



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 [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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21 July, from NSW Police: A \$250,000 reward remains on offer for information into the disappearance of Simon Knight.

"Any piece of new information – no matter how seemingly insignificant – could be the key to solve this case and help provide much-needed answers to Simon's family about what happened to him."

Anyone with information should contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

MORE INFORMATION ➡ police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=119712






REWARD

SIMON KNIGHT

\$250,000

The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



21 July, from Burwood command: Officers from Burwood Highway Patrol charge a 21-year-old male for possessing firearms, impersonating Police and more!

About 2:50pm on Friday 18th of July 2025, Officers were conducting patrols in Strathfield when Officers noticed a vehicle displaying 'Chinese Police' insignia. Officers made enquiries during which they identified and located a 21-year-old male nearby who was using this vehicle.

Officers inspected the vehicle where they located numerous 'Chinese Police' insignia on the passenger door panels as well as the bonnet of the vehicle. The 21-year-old, person of interest, gave Officers a fake document stating that the vehicle is being utilised to transport consulate officials from China.

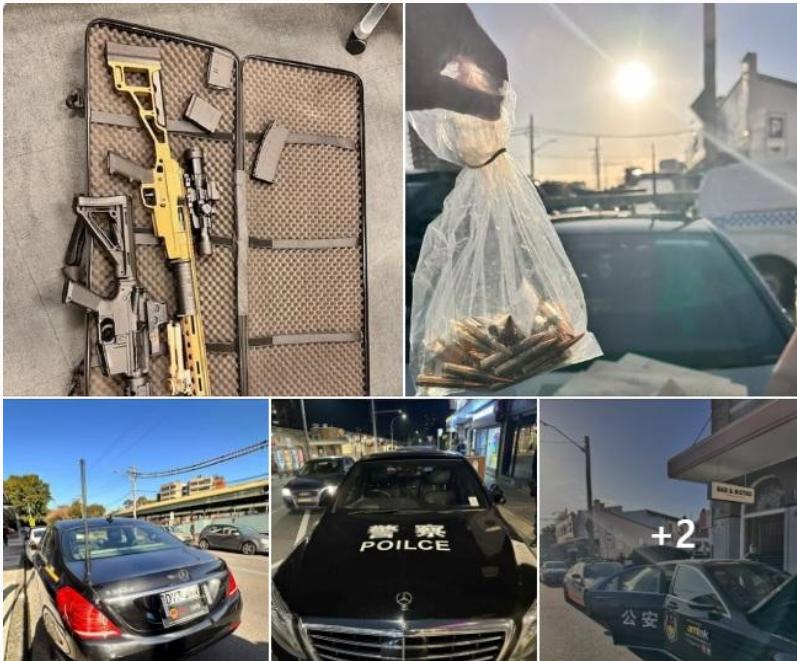
Whilst conducting a vehicle search, Officers located a box containing 48 live rounds of ammunition in the boot of the vehicle. The male was immediately arrested stating he believed it was the best place to store his ammunition.

The male is the holder of an active firearms licence stating he had two rifles allegedly in the gun safe at home. Officers seized the ammunition as well as other items in the vehicle believed to be utilised to impersonate police.

Officers were able to gain access to his Baulkham Hills residence where they located two gel blaster firearms, which were immediately seized. His registered firearms were also taken, now pending a review of his firearms licence. The male was charged with the following -

- Use display emergency services organisation insignia
- Drive motor vehicle with unlawful police insignia
- Impersonate Commonwealth public official in act/at place
- Use false document to influence exercise of public duty-T1
- 2x counts of Holder of Category A or B licence not have approved storage
- Provide false or misleading information
- Possess unauthorised prohibited firearm, &
- Not comply P2 licence condition not display P plates

He was refused bail and is to appear before Parramatta Local Court at a later date.



20 July from Nepean command: And here we see Nepean's youngest police car, preparing to go out hunting for the very first time without its mother.



21 July, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: Filming an accident instead of helping – what the law says in New South Wales.

see it on social media and on the TV news all the time – someone films an accident or a person being abused on public transport and they continue filming, rather than dropping the phone camera to go and help them. Many of us have screamed at the TV: “Put the phone down and go and help them!” So, what does the law say about this situation? Are we obliged under the law to help someone who is caught in an accident or who is being abused in public?

Find out more [here](#).

21 July, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group yesterday (Sunday): Please return

Our e-bike was put out on Avon Road Pymble by mistake. If you have picked it up please return it. Thanks

20 July, from Tiny Hearts Education: This advice helped a mama who was in a car accident recently with her 2 and 4 year old children.

