



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #491 - 09 March 2021

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch 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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07 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command



Starting a new job and need a National Police Check?
Get your official National Police Check online directly from the NSW Police Force.
Affordable, fast, safe and secure – from \$50. [Visit site here.](#)

05 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command: A brief summary for this last week.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing some vehicles being stolen, property being stolen from within vehicles, break and enters into homes and unit complex storage cages. Please remain vigilant and lock your doors and windows to your homes, vehicles and storage units and report any suspicious person or activity at the time of the incident.

We have received some late reports from some folk, telling us they saw a suspicious person on or near their driveway a day or two prior to the report. Whilst we appreciate this feedback and we encourage all feedback and information given to us, I must reiterate that timely reporting gives us the best chance to engage the suspicious person/s at the time of the suspicious activity.

Please remain vigilant, look out for your neighbour and call us if your suspicion is aroused. If your suspicion turns out to be nothing, then great. On the flip side, it could just be our offender. Please call us at the time or as close to the time of the suspicious activity.

Now to end the week on a brighter note;

Reports have been received of a hacker trying to steal from unsuspecting victims by placing devices on ATMs enabling him to hack into their accounts. A description of the male was given to police which was then circulated amongst our officers.

While on a foot patrol our officers saw a male, who matched the hacker's description. A foot pursuit followed with the suspect evading police and running out of sight.

When the officers were asked by their supervisor where the hacker had run to, they replied, "We don't know Sergeant. He just ransomware". 😊

Have a great and safe weekend and know that we are out there 24/7 with the focus on keeping you and your property safe – but we need to work together.

How to contact police and when:

"000" Triple zero - for emergency or life-threatening situations

9476 9799 – Hornsby Police station

9418 5399 – Gordon Police station

131 444 (Police Assistance Line) – for non-emergencies

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers) – To provide crime information

03 March, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai

Book in for your Safer Driver Course being held at PCYC Hornsby on Thursday 11th March at 4.30pm.

Enrol online at pcycdrivereducation.org.au

**REDUCE YOUR LOG BOOK BY 20 HOURS
WITH PCYC NSW
PCYC IS AN ACCREDITED PROVIDER
OF THE TRANSPORT FOR NSW SAFER DRIVERS COURSE.**

THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

MODULE ONE:
A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.
This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

MODULE TWO:
A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.
This will involve two participants and a coach.

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE
WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.**

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03 March, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Stealing of motor vehicles update:

Further to our post yesterday regarding the thefts of vehicles throughout the command, we ask you to continue to be aware, remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour that occurs in your area at the time or as close to the time of the occurrence as possible.

This is not just occurring in the Kuring Gai Command, but within other Commands as well.

Whilst some vehicles have been stolen, there were attempts to steal other vehicles on the same nights. We are aware that there is a possibility that the perpetrators may return at some stage in order to attempt to take the vehicles they unsuccessfully tried to steal earlier.

Rest assured that Kuring Gai General Duties crews unmarked vehicles and plain clothed units continue to patrol in the early hours of the morning and

throughout the days and nights and with the help of our community, we'll have the best chance of apprehending these criminals
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Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

08 March, from NSW Police Force



A man has been charged after allegedly threatening a youth with a knife on a train on Sydney's North Shore earlier today.

About 9.15am (Sunday 7 March 2021), a 17-year-old boy boarded a citybound train at Killara Railway Station when an unknown man entered the carriage a short time later and sat nearby.

Police will allege the man approached the youth and threatened him with a knife.

The youth exited the train at Milsons Point Railway Station and police were notified.

About 9.30am, officers from the Police Transport Command arrested a 37-year-old man at Central Railway Station following a short foot pursuit.

During a search of the man, police located a knife hidden in his pants and during a further search, a flick knife and a pair of scissors were located in his pockets.

He was taken to Day Street Police Station and charged with armed with intent to commit indictable offence and custody of knife in public place.

The Terrey Hills man was refused bail to appear at Central Local Court tomorrow (Monday 8 March 2021).

06 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia **Zoom meetings are just modern seances**



"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"

How are those 'work from home' Zoom meetings going, anyway? 😄😄
Have a great weekend everyone!

05 March, From our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer at Hornsby police station, Fiona Zhou:



Sunday 21 March to Sunday 28 March: Connected Communities - From Harmony Day to Neighbour Day, celebrating diversity and strengthening community connections. Virtual events. Info & Booking [here](#).
Mandarin and Korean speaking interpreters will be available for the three Zoom sessions below.

Sunday 21 March: 10am Hornsby Council - multicultural concerts through council's Facebook page or YouTube page. Featuring Peking Opera, Martial Arts, Choir performances, Bharathnatyam Dancers and more.

Monday 22 March: 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring Korean and Japanese Traditions Zoom session & opportunity to win prizes

Wednesday 24 March: 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring South Asian Customs Zoom session & opportunity to win prizes

Friday 26 March: 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring Chinese Heritage Zoom session & opportunity to win prizes

Sunday 28 March: 10am Hornsby Council - Creative Connections through Hornsby Council's Facebook or Youtube page.

Featuring multicultural performances and a virtual trip through the Shire's most picturesque neighbourhoods.

The council's Facebook page is [here](#).

The council's YouTube channel is [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11 March: Community Safety Precinct Committee (Precinct)

meeting. [Email us here](#) if you have any issue that you would like discussed.

