



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 332 - 19 February 2018**

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 the [Kuring-gai LAC 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 an other 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. Thank you for your support.

📧 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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**19 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Here's some weekend crime and incident stats for Friday 16 to Monday 19 February.**

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from Motor Vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Other
Suburb						
ARCADIA						
ASCQUITH						
BEROWRA			1			
BOBBIN HEAD						
BROOKLYN			1		1 (trailer)	
COWAN						High range PCA
GALSTON					1	
GORDON					2	
HORNSBY			1	5		1 Robbery & Low range PCA
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA	1					
MT COLAH						
MT KURING GAI			1			
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE	1				1	Drugs
ST IVES			1			
THORNLEIGH				1		Mid range PCA & Drugs
TURRAMURRA				1		
WAHROONGA				1		
WAITARA						
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE						
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	10 Feb to 10 Feb					

**Berowra:** Malicious Damage

**Brooklyn:** Mal Dam, Steal motor vehicle (trailer)

**Cowan:** High-range PCA

**Gordon:** Steal from Motor Vehicle

**Hornsby:** Mal Dam, 5 x Stealing, 2 x Steal from Motor vehicle, Steal Motor Vehicle, Robbery, Low-range PCA

**Killara:** Break & Enter

**Mt Kuring-gai:** Mal Dam

**Pymble:** B&E, Steal from Motor Vehicle, Drugs

**St Ives:** Mal Dam







**Thornleigh:** Stealing, Mid-range PCA, Drugs

**Turramurra:** Stealing

**Wahroonga:** Stealing

**19 February, shared from Crime Stoppers: If you are a pedestrian, you should take responsibility for your own safety by using crossings, obeying road rules and being aware of your surroundings.**

As a pedestrian you should:

-   Obey signals at crossings (penalty applies for failure to do so)
-     Always cross at a pedestrian crossing if one is available (penalty applies for failure to do so);
-   Never assume a driver has seen you or intends to stop;
-   Never cross a road while using headphones or mobile phones;
-   Always hold the hands of children when crossing the road.



[Watch out for our new 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Pedestrians' due very soon - Ed]

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**18 February, shared from True Blue Line:**

Our dear friend Jono, a Senior Constable with the NSW police force, was struck by a car last night whilst at work. He was just a bloke going to work, supporting his family and protecting his community. He and a colleague were both hit, with Jono sustaining life threatening injuries. Today, because of the sheer stupidity of the driver looking at his phone whilst driving, he is facing the reality of life as an amputee. If you can spare any amount, no matter how small, I know they'll be eternally grateful. Sharing this page would also be hugely appreciated, simply to raise awareness about using mobile phones whilst driving.

[Click here for GoFundMe.](#)



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### **16 February, Media Release from NSW Police:**

A critical incident investigation has been launched after two Highway Patrol officers were injured – one critically – at a Random Breath Test site in Sydney's south west. Police were setting up a roadside RBT site on Campbelltown Road at Leumeah when they were struck by a vehicle about 8.20pm (Friday 16 February 2018). Two male Senior Constables sustained severe leg injuries. One was taken to Liverpool in a critical condition, and one in a serious condition. The driver of the vehicle was not injured and has been taken to Campbelltown Hospital for mandatory blood and urine testing. A critical incident team will now investigate all circumstances surrounding the incident. That investigation will be subject to independent review.

Police are appealing for anyone with information about the incident to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

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### **15 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Warning to all north shore residents.**

There has been an increase in the number of elderly persons being contacted by a male purporting to be from a bank, the male asks for personal information and PIN's for their credit and debit cards. The male offender has either broken into homes or simply walked in through unlocked doors. Once inside he steals credit and debit cards and leaves. Once he has the cards he will ring the victim pretending to be from the bank asking for personal details like date of birth etc. He then asks the victim to confirm the PIN of the cards. As he knows most of the info

the victim believes he is from the bank, once he has the PIN he attends local ATMs and withdraws as much as he can. Banks will never ring and ask to confirm PINs or request you identify yourself with a date of birth. Police are asking those of you that have elderly family or friends (not on facebook) to contact them and educate them about this scam, We have had several cases in the past few weeks and another at St Ives just now.



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15 February, shared from The Hills command:



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14 February, shared from Crime Stoppers: Did you know that it is a crime if you make, send out, or have an “offensive” image of someone under the age of 18 (including of yourself) who is:

- Showing their private parts, which includes a person’s genital area, anal area or female breasts

- Posing or acting in a sexual way; in the presence of another person involved in sexual activity or pose, or
- Involved in a sexual activity.

The law calls these images CHILD ABUSE MATERIAL, or more commonly – Child pornography. If you are found guilty of a sexting crime, you may be placed on the Australian National Child Offender Register.

