



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #698 - 25 February 2025

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](#).

23 February, from NSW Historic Police Museum

[Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force](#) , now who would have thought that it is now 43 years since the introduction of Random Breath Testing... Going back in 1982 NSW became the first jurisdiction in the World to introduce Random Breath Testing, prior to the introduction of the testing, Police could only stop a motorist due to their manner of driving..... Attached are a couple of photo displayed in the local news paper to alert locals of the issue at the time.... Senior Constables Geoff Doring and Kerry Pope carrying out RBT on it`s first initiation at Tweed Heads.... Memories we hold from so far back..

courtesy Kerry Pope



21 February, from NSW Police Force

Earlier today the [Marine Area Command](#) officially commissioned three new Class 3 vessels into service, enhancing the force's offshore capabilities. During a special ceremony at Marine Area Command, the Sea Hawk, Sea Dragon, and Sea Eagle were blessed and launched by Minister for Police and Counter-Terrorism [Yasmin Catley MP](#), Commissioner Karen Webb, and Marine Area Command Crime Manager Detective Inspector Siobhan Munro.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).



18 February, from Australian Federal Police

Three men with alleged links to Iranian organised crime have been charged for their alleged involvement in the importation of 110kg of methamphetamine, made into 400 boxes used to hold hip flasks.

An investigation began when [Australian Border Force](#) intercepted the boxes in an air cargo shipment sent from southwest Asia.

After identifying and removing the illicit drugs, the AFP facilitated a controlled delivery of the consignment. Further inquiries identified the alleged involvement of an Iranian organised crime syndicate.

When investigating police conducted a number of search warrants, they allegedly located an active clandestine laboratory, which was dismantled by [NSW Police Force](#).

Inquiries are ongoing.



18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

Officers from Ku-ring-gai PAC had a fantastic time visiting Studio Artes today, spending time with the talented students and joining in on the fun! Always great

to connect with our community. 🤝



18 February, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Ageing with Dignity: Empowering our Elders

A FREE community forum being held at Hornsby Council on the 13th of March 2025. English, Spanish and Mandarin sessions available.

Bookings essential: scan the QR code to register.

Ageing with Dignity:

FREE FORUM

EMPOWERING OUR ELDERS

Come and enjoy refreshments while participating in this FREE community forum. Participate in the case study and hear from the experts on seniors rights and support services.

Venue:
Hornsby Council Admin building,
296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

Date:
Thursday 12 March 2025

Bookings essential:
Scan QR Code to register

Details:

- Morning session (in English): 10am – 12pm
Registration from 9.30am
- Afternoon sessions: 1pm – 3pm
Registration from 12.30pm. (One session in Spanish and one in Mandarin)

Light refreshments will be provided from 12pm.

For more information please contact:
Spanish/English:
Justine - 0412 359 877
justine.swana@optusnet.com.au
Mandarin/English:
CASS - 9789 4587
help@cass.org.au




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赋权我们的长者

免费活动

您将有机会参与并讨论有关长者权利和社区支持服务的案例研究。并聆听来自相关领域的专家的意见。

地点:
霍恩斯比市政厅
296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

日期:
星期四, 2025年3月13日

报名方式, 请速注册:
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Envejecer con dignidad:

EMPODERANDO A NUESTROS MAYORES DE EDAD

UN FORO GRATUITO

Venga a discutir de un caso de estudio sobre los derechos de los mayores y los servicios de apoyo comunitario.

Participará en un estudio de caso y escuchará de los expertos en los derechos y servicios de apoyo para los mayores de edad.

Lugar:
Hornsby Council Admin building,
296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

Fecha:
Jueves 12 de marzo 2025

Reservación:




24 February, from NSW Fair Trading

We have introduced a new information requirement for lithium-ion battery-powered e-micromobility vehicles.

If you buy or hire an e-micromobility vehicle like an e-bike or e-scooter in NSW, the supplier must provide you with essential safety information. This includes details for safe use, charging, storage, fire prevention, and recycling.

For more information, visit site [here](#).




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24 February, from PCYC Mt Druit

Our next FULLY FUNDED Safer Drivers Course is on this Saturday 1st March at 9am.


If you are under 25 and have at least 50 hours in your log book, contact the club on 9628 2628, or inbox us to book in!!

Here is the [link](#).



PCYC 

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE
RECEIVE 20 BONUS HOURS
IN YOUR LOGBOOK
& LEARN HOW TO
IDENTIFY ROADSIDE
HAZARDS.



 PCYC NSW is an accredited provider of the Transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course.


The Safer Drivers Course logo is a trade mark of Transport for NSW of 18 Lee St Chippendale NSW Australia.

24 February, from Burwood Police Area Command: Scammers target seniors - Stay Sharpe, stay safe and never give out personal details!

Watch video [here](#).

