



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

eNewsletter #690 - 31 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 [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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30 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below females who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a stealing incident at Hornsby Westfields on the 30th of November 2024.

Female 1 is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 30 years of age, slim build with long black hair, wearing a black long sleeve shirt and black tights. Female 2 is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 30 years of age, medium build with long brown hair wearing a navy 'Columbia' shirt, grey track shorts and white sneakers.

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



30 December, from NSW Police: Experience peace of mind with the NSW Police Force's National Police Check service.

Register your organisation, whether big or small, with the New South Wales Police Force to benefit from a fast, secure process backed by a trusted badge.

What are you waiting for? Visit 🙌 www.police.nsw.gov.au/npc



30 December, from NSW Police: Double demerits are still in force until Wednesday midnight.

Slow drive, drive carefully and drive to the conditions.



🎵 Guess who's back, back again? Doubles are back, tell a friend. 🎵

18 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: A 12-year-old girl reported missing earlier from the Asquith area has been found safe.


Ku-ring-gai Police would like to thank the community and media for their assistance.



31 December, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: The Meeting Summary Notes are available from the Neighbourhood Watch Gordon/Killara/E Killara AGM that was held on Thursday 21 November 2024.


These will be uploaded as a pdf to the NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'Meetings' webpage: <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/Meetings/>.

Thank you to Gordon Baptist Church for the use of their rooms, and the speakers: Sgt Stephen Whalley (Crime Coordinator, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command), Captain Andrew Wilson (Killara Rural Fire Service) and Phil Smith (Shore Safe Locksmiths).



Meeting Summary Notes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Gordon/Killara/E Killara
AGM & Get-together
7pm Thursday 21 November 2024
@ Gordon Baptist Church (Thank you!)



Present: Andrew Wilson, Bruce Edwards, David Beale (via Zoom), Di Dickson, Elvis Kipman, Esther Lennon, Eva Ford, Di Knowles, Gay Balasubramanian, Jenny Hamblen, Jessica Brady, Julia Eagles, Linda English, Mart n Moelle, Mary Walker, Nathan Ruddock, Nicolette Boele, Paul Williams, Phillip Smith, Rossey Powers, Simon Lennon, Sergeant Stephen Whalley, Thomas Jubb, Tom Powers, Wal Knowles, Warren Dunn.

Apologies
Anne Ridley, Brendon Hyde, Cloris Yang, Lesley Tinkler, Noushin Mansoorpoor, Pat-ick Winsbury, Yael Hyman.

- 1. Introductions** - Welcome, introductions and mingle.
- 2. AGM Coordinators' reports**
 - a. Gordon Area 24** - Julia reported on:
 - Background. Since the last meeting (Nov 2023) volunteers delivered ("cocooned") a N-HW brochure and 'Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai' leaflet to letterboxes around the Werona Park area, in response to unwanted vandalism. We held a crime prevention stall with kids' activities at the St John's Church (Gordon) Fete.
 - NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHWK&H) command: KerbWatch DfV kerb-numbering kits available for loan to all residents. (See: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/)
 - b. Gordon Area 12** - Bruce commented on the changing neighbourhood.
 - c. East Killara Area 25/26** - Wal reported on the traffic congestion on Kopia Ave around Killara High School drop-off and pick-up times. He said it is less of a problem now; a staff member is helping groups of kids crossing Koola Ave, to avoid the slow constant dribble of kids.
 - d. Lynbarr, St Ives** - Warren commented on the changing neighbourhood and his proposal to create a sign advertising NHW.
- 3. AGM Treasurer's report**
 - a. Gordon Area 12/24** Patrick Winsbury unable to attend. Julia explained NHW K&H use of the account. The bank balance at AGM 2023 = \$5444.46 less website costs plus KerbWatch, driveway stencil and other 'pay-it-forward' contributions = Balance at AGM 2024 = \$6468.79 (= E Killara \$462.15 + K&H online \$1188.40 + K&H \$990.11 + Gordon \$3779.10 + Area 23 \$49.03).
 - b. Repayment to Julia Eagles** for NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby KerbWatch expenses will be taken to the next NHW K&H meeting in January.
 - c. It was agreed** to pay Gordon Baptist Church \$150 as payment for the Garden Square rooms for this year's AGM and 2023's.
- 4. 2025 onwards** - Julia gave a background to the proposals. The aim is to put all the effort from NHW Gordon/Killara/E Killara into the command's NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby. NHW K&H are doing a lot online (website, Facebook, weekly eNewsletter) and it is believed that this up-to-date information is more beneficial to the community. We hope that volunteers with NHW G/K/EK will assist with NHW K&H.
 - a. Proposal 1** - to wind down the groups. Votes were taken by a show of hands: For 14. Against 0. Bruce commented that he believed this was the correct decision. He said it is time to move on from delivering printed newsletters.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property) 000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers) 1800 333 000
REPORT NON-EMERGENCY/POLICE TO ATTEND NON-URGENTLY (Police Assistance Line) 131 444
POLICE COMMUNITY PORTAL (Online reporting of minor crime/lost property) portal.police.nsw.gov.au
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station) 9476 9799
TTY - To ask for Police, type PPP 106
SPEAK AND LISTEN 1 800 555 727

