



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.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

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Crime Stats for the weekend, Friday 23 to Monday 26 March 2018

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from Motor Vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Other
Suburb						
ARCADIA						
ASQUITH						
BEROWRA						Mid range PCA
BOBBIN HEAD						
BROOKLYN					1	
COWAN						
GALSTON						
GORDON						
HORNSBY	1				1	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS					1	
KILLARA	1	1				
MT COLAH						
MT KURING GAI						
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE						building fire
ST IVES	1					
THORNLEIGH		1				
TURRAMURRA	3		1			
WAHROONGA	1	1				
WAITARA	1				1	
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE						
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	23 March to 26 March					

Berowra: Mid Range PCA 1

Brooklyn: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby: Break & Enter 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby Heights: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Killara: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1

Pymble: Building Fire 1

St Ives: Break & Enter 1

Thornleigh: Malicious Damage 1

Turramurra: Break & Enter 3, Stealing 1

Wahroonga: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1

Waitara: Break & Enter 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

25 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Heading away this Easter?

Our tyre safety tips will help you know what to look for before you leave.

More info [here](#).

25 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Holding your phone while driving? Stop it...Or cop it.

Click [here](#) for more info.

Watch video [here](#).

23 March, Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Operation Merret - reducing road-related death and trauma.

Watch video [here](#).

22 March, from Sutherland Shire Police Area Command

Commonly asked questions about mobile phone use and driving

Q1. Can I hold and use my phone when waiting at traffic lights, or stuck in traffic?

No. It is illegal to hold and use your phone at any time while driving or riding. If you want to hold and use your phone your vehicle must be parked out of the line of traffic.

Q2. Can I use my mobile phone for calls if it is on loudspeaker and in my lap?

No. It is illegal to have your mobile phone touching any part of your body, other than to pass it to a passenger.

Q3. Can I have my mobile phone in my pocket if I'm using Bluetooth to make or receive a call?

Yes, if you have a full unrestricted licence. You can use a mobile phone for calls if it does not require you to touch the phone in any way (e.g. via Bluetooth). The rules allow your mobile phone to be in a pocket of your clothing.

No, if you have a learner or provisional licence, you are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving.

Click [here](#) for more details.

22 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this Easter holiday period and you'll face double the consequences on your licence. Double Demerits are in force Thursday 29 March to Monday 2 April inclusive – so think twice.

Lives lost during the holidays. Our goal is zero.

21 March, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command



About 6.21pm on 19th March 2018, Police were performing Operation Mercury duties on the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga. Police have observed a blue Nissan Silvia travelling at high speed south bound in lane 3 of 3. The speed of the Nissan was checked at 185km/h in a sign posted 110km/h area. The driver was stopped and spoken to. He was issued a Penalty Notice for exceeding the speed limit by over 45km/h - \$2384 and 6 demerit points. His licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period of 6 months.

21 March, from NSW Police Force

We have 10 kids police packs up for grabs. To enter the draw, post a photo on Instagram featuring a junior rural crime investigator at the police stand at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Watch video [here](#).

20 March, from 7 News: A Melbourne tradie who was sick of his tools being stolen has caught a thief in action after installing security cameras in his work ute.

Watch video [here](#).

19 March, from Sydney Morning Herald: Death traps: Push to phase out cars made before 2002

Vehicles older than 15 years – many lacking lifesaving airbags or electronic stability control – should be phased out to reduce road deaths, according to a leading non-profit safety ratings group.

The call by the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) came after a review of road fatalities over the past three years.

The rate of fatal crashes for vehicles 15 years and older was four times greater than for occupants in vehicles made in the past five years, crash data from 2014 to 2016 shows.

For details, click [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities



25 March, from Neighbourhood Australia



The community you want starts at your front door..

What did you do to celebrate Neighbour Day today, Sunday 25th March? .

25 March, from our Neighbouring Command

A man has been charged following a crash in Sydney's north west.

