



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #708 - 06 May 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](#).

06 May, from msn.com

Two primary school-aged boys are dead, and a woman is in custody, leaving the small NSW town of Coonabarabran reeling in the wake of a “terrible tragedy”.

Officers were dispatched to the home in the Central West town just after 2pm on Monday, following “a concern for welfare”, NSW Police said in a statement. The grandmother had contacted Department of Communities and Justice and told them the children were dead, police sources not permitted to speak publicly told the Herald.

Frontline responders, both NSW Police and ambulance officers, were met with a confronting scene.

“Upon arrival, police officers attached to Orana Mid-Western Police District located two boys – aged six and seven – deceased inside the home,” NSW Police said.

Their ages were initially reported by police as eight and 10.

The children’s grandmother, 66, was taken into custody and driven to a nearby hospital.

At this stage, she has not been charged with any offence and is “assisting police” with an investigation into the deaths.

She remains under police guard in hospital.

“What has occurred is terrible, and as a state we share in the community of Coonabarabran’s grief at the loss of two young boys who had their entire futures ahead of them,” NSW Premier Chris Minns told the Herald.

05 May, from Ku-ring-gai command:

Today we proudly welcomed five new Probationary Constables to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command. Our Commander, Superintendent Scott officially greeted them as they begin their journey serving and protecting our community. These fresh faces bring enthusiasm, commitment, and a strong sense of duty. We're thrilled to have them join the team and look forward to the positive impact they'll make across the command. Please join us in congratulating and supporting our newest officers as they step into their vital roles.



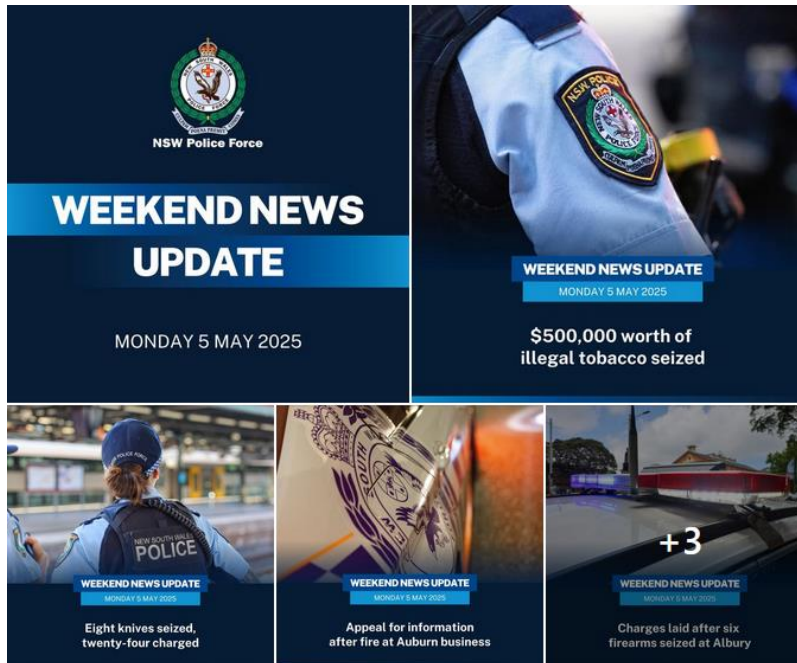
05 May, from NSW Police Force

Good morning NSW 🌞

Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- ◆ Two men have been charged after illegal tobacco worth more than \$500,000 was found when a truck crashed near Grafton.
 - ◆ Twenty-four people have been charged during a two-day police operation on public transport across Sydney.
 - ◆ Police are appealing for information from the public after a deliberately lit fire damaged a business in Auburn.
 - ◆ Police have charged a man with firearm offences in Albury.
 - ◆ A man has been charged as an investigation continues into a public place shooting and a car fire.
 - ◆ A man has been charged after a pursuit throughout Wollongong and Sydney's south.
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Want to read more? ➡ Visit our website police.nsw.gov.au/news.



02 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

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.



