



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

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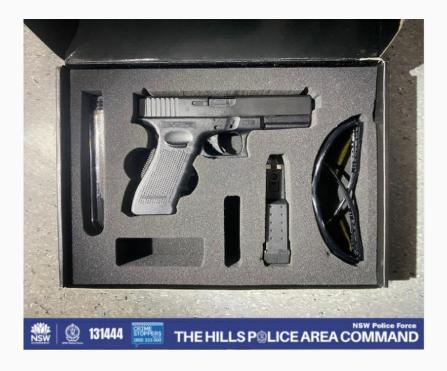
This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety 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.
- Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

01 July, from The Hills command: This Gel Blaster was handed in today at Castle Hill Police Station.

If you have a Gel Blaster you can surrender it at any Police Station, anytime, no questions asked.



02 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Anyone with information about the below depicted female 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.



02 July, from The Hills command: Gel Blasters are not toys and considered to be an actual firearm which requires you to hold the relevant licence or permit.



02 July, from Mount Druitt command:



{Email us here for a copy in your inbox - Ed.]



08 July, from the eSafety Commissioner: 4 AI, emojis, and hidden tactics - cyberbullying is changing.

We all want to keep our children safe from harm. Our upcoming webinar offers practical advice for keeping your child safe and how to support them if something does happen.

👽 Learn how to give you kids space to grow online safely.

Join eSafety's expert-led webinar to understand how cyberbullying is evolving – and how you can help your child stay safe online. In just 45 minutes, we'll explore emerging online threats, including the use of AI, deepfakes, coded

emojis, and subtle manipulation tactics. You'll walk away with practical tools to support your child's wellbeing in a digital world.

Date: Tuesday 5 August

Time: 12:30pm to 1:15pm (AEST)

Cost: FREE

You'll learn how to:

- spot signs your child may be experiencing or engaging in cyberbullying
- build protective strategies at home
- help your child respond, report and stay safe against online harms.

This session is ideal for parents and carers of children in both primary and secondary school.

Register today - here.

08 July, from NSW Fair Trading: Did you know: Credit card surcharges must only cover the cost of processing the payment?

A business must clearly disclose any surcharge before a consumer enters into a transaction. If there's no way to pay without a surcharge, businesses must include that fee in the price you see. If you've come across a surcharge that seems too high, report the excessive surcharge here.



Seen a surcharge that seems too high?

It might be illegal

Here's what to do

08 July, Hornsby Council work in partnership with CASS and RA to organise "CPR & Basic First Aid workshop" for the Korean community.

The workshop is to provide practical CPR and basic first aid training to the Korean speaking families and it opens to all ages except children under 12 yrs old.

Please find the details below:

- When: 10:00am 12:30pm Thursday 28 August
- Where: Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 203 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby (opposite police station)
- Cost: Free

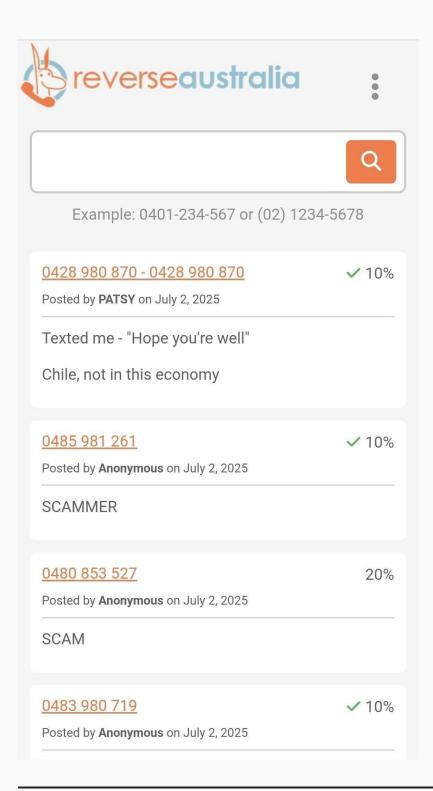




08 July, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: The WatchOut.org.au website stats came in for the month showing the most popular link clicked on the site was the Australian Reverse phone number look up on the 'Phones' page.

Use it to check for potential scam callers.

View the WatchOut.org.au Phones page <u>here</u>. View the Australian Reverse Phone Number Look-up <u>here</u>.



07 July, from the Marine Area Command: The Marine Area Command are investigating a number of alleged stealing incidents from Marinas in the broader Sydney region.