ENGLISH

For a pdf in your inbox, email us [here](mailto:au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org).

31 December, from NSW Police: Heading in to the city for New Year's Eve? Here's what you need to know:

- 🚧 With significant road closures and special event clearway parking restrictions in effect across the city, access to car parks and street parking is limited. Attendees should leave the car at home and catch public transport instead.
- 🚆 From 3pm until midnight, trains will not stop at Circular Quay Station. Event goers heading to the harbour will need to catch transport to Wynyard, Town Hall or Martin Place and continue on foot.
- 🚇 Metro stations in the city are located at Barangaroo, Martin Place, Gadigal (near Town Hall) and Central. Services will run every 10 minutes then every 4 minutes from midday through until 2am on New Year's Day then every 5-10 minutes.
- 🚌 Thousands of extra buses will run on major routes from 3pm on New Year's Eve, with more services from 8pm and after midnight fireworks, running until 3am. Remember, buses will be affected by road closures so you may need to walk further than normal to reach your chosen vantage point.
- 🚢 Ferries fill up fast, with some stopping early for events on Sydney Harbour. Limited services run after midnight, so have a backup transport plan ready.
- 🚕 Demand for taxis will high be on New Year's Eve, so please be patient while in queues at taxi ranks. Taxi ranks within the road closure area around the harbour will not be accessible.
- 🚗 There are no designated rideshare pick up or drop off points in the city. We strongly encourage all rideshare users to coordinate a pick up location well outside of the city road closures.

For more information, visit 👉 transportnsw.info/sydney-nye

30 December, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group:

Apologies I'm posting this so late but if you own a TVR (number plate 96 - TVR) that was parked in the B1 car park in St Ives Shopping Village on Monday 23rd, I saw someone reverse into your car. It's possible that your bumper and bonnet weren't badly damaged or even damaged at all because I couldn't see from where I was a distance away, but I saw the male passenger get out, look to see if there was damage, then indicate to the female driver to move forward. Their car literally came out from under yours when she did. I've got their number plate and photos for evidence if you need them. Hopefully your car is fine.

30 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group: DOGS IN GARIGAL NP

I have been a long time resident of East Lindfield and regularly walk the twin creeks track . Recently and for the very first time I saw a Lyrebird near the track . As you may know, the lyrebird is the symbol of East Lindfield primary school and the NPWS and was once

prolific in this area . The urbanisation of the area plus introduction of domestic animals and foxes have reduced their numbers to near extinction. The twin creeks track within the NP has numerous signs prohibiting dogs in the NP

Despite these signs it appears that people either through ignorance or sense of entitlement totally ignore these signs and walk their dogs in the park - mostly unleashed !! We live in a beautiful part of Sydney and it is a shame that our local wildlife is diminishing from the careless attitude of our residents

Signs prohibiting dogs in NPs are for a reason- domestic animals and wildlife are not compatible in NPs

I feel compelled to post these comments after reading a story in today's SMH about a lady called Julie Keating who has devoted her life to protection of bird life from domestic animals in Maianbar on the southern side of the Port Hacking river adjoining the royal NP - her attitude and work is something that the residents and visitors to the East Lindfield area should consider when enjoying our natural beauty and wildlife.