24 February, from Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page group yesterday (Sunday):

I lost my prescription glasses on 597 Bus to Hornsby, last Monday. They were very expensive and they would not suit other people because both my eyes are different! It was a 7:10 am bus. Yes, I've contacted Transdev and lost Property. Nothing has come back!  it was a blue case with blue glasses rims! I am desperate!

23 February, from 9news.com.au: 'North Shore Rapist' charged with assaulting teenage girl in Sydney pharmacy

Graham James Kay, dubbed the 'North Shore Rapist' is back behind bars tonight, accused of sexually touching a teenage girl in the Sydney CBD.

Police were called to a chemist on George Street in Sydney about 6pm on Friday after reports that a 16-year-old girl was allegedly sexually touched by a man inside the pharmacy.

Police began an investigation and executed a search warrant in the early hours of the morning at an apartment in Blacktown.

More here.



22 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community Group:

Total long shot but I've looked everywhere else....

About 3-4 weeks ago I think we may have left my sons helmet at Rofe park (my partner probably put it on the roof of the car while strapping in the kids then drove off, it's happened before 🙄).

It's a red Scott brand helmet. Any chance anyone picked it up?



21 February, from The Hills Police Area Command: 🚨 Arrest Made in Major Theft Case 🚨

Hills Police have made a significant breakthrough in a major theft investigation!

On 20 February 2025, officers arrested a 41-year-old suspect in connection with a series of thefts, including a break and enter at a residence in Dural. The stolen items included luxury vehicles, a safe containing cash, watches, jewellery, handbags, and clothing, with a total value exceeding \$500,000. 🚗💡

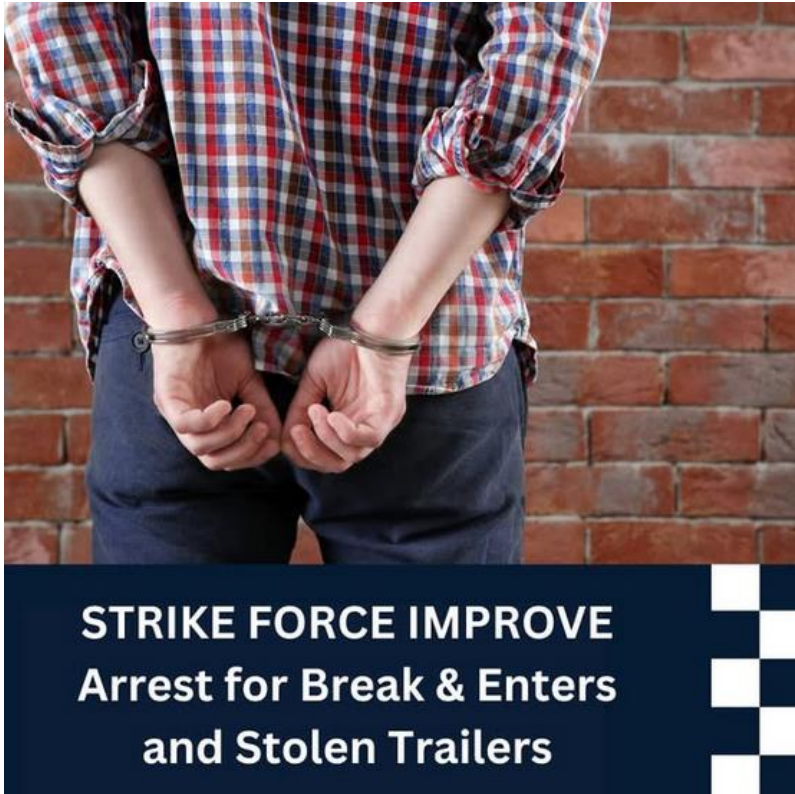


The suspect was apprehended while driving away from a known associate's home. A search of the vehicle allegedly revealed a small amount of prohibited drugs, clothing worn during a recent theft, and items stolen from another residence in Castle Hill. Further stolen items were also found at the associate's home.

The suspect has been charged with multiple offences, including possession of prohibited drugs, break and enter, and theft. They have been refused bail and will appear in court today at Parramatta Local Court.

Police are continuing their efforts to locate and arrest other individuals involved in these crimes. If you have any information that could assist with this investigation, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 📞 1800 333 000 or visit their website. All information is treated with the utmost confidentiality. 🗝️

Thank you for your continued support and assistance! 🙏



20 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard Group yesterday (Wednesday):

I've had two lawnmowers stolen from the front of my yard on Somerville Road. 1x Ryobi lawn mower and 1x Victa w/ no catcher.

These weren't for free and were right up against the fence with other items.

Please return these, otherwise I'll be checking local cameras.

19 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Suspicious Activity in Your Neighbourhood?