Emergency services were called to Frances Road at Putney just before 1am (Sunday 25 March 2018), after a car crashed into the front yard of a home.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and were told the driver had fled the scene on foot.

A search commenced and he was located a short time later in a nearby park.

The 26-year-old man was arrested after returning a positive roadside breath test and taken to Ryde Police Station where he returned an alleged reading of 0.176.

He was charged with high-range drink-driving and given bail to appear at Burwood Local Court on 23 April 2018.

25 March, How about this for a product to help monitor those who live alone?

Q My fiercely independent dad spends most of the summer in his caravan and hates the thought of us checking up on him. How can I do this without invading his privacy?

Name and address supplied

Yours says Let's assume your dad makes himself a cup of tea every day between 7am -10am and 6pm -9pm. You can use a plug device called 3 Rings into his kettle socket, which uses a built-in mobile phone to send you a message to say the kettle has been used. It'll also alert you if it hasn't been used at the expected time. No internet connection is needed, but there is an online portal you can use to change the settings.

■ Prices start at £79 with a monthly subscription of £12. Call 0161 731 0081 or visit www.3rings.co.uk



25 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW

A lot of people think having a dog meets all their home security needs, and whilst dogs can be a deterrent, we advise you consider the following as well.

- Lock all your windows and doors
- Invest in security screens
- Consider CCTV security cameras
- Consider an alarm system

If you have information on people who are committing Break and Enter offences, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800333000 (24/7). We are waiting to take your information.

24 March, Sta GPS Trackers

Premium personal gps trackers with 2 way calling, fall detection and real time tracking. Our gps devices are ideal for elderly with dementia, children, disabled and travelers. Free sim installed and £5.00 free credit.

Find out more [here](#).

Please note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We can only bring items to your attention. Please do your own research.

From The North Shore Times, Thursday 22 March [\[View online edition here\]](#)

Stolen Luxury

TWO luxury cars have been stolen from a property in Sunnyside Cres, Castlecrag. Between 10.30pm on Sunday and 6.30am the next day, the house was broken into through unknown measures. The homeowner said he locked and secured the home before going to bed but when he woke the next morning he discovered his wallet and keys were missing. When he went into the garage he discovered his black Porsche Cayman and a blue Audi Q5 were missing. Police are investigating and are appealing to anyone with information to contact them.

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TURRAMURRA

5 Police are investigating an alleged scammer who has been targeting vulnerable residents. It is alleged that between February 12 and March 12, a man claiming to be a roof repairer took money for unsolicited work from an 84-year-old Buckra St man with dementia. The Middle Eastern man allegedly came to the house three times in a month, saying there was a problem with the roof. Police said each time the elderly man paid him \$950 for doing no work. The matter has been referred to Fair Trading.

KU-RING-GAI

6 Police have been shocked by the number of drivers breaking the speed limit, following an operation in Ku-ring-gai. Between midnight on Friday and 11.50pm on Saturday, police patrolled the area as part of Operation Loch Ness. During the operation several drivers were caught speeding. One driver was caught driving at 117km/h in an 80km/h zone, a P-plater was seen driving at 107km/h in a 70km/h zone and a 31-yearold was clocked at 110km/h in a 70km/h zone.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 22 March [\[view online edition here\]](#)

Streetwatch, on page 7

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

1 Police are investigating whether a border collie pup was poisoned after the animal was found convulsing near a plastic bag containing pet food laced with snail pellets. The dog started to have seizures in Woodcourt Rd on Saturday between 4pm and 4.30pm and was taken by the owners to a vet for treatment. The vet bill so far is \$5000. Hornsby Police senior constable Paul Cleary said no one should

take the law into their own hands. "If there is an issue, let's say persistent barking, talk to the pet owner first," he said. "If that doesn't work get in touch with your local council who can often help."