05 May, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road safety Awareness: What to do if your brakes fail in an automatic or manual car!

Taking good care of your vehicle's brakes is crucial for your safety. Brake failure can be a terrifying experience, but this step-by-step guide tells you how to react in an emergency to help reduce the risk of an accident.

Brakes are one of the most important safety features in any vehicle, so maintaining them in top condition is essential for your safety and the safety of others on the road. Over time components of the braking system can wear out, become damaged or develop issues, which is why it is so important to have your car routinely inspected and maintained to help avoid brake failure. If you ever hear odd noises or feel odd sensations when using your brakes, immediately take your vehicle to a qualified mechanic.

Find out more:

PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE 🦋



05 May, from NSW RFS - Berowra Waters Brigade

This morning, Berowra Waters and Brooklyn Rural Fire Brigades were responded to assist NSW Ambulance, with a patient extraction from Pumpkin Point on the Hawkesbury.

This incident highlighted two important features. Firstly, interagency cooperation is crucial in these isolated locations. Secondly, the need for a variety of vessels in our local waterways is essential. At low tide this location can at best, only be described as mud flats.

The patient, along with the ambulance crew, were safely transported aboard Brooklyn boat to Deerubbun boat ramp for further transfer via road.

📷 Rhys Schaller, Garth Hugo



05 May, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berorwa

Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:

Walking my dog along Kita Road and two boys exited the old hardware. I could hear them smashing things inside before exiting.

When I told them I was going to ring the Police, one stated they were just exploring! They were not in the slightest bit nervous. Took off and then returned again.

If these are your sons about 12 years old. One wearing a black and white striped jersey teach them vandalism and illegal entry is not okay. If I had my phone on me I would have taken their photo and forwarded onto police.

05 May, from ACCC



Is your freestanding furniture secured?

Freestanding household furniture can be dangerous if it topples over.

Read our toppling furniture and televisions guide to learn how to secure your furniture.

From 4 May 2025, furniture suppliers are required to provide warnings to consumers about the dangers of toppling furniture. The best way to prevent furniture from toppling is to secure it to the wall or floor with an anchoring device.

Check out some of our important safety tips from [ACCC Product Safety](#):

- ✓ Place furniture on a flat and stable surface
- ✓ Store your heaviest items at the bottom of drawers or shelves
- ✓ Install locking devices on all drawers to prevent children using them as steps.

Read more [here](#).

05 May, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community Group:

I'm not sure how to express this, especially in 2025, but I feel compelled to speak up. I strongly urge parents to be cautious and consider advising their daughters to avoid Cameron Park on Friday afternoons. I recently witnessed deeply troubling behavior—young girls, still in school uniforms, were subjected to inappropriate and disturbing comments as they made their way to the station. It's alarming that in this day and age, young women are still made to feel unsafe in public spaces. Every girl deserves to walk freely without fear or discomfort. These are someone's daughters, someone's sisters—and they deserve respect and protection.

