




**Neighbourhood Watch
Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby****eNewsletter #703 - 01 April 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.

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01 April, 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 26th of February inside Westfield Hornsby.

The male is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 40 years of age, skinny build wearing a bike helmet, an orange high-vis shirt and jeans, carrying a backpack and pushing a bike.

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.



01 April, from the Rural Crime Prevention Team: Officers attached to the Rural Crime Prevention Team would like to assist firearm holders to ensure guns are stored correctly in gun safes that are bolted or fixed to the property, comply with legislation and keep your gun safe key on your person and not hidden at your property.

Things that you could do is:

- 🏠 Ensure the premises where you store your firearms are solid with sturdy lockable doors and windows
- 🔑 Ensure your gun safe key is kept on your person, lock ammunition in a container kept separate to the firearms
- 👁️ Check your firearms regularly, and
- 🗣️ Do not advertise you have firearms on social media, open discussions in public places or showing your firearms to others.

If you would like further information on safe storage of your firearms, please visit [here](#).

FIREARM SAFE STORAGE



You must store your firearm in an inhabited dwelling or put in place additional safe storage

INHABITED DWELLING

(Home or a principal place of residence)



Do you safely store your firearms at home or another's home, (for example, a farm manager or employee residing on your property?)

If so, there's no change to your safe storage facilities

UNINHABITED DWELLING

(Hobby or secondary farm)



Do you want to safely store your firearms at your hobby or secondary farm, or out of sight of your house?

Then you need additional safe storage

SAFE

- Must be approved type
- Fitted with an alarm with off-site monitoring (including via 'smart' technology)



FIREARMS

- Secured individually in the safe
- Fitted with trigger or barrel lock



PREMISES

- Intruder alarm and doors facilities monitored off-site (including via 'smart' technology)



31 March, from The Hills command: #Manythanks to motorists in The Hills who contacted us today to report the behaviour of this motorist.

We were originally called to a 'concern for welfare' given this drivers behaviour outside of his vehicle, and upon locating him in the vehicle, police will allege he was pursued for a short time, where police lost sight of the vehicle. Based on reports from motorists we caught up with him on Windsor Road, and Old Windsor Road, where he was later pursued onto Memorial Ave and intercepted / arrested by police. He was later taken to Castle Hill Police Station and then onto Blacktown Hospital. He is pending service of Future Court Attendance Notices for 2 x 'Police Pursuit / Dangerous Driving', 'Possess Prohibited Drug', and his drivers licence has been suspended. He will appear at the Parramatta Local Court 18 May 2025. If you have any #DashCamera footage please send to Castle Hill Police by emailing HillsGaso@police.nsw.gov.au, or contacting police to come around with a portable drive to download the footage - **9680 5367**.



31 March, from NSW Historic Police Museum: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force, Certificate of competency to operate radar speed detection units Nov 1974.

John Currie STP days at Hornsby.

New South Wales
Police Department
14-24 COLLEGE STREET - SYDNEY

BOX 42 G.P.O.
SYDNEY 2001
TEL. 33 8177 EXT.
REF.

15th November, 1974.




CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY TO
OPERATE RADAR SPEED DETECTION UNITS

I hereby certify that John Leslie CURRIE,
a member of the New South Wales Police Force has
successfully completed an intensive Radar Operators'
Training Course, which covered all operations and
techniques necessary to accurately determine the
velocity of moving vehicles.

He is now competent in the use of Radar Speed Detection
Units operated by the New South Wales Police Department.

Commissioner of Police.

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Signature of Radar Operator.



01 April, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Thanks to volunteers Cloris and Jyoti for the work they have done to bring our website into this decade.

Have you had a look recently? You can find it at: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/
Please send your feedback to NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

View the fresh new look [here](#).

01 April, from North Shore Times: New figures have pinpointed the worst hot spots in NSW for youth crime.

Here's the list of which suburbs recorded the highest rates of offending 👉 <https://bit.ly/4jgjmNv>

[Behind a paywall 😞 Any of our suburbs on the list? - Ed]



Sydney's most dangerous suburbs for youth crime revealed

01 April, from the Australian Federal Police: AFP and Philippines authorities enhance efforts on boiler room crackdown

From the outside these buildings look like unassuming corporate offices, operating as legitimate call centres, which are a regular sight across Asia. Take a step inside, though, and the reality is very different. Across the floors, hundreds of scammers acting in full role-play mode adopt personas as devoted girlfriends or boyfriends, crypto enthusiasts and investment gurus, working to bait and defraud victims online from around the globe. Welcome to the world of the offshore scam centre, also referred to as a boiler room....

Full Media Release [here](#).



01 April, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group:

If you own or know the owner of this car parked on Burns Rd just near the bush school I witnessed a car scrape your car around 3:24pm on Mon 31 March. There doesn't appear to be a lot of damage however if you need details I have a pic of the car that hit you.



01 April, from Sydney Morning Herald: Taxi scams are rife – here's how to avoid them

Getting ripped off by a cab driver is an experience many of us could relate to even before a major investigation by this masthead and *60 Minutes* revealed systemic fraud within the nation's biggest taxi company, A2B. The stories on A2B – owner of 13cabs, Silver Service and Cabcharge – spurred calls to overhaul the sector from police, politicians, the judiciary and the nation's leading disability and consumer rights advocates....