WAHROONGA

2 Three vehicles were broken into at a house in Boundary Rd between 8pm Sunday and 7am Monday. Thieves rummaged through a Lexus, Toyota and Mazda and stole a wallet, two handbags and cash worth \$985.

HORNSBY

3 The owners of a Toyota Kluger parked in Pretoria Pde were woken at 1.10am on Sunday when a sandstone rock was thrown at its windscreen, causing \$1000 damage.

WAHROONGA

4 A woman, 45, will face court this month after she allegedly returned a positive breath test after attending an Ed Sheeran concert on Friday. The Toyota Corolla driver was pulled over by police on the Pacific Highway at 12.35am for a random breath test. She allegedly returned a positive result and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where she allegedly blew a mid-range 0.082. Her licence was suspended on the spot.

COWAN

5 Bystanders came to the aid of a wheelchairbound, 44-year-old man on Sunday after he had a medical episode while riding his three-wheeled converted motorbike on the M1. The man was riding to Sydney from the Gold Coast and on Sunday had set off from Armidale. About 3.40pm he swerved across three motorway lanes and then swerved back before leaving the motorway and going into a ditch in bushland. Six passers-by stopped and helped the man. He was unconscious but still breathing. People then moved him into an airconditioned vehicle while emergency vehicles made their way to the scene. Paramedics found the man was dehydrated and had suffered a cardiac arrest. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a

critical condition and remained so over Sunday night. He has since made a full recovery and is expected to be discharged from hospital this week.

WAITARA

6 Police had to swerve to miss a Subaru driven by a 19-year-old Hornsby man at 12.30am on Sunday after the car veered into oncoming traffic in Edgeworth David Ave. Police did a U-turn and stopped the car. The man allegedly gave a positive roadside breath test and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.163. The man will appear in Hornsby Court on April 12.

BEROWRA

7 A red P1 licence holder will face Hornsby Court in April on a mid-range drink drive charge after being stopped on the Pacific Highway at 12.05am on Saturday. He allegedly returned a positive result and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly blew a mid-range 0.102. His licence was suspended.

HORNSBY

8 Police are investigating after a man grabbed a 13-year-old boy by the arm on Monday, March 12, and would like assistance from the public to help identify him. About 7.15pm, police said, the boy was riding his bicycle in George St. A man grabbed him by the arm and asked him several questions. The boy shook him off but the tussle gave the teen some minor injuries. The boy crossed the Peats Ferry Rd intersection. The man followed him for a short distance before he was last seen running north in George St. He is described as thin, tall and tanned, caucasian, in his 50s, with long blond hair and a slight droop on the right side of his mouth. He was wearing a black T-shirt with the letters DKNY on it, tracksuit pants with a tear in the rear and sneakers with torn sides.

PENNANT HILLS

9 Police said a 20-year-old provisional P2 driver's licence was suspended after he was detected travelling at 107km/h in a 70km/h zone. Officers stopped the grey Mazda 3 about 10.45pm on Friday. The man was travelling north on Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. He was issued an infringement notice for exceeding the speed limit by more than 30km/h, fined \$884 and five demerit points.

DURAL

10 A 30-year-old P2 licence holder's licence was suspended after he was allegedly clocked travelling at 125km/h in a 100km/h zone on the M2 Motorway at Macquarie Park. The Ford Falcon utility was stopped by police a short distance from the Pennant Hills Rd exit at 1.30am on Saturday. Police allege the vehicle was also detected reaching 165km/h in a 100km/h zone. The Dural man allegedly returned a positive roadside breath test and was arrested. He allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.096 and was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice for midrange drink driving, driving while suspended and exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/h.

Dates for the Diary:

Good Friday 30 March: Eggs on the Oval, from PCYC Waitara, Waitra Ave, from 10am to 12 pm.

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](#)

24 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Headed to the Sydney Royal Easter Show? Be sure to stop by our stand and take our road safety quiz to receive a voucher for a free cuppa and scones.