29 December, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community: 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. "Graffiti is becoming an increasingly pressing issue in almost every area of Hornsby, particularly along major roads, town centres, public spaces, and community facilities....

Read more [here](#).

29 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: An extensive crime scene was set up after reports a body had been found in bushland in Sydney's north - however, the remains weren't human.

DETAILS  [here](#). [Apologies, this is behind a paywall - Ed]



29 December, from Australian Signals Directorate: New device checklist:

- ✓ Turned it on
- ✓ Set it up
- ✗ Secured it against cybercriminals?

These tips can help protect your information from common cyber security threats. How many can you tick off?

- Set a strong PIN, passhrase or biometrics to lock your device
- Set up automatic backups
- Check automatic updates are on and install updates as soon as possible
- Check antivirus is installed and working
- Avoid using free or public Wi-Fi
- Only install reputable software
- Turn off Bluetooth and Wi-Fi when you are not using them
- Reset old devices before selling or getting rid of them

Tag someone who just got a new device to help step up their security 🙌

28 December, from Transport Accident Report - Australia Wide: We've all blocked a number after receiving an unwanted text or call, but if you see +61 444 444 444 pop up on your phone, it is important you do not block this one.

This phone number is linked to Emergency Alert, a national telephone warning system used by emergency services across the country to send voice messages to landlines and text messages to mobiles within a specific area to warn people about current emergencies. Emergency Alert is not used in all situations, so it's important to rely on more than just one source of emergency information.



26 December, from NHW Turramurra: We received a message today from a resident:
My beautiful Japanese Maple tree in a pot was stolen from my front yard in Konda Place, Turramurra between Christmas Eve night and early morning 26 December. I was too upset to go ask neighbours about cctv. Will ask tomorrow.

26 December, from Australian Federal Police: Don't let a fake deal knock you out this Boxing Day 🛒👛

The AFP are urging consumers to take the time to check their online safety shopping checklist.

Add this to your cart:

- 🛒 Always use a secure payment platform which has customer protection, such as PayPal or credit cards;

- 🛒 Avoid requests for direct bank transfers or payments through gift cards or cryptocurrency;
- 🛒 Search directly for the official website of the organisation – don't rely on ads or the top search results;
- 🛒 Look for a website address that starts with 'https' and features a closed padlock symbol;
- 🛒 Research the seller and look for customer reviews on independent websites;
- 🛒 Avoid websites which don't have any terms and conditions, ABN or privacy policy; and
- 🛒 Be cautious of emails or messages from retailers that ask you to click on links to verify your order. Legitimate companies will not request this.

If you believe you are the victim of a cybercrime, you should notify your financial institution and report it to police immediately via ReportCyber at www.cyber.gov.au.

26 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Wednesday):

Merry Christmas everyone. Sadly, I was awoken last night with these hooded people trying to get into our house. We have a very advanced security system, but I wanted to make everyone aware they're scoping the area. We live in the avenues in East Lindfield.



24 December, from 1000LifeHacks.com:

life hacks

If you are always worrying if you did something after leaving home, like locking the door or turning off the stove, get in the habit of speaking out the actions as you do it. Saying "I'm turning the stove off." while you do it creates a more concrete memory and will put your mind at ease.

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1000LifeHacks.com

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**.

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 [here](#).

24 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group :

Just an update - went by today on the off-chance my kayak had been returned (it hadn't 😞) and noticed all watercraft now have a new sticker. So another month (23 Jan) before they are disposed of.