Police believe the men depicted will be able to assist with inquiries. We encourage anyone who may be able to identify these men to contact the Marine Area Command on (02) 9320 7499, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online via nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

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07 July, from ACCC Product Safety: It can be wonderful to see your baby discovering new things, but as a new parent you may feel you are on a learning curve too!

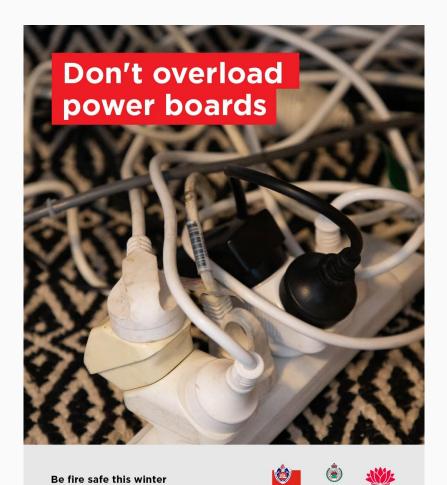
Our guides have straightforward, practical information on how to choose and use products to keep your baby safe.

View Product Guides here.

07 July, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Double adapting, plugging boards into boards, daisy-chained boards – don't do it. Its the leading cause of house fires in winter!

Avoid hazards and stay safe this winter by checking set ups, not overloading power boards and make sure cords are untangled.

View 'Be Fire Safe' info and checklist here.



07 July, from Hornsby Shire Council: **(a)** Love your fire pit? Love your neighbours too.

There's nothing like a fire pit on a chilly night, but in suburbia, safety and courtesy come first.

Here's how to enjoy it responsibly:

fire.nsw.gov.au/befiresafe

- Check Council rules
- Ensure there is no Total Fire Ban or No-Burn Notice in effect before lighting up
- Use dry, seasoned wood to reduce smoke
- Place it away from fences, trees and any structures
- Fully extinguish before heading in

And remember, smoke travels • Be kind to your neighbours and keep it clean.

07 July, from Transport for NSW: Ever used earphones while driving?
Whaving audio playing in your ears can easily distract from the road, hindering your ability to focus and pay attention
■ NSW road rules don't mention earphones BUT they do mention drivers are required to maintain proper control of the vehicle... so pop those bad boys back in their case for now
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07 July, from GambleAware NSW: Small habits can lead to big change. 💪

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The Gambling Habit Hacker app helps you create healthier habits and stick to your goals.

Download it now here.

There's no specific road rule that mentions hanging air fresheners, but the rules require that drivers have a clear view of the road a Air vent air fresheners do the trick - they don't block your view so won't cause a stink

07 July, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group: Someone hit and run my car this evening (6 July) on Werona Avenue close to Killara station.

From the mess they left behind on the road from their shattered body kit, it seems to have been a Toyota GR. Caused a lot of damage to the rear of my car and impact was strong enough to move my car a fair way into the road. No one saw the licence plate but one of my housemates caught a glimpse of it speeding away. If you happen to have any information that might be related, please let me know.

06 July, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/some Pymble/some St Ives have printed their

final newsletter, which is being distributed now.

Here it is. In future, the volunteers have been invited to join in with NHW Kuring-gai & Hornsby activities, and residents are pointed to the NHW Kuring-gai & Hornsby weekly eNewsletter for more up-to-date information. Subscribe here. Thank you to Ray White and Kuring-gai Council for their assistance printing the newsletters (for over 40 years!) Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped organise and deliver the newsletters - we are showing our gratitude with a 'thank you coffee' at KillaBrew Cafe, E. Killara at 10am on Saturday 26 July 2025.





Email us for a copy in your inbox here.

06 July, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group: Please be safe and do not leave valuables unattended...

It happened twice within a month in a Central Park complex!!

Community Safety Alert!!!

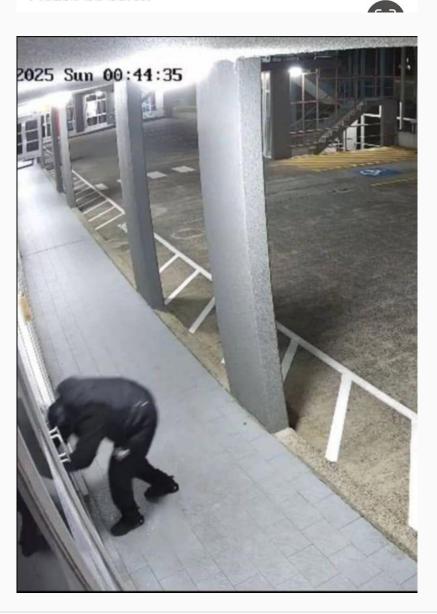
We would to inform all the neighbours that on the night of 6th July at 12.40AM.