23 March, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for witnesses after home was damaged by a projectile in Sydney's north-west.

An occupant inside a home on Lesley Avenue, Carlingford, told police she located a shattered window and what is believed to be a bullet casing on the ground, about 6pm on Thursday 22 March 2018.

Officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command were contacted and upon arrival established a crime scene and commenced a search of the area.

The residents believe the incident may have happened between 6pm Wednesday 21 March and 6pm in Thursday 22 March 2018.

Inquiries into the incident have commenced.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#). Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

23 March, from The Australian Reptile Park

📢 WARNING FUNNEL WEB SEASON IS HERE! With the recent rains, funnel web spiders are out and about. The Australian Reptile Park is the only place in the entire WORLD that milks them to make antivenom but we need YOUR help to save lives!

Watch video [here](#).

22 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Are you a victim of a crime?

If we stop one person from committing a crime, there is a good chance we will prevent them carrying out further crimes. We need you to provide us with any information you have on a crime even if you cannot identify the offender.

Information may assist investigators to apprehend offenders and develop police and community crime prevention strategies.

Please report all information including:

- Description of offenders
- Direction the offenders headed
- Time
- Details of the offence
- Car registration
- Witness details

Always call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or if the incident is occurring now.

Call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) to report a crime that has already taken place and where there is no emergency occurring.

Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7) to reporting information about crimes that have been committed and by whom.

22 March, IDcare

One of our major partners is iDcare.

Identity theft is the theft or misuse of a person's identity to obtain a benefit or avoid a loss by deception. It has been estimated to cost Australia at least \$1.2 billion and impact over 900,000 Australians per year and this is growing.

When identity documents containing sensitive personal information are stolen or lost (compromised) this is still a serious matter and should be reported to police.

iDcare is a joint public-private sector not-for-profit group who support and provide advice to individuals who believe their personal information has been put at risk. It doesn't matter whether this was online or physical, whether you're in Cairns, Canberra, Burnie, or Geraldton. iDcare doesn't charge for its service nor do we collect personal information.

Call us today on 1300 432 273 (Aust) or 0800 201 415 (NZ).

1 in 5 Australians in the last 12 months has been a victim or knows a victim of ID crime.

Victims are not discriminated against – they are from all walks of life.

60% of Australians believe the risk of having their identity stolen will increase this year.

Victims can lose their life savings, their reputation, and ultimately control of who they are and what their identity is doing.

To find out more about iDcare look them up on Facebook or find them [here](#).

22 March, Check your Facebook settings NOW

it's likely you're allowing third-party applications to access your data Did you know, you've probably given numerous third-party applications access to all your personal data through Facebook, without even realising? If you've ever logged in to almost anything via Facebook, eg, booking sites or streaming services, used public Wi-Fi, played Candy Crush or answered any fun quizzes at any point, you'll be affected.

Click [here](#) for details.

22 March, from Nine.com.au

This is why you always look both ways. Watch video [here](#). Read more [here](#).

20 March, from NSW Maritime

If you've ever wanted to know what the definition of 'a safe speed' on the water is, take a look at [this](#).

20 March, Watch out: New phone scam targeting grandparents

The so-called "Hi, Grandma" scam has already tricked hundreds of innocent grandparents out of their money.

There's a new phone scam making the rounds and this time it's targeting grandparents. Having tried dozens of other sneaky techniques, scammers are now trying to convince grandparents their grandkids are in trouble and need money to get out of a sticky situation.

So far they've targeted thousands of Americans, prompting calls for grandparents from other countries to take care and avoid becoming a victim.

Read details [here](#).

20 March, from Queensland Police Service

Some dogs are on the nose, but not our PDs. Only a slight whiff has Police Dog Rippa on the tail of a wanted man in this incredible vision which shows just how awesome a PD's sense of smell really is.

Watch video [here](#).

20 March, Shall we have a few thousand printed?



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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