Thursday 11 March: 4:30-7:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

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Sunday 28 March: Neighbour Day. [Info](#). Download FREE Neighbour Day Colouring-in [here](#).

Thursday 08 April: 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

Thursday 15 April: 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

Wednesday 21 April: Ku-ring-gai Council 'Everything for Seniors Day' 10am-2pm @ the Turramurra Uniting Church Hall & meeting rooms and the Turramurra Seniors Centre. Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall at this event.

05 March, from NSW Police Force: SCAM ALERT!

We've had several reports of scam callers pretending to be from the NSW Police Force and threatening call recipients with fines or arrest.

The scammer states that the person receiving the call has an outstanding fine or warrant. They then demand a form of payment to prevent arrest or further court action. Reports also indicate that the scammers ask for a copy of a driver's licence and photo for 'identification purposes'.

The NSW Police Force will never call a member of the public and demand payment over the phone in order to avoid going to court or being arrested.

If you get an unexpected call from someone who states they're from the police, and starts asking for personal details or threatens you, don't pay any money or provide personal details and please HANG UP.

If you're concerned, you can always verify by contacting your local police or the Police Assistance Line directly on 131 444.

To find out more information about scams, or to find out other ways to protect yourself, [visit site here](#). If you have been the victim of a scam, you can report it to local police or to the ACCC online at the 'SCAMwatch report a scam' page.

05 March, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for assistance from the public to locate a missing teen from Ermington.

Elena Ariyaae, aged 13, was last seen at a home on Cowell Lane, Ermington, about 8am on Monday (1 March 2021).

When she failed to return home after school, her family reported her missing to officers from Ryde Police Area Command.

She is described as being Mediterranean in appearance, about 150cm tall with a thin build.

She was last seen wearing her school uniform, consisting of a white shirt and blue skirt, and may be carrying a backpack.

Elena is known to frequent the Ryde, Chatswood and Warringah areas.

Anyone who may have information concerning the whereabouts of Elena is asked to contact Eastwood Police Station on (02) 9858 9299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

04 March, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch



Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community group:

Unfortunately this happened on Monday afternoon (around Turramurra station)... does anyone have any recommendations on what will remove the graffiti?

Appreciate suggestions!

04 March, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

Between the 23rd April 2019 and the 17th May 2020, a male person and co-offenders committed numerous graffiti offences at railway stations across Sydney. Officers attached to PTC Hornsby commenced investigations into the damage of Sydney Trains property where the male person was identified.

On the 20th May

2020 he was arrested and charged.

On the 1st March 2021 at Tweed Heads Local Court the male person was convicted of committing 16 offences (6 x Malicious Damage <=\$2,000, 4 x Malicious Damage \$2,000 - \$5,000, 4 x Intentionally mark premises without consent, 1 x Face disguised with intent, 1 x Shoplifting) occurring at Lindfield, Riverstone, Waverton, Tuggerah, Thornleigh, Sydenham and Wollie Creek Railway Stations.

His sentence included a 2 year Intensive Correction Order (01/03/2021 - 28/02/2023) with supervision by Community Corrections, 250 hours

Community Service and was ordered to pay \$25,996 compensation to SydenyTrains.

04 March, from Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation

****Trigger Warning: contains content that may be distressing to some people.****

The smallest clue can often help solve a case.

We're opening up some of our investigations to you through an Australian-first initiative, [#TraceanObject](#).

Introduced by Europol in 2017 and now implemented by the Australian Federal Police-led ACCCE, [#TraceanObjectAUS](#) asks you to identify objects that have been taken from the background of child sexual abuse images and videos.

To take a closer look at these objects and report something you recognise, [visit site here](#)

****Out of respect for victims, we urge you not to share any personal information (recognisable pictures, names, etc.) on social media or anywhere online.****

[Watch video here.](#)

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for 'Staff in Aged Care '

Tip #3. ALLTRADES, CLEANERS & CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE SIGNED-IN WITH APPROPRIATE VISITOR'S PASS VISIBLE.

Tip #5. HOLD REGULAR STAFF TRAINING IN RELATION TO MANAGING DIFFICULT/VIOLENT RESIDENTS/PATIENTS. Call Security/Police for assistance

Tip #8. ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES KNOW ALL PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY KIND OF EMERGENCY. All office phones should have emergency/important phone numbers as speed dial.

Tip #11. REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAYOUT OF THE WHOLE SITE & MAKE CHANGES WHERE THERE IS CONCEALMENT OR A SECURITY RISK IDENTIFIED. The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police station can assist with a free Security Audit. Phone: 9476 9799.

Tip #13. REPORT ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO POLICE. Phone Police

Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444, or 000 (Triple Zero) for an urgent Police response.

Tip #19. FOR DEACTIVATED STAFF, ENSURE ALL COMPUTER ACCESS IS REMOVED, AND KEYS & SWIPE CARDS ARE RETURNED.

Tip #20. ANY SUSPICIOUS/UNAUTHORISED PERSONS FOUND ON PREMISES TO BE CHALLENGED. Call 000 (Triple Zero) if deemed necessary. Report everything that doesn't appear to be right. Trust your instincts

For more 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.

From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

It's often said we've always got 100 pairs of eyes on us 😂😂😂

Have a great weekend everyone!

**Be careful out there.
Just saw an undercover dog
using binoculars.**



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 (Only victims may report.)

[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 within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[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](#)

[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)



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