



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #701 - 18 March 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 <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.
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17 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below male who believe may be able to assist with enquires in relation to an Intimidation & Malicious damage incident that occurred at approximately 8:00am on 12th March 2025 at Pymble Railway Station.

The male is described as Caucasian appearance, approximately 25-30 years of age, skinny build with longer wavy red hair and moustache, wearing a green tee shirt, green shorts, black backpack and black sunglasses.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact **Hornsby Police station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime stoppers: 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au** Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



16 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below female who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a stealing that occurred on the 15th of February in Gordon.

The female is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 50 years of age, medium build with medium length blonde hair wearing a khaki coloured dress and black tights.

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15 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below female who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a stealing that occurred on the 26th of February in Mount Colah.

The female is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 50 years of age, medium build wearing a sand coloured bucket hat, a brown coloured dress and a jumper wrapped around her waist.

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14 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below male who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to a stealing that occurred on the 22nd of February in Hornsby.

The male is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 60 years of age, medium build with short brown/grey hair wearing a black button up shirt, brown pants and white shoes.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact **Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or** <u>nsw.crimestoppers.com.au</u> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.





13 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Police are seeking the identity of the below female who they believe may be able to assist them with enquiries in relation to multiple stealing's that occurred over the past month in Hornsby.

The female is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 60-70 years of age, medium build with medium length wavy blonde hair.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact **Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or** <u>nsw.crimestoppers.com.au</u> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.





12 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Are you a money mule?

Scammers are targeting international students. If someone has approached you, offering you money to do minimal work and use your bank account, think again. Money mules are primarily recruited through cyber fronts – fictitious online companies that appear legitimate or spam advertisements. Whether or not people are aware of their role as a mule, individuals may face prosecution by law enforcement as their assistance is a

crime. In Australia, participating in money muling is a serious criminal offence. If convicted, you can face anywhere from 12 months to life in prison.

How to protect yourself

- Be suspicious of anyone who wants to use your account to receive and send money
- Never give your account details to someone you don't know and trust
- Be cautious of unsolicited emails, offers or jobs promising easy money.

The following posters have been created by the AFP in Simplified Chinese, Hindi, Vietnamese and Punjabi.





09 March, from NSW Police: Great news!!!

A 56-year-old man reported missing to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command after he was last seen at Westleigh about 12am on Thursday 6 March 2025 has been located safe and well. Police would like to thank the public and the media for their assistance.

09 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Four teens charged following alleged stabbingHornsby

Four teens have been charged following an alleged stabbing in Sydney's north. About 3pm yesterday, Saturday 8 March 2025, emergency services responded to reports of an assault at a shopping centre on the Pacific Highway, Hornsby. Police were told a 21-year-old man, and a 27-year-old woman were approached by two teenage girls and three teenage boys who allegedly began assaulting the man. The woman was also allegedly assaulted when she came to the man's aid. The man suffered a stab wound to the leg and had personal belongings allegedly stolen. He was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. Officers attached to Ku-ring Gai Police area Command, Hornsby Police Transport Command and The Hills Police Area Command were able to locate four of the five alleged offenders a short time later at a shopping centre in Castle Hill.

The four teens were taken to Castle Hill Police station where they were charged as follows:

16-year-old boy charged with aggravated robbery with wounding

16-year-old boy charged with robbery in company and assault occasioning actual bodily harm in company

16-year-old boy charged with robbery in company

15-year-old girl charged with accessory before and after to robbery in company The three boys were refused bail to appear before a Children's Court today, Sunday 9 March 2025. The girl was released on conditional bail to appear before a Children's Court on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

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.





18 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Have you heard about TAFE's Introduction to Cyber Security Course?