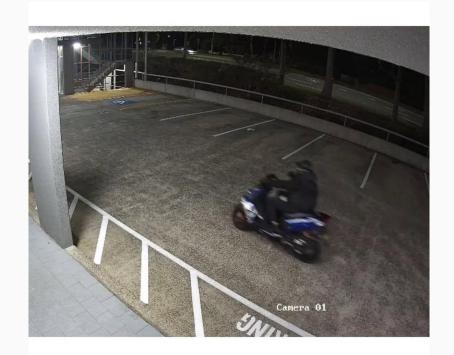
A suspicious individual was seen walking into a couple restaurant and smash the glass into the restaurant. He came with his Motorbike.

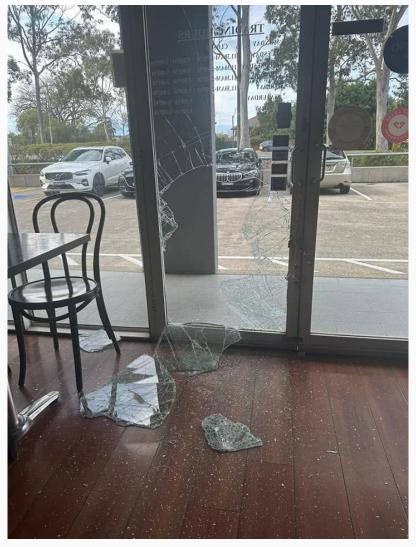
It happened twice in a month. Last time was in 10th June at 2.30AM at 2 Chinese Restaurant.

Police have already been notified and are investigating the incident.

Please be safe!!





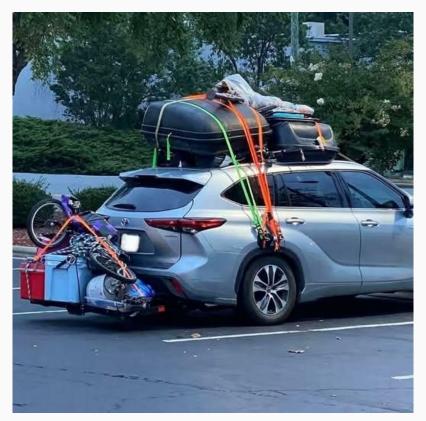




05 July, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group yesterday (Friday): Anon post.

Please be aware of possible intruders scoping homes in Beechworth Road today. Caught these images on our security cameras and they didn't gain access to our home which is locked and alarmed. Unfortunately no front on images of these people. They look like 2 young people and were running from the rear of property to the front. Gordon Police aware.





Thanks to Around the World.

04 July, from eSafety Commissioner: Some Can you spot the difference between love and control?

Signs of coercive control can be hard to identify because red flags are easy to dismiss as signs of affection. We have advice for young people about coercive control red flags and how to get support <u>here</u>.



04 July, from Primary Industries & Regional Development: Are you a dog breeder in NSW?

We are changing the laws with caps on breeding dogs, mandatory breeder ID's, litter limits and stronger care standards. Limited exemptions available, find out if you can apply <u>here</u>.

04 July, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: TO RING OR NOT TO RING YOUR BELL?

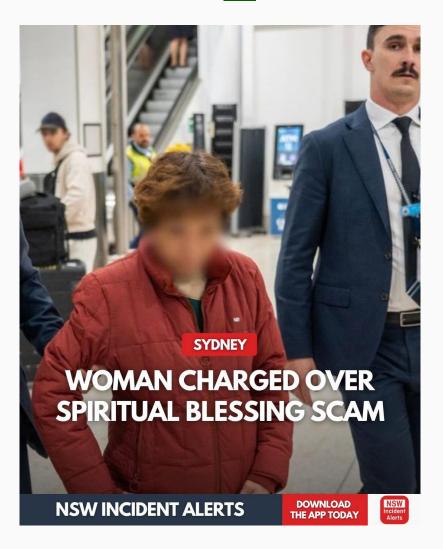
Bikes are required to be fitted with a bell or warning device, but when should you ring it?

