



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #521 - 05 October 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.

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04 October, from NSW Police Force

A man will face court today charged over the alleged sexual touching of a woman and teenage girl in Sydney's east last month.

On Thursday 30 September 2021, officers from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command commenced an investigation following reports a 15-year-old girl had

been sexually touched by an unknown man while at a grocer in Coogee, about 4pm that day.

During initial inquiries, police identified that a 25-year-old woman was allegedly sexually touched at the same location earlier in the month (Monday 6 September 2021).

Following extensive investigations, and a public appeal for information, officers arrested a 20-year-old man after he was observed in Maroubra by patrolling police about 3.30pm yesterday (Sunday 3 October 2021).

Detectives subsequently executed a search warrant at a home in Redfern, where they seized a number of items relevant to the investigation.

The man was taken to Waverley Police Station and charged with three counts of sexually touch another person without consent and one count of intentionally sexually touch child.

He was refused bail to appear before Parramatta Bail Court today (Monday 4 October 2021).

01 October, from NSW Police Force



A religious leader has been charged following an investigation into alleged charity fraud offences valued at approximately \$100,000 in Sydney's west. Earlier this year, officers from Campsie Police Area Command, alongside detectives attached to the State Crime Command's Financial Crimes Squad, commenced an investigation into reports a religious leader had engaged in fraudulent activity.

During the investigation police identified that the man had allegedly established a religious council and was collecting donations from community groups across Australia intended for overseas charities.

Following extensive inquiries, about 7am today (Friday 1 October 2021), police executed a search warrant at an address on Alan Street, Yagoona, where they arrested a 55-year-old man.

During the search, officers seized documentation relevant to the investigation, \$6,500 cash and an extendable baton, which will undergo further examination. The man was taken to Bankstown Police Station, where he was charged with seven counts of dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception, three

counts of make false/misleading statement for authority/benefit and possess prohibited weapon.

Police will allege the man had been misappropriating charitable funds to the value of approximately \$100,000 since 2009 and was falsely reporting information to Fair Trading.

The man was granted conditional bail to appear at Bankstown Local Court on Thursday 21 October 2021.

Investigations are continuing.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.



05 October, from Australian Cyber Security Centre



October is Cyber Security Awareness Month! The ACSC has developed four new guides to help Australians stay safe online. One of the guides is tailored to seniors, as the ACSC continues to receive reports from older Australians who have been targeted by cybercriminals. This guide provides advice to make cyber security approachable and easy to understand for older Australians. To view it go to [site here](#).

04 October, From Hornsby Shire Council:

Public Consultation - Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area, Waitara and Hornsby - Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions

Council is writing to you regarding a proposal to change some of the parking restrictions in the Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area, in Waitara and Hornsby. Council wants to get the balance right and would like your feedback. As the population of Hornsby Shire increases, changes to parking management in local streets are required to ensure adequate levels of short-term parking is maintained for visitors to residential apartments and customers of local businesses.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) undertook parking surveys of the area, which indicated that the 4 hour (4P) parking restrictions are no longer efficient in maintaining parking turnover. Council has developed a proposal to make changes to parking restrictions in the Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area to address the recommendations of the Transport for NSW Bus Priority Infrastructure Program (BPIP), as well as the Car Parking Management Study adopted by Council in September 2020. It is noted that both studies recommend changing the existing 4 hour restrictions (4P) to 2 hour restrictions (2P) in the local streets. The studies also identified that the mix of different parking restrictions lead to confusion and that streamlining all restrictions in the area to 2 hour (2P) would be beneficial. These changes are aimed at providing further parking options for those visiting nearby units or businesses. The following restrictions are proposed:

Leonard Street - change existing 4 hour parking (4P) to 2 hour parking (2P) along the northern side.

Hornsby Street - change existing 4 hour parking (4P) to 2 hour parking (2P) along the western side.

James Street - change existing 4 hour parking (4P) to 2 hour parking (2P) along the western side.

Pattison Avenue - change existing 4 hour parking (4P) to 2 hour parking (2P) along the northern side.

Romsey Street - change existing half hour (½ P) and 1 hour (1P) to 2 hour parking (2P).

Waitara Avenue - change existing half hour (½ P) to 2 hour parking (2P) along the eastern side.

Government Road - change existing unrestricted parking to 1 hour parking (1P), four spaces.

Exhibition Start Date: Monday 16 August 2021

Exhibition Finish Date: Sunday 31 October 2021 (Close of business). Please note: The exhibition period has been extended.

Documents

Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area, Waitara and Hornsby – Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions – Letter - 283kb

Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area, Waitara and Hornsby – Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions – Plan - 6.8MB

Have your say

Council invites your comments on the proposal by close of business Sunday 31 October 2021. The results of the consultation will be referred to the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Please mark your submission “Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions - Waitara Industrial and Commercial Area - Waitara and Hornsby - Reference No F2007/00208” and address it to:

The General Manager

Hornsby Shire Council

PO Box 37

HORNSBY NSW 1630

or Email hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries

For more information please contact Radek Zarzycki, Senior Traffic Engineer, Traffic Engineering & Road Safety on 9847 6524.

Full information [here](#).

The NSW Food Authority advises:



Devondale Apple Juice Co Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of Devondale 100% Sparkling Apple Juice 750ml. The product has been available for sale at Coles stores nationally.