Everyone is more prone to cyber-attacks in today's interconnected world. Cyber security is the responsibility of everyone. Whether you're interested in the new area of cyber security as a professional, or just interested in understanding cyber safety, this introduction to cyber security course gives you an overview. It explores cyber security threats along with the broader topic of cyber security in a way that will resonate with you. For instance, you'll learn what are vulnerabilities and risks, how to stay cyber safe, what are the common cyber threats, and career opportunities in cyber security. In this introductory course, you will also understand the adversaries and motivations of cyber attackers. There are no prerequisites for this Microskill course.

Click here for more information. FREE

Key topics include:

- What is cyber security?
- Careers in cyber security
- Common cyber security threats
- Vulnerabilities and risks
- Adversaries and their motivations
- Staying cyber safe

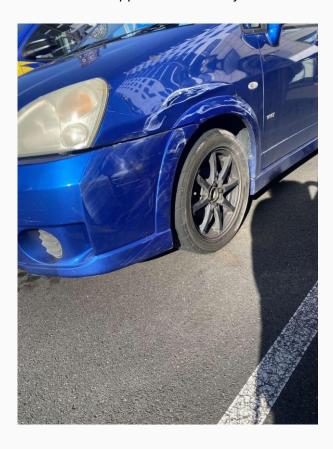
Duration: 3 hours

Delivery: Online (self-paced)

Access period: 4 months access from the day of enrolment

18 March, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:

Hi if anyone has dash cam footage or knows of a driver in a white Ute, who crashed into a blue Suzuki on Ryde Road near Yanko Road. Wasn't able to identify the number plate as he took off. it happened on Monday 17th March around 8am-8:10am.



17 March, from Neighbourhood watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (K&H): Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby is not expressing a political

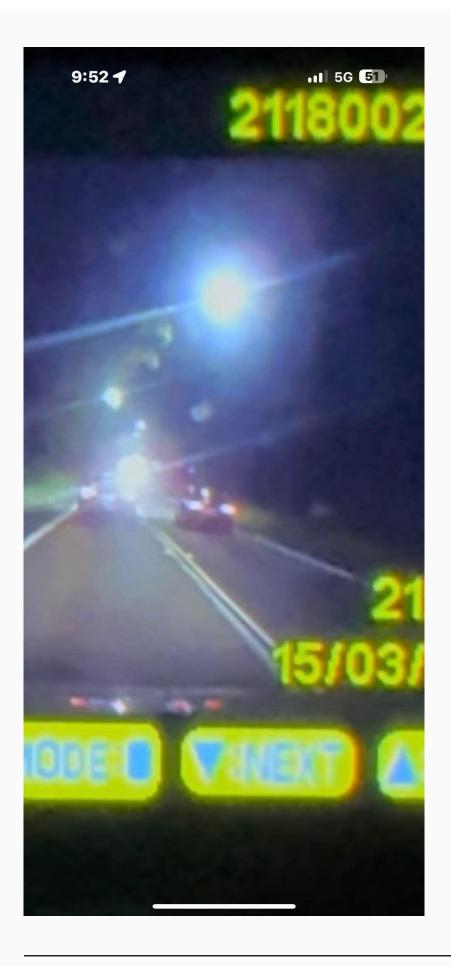
We know residents sometimes have problems with dog walkers not picking up and thought they needed a smile. We like the play on words that's all $\stackrel{\smile}{\hookrightarrow}$

Please don't forget to use the bins when walking the Dog 🦮



16 March, from Turramurra NHW: Shared with permission from the Hornsby /Waitara Community Group:

Around 9:15 Saturday night 15/03 on Burns Rd, Turramurra heading towards Wahroonga. A Black Audi sedan Green P plater was driving behind me very close to my car and the minute we get onto the straight strip of double lines he speeds up to around 85km near missing a car coming other way up on the hill. If this is your child I would be very disappointed. Teach your child how to drive safely. I hope this reach's the parents and warns other people. Because not gonna is that person only gonna hurt themselves but also innocent people thanks to people driving like that.