04 May, from Mt Kuring-gai Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Ku-ring-gai Community Group:

Morning All ,

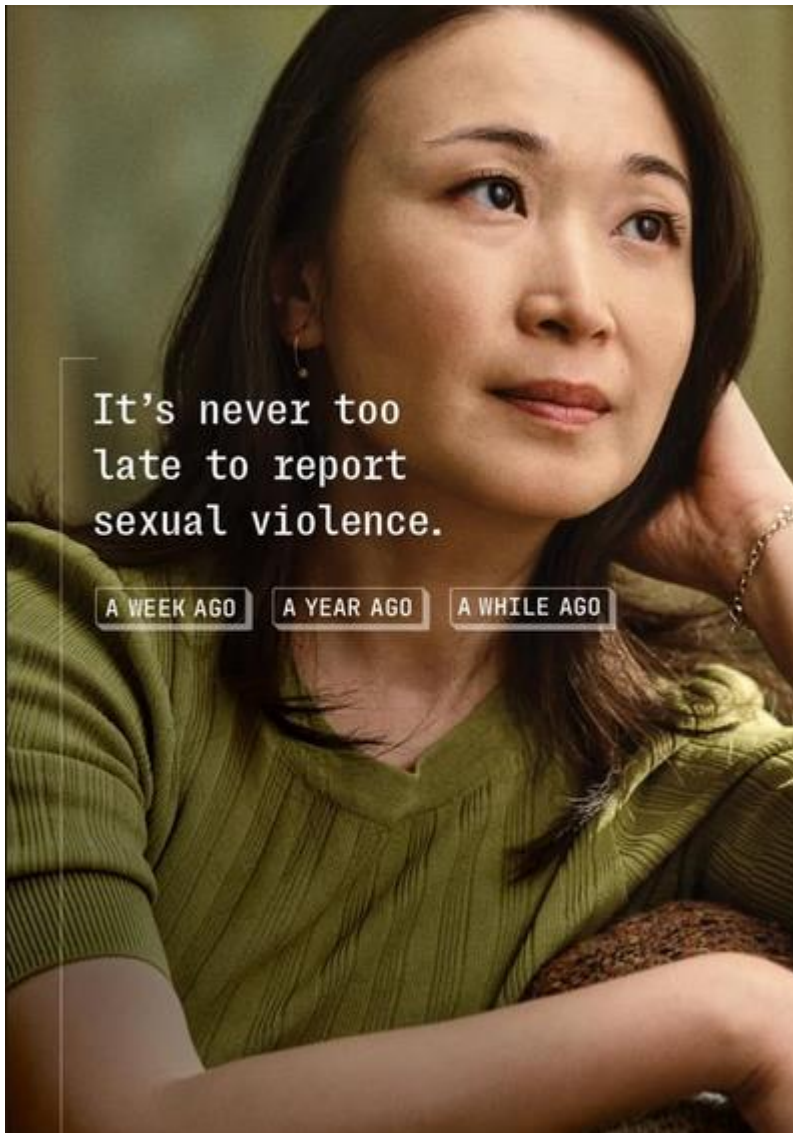
I am saddened and disappointed by this behaviour in our area!

Last night at about 9.30 pm on the 3/5/25 a group of young people about 20 males and females walking along the pathway behind my property in Mount Kuring-gai near the school, kicked in a panel of my colourbond fence. If you know of any parties in the area could you please advise your children the police have been advised?

04 May, from The Hills Police Area Command: Sexual Assault Reporting Option

If you are 16 years or older and do not want to speak directly with a police officer, but you want the police to know you have been sexually assaulted you can complete the online Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) through the community portal. Information received via the SARO is treated with the utmost confidentiality and recorded on a secure and restricted NSW Police Force

database.👉



03 May, from Inside History

Fed up with strangers parking in his driveway, this Aussie legend took matters into his own hands—by installing a motion-activated sprinkler. Now, uninvited cars (and their drivers) get a surprise soaking the moment they pull in!

See more [here](#).

02 May, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Berowra:

Shared with permission from the Ku-ring-gai Living group:

Last Tuesday around midnight we had our chipper stolen from work in Beaumont Rd, Berowra. If anyone knows anything could they pls give me a msg?



02 May, Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

Brand new bike stolen from our carport on Cowan road just after midnight last night. Caught it on camera and will be sending to the police but if you see one like this for sale locally, please let me know!



02 May, from NSW Health

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) remains at a high level of activity. COVID-19 and influenza (flu) are at low levels of activity.

RSV can cause serious illness in young babies, but immunisation helps protect them from severe RSV and hospitalisation.

Pregnant women are recommended to receive the RSV vaccine (Abrysvo®) to help protect their baby from birth up to 6 months of age.

International experience indicates the possibility of a higher than usual flu activity season this year.

Getting a flu vaccine is quick, easy and recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Book your flu vaccine today at your doctor, local pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) to protect yourself and others from flu.