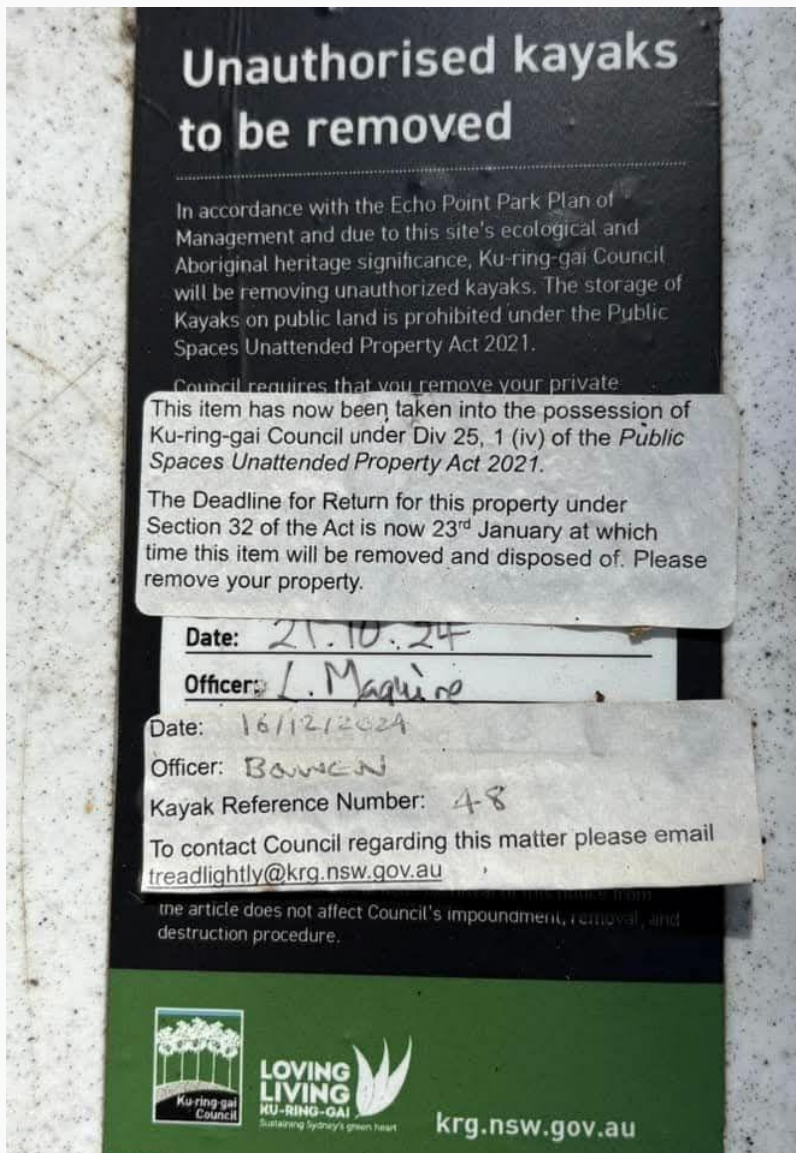
Council are clearing kayaks from the foreshore around Echo point park beach in Roseville

Chase. A notice was put up giving 8 weeks notice warning they would be confiscated. Council has not yet done so - the 8 weeks was yesterday.

To be fair, most look like they've been unused for years, but sadly my kayak, which I used regularly, I found had been stolen when I went to remove it today. It was there last week. No other kayaks have been removed. I appreciate this is a risk I took leaving it in a public place, but it's still disappointing someone would deliberately cut the lock and steal it. To give the benefit of the doubt, maybe they took it because they thought council was going to confiscate it anyway, so if you took it - I'd really love to have it back - to store at home. It's hard to miss - it's pink.

It is a pity there is no official kayak storage in the area, as the stairs make it impractical to carry a kayak down for a paddle. I would happily pay a fee. As a leash free area, it's a rare opportunity to be able to take my dog out with me as well.





For more information visit [here](#).

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Frequently Asked Questions #13 HOW SHOULD I REPORT HOONS?

1. If you hear a car being driven in a reckless manner and are able to see the incident, it is helpful if you can obtain any details at all.
 2. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, call triple zero '000', or the Police Assistance Line (PAL), or report it to the local police station and ask for advice – see phone numbers below.
 3. Record all incidents and those details listed below.
 4. Possibly take a photo or make video if this can be done safely – never place yourself in danger or at risk when trying to gather evidence.
 5. Consider installing quality CCTV at your residence and/or dash cam in your vehicle for recordings that can act as proof.
 6. Talk with your neighbours. See if you can band together, help get the hoon details, support one another.
 7. Phone Crime Stoppers NSW 1800 333 000 with all collated information. All calls are
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treated confidentially.

For what to report and further information on laws etc, see the FAQ#13 [here](#).

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.



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](#)

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[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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