16 March, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: From the grapevine this week:

Boundary Rd, Wahroonga - a door was left ajar to get the cat in for bedtime and cash, jewellery and a handbag were stolen. The handbag was found in a neighbouring street, with credit cards still inside.

Aveo, Lindfield Gardens - 3 units were entered into whilst occupants were sleeping with the door open and unlocked screen doors.

Please lock all doors and windows at night, even when hot. Don't rely on a fly screen - it should be a security screen. You can buy window locks that can secure a window in an open position with the maximum-recommended 10cm gap. 29

16 March, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard Board:

Hi all, Has anyone in the area had their tyres slashed recently? We have had two tyres on the one car slashed recently. Was interior of tyres so definitely intentional. Hadn't been out to the car for a few days so this must have happened in the past few days. Along Bouvardia St Asquith.

If you have any information or have a dash cam/house camera and were in that area recently/within the last week, please comment and I'll send you a dm, we would be most appreciative of any information!

Unfortunately this comes after someone hit and damaged-beyond-repair our previous parked car a few months ago in a very similar area (without a note left). Thank you!

15 March, from 9News.com.au: 'He would give you the world': Father, 39, identified as body found at Sydney paddock

John Birch, 39, has been identified as the body found at a paddock in Sydney's northwest as police work on a new theory surrounding his death. Officers were searching for a missing man when they found suspected human remains under a tarp near a home in Glenorie about 11am yesterday.

Full media coverage of the arrests here.



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15 March, from NSW Police: MEDIA ADVISORY: Investigations underway after human remains found - The Hills

Friday, 14 March 2025 03:23:54 PM

Investigations are underway after what is believed to be human remains was located in the The Hills today.

About 11.35am (Friday 14 March 2025) officers from The Hills Police Area Command attended a home on Gleness Place, Glenorie, as part of inquiries into a missing man. On arrival, officers located what is believed to be human remains. A crime scene has been established and investigations have commenced into the circumstances surrounding incident, which will be assisted by officers from SCC's Homicide Squad.

The incident is being treated as suspicious. A short time later, three people – two men and a woman – were arrested nearby and are assisting police with inquiries.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. No further information is available at this time.

14 March, from NHW K&H: Gay and Julia spoke this morning at the West Ku-ring-gai Probus Club at Killara Bowling Club.

They outlined what NHW K&H do, then answered questions and gave advice about crime prevention "hardening the target". Probus members made goodie bags with the "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips" series, Little Black Book of Scams, No Junk Mail stickers, etc.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Gemma Stokes, gave this advice for the meeting:

Be aware of people trying house and car doors. Always lock your doors.

Current issues with youth antisocial behaviour. Especially in Gordon.

Report. Report. Report.

New knife laws have given metal detector wands to officers, for use in certain places, eg shopping centres, stations. Now knives have tougher penalties.

Some good questions at the meeting:

How do you get a junction's traffic priorities changed? Email the Council's Traffic Committee, including explanatory maps and your suggestions. krg@krg.nsw.gov.au Do you need council permission to paint white lines at the edge of your driveway? No. Kuring-gai Council have supplied NHW K& H with the appropriate regulation, and fully support our loaning of kits to residents.

I keep getting asked for a birth date on company websites - what should I do? It is usually a required field, but not a legal requirement (such as for a government website), so simply put 01 January.

Have a look at the literature, plus request your Little Black Book of Scams, or No Junk Mail sticker via our website: **au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/take-it/**



14 March, from NHW K&H: Some worrying statistics in this article, thanks to NRMA Open Road.



13 March, from Singapore Airlines: [Advisory]

Effective 1st April 2025, Singapore Airlines customers will not be allowed to charge portable power banks via the onboard USB ports, or use power banks to charge their personal devices, throughout the duration of the flight. The SIA Group complies with the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations regarding the carriage of power banks, which are classified as lithium batteries. This means power banks must be carried in cabin baggage on all SIA flights and are not permitted in checked baggage. Customers may bring power banks with a capacity of up to 100Wh without special approval, while those between 100Wh and 160Wh require airline approval. We seek customers' understanding that safety will always be our top priority. First posted 12 March 2025, 1200hrs.