View the latest NSW Respiratory Surveillance report here:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../covi.../Pages/reports.aspx>

Unwell and not sure where to go? You can call healthdirect anytime day or night on 1800 022 222 and get the help you need.

healthdirect is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A registered nurse will answer your call, ask some questions and connect you with the right place for care. If it's life-threatening, call Triple Zero (000) or go to an Emergency Department.

More information on respiratory illness:

NSW Respiratory Surveillance Report

Week ending 26 April 2025
now available



02 May, from eSafety Commissioner



Help students spot red flags online with our upcoming virtual classroom webinars 📺

Virtual classrooms offer live online safety lessons delivered to students by our expert trainers.

The webinars will empower students to:

- ▶ recognise unsafe behaviours
- ▶ identify inappropriate questions and requests
- ▶ learn the difference between safe and unsafe secrets
- ▶ identify safe adults and access help when they feel unsafe.

➡ Years 3 and 4, 13 May 2pm AEST <https://news.esafety.gov.au/3Ykpqgk>

➡ Years 5 and 6, 29 May 2pm AEST <https://news.esafety.gov.au/3YkiU9e>

02 May, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Lights flash on the back of buses to warn motorists they're picking up or dropping off kids.

Slow down to 40km/h and look out for children crossing.



02 May, from The Hills Area Command

📍 Re-Introducing BluLink: Connecting Police & Community! 📍

Have you heard about BluLink? It's an amazing platform powered by GoodSAM that allows you to share crucial information with the NSW Police Force.

Whether it's your location, live streaming an incident, or sending digital media files, BluLink makes it easy and secure! 🌐 📱

💎 **Main Features:**

💬 Live Video: Stream live video footage directly to police dispatchers.

- 📍 Location Sharing Share your GPS location if you're unsure of your exact whereabouts.

- 📝 Chat/Message: Have a text conversation if you can't speak, with messages translatable into over 100 languages.

- 📎 Attachment Upload: Send photos or videos to assist with investigations.

Just last Saturday night, a gentleman in Kellyville used BluLink to live stream an incident to dispatchers after calling 000. This real-time footage was invaluable in helping the police respond swiftly and effectively. 📺👮

No need to download anything beforehand! BluLink is accessible through a web portal, ensuring your information is secure and only shared with the police. 🌐🔒

Stay safe and stay connected! 💙

For emergencies, always call Triple Zero (000). For non-emergencies, contact 131 444 or Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000.

What is BluLink?

The NSW Police Force BluLink platform allows you to share information with police such as your location, live stream or digital media files (images, video, CCTV).

The link you receive is a one-off that is available to only you and Police, meaning the information you provide is secure.

What you need to know:

- Use of the platform is not mandatory, you will be asked to provide your consent via the link provided to you in an SMS or Email.
- There's no need to download anything before using it.
- You will only ever receive an SMS or email from NSW Police.

BluLink capabilities:

- **Chat/Message**
Have a text message conversation if you're in a situation where you're unable to speak. Messages can be translated into more than 150 community languages.
- **Location request**
Share your GPS location if you're unaware of your exact location.
- **Live video**
Stream live video footage to show police what is happening.
- **Attachment**
Upload files such as photos or video to help with investigations, or provide a statement to help with investigations.
- **Consultation online meeting.**

02 May, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group yesterday (Thursday):

Hi community, I had an accident this morning around 8:10am at the roundabout of link rd and Stanley st, St Ives. I was turning left from Horace st towards to the Stanley st, and there was a white Tesla next to me heading to link rd. But it's

too close to me, and scratched my car. I was shocked, and could not take photo of the car number plate.

The owner of the Tesla, I believe you are not intend to do so, no one want this happen. But I wish you can step forward, PM me and exchange our DL information.

Any witnesses can help me is appreciated! My car is a pink Porsche Taycan. Thank you.



01 May, from NSW Fair Trading

Oday Al Sahmarani has been convicted and sentenced for selling two used cars via online marketplaces with tampered odometers to unsuspecting consumers, selling them for inflated prices after misleading the buyers into believing the cars had travelled significantly less than their true mileage.

