar School and Asquith Girls High School. Congratulations to Marsden High School for winning the comp this year!!!



11 December, from NSW Police: Good news for Friday - a 15-year-old girl reported missing to Kuring Gai Police has been found!

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17 December, Shared with permission from the South Turramurra Community Group:Merry Christmas ya filthy animal!

Hi wonderful community, I'm reaching out to see if anyone may have been parked in the car park outside Poolwerx Turramurra between 930-10am this morning who may have dashcam footage available to help me? In the 10 minutes that I was having my water tested, someone drove into my work vehicle, leaving a considerable dent and no note. I

am in the process of reaching out to the local shops to see if anyone may have CCTV footage. Any help would be much appreciated.



17 December, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: We received this request:

I lost my keys in or near the Grand Canyon Trail in Hornsby, over a month ago. I reported the lost key at the Hornsby Police Station. I've reproduced the keys I lost and wonder if anyone has seen lost keys that match this photo?



17 December, from NSW Police: As of December 1, 2024, the definition of stalking has been broadened.

It now encompasses monitoring or tracking a person's activities, communications, or movements using technology or other methods. It includes situations where there is no direct contact or approach to the person being monitored.

MORE INFORMATION **h**ere.



17 December, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: The last of the speakers' reports from the Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Neighbourhood Watch - Killara/Neighbourhood Watch East Killara AGM last month.

6. Speaker: Captain Andrew Wilson, Killara Rural Fire Brigade -Andrew spoke about the demarcation between the Rural Fire Service (Bush) and Fire and Rescue (built-up areas), the history of our local group and the new RFB station at 26A Koola Av, East Killara, which officially opens in 2025. Of note:

- a. The station is fully operational and has already responded 3 times: a bush fire in Roseville Chase, a small vegetation fire in West Pymble and assisting Ambulance NSW extract an injured person from a fire trail in E. Lindfield.
- b. The local service started in St Ives in the 1970s. They moved to Golden Jubilee, Wahroonga. It has taken 6½ years to get this new station at East Killara.
- c. Killara have 50 volunteers and 2 tankers. They also assist with storm damage, flood recovery and back-burning, hosing of houses, search & rescue in the bush, and community engagement.

Andrew encouraged residents to:

- d. Know the risks in your area. Have a plan ready and discuss it with those that live with you, so everyone is aware of that plan and an alternative.
- e. Prepare your property, eg overhanging branches, rubbish, inflammables, etc.
 See the RFS Bush Fire Service website: rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan

• f. Keep up-to-date if there is a bushfire. Use the Hazards Near Me
App: https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app This app is
extremely timely – the information is shared by RFS volunteers as soon as they are
at the site.

Andrew is happy to attend any community meetings. He answered several residents' questions – about an Evacuation Plan for WIRES, use of 'Rural' in their title and the renaming of each local group from 'Service' to 'Brigade'.

Thank you, Andrew.

17 December, from ThinkUKnow Australia: Are you gifting a new device or gaming console to your child?

Use this moment to talk about safe online behaviours. Our 'conversation starter cards' are a great tool to kick-start the chat with your family about staying safe online. Available in English, Punjabi, Arabic and Simplified Chinese, these resources aim to educate and help prevent online child sexual exploitation.

Follow this link for our CALD conversation starter cards: www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers





16 December, from NSW Road Safety: A Gosh we have NO clue what that big gift under the tree is!

Any ideas? On the off chance that it's an e-scooter, we hope the recipient knows that personal e-scooters can only be used on private property and are illegal on NSW roads and road related areas (footpaths, share paths and bicycle lanes)

P.S. we're working on making e-scooters legal to ride on NSW streets and roads, stay tuned

Know the rules around e-scooters before purchasing \leftarrow here.



14 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group three days ago (Wednesday):

Just filmed this guy / thief being scared off by my camera / security light at end of Tryon Road / Ailsa Close just now at 8.40pm (wed night). Keep your eye out.



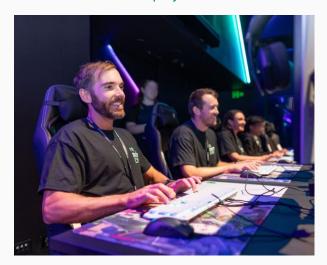


12 December, from the Australian Federal Police: Is your child a gamer?

We're encouraging parents and guardians to talk to their kids these school holidays to help them understand the risks of DDoS attacks. Not sure what DDoS is? It stands for **Distributed Denial of Service** and it's an illegal practice that disrupts the normal functioning of a website or online service by overwhelming it with a flood of web traffic from multiple sources, stopping people from accessing it. Some gamers misuse DDoS tools to gain an unfair advantage by temporarily booting competitors off an online game. This is illegal and can have serious consequences. Additionally, criminals often convince gamers into downloading cheat tools that install malicious software (malware) on their computer. This malware can secretly use their device to help launch DDoS attacks on others. Follow these tips to protect your home computer and devices, and enjoy safe (and legal) gaming:

- Keep security software up to date
- Avoid clicking links in chats

- Download games, mods, and tools only from official, trusted sources
- Promote fair play never use DDoS tools



11 December, from Murrumbidgee Police District



Email us here for a copy in your inbox.