It is important to protect yourself by deleting any pictures you are unsure or uncomfortable about straightaway. It is really difficult to keep images private and once they are shared, you will never be able to delete those pictures forever. Never share it online or through SMS, and only show it to a trusted adult.



**13 February, shared from NSW Police: Take a vow-el to follow the road rules...**



[#takethehint#vowelbehaviour](#)

[Relevant Road Rules here.](#)

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13 February, shared from NSW Police: We've been down a person in our Digital Media Team since one of our staff members headed overseas for a year. We got a temp in, and as you can see in the video, they're hard-working and efficient - but lack the creativity and spark we need to keep our audience interested and informed. So, if you're after a role in digital, have the skills, experience and creativity to produce engaging content for social media and websites, this could be the job for you. Head over to <https://goo.gl/6LFQN7> to find out more. If you're interested in applying, there'll be some questions (after all, we are the police!) and an application form. Oh, and don't worry about the temp; they've got a nice job lined up over in Accounts.



[Watch video here.](#)

[More info here.](#)

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**13 February, shared from NSW Maritime: Now is a good time to brush up on the rules and ensure you know how to safely navigate your vessel on the waterways using nav aids.**



[Watch video here.](#)

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**13 February, shared from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Around 10:40 am on Monday the 12th of February 2018, Police were conducting patrols of Galston Road and were travelling in an easterly direction through Galson Gorge.**

At this time, Heavy Motor Vehicle bearing New South Wales registration, being driven by a 38 year old male from Cambridge Park, being a heavy rigid petrol tanker was travelling westbound. On a hair pin turn, it was observed that the heavy vehicle was required to conduct a three point turn to make the turn, causing minor disruptions to traffic flow which required all traffic, including Police to stop to allow for movement of the vehicle [edited].

[Full report here.](#)







**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

**14 February 2018 was a special day for your local Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch volunteers: "Love our Links" - the launch of our crime prevention website.**

You will find a 'one-stop-shop' of important crime prevention information to keep you safe online and offline. **WatchOut.org.au** is a community-based website built by volunteers, maintained by the community, for the community and is a first for Australia. Please take a look at the website - here's hoping you find the project interesting and shareable: <https://watchout.org.au/>

Here's the Media release:

**KU-RING-GAI/HORNSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LAUNCHES  
INNOVATIVE ONLINE COMMUNITY RESOURCE**

"WatchOut!" For New 'One-stop-shop' for Crime Prevention

Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has put together an innovative, free and easy-to-use online service to connect the community with all things crime and crime prevention.

Wanting you to "**Love Our Links**" the never-before-done site -

[www.watchout.org.au](http://www.watchout.org.au) - launches Valentine's Day, February 14 2018, with an A-Z index of helpful information on a variety of topics, provided by government agencies and not-for-profit organisations.

Made possible through NHW Australasia 2017 Community Funding program, this creative concept was born out of the need for Neighbourhood Watch to find new ways to point the community to relevant information.

*"Crimes have extended further into our lives through the use of technology, and a huge, crucial resource - the internet - was being missed. The site will point to advice for everyone; from how to deal with cyber-bullying for a 10 year old, through to warnings on romance scams for an 80 year old."* – Julia Eagles, Coordinator, Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW.

The constantly evolving site is run by a roster of dedicated Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, ensuring links and information are kept up-to-date. A true community project, Neighbourhood Watch invites all users of the site and members of the public to submit links and feedback.

Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby NHW plans to roll out WatchOut! at local community events

and shopping precincts throughout 2018.



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**13 February, shared from NSW Fair Trading: Live in, own or manage a unit or townhouse?**

Window safety devices must be installed on all applicable windows by 13 March 2018.

[Find out more here.](#)



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**From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 15 February** [\[view online edition here\]](#)

**Streetwatch (page 5):**

**HORNSBY** A Little Tykes Princess Chariot toy was stolen from Toys R Us on Friday but it did not get far after police — already alerted by Central Coast colleagues — pounced on a 16-year-old San Remo boy and recovered the item. The chariot was taken around 3pm after three young people — two males and a female — entered the Westfield shopping centre store with a trolley, took the chariot and then allegedly walked out without paying. Police are viewing CCTV and still investigating the incident.

**BEROWRA HEIGHTS** A Turner Rd property was broken into on Friday, February 2, between 8pm and 9.30pm. A thief stole tools, a computer, vacuum cleaner and a battery charger. The property owner's CCTV footage showed the break-in taking place and the owner recognised the thief. Police are continuing to investigate.

**TURRAMURRA** A potential break-and-enter was foiled on Monday at 4am when a homeowner in Bobbin Head Rd woke when she heard her front door handle being jiggled. She shouted out and the person left the scene.

