



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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5 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Here's some weekend crime and incident stats for Friday 2 to Monday 5 March.

Asquith: Steal from Motor Vehicles 1

Berowra: Steal from Motor Vehicle (trailer) 1

Gordon: Malicious Damage 1

Hornsby: Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 6, Drugs 1

Normanhurst: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

St Ives: Break & Enter 3, Stealing 1

Thornleigh: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1, Vehicle Fire 1

Turrumurra: Break & Enter 2, Malicious Damage 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Wahroonga: Stealing 1, Steal Motor Vehicle 1

West Pymble: Stealing 1

Westleigh: Break & Enter 1

5 March, from Hornsby Shire Council: No Parking

Did you know you can stop in a No Parking zone for up to 2 minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must also stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended..

2 March, Police Association of NSW



Today our thoughts are with the family, friends and colleagues of Senior Constable David Rixon VA tragically murdered in 2012. His sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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1 March, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Drugs and driving don't mix. With 3 times more MDT on NSW roads, there's no escaping it.

Watch video [here](#).

1 March, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Don't overtake turning heavy vehicles. Trucks and buses need lots of space to turn and are allowed to use two lanes, including the lane furthest away from the

direction they are turning. If there is a long vehicle with a 'do not overtake turning vehicle' sign ahead of you, check what direction they are turning and don't overtake them.

More info [here](#).

1 March, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



At an intersection, always wait until there is enough space on the other side for your vehicle. Queueing across intersections is dangerous because it blocks vehicles going in the other direction.

Learn road Rules [here](#).

28 February, NSW Police Force [Edited]

Twenty years ago, on 28th February, 1998, the New South Wales Police Force was rocked to its core when Constable Peter Justin Forsyth was tragically and unjustifiably killed in the line of duty in Ultimo.

The murder robbed a young Sydney family of a husband, a father and a son.

Peter was walking home with colleagues when they were confronted by a group of teens who offered them drugs.

The off-duty officers were suddenly on-duty and one of the offenders produced a knife and fatally stabbed 28-year-old Peter.

Peter's life and commitment touched so many people and like his family and friends, the Police Force continues to mourn his passing.

Watch video [here](#).

Today: A 9 year old is happy when offered the latest iPhone.



Then: Me, at 9 years old, I was happy to have this pen.



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Creating Safer Communities

4 March, NSW Rod Safety - NSW GOV

Do you know the road rules for turning at intersections with painted arrows? Here's a breakdown:



1. If there is an arrow painted on the road, you must follow the direction of the arrow.
2. When an arrow indicates more than one direction, you can follow either direction.
3. You must always signal when turning, even when the arrow indicates one direction.

More info [here](#).

4 March, from 7 News Sydney

Principals will be given more power to suspend students for online activity outside of school under new cyber bullying laws.

Watch video [here](#).

4 March, Kmart issues urgent recall for popular products.

Australian retail giant Kmart has issued an urgent recall warning customers not use two hot-selling items out of fear they could cause "fire or explosion".

Click [here](#) for details.

3 March, from BBC World Service

This prison is in Norway. Is it a "luxury prison" or the best way to prepare offenders

for life outside?

Watch video [here](#).

3 March, from Eliax: Defence Tactics

Excellent Mini-video showing women how to defend themselves from the most common physical attacks coming from men.

I recommend practice with a friend to memorize in case of any real emergency.

Watch video [here](#).

2 March, From Crime Stoppers: Help Stop Business Break-Ins

Click [here](#) for details.

2 March, New rules for outdoor advertising

Find out about changes to outdoor signage rules [here](#).

From The North Shore Times, Thursday 1 March [\[View online edition here\]](#)

Rash of fake cash

SEVERAL cases of men using counterfeit \$100 bills to buy small items have surfaced across the north shore. On February 22, four men bought small items from a petrol station in Cammeray. Police said the same men were believed to have tried to change \$100 notes at a restaurant in Chatswood a day earlier. When staff refused, the men bought small items. Two suspects were seen on CCTV. One is described as white, male, 170 to 180cm tall, slim with reddish facial hair and tattoos on both legs. Another is described as Asian, slim build, brown hair, aged 16 to 20.

Streetwatch (page 15)

L I N D F I E L D

1 A mountain bike valued at \$10,000 has been stolen from a house in Lindfield. Between 6.45pm on Thursday, February 22, and 7.40am on Friday, February 23, thieves have broken into the home in Wolseley Rd through the garage. Once inside the offenders stole a Yeti ASR mountain bike after cutting through the chain. They then fled the property through the garage without taking any more items.

R O S E V I L L E

2 A 25-year-old Asquith woman has been caught driving almost four times over the limit. At 2.25am on Saturday, February 24, police stopped the woman for a breath test on the Pacific Highway. She allegedly returned a positive breath test and was taken to Chatswood Police Station. After further testing the results allegedly showed a reading of 0.199. She will face Hornsby Local Court in March.