11 December, from NSW Road Safety: Det's get those gears turning... who is permitted to ride a bicycle on a footpath?

• a) No one, only pedestrians are allowed on footpaths

- b) Children under 16 years of age and adults riding with and supervising a child under 16 years of age
- c) Only children under 16 years of age



Answer:

The correct answer is b), children under 16 years of age and adults riding with and supervising a child under 16 years of age \square If your child rides their bike on the footpath remind them to \square

- Is dive way to pedestrians
- Always wear their helmet
- Balance
 Adjust their speed to suit the environment

Know the rules for bicycle riders <u>here.</u>

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**.

Wednesday 18 December: FREE Get Ready Ku-ring-gai 5:30-7:30pm @ Jane McGillivray Park, 3A Fairbairn Av, East Killara - for residents of Churchill Road, Colette Place, Eastgate Avenue, Fairbairn Avenue, Larchmont Avenue, Monash Avenue, Monmouth Avenue, Roper Place, Springdale Road, Truscott Place, Yirgella Avenue. Meet your neighbours, get expert advice on bushfire preparedness for your street and enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Info.

Tuesday 14 January 2025: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #44/Initial GM to vote in a Committee. 6pm @ PCYC Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln, Waitara. Followed by dinner @ Magpies. More info here.

Sunday 26 January: Neighbourhood Watch NSW Information Session #4 @ 3:30 for 4pm. Zoom link available here.

Sunday 26 January: Neighbourhood Watch NSW "Considering a new NHW group?" Session @ 5pm. Zoom link available <u>here</u>.

11 December, from Northern Beaches command: STAY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON *

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CHRISTMAS SCAMS BY STAYING VIGILANT AND DOUBLE-CHECKING EVERY OFFER BEFORE YOU CLICK. DON'T LET SCAMMERS STEAL YOUR JOY!



Email us here for a copy in your inbox.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Frequently Asked Questions #7: WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY PET GOES MISSING?

- 1. Begin searching for your pet IMMEDIATELY! Do not wait in the hope that they will find their own way home. The whole time your pet is missing they are at risk of being hurt by a car, or person, or another animal and at risk of getting sick, dehydrating or starving. Consider this an EMERGENCY!
- 2. Ask neighbours to check backyards, under decks, subfloor access areas, sheds & garages just-in-case your pet was accidentally locked in. Search 3 blocks in each direction from where they were last seen.
- 3. Contact all animal shelters, council pounds & vets even the ones outside of your area.
- Call the animal division of the council to find out if they have your pet. Hornsby Shire

Council - Ph: 9847 6666 Ku-ring-gai Council - Ph: 9424 0000.

Points 3 -10 plus further information as a pdf of this FAQ #7 can be found <u>here</u>. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>.

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.

11 December, from NSW Fair Trading: The NSW Fair Trading Commissioner is warning consumers not to deal with 'Andres and Co'. 'Andres and Co' offers wedding photography and videography services to consumers in NSW.

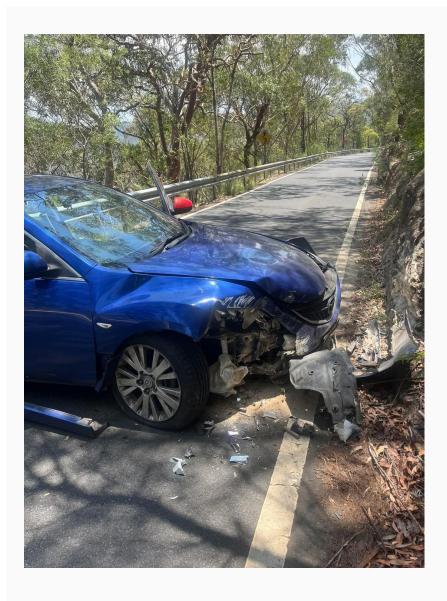
Since October 2023, NSW Fair Trading has received 68 complaints about the services offered by 'Andres and Co'. Consumers complain that services paid for are not supplied in the time specified or within a reasonable time, or that they are only partially supplied. Anyone who has dealt with 'Andres and Co' and is not satisfied is urged to lodge a complaint <u>here</u>.



Public warning: Do not deal with 'Andres and Co'

11 December, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page yesterday (Tuesday):

Hello Community, I'm writing to thank everyone that assisted me in my accident on Friday afternoon as I was heading down to Berowra ferry. I'm very grateful for the help/ support people have provided in this difficult time. I was hoping for some help to find the driver of a White Silverado towing a car trailer with a blue car on the trailer. I was hoping someone had some dashcam footage of this vehicle or might know this driver, as they left the scene of the accident and I need their information for insurance and the police. The incident happened at 12:50pm Friday the 6/12 heading down Berowra Waters Road to the ferry, he was heading up the hill towards Berowra Heights. If anyone has any information, please contact myself via Messenger or Constable Henry at Gordon police Station. Thank you



When you finish your shoot looking pleased as punch, but you look at the assessor and realise you may not have been paying attention during the briefing...



Thanks to UK Cop 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

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)

*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.
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