Full article [here](#).

01 April, from Humans of Eastwood: As a car parking enthusiast page, this photo greatly upsets us 🤔



[We weren't sure if this was an April Fool's joke. We've learnt the space is used by motorbikes.]



Volunteer Expo 2025

Wednesday, 16 April 11am - 2pm
Gordon Library, 799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

Interested in volunteering in our community?

Come along to our Volunteer Expo and chat with organisations about opportunities in the Upper North Shore Area.

Speak to volunteers about their experiences and find a role that suits your interests and skills in areas such as:

- Building new social connections and skills
- Giving back to your community
- Building confidence and sense of purpose
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Work experience

Come and enjoy a free coffee made by our local young people. Light refreshment will be provided.

Suitable for 12 years and older.

Scan the QR Code to register for a free volunteer information pack on the day. For more info contact Lily Li at volunteers@krg.nsw.gov.au
krg.nsw.gov.au/volunteerevents



31 March, from NSW Fair Trading: Open Close It Pty Ltd fined for accepting payment without supplying goods

NSW Fair Trading has taken action against Open Close It Pty Ltd, trading as Shutters Quickly, and its Director, Mr Nicholas Paxinos, and they have now been convicted and fined in the Local Court for breaches of the Australian Consumer Law, specifically for accepting payment without supplying goods.

The court has imposed on Mr Paxinos:

- A \$5,000 fine;
- \$20,095.30 victims compensation; and
- \$5,203 in professional costs.


Open Close It Pty Ltd was sentenced in the Local Court to:

- \$5,400 fine;
- \$2,100 victims compensation; and

- \$5,203 professional costs.

For more details on consumer rights and protections, visit [here](#).

31 March, from SBS Australia: How far can you legally go to protect yourself from robbery in Australia?

 Can you legally fight back against a robber? In Australia, the law says self-defence must be "proportionate" - but what does that actually mean?

Find out [here](#).



31 March, from ThinkUKnow Australia: It's crucial for children and young people to know who they can turn to if something goes wrong online.

Our support handout is a great resource with information on where to get support and report online child sexual exploitation.

WHERE TO GET HELP AND SUPPORT

It is important to remember that nothing is so bad that you can't tell someone. You can always ask for help if something goes wrong online; you don't need to manage these issues alone. Here are a list of options to report crime as well as support services.

 <p>Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation https://www.accce.gov.au/ Provides information on online safety and ways to report online crimes.</p>	 <p>Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 https://crimestoppers.com.au/ Crime Stoppers is the trusted information receiving service to share what you know about unsolved crimes and suspicious activity without saying who you are.</p>	 <p>Police 000 131 444 Call 000 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger. Call 131 444 for police non-urgent help or your local police station.</p>
 <p>ThinkUKnow https://thinkuknow.org.au/ ThinkUKnow can provide resources on online safety as well as information and resources for reporting online crimes.</p>	 <p>eSafety Commissioner https://www.esafety.gov.au/ eSafety provides online safety resources and training for teachers, schools and communities, and can help take down serious cyberbullying material and intimate images/videos resulting from image-based abuse.</p>	 <p>Bullying, No Way! https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/ Bullying, No Way! provides information and support for students, families and school communities on understanding, preventing and responding to bullying.</p>
 <p>headspace https://headspace.org.au/ headspace focuses on youth mental health, providing information, online and phone support, as well as walk-in locations around Australia.</p>	 <p>Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 https://kidshelpline.com.au/ Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available via WebChat, phone or email anytime and for any reason.</p>	 <p>Lifeline 13 11 14 https://www.lifeline.org.au/ A national service providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour confidential support and suicide prevention.</p>
 <p>ReachOut https://au.reachout.com/ An online mental health service for young people and their parents. They can provide specially targeted information to help any young person who visits their service. There is also an online forum to chat and connect with others (aged 14-25).</p>	 <p>School support services If you need assistance, support or advice if something goes wrong, your school counselling service can help provide guidance.</p>	 <p>OLife 1800 184 527 https://olife.org.au/ A national service that provides anonymous and free LGBTI+ peer support and referral for people wanting to talk about sexuality, identity, gender, bodies, feelings or relationships.</p>

Report Support Regulatory

Email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox.

31 March, from 10 News First Sydney: A woman and three children have been stabbed in an incident at a home at Baulkham Hills.

Emergency services were called to the residence at 5:20am Monday morning after reports that multiple people had been stabbed. A 10-year-old boy, 13-year-old girl, 16-year-old girl, and a 46-year-old woman were all found with stab wounds. All four have been transported to hospital in a stable condition. It's believed all four were known to each other. NSW Police have established a crime scene and investigations remains ongoing.