Residents lock in illegal racers [Edited] (page 16)

Angry neighbours take swipe at council for failing to act on complaints about new sport area.

NORTH Turramurra residents have been forced to take matters into their own hands after Ku-ringgai Council refused to act on their concerns over street racing in the new recreation area.

People living next to the North Turramurra Sport and Recreation Area say they have had continued issues with the precinct since it was opened six months ago, yet they claim council has taken no interest in their concerns.

Their latest and biggest concern is around late-night street racing inside the ground.

“Because the whole area is not managed well by council people have been getting into the ground at night when they are supposed to be locked and street racing up and down the carpark,” resident Phil Best told the North Shore Times.

“After every incident the council were told about this and they have made no response. Recently residents have taken the law into their own hands and have started locking in these criminals and then calling the police to deal with the matter.”

**From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 1 March [\[view online edition here\]](#)
Man Hurt at NorthConnex (page 7)**

A MAN was injured at the West Pennant Hills NorthConnex construction site on Tuesday morning after an incident in a service trench.

A RMS spokesman said the department was aware of an incident but would not explain the circumstances surrounding the man’s injuries.

“(RMS) will support SafeWork NSW with any investigation,” the spokesman said. A SafeWork NSW spokeswoman said inspectors attended the NorthConnex construction site as part of the investigation.

Streetwatch (page 7):

HORNSBY

1 Two teens stole up to 50 cookies worth \$200 from Muffin Break at Westfield after jumping over the counter on Monday about 11pm. The boys were caught on CCTV and police are investigating. A single thief — also a teen — also struck at Donut King in Westfield on the same day or possibly Tuesday before 8am. A jar containing about \$200, which was in a cupboard, was stolen. Police have a clear image of the perpetrator and investigations continue.

BEROWRA

2 A Holden Colorado ute caused about \$50,000 damage to a house when it rolled out of the driveway, across the road, into the neighbour’s front garden and into the lounge room at 8.25pm on XXX. Police said the 43-year-old owner left his ute in

neutral when he parked the vehicle at 7pm at Balaclava Rd and went inside. No one was injured or home in the damaged house.

GALSTON

3 A disagreement between a 58-year-old bicycle rider and a ute driver in Galston Gorge on Sunday allegedly led to the cyclist being assaulted at 7.40am. Police allege a rider said a passing Mitsubishi Triton ute clipped his right arm with the vehicle's side mirror. The driver stopped and an argument began which the cyclist said led to the assault. The ute driver reported the matter to Windsor police and gave his version of events. Because there were no other witnesses, and conflicting stories police said they were unable to take the matter further.

MT KU-RING-GAI

4 Rain on Sunday contributed to several accidents across the Kuring-gai area when drivers failed to drive to the conditions. At 10pm on Sunday, a Toyota RAV4 driver lost control of his vehicle on the M1 when he was pulling back into the inside lane after overtaking another vehicle. The Toyota's tires lost traction and spun in a circle and hit the gutter and trees. The 30-yearold male driver from Padstow suffered bruising to his ribs and fractured a finger on his left hand. He was issued with a fine for negligent driving.

NORMANHURST

5 Losing control of his Mitsubishi Mirage in the rain at 9.10pm on Sunday left a 28-year-old Normanhurst man with a broken arm after he hit a stationary vehicle on Hammond Ave.

TURRAMURRA

6 A 16-year-old boy almost severed his leg when a circular saw kicked back at him when he was working with a plumber at Womerah St on Thursday at 7.35am. The saw sliced through his ankle to the bone. WorkCover NSW has started an investigation into the incident.

Dates for the Diary:

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](#)

2 March, How to deal with tail-gating drivers

Chances are, you have found yourself in a situation where you feel that you are being followed too closely by another vehicle. Not only is this behaviour intimidating, but the obvious risks of 'rear-end' crashes are heightened with the driver following having less time to brake.

Broadly speaking, tailgating means driving without sufficient distance between vehicles to avoid a crash. Reaction time to an emergency ranges from 1.5 to 3 or more seconds, which means that even the best of us are guilty of tailgating at some stage during our time behind the wheel.

Read more [here](#).

2 March, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner



Our research shows a high proportion of young people aged 12-17 in Australia have encountered inappropriate or hateful content online.

As part of the 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence the eSafety Office will hold a FREE Virtual Classroom for primary schools. Students will by the end of the session feel empowered and learn practical strategies on preventing, managing and report cyberbullying / harassment online. Teachers register your class [here](#):.

1 March, Brainy is the New Sexy

Grip Lock motorcycle throttle and brake lever lock.

Watch video [here](#).

Please Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service.