‘The ambos asked how I knew to leave them in their seats, and I told them Tiny Hearts’.

The impact of a car accident can be significant on a little body. Serious spinal injuries and internal bleeding can be hard to recognise from the outside. Any accident that is above >60km/ph, or that causes significant damage to the car, where people are injured, or you have a child in the car - you should call 000 🚑 Paramedics are trained to assess the speed, type of impact and possible injuries in the accident. So if paramedics are on the way, here are your options:

- ☒ If possible, leave the child in the car seat, do not remove and wait for paramedics’ instructions
- **!?** If you need to remove your child from the car due to danger i.e. traffic hazard, unclip and remove the entire car seat with the child still in harness or use sheers to cut the straps (after a car accident, most car seats need replacing)
- 🚑 If the situation is time-critical, i.e. car is smoking, or your child is needing CPR or airway management or maybe is just thrashing around and potentially causing more harm, remove the child from the car seat carefully. If conscious, hold them still against your body until paramedics arrive.

A paramedic can not spinally clear a child. This means if the speed was above 60km, your child will be transported to the hospital for further assessment. Keeping your child still and calm in a situation where a potential spinal injury or internal injuries have occurred can be life-saving.

20 July, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community Group Friday:

Long shot but would anyone have been in the Asquith Coles car park at about 2:05pm yesterday that happened to see a black Ford Falcon with a tray that hit my car and a tree before driving away and would happen to have a dashcam

footage the licence plate?



18 July, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Thursday):

Evening, my son's small DJI drone went rogue this afternoon near Rosebery Road. We suspect it flew towards Eastern Arterial near Rosette Avenue/The Crest but the tracker failed so we cannot be sure. If anyone stumbles across it in their yard it would be sincerely appreciated if you could PM me. I have one sad boy. 😞

18 July, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHW K&H): Ku-ring-gai Council has a new Your Waste app which helps point you in the right direction.

One item we are often asked about is shredded paper. Remember, we loan out shredders to residents? Shredding documents that contain personal and financial information such as birth date, bank account numbers, Tax File Numbers, etc., can reduce the chance of Identity Theft.

Here's the recommendation from Ku-ring-gai Council to box shredded paper and then to pop it in the blue bin. We had previously been told to bag it and pop it in the red bin. So there is now a better solution.

Shredders can be borrowed for a gold coin Pay-it-forward contribution via our website: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/shredder/

We are always in need of more shredders. They break. Please consider donating any shredder to us - a friendly volunteer will happily collect. A great way to help the community.



18 July, from NSW Fair Trading: NSW Fair Trading goes undercover at open homes 🕵️

Over three weekends, our team hit the streets of Greater Sydney, visiting more than 54 open homes in a targeted blitz on underquoting in the property sector. The good news? We found high rates of compliance ☒ But underquoting is still a problem — and if you've ever fallen for a price that seemed too good to be true, you know how frustrating it can be. That's why we're staying on it — to help keep things fair for everyone in the market. Learn more [here](#).



18 July, from Tiny Hearts Education: Dummy safety warning 🚨 (BABY IS OKAY 💕)

I had never considered that this was even a possibility before. I was holding my breath watching this video sent in by this little one's mum. It's so hard to watch even though he is ok. I wasn't going to share it but then I showed my husband and we began talking about what we would do to ensure our baby, who has a dummy, is safe. It triggered us to be more aware, so I'm sharing in the hope it does the same for you. I spent today looking into dummy safety and the potential safety concerns they present. There are safety requirements dummies must meet. I've gone through all of the ones we have after seeing this to ensure Bambi is safe. This baby is only 7 months and the dummy fitted inside his mouth 💕 Thanks to his mum who wanted us to share so this doesn't happen to you.

I've put the information from the ACCC about the standard for dummies up on the blog [Blog [here](#) - Ed] so you can also learn how to choose the safest

dummy for your baby. Blog available from our website [here](#).



18 July, from the Rural Crime Prevention Team: Trespassing will not be tolerated!!!

If you want to prevent trespassers from coming onto your farm or into your rural business operations, please consider passive and Agtech measure to tighten up your security and target hardening your property or business.

You'll find all the information you need here:

- Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force resources [here](#).
- The Tackling Rural Crime Handbook (pdf) [here](#).
- Farms of the Future - Department of Primary Industries and Regions - Agtech Toolbox [here](#).



Rural Crime Factsheet - TRESPASSING

TRESPASSING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED



If you have people entering your private property without permission, you have asked them to leave your property and they do not comply, they are trespassing.