**WAITARA** A P-plater, 22, who crashed into a fence on the Pacific Highway at Waitara allegedly told police he had taken pills the night before. He returned a negative alcohol result. The driver hit the fence on Sunday at 9.30am and an oral fluid test allegedly showed the presence of drugs, with further testing allegedly revealing the driver was positive for methamphetamine. He will appear at Hornsby Court in March.

**WAITARA** A man discovered by police at 1.35am with his feet hanging out the back of a Toyota HiLux ute allegedly intended to steal tools when approached on Monday. Police said the Mt Colah man had his top half under the canvas rear of the ute's tray when they saw him during a patrol. Police handed him a court infringement notice for larceny.

**HORNSBY** A 15-year-old girl was interviewed by police after she attempted to steal several beachwear items from City Beach in Westfield on Saturday. Police said the Cherrybrook girl went into the shop and chose a Calvin Klein bikini bottom and sports bra and several other items worth \$194 at 1:30pm. She attempted to pay for only one of the smaller items and when she left the store security staff escorted her back inside to wait for police. She was handed a youth caution.

## **MOTORCYCLIST THROWN FROM BIKE**



Paramedics and CareFlight crews work to stabilise the man.

A MOTORCYCLIST was flung over the front wheel of his bike when he was in a collision with a hatchback at Dural last Wednesday. The 49-year-old man suffered pelvic injuries and was taken to hospital in a stable condition after the crash, on Old Northern Rd at 4.30pm. A CareFlight crew landed in a grassy clearing 100m from the scene. NSW Ambulance paramedics helped stabilise the man.

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 20 February:** Friends of Mt Colah meeting 6:30pm @ Mt Colah Pizzeria

**Wednesday 21 February:** "The facts about Dementia" - free public education event - sessions at 12.30pm (register [here](#)) and 3pm (register [here](#)).

**Saturday 03 March:** The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. [Info](#).

**Sunday 04 March:** Clean Up Australia Day

**Monday 19 March:** Gordon 3/4 (Turrumurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church Lounge area, Turrumurra Ave, Turrumurra

**Sunday 25 March:** Neighbour Day

**Sunday 25 March:** Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Supporting Lifeline, Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Women's Refuge & Rotary. [Info](#).

**Wednesday 04 to Sunday 15 April:** 2018 NSW Seniors Festival

**Sunday 06 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10am-4pm. [Info](#)

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**19 February, from ABC News: If you're receiving missed international calls, don't call back.**

Here's what to do instead. Why you should never trust a call from an unknown number and other tips for identifying scams

[Full article here](#)

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**19 February, shared from NSW Police: A man has been charged following investigations into an assault that's left a man on life support at the weekend.**

About 3.25am (Sunday 18 February 2018), an altercation occurred between a

number of people in the carpark of a premises on **Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills**. Emergency services were called and a 43-year-old man was found unconscious on the ground suffering a critical head injury. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where he was treated for a fractured skull and placed on life support. Following investigations at the scene by officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command, a 26-year-old man was arrested. He was taken to Manly Police Station where he was charged with reckless grievous bodily harm. He was refused bail and will appear in Manly Local Court today (Monday 19 February 2018).

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**18 February, shared from the Australian Government Department of Health: Want to support a loved one with mental health issues?**

[Visit here The Digital Mental Health Gateway](#) for trusted information that may help you and them.

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**18 February, shared from Neuroscience News & Research: Here's How Witnessing Violence Harms Children's Mental Health**

This needs to be part of the conversation.

[Read full article here.](#)

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**17 February, shared from Welcome Baskets: Have you got a new neighbour?**

We would love to deliver them a Welcome Basket. Let us know by [registering them for a basket here](#). Ku-ring-gai residents only. [Until the launch in March for Hornsby Shire Council residents! Wahoo! - Ed]



[Email us here](#) for your copy of '***Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours***'

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### **16 February, shared from the Australian Government Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC): Mandatory data breach notification**

What is the Notifiable Data Breaches scheme?

The passage of the *Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017* established the Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme in Australia. The NDB scheme applies to all agencies and organisations with existing personal information security obligations under the Australian *Privacy Act 1988* (Privacy Act) from **22 February 2018**.

The OAIC's [Notifiable Data Breaches webpage](#) provides more details, including how to keep informed of future consultation events.

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**Thanks to the Bush Telegraph Thursday 22 February** [[Click here for online editions](#)]:

## George Street commuter car park reopening Thursday 22 February

The main car park on George Street will be available to commuters from Thursday 22 February, providing approximately 370 spaces.

Commuter parking at Westfield Hornsby (level 4, rooftop) will remain available between 5am and 10pm (excluding weekends, public holidays and December).

### Where is commuter parking available at Hornsby?

- George Street car park (main section): 370 spaces
- Westfield Hornsby (level 4 rooftop): 320 spaces
- George Street car park (southern section): 50 spaces (approx)
- Jersey Street car park: 22 spaces
- High Street car park: 21 spaces

Accessible parking is available in the southern George Street car park (see map for commuter parking locations at Hornsby).