1 March, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

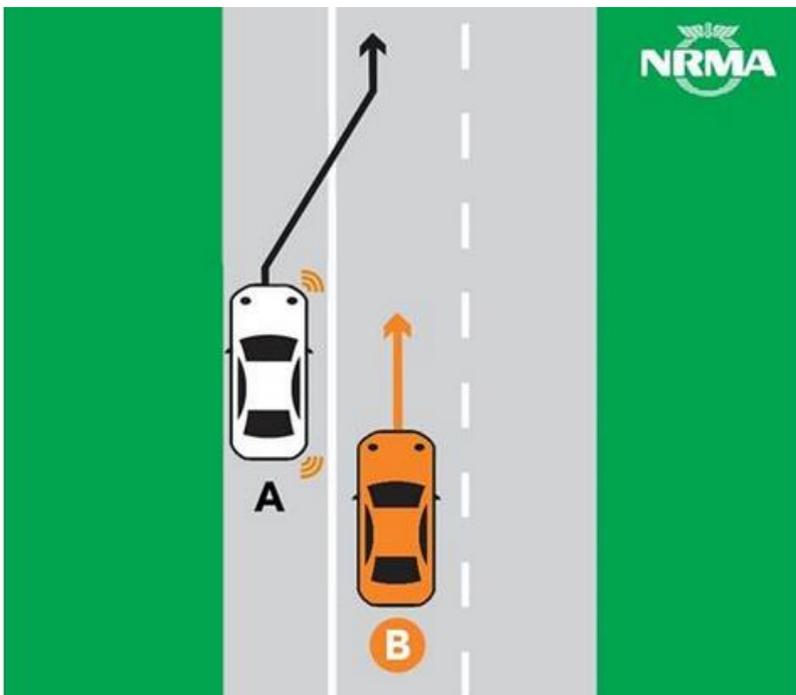
Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up or setting down school children. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the lights are flashing. Slow down to 40km/h and look out for children crossing the road.

Watch video [here](#).

28 February, from The NRMA

TEST TIME: You are the driver of vehicle A which is parked. You want to move from the side of the road into traffic, you must indicate:

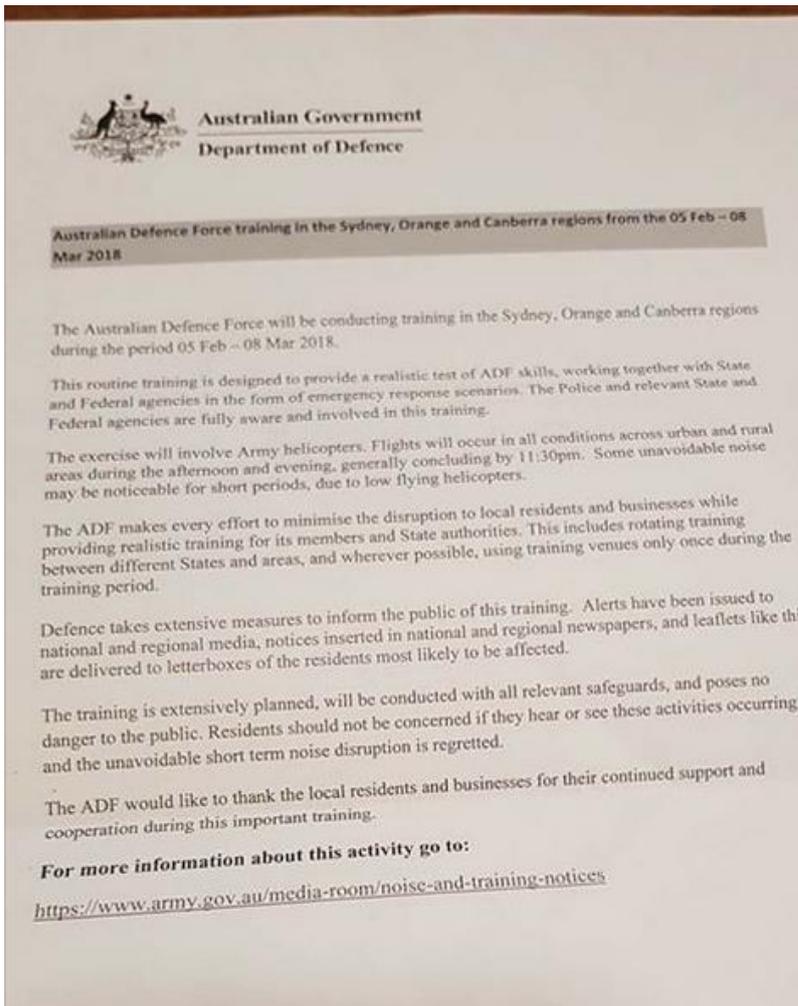
- a) for one second and give way to all traffic
- b) only for approaching vehicles
- c) for at least 5 seconds and give way to all traffic
- d) for at least 3 seconds and give way to all traffic



TEST ANSWER: C, If you want to move off from the side of the road, you must signal for at least 5 seconds before moving from a parked position. You must also give way to any vehicles travelling on the road

Would you pass a driving test if you had to today? Put these driving test tips into practice:

28 February, Shared in a Horsnby Group. Thanks Michelle.



27 February, NightRide Bus Changes

Click [here](#) for more info.