- ◆ Cars coming and going at odd hours? 🚗
- ◆ Excessive foot traffic to one house? 🚶 🏠
- ◆ Lights on 24/7? 💡

These could be signs of illegal activity, like drug dealing or a drug lab.

If it doesn't feel right, trust your instincts.

Report 🌐 Online or 📞 1800 333 000

💡 See something, say something. Let's keep our communities safe. 🙋



18 February, from ACCC Product Safety

⚠️ Serious injuries and incidents continue to occur due to the Cygnett MagMove 5K power bank overheating and catching fire.

Check if your power bank is recalled and stop use immediately.

Learn more and share with your friends, link [here](#).



RECALL

**Cygnett MagMove
5K Power Bank**

CAN OVERHEAT AND CATCH FIRE
People have been seriously injured

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 January - Thursday 03 July: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Tuesday 25 February: FREE online webinar for carers and parents of Year 7 (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school. Info & registration [here](#).

Thursday 27 February: 10-12 Mandarin. 1-3pm English. @ Gordon Library. Intro to online shopping and banking – Part one

Sunday 02 March: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 19 March: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Algorithms and adolescents: the rewards and risks of recommender systems for young people. Info & registration [here](#).

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'I NOSTRI 20 PREFERITI SUGGERIMENTI PER LA PREVENZIONE DEL CRIMINE (Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Socially Isolated)?'

Tip #3. Considerare di iscriversi con il proprio Neighbourhood Watch locale-

chiedere informazioni

all'ufficiale della prevenzione di crimine (Crime Prevention Officer- CPO),

stazione di polizia

Hornsby 9476 9799

Tip# 7. Red Cross Telecross Service 1300 885 698 chiama i solitari quotidianamente. Questi danno la sicurezza di essere indipendente attraverso contatto umano giornaliero. redcross.org.au/telecross

Tip #8. Se si vive da solo, richiedere dettagli del prossimo parente (Next of Kin register) dalla stazione di polizia Hornsby- 9476 9799.

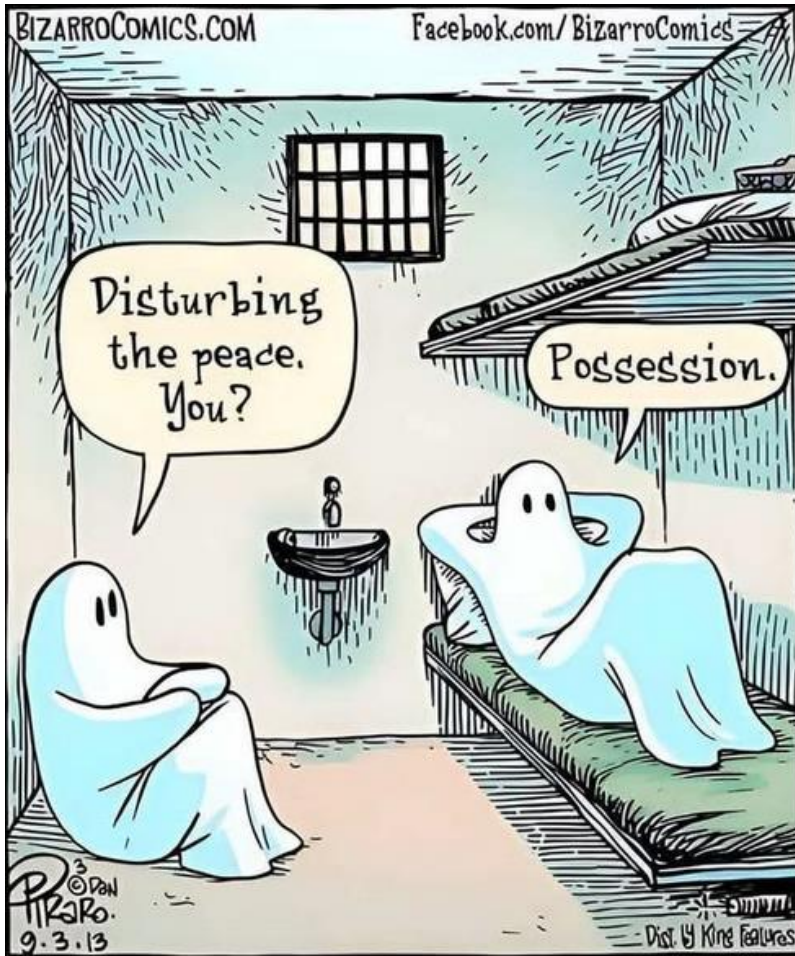
Tip #10. NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit (assistenza telefonica e settore di risorse per il maltrattamento di anziani NSW) 1800 628 221. EAHRU fornisce informazione, sostegno e referenze relative al maltrattamento di anziani a NSW. Chiunque può fare una chiamata. elderabusehelpline.com.au.

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS, with reasoning etc, see the 20 Tips [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.



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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.