For more information call 1800 584 480.  
Email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/projects)



## 15 February, shared from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Cadbury Caramilk Chocolate

Mondelez Australia Pty Ltd is conducting a recall of their Cadbury Caramilk. The product has been available from Coles, Woolworths, IGA's and independent retailers (VIC only) in NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS and WA. A limited number of Cadbury Caramilk products have been found to contain small, flexible pieces of food grade plastic as a result of a machinery fault during the manufacturing process.

### Product details:

- Cadbury Caramilk 190g chocolate block
- Best before 17/01/2019 and 21/01/2019 only

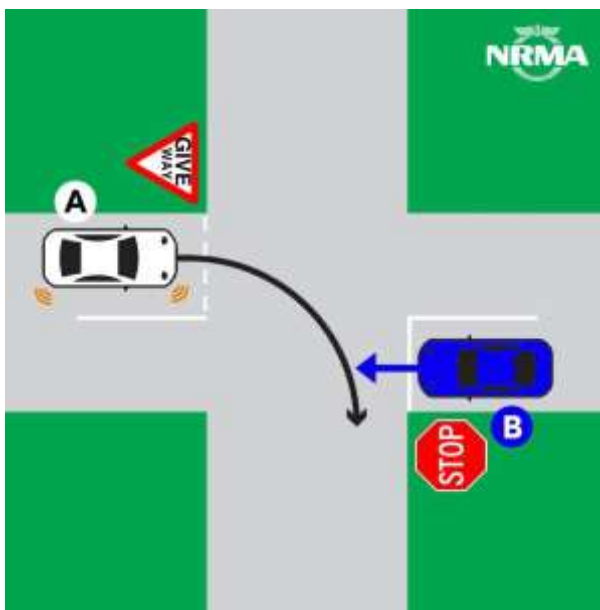
[Full Media Release here.](#)



14 February, shared from The NRMA: TEST TIME: Which vehicle must give way?

Vehicle A

Vehicle B



**TEST ANSWER: Vehicle A must give way to vehicle B.**

Vehicles A and B are facing stop and give way signs; when two drivers face each



other at stop or give way signs at an intersection they must give way to all other vehicles entering or approaching the intersection then apply the give way rules to each other. Vehicle A must then give way to vehicle B, as it is turning across vehicle B's path.

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### **14 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Let's crush 'trolleygate'**

#### **More than 500 a day dumped in our streets**

HORNSBY councillor Nathan Tilbury will lobby for the council to take an “extreme approach” against abandoned trolleys in Hornsby CBD — almost 12 months after Westfield promised to fix the problem. Cr Tilbury is calling for the council to crush trolleys and impose costs on Woolworths and Coles.

[Full article here.](#)

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### **14 February, shared from the acmadotgov: How does a romance scam work?**

Scammers take advantage of people looking for romantic partners on websites, apps or social media. They play on emotional triggers to get you to provide money, gifts or personal details.

This [#ValentinesDay](#), be aware of scammers after your heart and your personal info!

Find out more via **Scamwatch**: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/dating-romance>

How to protect yourself

online: <https://www.acma.gov.au/Citizen/Internet/esecurity/Staying-safe-online/protecting-yourself-online>



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**From the draft 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel':**

**Tip#1:** Do your research before you go. Register your trip: DFAT's [www.SmarTraveller.gov.au](http://www.SmarTraveller.gov.au)

**Tip#4:** Align the wheels of your pram or motorised scooter parallel to the train platform edge to avoid accidents, ie not pointing towards/away from the track. Always apply the brakes on a station platform or whilst travelling on a train, bus, etc. Request your FREE 'Pram Safety' DVD at [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) . Always use a 'Pram Harness' for safety.

**Tip#9:** If you feel intimidated by someone with you in a train carriage, jump out at the next exit, go down a carriage and hop back on.

**Tip#16:** Request a room other than on the lowest floor – most crimes happen on the lower floors. Acquire or make a copy of the fire escape plan on the back of your hotel door. Keep a flashlight next to the bed and within arm's reach.

**Tip#19:** Carry a motion alarm that can be placed over the hotel doorknob, a door-stopper alarm, or a simple rubber wedge to place under the door. Request an extra key at the front desk, so no one will know if you're traveling alone.

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## DRIFFIELD

We helped a lovely 97 year old lady from Driffield tonight who called up concerned that she couldn't lock her door.

We attended and a bit of DIY later we fixed her locks and made the house secure.

**#Notjustcrime #RandomActsOfKindness  
#6037 #6729**

How nice is that! Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723**

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)**

Non-emergency two-way communication

**Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**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.

### Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC:



Website [nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au](http://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au)



Our Crime Prevention website [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)



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#### **Our mailing address is:**

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