Mr Al Sahmarani was sentenced to an 18-month Community Corrections Order and ordered to pay \$30,400 in compensation after deceiving buyers about the condition of a 2011 Toyota Kluger and a 2008 Toyota Hilux.

The court heard Mr Al Sahmarani would arrange for the roll back of odometers by over 200,000 km on each vehicle and used a false logbook to support one of the sales.

NSW Fair Trading takes odometer tampering seriously – it's a deceptive practice that misleads buyers, undermines trust, and can create safety risks.

You can check a vehicles past three odometer readings (if applicable) online for free [here](#).



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01 May , from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

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

Friendly reminder:

With the shorter, darker days of winter upon us, for your safety, please use the footpath whenever it's available while walking or running and please, wear bright/reflective colours.

Over the past few evenings, I've seen many people on the road in dark clothes along Warrimoo Ave, despite a footpath being right there. 🚶🏻🚶🏻

We don't want any tragedies to occur. Let's keep this neighbourhood safe!

Thanks 🙏

01 May, from 9news.com.au: Massive change to overseas licence process starting today

The process for changing an international licence into an Australian licence is changing from today.

Today "Experienced Driver Recognition status", which many overseas licence holders held to drive in the country, expired today in all states and territories except Western Australia and Queensland.

It means some temporary visitors will no longer need to take an additional driving test, while others will.

Read more 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**.

Tuesday 06 May to Tuesday 01 July: FREE Seniors Digital Mentoring. 10-11:30am @ Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College. Weekly on Tuesdays 10-11:30am and Thursdays 3-4:30pm. One-on-one mentoring with your device of choice. Info [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 14 May: FREE The complexity of school refusal 7-8pm. Online webinar. Info [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](#).

Tuesday 27 May: FREE online webinar for parents - Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity). 12:30-1:15pm. Info and 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**

Tuesday 30 July: FREE online webinar for parents - Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity). 12:30-1:15pm. Info and registration [here](#).

01 May, from North Shore Police Area Command

 *WARRANT WEDNESDAY* 

North Shore Police are seeking information relating to the current whereabouts of the persons of interest listed below.

Each individual has outstanding warrants for various offences, and they are all known to either reside in or frequent the North Shore area.

Nicholas, Thomas, Gurdave and Brittany, if you're reading this, we'd be most grateful if each of you popped into your nearest Police Station to have your matters promptly dealt with. We'd be genuinely thrilled to see you!

If you have any information in relation to their current whereabouts, we urge you to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Chatswood Police Station on (02) 9414 8499.

WARRANT WEDNESDAY



				
Nicholas MAINPRIZE	Thomas WOODMAN	Gurdave SEKHON	Brittany KELEY	DO NOT APPROACH
Wanted by Police in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant.	Wanted by Police in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant.	Wanted by Police in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant.	Wanted by Police in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant.	IF YOU SEE OR KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS OR '000'
Known to frequent the Lane Cove, St Leonards and Chatswood areas.	Known to frequent the Cremorne, Neutral Bay, St Leonards and Chatswood areas.	Known to frequent the Lane Cove, Mt Druitt, Riverstone and Emerton areas	Known to frequent the Lane Cove, Artarmon, St Leonards, Hornsby and Chatswood areas.	

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

Tip #3. When out, stay alert, keep your mind on your surroundings, and be aware of what is

happening around you at all times. Don't be distracted. If listening to music, remove one ear bud, or set volume to low

Tip #10. Never leave keys in a hiding spot outside the home. Instead leave spare keys with a

trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks

Tip #15. If walking, use, or pretend to use, a mobile phone. Consider using an App such as

Companion, Follow Me, Circle of 6, SafeZone, MyWitness, Get Home Safe (GHS), Glympse, etc.

Download the NSWPF emergency+ app now!

Tip #19. When driving, lock doors and windows and do not leave valuables in view, especially

on the front passenger seat. Where possible, park rear to the curb, giving you a better view of a situation.

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.



From Toby.Vega.D

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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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.