This is a crime

To assist the NSW Police Force, please consider recording your request to leave and the actions of the trespassers on a digital camera, such as your phone, if it is safe to do so. Endeavour to record the whole process where possible.

Police should be called at the first opportunity without you taking matters into your own hands.

We would also encourage you to review your current farm security.

If you locate trespassers on your property and you or your family feel in danger, immediately contact Triple Zero (000).

If you have additional information in relation to trespassing, you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or your local police station.

The NSW Police Force has a [Farm Security Assessment](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/rural_crime) on their website:
https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/rural_crime

The NSW Police Force website has several other valuable resources you could use such as the 'Tackling Rural Crime' workbook and the template for the NSW Police Force 'Private Property' and 'Please Shut The Gate' signs.

We encourage landholders and certain rural related businesses to have an effective Biosecurity Management Plan (BMP) in place and erect Biosecurity signs on entrances to the property and designated biosecurity areas. Signs notify visitors that they are entering a biosecurity area and must comply with the measures outlined in the BMP. These signs clearly let trespassers know they are not to enter without prior approval.



Email us [here](#) for the Trespassing Fact Sheet in your inbox.

18 July, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Thursday):

Hi everyone, Just wondering if anyone else had their property damaged yesterday with spray paint?

My partner's Ute and our front fence was sprayed with with green paint - someone actually saw the kids doing it (2 girls and 1 boy) they were around 13 years old and this happened on Stanhope Road, Killara at 4pm.

If anyone around that area could check their ring doorbells/cctv/ dash cam I'd really appreciate it!

17 July, from Nepean command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY: YELLOW/AMBER LIGHTS

We all know what a red traffic light means but what about a yellow, or amber

light?

A yellow (amber) light means you must stop. You can only go through a yellow light if you cannot stop safely before the 'Stop' line. You should not stop suddenly, and you should not speed up to get through a yellow light.

(NOT STOP BEFORE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT YELLOW LIGHT \$562 PLUS 3 DEMERIT POINTS or \$704 PLUS 4 DEMERIT POINTS if in school zone) - the same as proceeding through a red light.



17 July, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: A study has suggested green lights on the front of a vehicle to show when it's braking could save lives and reduce injury.

📌 MORE: 7news.link/4kRJLSg (Source: 7NEWS Australia).



HOW BRAKE LIGHTS ON THE FRONT OF CARS COULD **REDUCE CRASHES**

7 NEWS

Stream Now **7+**

17 July, from Officer Gomez: - **PARENT ALERT: Snapchat's Hidden Vault "My Eyes Only" = Your Kid's Secret Picture Locker**




Snapchat has a built-in secret photo vault that many parents don't know about. It's called "My Eyes Only," and it's designed to hide pictures and videos behind a PIN code. Kids are using this vault to store:

- 📷 Drug photos
- 🍑 Nudes
- 🎉 Party pics
- 👤 And anything they don't want adults to find.

As a parent, it's your job to check. You might just protect your child—or someone else's—by looking into this secret vault. Below is a simple step-by-step guide:

🔍 **How to Check the "My Eyes Only" Vault on Snapchat**

- ✅ Step 1:
Open the Snapchat app (yellow icon with a white ghost). You'll land on the main camera screen (where kids take Snaps).
- ✅ Step 2:
Tap the small "double card" icon near the capture button. This opens the Memories screen (photos & videos saved from Snapchat).

-  Step 3:
Look at the top tabs and tap “My Eyes Only.” If a PIN code is requested, there’s a vault set up.
-  Step 4:
If it asks for a PIN code, ask your child for it. Common excuses include:
 - “I forgot the code.”
 - “I never set it up.”(You can decide how far to push from there.)
-  Step 5:
If access is granted, review the contents carefully.
Just know: this vault is separate from their private disappearing messages, which are a different layer of concern.

 You are not invading privacy. You are protecting your child’s life and future.

 Be involved. Stay curious. Ask the hard questions.



Happy parenting, Officer Gomez

17 July, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: Community Notice – Ongoing Fire & Public Disturbance Concerns

Gordon Fire Station is aware of ongoing issues involving youth-related fires and public disturbances at several local parks within the Ku-ring-gai Council area. Our crews have already spoken with a number of concerned residents, and we understand the frustration and worry these incidents are causing in the community.

We’d like to reassure the public that we take all fire-related calls seriously and will respond as quickly as possible to ensure community safety.