27 February, EPA fines Belrose waste operator \$7500 for dust emissions

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has fined a Belrose waste operator \$7500 for failing to control dust at his waste processing business at Mona Vale Road.

EPA officers visited the site on February 7, 2018 and observed that the shredding of green waste, excavator and tipping activities and truck movements were causing dust plumes that were travelling beyond the site boundaries. EPA officers found that there were no dust control measures in place.

EPA Director Waste Compliance Greg Sheehy said it was the second time the operator had been fined for failure to manage dust emissions in the last two years.

Click [here](#) for more details.

27 February, from the Daily Mail, UKRevealed: How a single Nike shoe lost 'during a scuffle when a drug deal went wrong' led to an Iranian couple being 'caught with nearly 40 KILOS of ice'



A single running shoe was behind the downfall of an Iranian refugee couple who were allegedly caught running a sophisticated crystal meth trafficking ring on the streets of Sydney, police have alleges in a fact sheet to be tendered to court.

The Nike sneaker was discovered in a Coles carpark in Asquith, Sydney's Upper North Shore, allegedly alongside a plastic bag containing a knitted skull cap and a bag filled with methamphetamine, The Daily Telegraph reported.

The DNA of alleged drug ring leader Ali Maleki was found on the shoe and inside the bag, according to the fact sheet to be tendered to the court.

Click [here](#) for details.

27 February, NSW Government

Around 350 road rules exist in NSW for a reason, and that's to save lives and protect the community. Make sure you know the road rules, you can brush up on them [here](#).

27 February, NSW Police Force [Edited]

Police have released an image of a man that may be able to assist as investigations continue into three indecent assault of three women on the Bay Run.

The first incident happened about 9.30pm on Wednesday 31 January 2018, a 27-year-old woman completed The Bay Run and returned to her car on Glover Street, when a man approached her and exposed himself.

About 9.30am on Friday 2 February 2018, an unknown man riding a yellow coloured bicycle approached a 27-year-old woman on The Bay Run, between the reception venue and the rowing club, Leichhardt.

The man dumped the bicycle and fled the area, before the woman sought assistance from a passer-by.

About 6.20pm on Saturday 17 February 2018, a 27-year-old woman approached a man who was walking his dog near Glover Street Sports ground, Lilyfield, which adjoins The Bay Run.

The woman disclosed she'd been indecently assaulted before leaving the scene.

26 February, Elderly Abuse in Australia, CM Lawyers: We've seen the media attention lately



Finally, people are talking about elderly abuse. This topic should evoke outrage as those who have looked out for us, raised us, feed us, clothed us and paved the way for us are suffering in silence no more. This topic has found its way into the light and it is imperative that we all are called to action and look out for those who looked out for us.

Click [here](#) for more info.

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

Tip #1. Do your research before you go, especially if a dual citizen, or if carrying medications .Register your trip :DFAT's www.SmarTraveller.gov.au

Tip #2. When travelling, hold onto your belongings such as handbags and backpacks.Beware pickpockets,people snatching these items, or cutting straps.Try looping straps,sitting on bits,

keeping on your lap,etc. Ensure you have an understanding of who is around you and be alert to your surroundings . If you rest or sleep, ensure all expensive items like phones, wallets etc.

are not visible. Belongings on the train/plane stored away from you (eg baggage store/over - head locker) MAY NOT be covered by your travel insurance. Consider wearing a hidden wallet (that attaches to a belt and tucks inside your pant's leg.

Find a wallet with RFID protection. Do not rely on hotel room safes-carry passport and anything of value at all times

Tip #3. If you are wearing a backpack, be aware that you are unbalanced, heavier and overhang, eg at a station platform, on a balcony or escalators, etc.

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 . Always use a 'Pram Harness' for safety.

Tip #5. Scan your itinerary, passport & travel insurance documents and save them to a secure USB and/or cloud-based storage. Include your Emergency Contact numbers,

Consulate & Embassy contact details. Copy both sides of the cards in your wallet (the back has emergency contact numbers).

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:

X put your bins out and in each week;

X regularly empty mailbox, collect mail & remove junk mail/freebie newspapers;

X park in your driveway;

X mow lawn and/or nature strip;

X regularly check the outside of your property to remove any clues that your home is empty (eg a note/business card in your door, package on doorstep).

Get a copy in your inbox by emailing us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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