Find out more here.

04 July, from NSW Incident Alerts: WOMAN CHARGED OVER SPIRITUAL BLESSING SCAM

A woman has been charged as part of an ongoing investigation into spiritual blessing scams targeting people of Asian background.

Full NSWPF Media Release here.



04 July, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Utility investigation roadworks are planned for the intersection of Pacific Highway, Balfour Street and Havilah Road at Lindfield on 7, 8 and 9 July, 8pm to 5am.

More details here.

03 July, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group 2 days ago (Tuesday): WARNING

Another intruder at 4.30am this morning Toolang Road. Second time this year. Make sure you lock everything. They avoided camera detection on entry so that tells me he has cased the place. Have footage of him leaving via the neighbour's house.

And in the comments:

We had a suspicious looking car (old beaten up Ford Laser) gold colour hanging around outside out this morning.......

Man in his mid 30's? The police think he is a spotter and will report back to his thug mates and then come back for the cars.

This guy (Toolang Rd intruder) was on foot and walking up and down Toolang around 4.15am

02 July, from Choice: Don't get caught out by tricky alcohol exclusions that could void your policy.

Does travel insurance still cover you if you've had a drink? Don't get caught out by tricky alcohol exclusions that could void your policy.

Read more here.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @

Roseville Chase Community Hall for residents of: Allard Ave, Attunga Rd, Babbage Rd, Cardigan Rd, Chase Ave, Earls Court, Lockley Pde, Normac St, Ormonde Rd, The Kingsway.

Wednesday 16 July: FREE Beyond Blue's 'Beyond Burnout' webinar 12-1pm. Register <u>here</u>.

Tuesday 22 July: 11am-noon. FREE BeConnected online presentation, Staying Safe on Facebook. <u>Bookings & info</u>.

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

Monday 28 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Pymble Community Hall

Wednesday 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**.

Thursday 31 July: 11am-noon. FREE BeConnected online presentation, 'Connecting to Others. 'Bookings & info.

Tuesday 05 August: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'The changing face of cyberbullying - protecting your child in 2025' webinar. 12:30-1:15pm Register <u>here</u>.

Monday 18 August: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Pymble Community Hall.

Thursday 28 August: FREE CPR & Basic First Aid workshop' for the Korean community. 10am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Info.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has the 'Be Connected' program.

Each week we will share a course that may help you. They are often designed especially for the elderly.

Avoiding common scams

We have all heard of the scams and tricks that can happen online. In this course you will learn some tips to stay safer online. Avoiding tricks and scams can be as simple as following a few simple steps: be careful, go slowly, and always be on the look out for warning signs.

The following course is based on the latest information about scams from the ACCC's ScamWatch and Little Black Book of Scams.

Visit www.scamwatch.gov.au for more information.

The 'Avoiding Common Scams' course is available to do FREE online here.

- Impersonation Scams (8mins)
- The Unexpected Money Scam (4mins)
- Money for Nothing Scams (5mins)

A Summary Sheet is available as a pdf in English and 8 other languages. Download from **here**.

A loan for \$800k in a bank can take 30years to pay off.

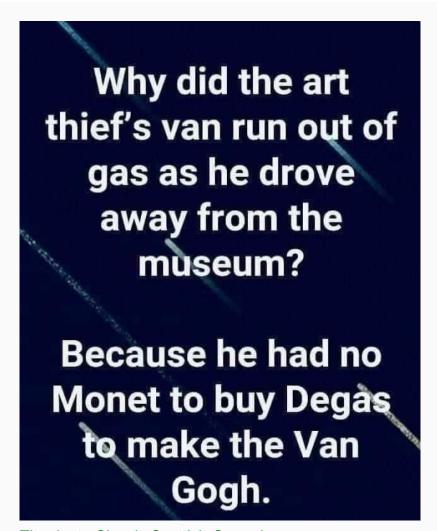
If you rob a bank it's 10years in jail with free food, gym and free time.

Follow me for more tips and life hacks

Thanks to Ramee.



Thanks to Around the World.



Thanks to Classic Scottish Comedy

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. For Police to attend non-urgently without lights & sirens.

NSW Police Community Portal

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft. No emergency/investigation.

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! - 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 - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)







Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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