Product details:

Devondale 100% Sparkling Apple Juice 750ml

Best Before 17/06/23, 02/08/2023, 03/08/2023, 26/08/2023

Problem: The recall is due to a packaging fault resulting in the potential for glass breakage.

Food safety hazard: Food products containing glass may cause injury if consumed.

Country of origin: Australia.

What to do: Consumers should not drink this product and should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For further information please contact:

Devondale Apple Juice Co Pty

1800 667 765

Devondale [Website here](#).

See full media release [here](#).

03 October, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES

NSW SES responded to 30,000 calls for help during the last storm season and more than 1,000 flood rescues.

With increased chances of flood and storms, make sure you are prepared. To find out how visit ses.nsw.gov.au

02 October, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday:

Some grub stole our kids bikes (plus one adult bike) off our front porch last night in Oakleigh Ave. left the helmets on the nature strip.

Just a reminder to lock them away if you aren't using them.

Photos added to the comments below this post.

And in the comments:

Wish I had thought of that sooner. We had two bikes stolen off our driveway in Ferndale Road a week ago. I believe bikes were also stolen in or around Hinemoa on the same day. White van.

We had items stolen in March this year. Also a white van was seen.

02 October, from Fire and Rescue Station 037 Gordon



This was one call that seemed to be on a bit of a budget. Today Gordon fire and Rescue were called to a delivery driver who wanted to see the wild side of Yanko road. This is why we never endorse cutting corners in the delivery of serving our community and unlike our mate we won't leave you hanging. Thankfully all packages were delivered and more importantly no one was seriously hurt. A turfer winch was used to initially stabilise the vehicle before substantial stabilisation and risk assessment was carried out to make sure there was minimal property damage and everyone got away injury free. Also thanks goes out to Simbad. We love your work.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 October: eSafety Commissioner FREE 1-hour webinar Protect Yourself Against Scams 3-4pm Info & Register [here](#).

Wednesday 13 October: Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) NHW meeting. TBC

Wednesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/Pymble/St Ives NHW AGM online via MS Teams @ 7pm. Special guests: S/C Colin Mitchell, Crime

Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, and Ruby Koop - Snap Send Solve App. [Email us](#) for details. Everyone welcome.

01 October, from NSW Police Force

All across the world, older people have made an enormous contribution to their families and their communities.

On October 1st, we recognise those contributions and celebrate the International Day of Older Persons 🧓👴

Today, and every day, we say NO to ageism.

30 September, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Hi Berowra Community

Yesterday my dad went up to Coles at about 1pm and someone accidentally swiped the corner of his car (red kia). The person did the right thing and left a note but unfortunately he didn't see it and then it rained and the note was destroyed when he found it. This might be a long shot but if you are that person, please can you PM me. Thanks so much.

29 September, from 9news.com.au: Scam text claims to be from Optus, delete immediately



Whether it be via text message, a phone call, email or via social media, scam artists will stop at nothing to try and gain access to your money and personal information.

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

Tip #1. DO YOUR RESEARCH before you go: www.SmarTraveller.gov.au.

- ♣ If you are a dual citizen, check the implications, eg the passport used dictates the embassy available to assist, liability for military service, etc.
- ♣ If you take medications, know which are restricted & where. Take supporting documents.
- ♣ If you have parental responsibility, ensure you have all consents necessary.
- ♣ Register your trip with Australian Government's DFAT Smartraveller.

Tip #2. HOLD ONTO BELONGINGS such as handbags/backpacks. Beware pickpockets and bag-snatchers! When sitting, try looping bag straps around your ankles, or keep your bag on your lap. If you rest or sleep, ensure all expensive items like phones/wallets, are not visible. Take 'tourist photos' of unknown fellow travellers. Note: Belongings on a train/plane stored in a baggage store/over-head locker MAY NOT be covered by travel insurance – keep within sight at all times.

Tip #6. IF YOU ARE AWAY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD consider house-sitters, inform your insurance & burglar alarm companies, set TV and lights on timers, and make your home

look lived in.

Ask a neighbour or friend to:

- ♣ put your bins out and in each week;
- ♣ regularly empty mailbox, collect mail & remove junk mail/freebie newspapers;
- ♣ park in your driveway;
- ♣ mow lawn and/or nature strip;
- ♣ regularly check the outside of your property to remove any clues that your home is empty (eg a note/business card on your door, or a delivery on the doorstep).

Tip #12. CONSIDER A REDUCED CREDIT LIMIT on a credit card purely for your overseas travel. Let the bank know of your trip. To avoid being over-charged, consider using a currency exchange mobile phone App such as XE Currency. Consider wearing a hidden wallet (that attaches to a belt and tucks inside your pant's leg). Use a wallet/bag/passport holder with RFID protection.

Tip #16. REQUEST A ROOM ON A FLOOR OTHER THAN THE LOWEST – most crimes happen on the lower floors. Acquire or photograph the fire escape plan on the back of your hotel door. Keep a flashlight next to the bed and within arm's reach.

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. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

From NSW Police Force: 🕒 Don't forget daylight saving starts Sunday morning.



The clocks go forward this weekend. Not sure how forward but I think 4 months should do.

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

Website WatchOut.org.au

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