We are also in regular communication with Ku-ring-gai Council, who are aware of the issue and are actively working to identify long-term solutions. If you would like to raise your concerns or provide feedback, you can contact Council directly via:

-  9424 0000
-  krg@krg.nsw.gov.au
- Alternatively one of the local councillors Cr Matt Devlin is also happy to receive emails on these issues and pass them on to the right council personnel. He can be reached on mdevlin@krg.nsw.gov.au

In the meantime, we remind residents:

- ☒ If you see a fire or immediate danger, call 000 without delay.
- ☒ If you witness antisocial behaviour that is violent, dangerous, or urgent, call 000 for Police.
- ☒ For non-urgent matters, contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Thank you for your continued support — together, we can keep our parks and public spaces safe for everyone.

17 July, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group: FOUND BUT SHARING AS A WARNING.

2015 Kawasaki LX150E bike stolen from Asquith (Tuesday or Wednesday) from Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith, next to the BP. IF ANYONE SEES THE BIKE, PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF OR HORNSBY POLICE. 0432276883. rego: GGP50.



17 July, from Sydney City command: Motorcycle Handle Lock

Your motorbike's safety starts with you! A few extra seconds could save you thousands 💰 🏍️

Watch video [here](#) (Facebook required).



Dates for your Diary

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 [here](#).

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

Thursday 21 August: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'AI-assisted image-based abuse: Navigating the deepfake threat' webinar. 12:30-1:15pm. [Info](#).

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

17 July, from Victoria Police: Ever heard of an OBD port lock?

This tiny gadget could make a big difference when it comes to protecting your car. An OBD (on-board diagnostic) port lock helps prevent unauthorised access to your vehicle's OBD port - the same port offenders are now targeting to mimic keys and steal cars. In recent weeks, Operation Trinity arrested three youth offenders who had stolen a Toyota parked at a gym. When police caught up with the trio, they threw a key reprogramming device from the car window. This type of offending is on the rise with 1 in 5 cars being stolen using this method. A car driven through Northland Shopping Centre was allegedly stolen using this technology. While an OBD is a simple way to block access and keep your car safe, there are a few more ways to protect your vehicle:

- 🗨️ Always lock your vehicle, even at home.
- 🗨️ Park off-street where possible.
- 🗨️ Remove garage remotes and spare keys from the vehicle.
- 🗨️ Consider extra anti-theft devices (there are alternatives to OBDs).
- 🗨️ Keep valuables out of sight - or better yet, out of the car entirely.

If your car is stolen, don't confront the offender - your safety comes first. Report it to police on 131 444 or online at: <https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au/> If it's happening now, always call Triple Zero (000).



17 July, from NHW K&H: Are you interested?

Some of our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers help at this event and find it very rewarding. If you are interested (and they are very low on volunteers this year) please register <https://bstreetsmart.org/volunteer/volunteer-registration/> and then select "General Volunteer" .

"Once again, thank you so much for volunteering, we would not be able to do this event without you."



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

An exciting opportunity exists for you to volunteer to assist us in running a Road Safety Program called 'bstreetsmart'.

Year 10 to 12 school students aged 16 –18 will attend the bstreetsmart event with the aim to decrease road trauma in this age group.

An exciting program of a crash re-enactment, interactive displays, personal stories & braking distances engage these students each day.

When: Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6, & Thursday 7 August 2025
(one day only required or more if you want!)

Where: Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay

Time: 0800 – 1330

Duties: Crowd management, information relay, ushering, safety officer

Transport: Olympic Station close by or Parking in P1 (free).

Lunch is provided.

For further information check the web: <http://www.bstreetsmart.org>
or contact:

Chapin Ayres
bstreetsmart Event Manager
Westmead Hospital
Phone: 8890 9637
Email: chapin@bstreetsmart.org

(Nursing staff will earn 4 CPD points per day)

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.

Learn the Internet Banking Essentials

Internet banking is a convenient way to manage your money. We show you how to get started on your computer, smartphone or tablet, also with key banking tasks for you to practise in our simulated bank.

- Introduction to Online Banking
- Online Banking Basics Practice Area
- Managing Payments Online Practice Area
- Introduction to Mobile Banking
- Mobile Banking Basics Practice Area
- Managing Payments with Mobile Banking Practice Area

View/access the above options [here](#).

You may also like an article: **PayID: What is it and how does it work?**

PayID is a fast and easy way to make and receive payments using easy-to-remember information. With PayID you can receive payments by providing your mobile number or email address instead of your BSB and account number. In this article we take a look at what PayID is and answer some commonly asked questions about it, including how it works and how to set it up.

View the article [here](#).



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IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000
TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime. 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 NSW - 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](#)

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[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 \(The Chase\) \(paused\)](#)



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This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our 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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