13 March, from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation: What is sextortion?

Sextortion is a form of online blackmail where a person is tricked into sending a sexual image of themselves and then threatened with having their image shared unless the blackmailer's demands are met. Learn more about this crime type and how it affects young people in Australia.

Read more here.



12 March, from NHW K&H: Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for organising another great Everything for Seniors Expo at Turramurra Uniting Church today.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby had a very successful stall, with 73 visitors logged, 12 sets of car rego plate locking screws given away, 20 Little Book of Scams, and all of our supply of our Neighbourhood Watch brochure and 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors' used up. Some good questions which we'll share in another post. Thank you to Gay, David, Mary and Julia.



11 March, from 9News.com.au: Police say Sydney caravan discovery 'part of a fabricated terrorism plot'

Federal police have revealed the caravan filled with explosives found on the side of the road in north-western Sydney was a "fake terrorism plot" that aimed to cause fear in the Jewish community, but there was no risk of a mass casualty event. Police launched several raids this morning in relation to recent antisemitic attacks and arrested 14 people who were charged with 49 offences. While giving an update on the arrests, Australian Federal Police revealed that the caravan that was found full of explosives in Dural in January was an attempt driven by organised criminals to threaten the Jewish community rather than stage a terror attack...

Full media coverage here.

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**.

Wednesday 19 March: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ Edenborough Park, Lindfield for residents of: Abingdon Rd, Burton Pl, Dunstan Gr, Eton Rd, Grosvenor Rd, Hamilton Cnr, Ivey St, Kimo St, Lyle Ave, Roxy Pl, Shout Ridge, Tubbs View, Winchester Ave, Edenborough Rd, Bent St. Info & to register here.

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 <u>here</u>.

Sunday 23 March: Ku-ring-gai PAC & NHW K&H @ Ku-ring-gai Council's Multicultural Festival @ St Ives Showground. 10am-3pm. Crime Prevention stall, kids activities (Photo Booth, deress-ups & colouring-in).

Wednesday 26 March: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ Hamilton Park, Turramurra for residents of: Barellan Ave, Kissing Point Rd, Mitchell Cr, Monteith St, Rothwell Rd, Shand Cr, Tamboon Ave, Waratah Rd. Info & to register here.

Wednesday 02 April: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ Pleasant Avenue Reserve, East Lindfield for residents of: Ailsa Cl, Badarene Pl, Bardia Pl, Carlyle Rd, Crete Pl, Damour Ave, Johore Pl, Loombah Ave, Mayfair Pl, Namoi Pl, Ormonde Rd, Robinson St, Tryon Rd, Ulmarra Pl, Wellington Rd. Info & to register here.

Wednesday 14 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration here.

Wednesday 21 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Safety 101: How eSafety can Help You. Info & registration here.

Wednesday 28 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Sexual Extortion: What Parents & Carers Need to Know. Info & registration here.

Wednesday 03 June: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration here.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Fire Issues":

Tip #5: Please be alert around schools during the school holiday periods and at weekends. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone **School Security Unit: 1300 880 021.**

Tip#6: For businesses, include arson in your Business Risk Assessment Plan and include arson risk reduction strategies in your Risk Management Plan.

Tip #9: Maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. If you underestimate the value of your property, any payout may be reduced accordingly.

Tip #11: 'Vandalism-motivated arson' is a spontaneous category involving peer pressure. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

Tip #18: Beware plug-in room sprays, wheat bags, room heaters, Christmas tree lights, and other notorious fire risk products. Subscribe to NSW Fair Trading alerts concerning dangerous products and product recalls: fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

See also ACCC Product recalls here.

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS series see here.

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 the Last Governor





Thanks to Funny Memes Jokes & Deals

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

Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

WatchOut!

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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