31 March, from NSW Health: Nitazenes found in counterfeit oxycodone tablets in NSW.

NSW Health is warning the community about the dangers of nitazenes following the detection of nitazenes in fake oxycodone tablets in NSW. The fake oxycodone tablets were found to contain N-desethyl isotonitazene, and have been described as green round tablets, marked 'OC' on the front and '80' on the reverse, and lack a film

coating. Pharmacy-dispensed oxycodone, sold as the brand name Oxycontin, is now marked 'ON' instead of 'OC' and has a film coating. Nitazenes are extremely potent synthetic opioids which are more likely to suppress or stop breathing compared with other opioids....

Full Media Release [here](#).

28 March, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Snippets from the latest Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting, where Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby were represented by volunteers Gay and Ralph:

1. Crime stats were discussed, taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website. You can view the information using the BOCSAR 'Crime Mapping Tool' to isolate stats for a particular council LGA: <https://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>
 2. Young people from the North and West come into Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby areas, commit offences and go back home again. Sometimes the crimes are petty, like stealing shoes, pot plants, postal packages, and even potting mixes.
 3. Robbery, and Steal from Motor Vehicle offences have dropped, but number plate thefts continue.
 4. Fraud figures have dropped.
 5. In terms of car thefts, European-made cars get targeted, and also trucks, caravans, boat trailers, etc.
 6. Officers from Hornsby police station continue to be active in programs, such as 'Coffee with a Cop', Thursday Market Day, International Women's Day, and other events, with crime prevention presentations at Vinnies Fashion Parade, Studio Artes, and a traffic presentation at the HART Centre.
 8. Due to antisocial behaviour of youths, there is a suggestion that alcohol should be banned in Cameron Park. The Youth Officer is involved in cautioning the youths that drink in the park, however it is often unsuccessful due to the kids having ADHD.
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26 March, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety

Awareness: OBSERVATION- How to use your eyes more effectively. 🧐

Most road crashes with other vehicles occur because one or both of the drivers involved did not see the other vehicle in time to take appropriate action. There are five rules for using your eyes more effectively and efficiently.

Find out more [here](#). PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE 🦋🦋



Before opening a car door, look behind and over your shoulder for cyclists

1. Open the door with the hand furthest from the door handle - this is known as the **Dutch Reach**
2. Look over your shoulder to see whether a cyclist is coming

26 March, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: FREE CAR STICKERS!

Just arrived. Our new PLEASE CHECK THE CAR FOR ME car stickers. In light of the tragic incidents of children and pets being locked in Hot cars and left alone- We have created these stickers.

To be placed on the Driver door, inside the console or on the dashboard.

Please message us for your FREE CAR STICKERS- Or email:
diane.mcmurtrie@hotmail.com

(Offer only available for Australian Residents). PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE 🦋



25 March, from Berowra Neighbourhood Watch: Received a message from a resident just now:

Hi can you post on your page for some information please? Hubby's ute was broken into last night on Wyanna Street, Berowra Heights around 1am.

25 March, from ABC.net.au: Fears for DV victims as accused police officers granted bail by colleagues

A former magistrate is calling for an overhaul of the NSW Police bail system amid concerns about officers making bail decisions relating to their colleagues. David Heilpern, a former NSW magistrate who sat on the local court bench for more than 20 years, says the initial decision about granting bail for officers who are charged with a crime — especially domestic violence offences — should be made independently from police.

"It certainly is a gap in the system that hasn't been addressed," he said....

Full article [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 02 April: Ku-ring-gai Council's Child car seat safety check day. 9am - 2:30pm FREE for residents. @ Wade Lane car park. [Bookings/Info](#).

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 02 April: 计算机简介 - Introduction to Computers (TSS Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Bookings/info](#).

Tuesday 08 April: Killara High School Well-being Expo 2:30–8:00 pm. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall.

Wednesday 09 April: 6-7pm Quarterly NHW K&H Volunteers meeting #45. Followed by dinner at Magpies. New faces very welcome :)

Wednesday 09 April: 电子邮件简介 - Introduction to Email (TSS Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Bookings/Info](#).

Wednesday 16 April: 平板电脑介绍 - Introduction to Tablets (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Bookings/Info](#).

Wednesday 16 April: Volunteer Expo 2025. 11am-2pm @ Gordon Library. For everyone interested in volunteering. NHW K&H will be there.

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](#).

Wednesday 23 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ **TBC location**

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

Tip #5. Consider installing motion-activated security lighting and keep it well-maintained. Consider timer plugs for lights, TV, or radio to give the impression someone is home. Install the brightest lightbulb in the light outside your front door.

Tip #6. Get a strong letterbox and lock it with a strong lock, preferably keyed with a non-copy-able round keyed mailbox security lock. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive.

Tip #13. Windows should be solid and frames anchored securely. All windows should have keyed locks, including skylights. Don't leave keys in locks. Alternative holes can allow a locked-while-open position for ventilation. Consider replacing glass with stronger laminated glass. Be aware of the vulnerability of leadlight windows, especially to the side of a front door. Consider shutters/grilles.

Tip #18. Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property) 000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers) 1800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line) 131 444
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

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS series see [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.

01 April, from NSW Maritime: 🚩 ATTN: From today, floating roundabouts will be trialled across the state to improve boat traffic flow.



Thanks to NSW Maritime, for their April Fool's Day post

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.
