



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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30 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

How often do you put your feet on the dash?

Hear from Dr John Crozier about the life-threatening impact it can have on you if you're involved in a crash.

Watch video [here](#).

30 March, from RYDA Road Safety

Keep your eyes out for this TV spot promoting RYDA. A huge thanks to our wonderful partners at Bridgestone Australia for making it happen. Tell us in the comments section what you're watching when it pops up on your TV screen.

Watch video [here](#).

28 March, from 9News: Easter Road Blitz

Crashes don't just impact the drivers or motorcyclists involved – they tear families apart and cause unimaginable grief among our communities. Story via TODAY

Watch video [here](#).

28 March, from NSW Police Force [Edited]

More than one life lost for every day this year, has prompted NSW Police to take an unorthodox approach to road safety in the lead up to the Easter long-weekend this year.

NSW Police have launched the Easter long weekend road safety campaign, along with a proactive campaign aimed at ensuring motorists, passengers and pedestrians consider how their decisions impact other road users.

For more than 20 years, double-demerits and an increased police presence have been an effective deterrent in reducing road trauma during public holiday periods.

But with people continuing to die on our roads in avoidable circumstances, police are stepping up their efforts.

The Easter Long-Weekend traffic operation – begins just after midnight on Thursday (29 March 2018) and concludes at 11.59pm on Monday 2 April 2018.

NSW Police have already begun Operation Merret, an unorthodox and proactive approach to road policing, aimed at educating and empowering the public to make the right decisions on our roads.

Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities



1 April, from Bloomberg.com: Time To Act: How To Protect Your Business Against A New Level Of Cyber Threat

As cyber criminals take advantage of the rising cyber dependence of our systems, business leaders and governments must join forces to build resilience.

Picture a scenario where a nation's patient records are locked out in a ransomware attack. Operations are cancelled. The public, already critical of their government, begin a series of strikes. But your back office is based in that country, and now it grinds to a halt. Invoices are not processed, and you have a cashflow crisis.

The health system's problem has morphed into a social problem — and also one for your organization. In an interconnected world, business leaders must look at risk holistically and build resilience within their organizations to the impact of a cyber-attack on critical infrastructure.

Read details [here](#).

1 April, from news.com: One woman's terrifying story of being the victim of drink spiking

TRIGGER WARNING: This story contains description of sexual assault, which may cause distress to some readers.

EARLIER this year, mum-of-three Michele*, 44, was having a fun Friday night out with friends in a small Aussie coastal town when her drink was spiked, causing her to black out.

When she regained consciousness, Michele found herself in an unfamiliar hotel room, violently ill from the effects of being drugged and surrounded by a group of naked men. Unable to move or even speak, she was raped repeatedly and left feeling humiliated and confused. This is her story.

Read details [here](#).

31 March, from NSW SES - Hornsby Unit



Hornsby #NSWSES travel all over this great shire to assist its residents no matter where they are located.

On Good Friday, our volunteers, with the help of Marine Rescue Cottage Point and Ausgrid, attended a request for assistance on Dangar Island to clear a fallen tree overhanging a power line.

No matter where you are located in NSW, for emergency help in floods and storms, call us on 132 500. If it's life threatening call triple zero (000).

An appeal had been made to Hornsby Shire Council for authorisation of delineation lines near driveways. Below is the response from the Council:

[Delineation Lines near Driveways](#)

I refer to your email dated 19 February 2018 regarding the authorisation for the public to install delineation lines near their driveways in Hornsby Shire.

I understand the benefits you have explained for the self-installation of delineations lines on local roads. Council cannot support the public installing delineation lines on local roads due to road safety risk issues and the need for consistent installation standards

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Please contact Traffic and Road Safety Branch on 9847 6616 during business hours if you require further information.

From The North Shore Times, Thursday 29 March [\[View online edition here\]](#)

Chamagne Theft Corked

A Hillsdale woman has been arrested following an attempted theft from a liquor outlet in Willoughby. Around 8.10pm on March 22 the woman entered the store in Penshurst St and filled her trolley with a number of expensive bottles of champagne. The woman then attempted to exit the store without making any attempt to pay, which had an estimated value exceeding \$3000. Staff stopped the woman and called police. Police arrested the 42-year-old and charged her with one count of shoplifting. She was refused bail and will appear before Hornsby Local Court.

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K I L L A R A

3 THIEVES ransacked a Charles St home between 11.50am and 2pm, on Thursday March 22. They smashed a glass panel at the front of the house to gain entry through the locked door. Inside they ransacked several rooms and stole more than \$10,000 of property. Officers are seeking anyone with information to come forward and contact Chatswood Police

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 29 March [\[view online edition here\]](#)

Streetwatch, on page 7

GALSTON

1 Three men are in custody following a break and enter at a butcher's shop at the Galston Rd shopping centre early Sunday morning. The men allegedly filled a trolley with \$5000 of prime cuts then put them in a Toyota Landcruiser and drove towards Dural. Officers from the police dog squad who were patrolling the area stopped the vehicle shortly after and searched it. They allegedly found the meat, a large amount of cash, a lolly machine, gloves, bolt cutters and jerry cans filled with diesel and petrol. The men — two aged 27, of Tregear, and a 31-year-old from Oakhurst — were refused bail.

WAHROONGA

2 Three off-road bikes were stolen from a home in Wahroonga Ave between 10pm on Sunday and 5.15am on Monday. Police said the owners were targeted and followed home from an Enduro bike meet in southern Sydney on the weekend. The bikes were stolen from a garage forced open by the thieves.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS

3 A landscaper's tools were stolen from locked tool boxes on the back of his ute in Cottonwood Way between 8.30pm on Saturday and 7am Sunday. The tools are valued at \$2700.

WAITARA

4 A wallet was stolen when a Toyota Corolla was broken into between 7.15pm and midnight on Saturday. Police said a credit card from the wallet was used at a Hornsby hotel to buy a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey and four packs of cigarettes, followed by Dare ice milk, pies, sauces and a pack of cigarettes at a BP service station. Police are viewing CCTV footage.

TURRAMURRA

5 A \$10,000 bike and \$5000 Callaway golf set were stolen from a house in Finlay Rd between February 13 and last Friday while the owners were away. The thieves forced open a garage door.

HORNSBY

6 A 38-year-old woman was knocked unconscious when hit by a vehicle when she crossed Station St at 8.40pm Sunday. The 54-year-old Ford Ranger driver did not see the pedestrian until she walked past a car alongside his. The woman was taken to Hornsby Hospital in a stable condition.

TURRAMURRA

7 A 92-year-old Cornwall Ave woman was duped of \$200. A man came to her house and told her that her neighbours wanted a tree on the boundary lopped. He said the cost would be \$1500. The elderly woman told him she only had \$200 and he followed her into the house, took the money and left. The man is described as being slightly overweight, aged 30 to 40, caucasian, 1.75m tall and wearing navy trousers and a navy top with a red and white V.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 04 to Sunday 15 April: 2018 NSW Seniors Festival

Tuesday, 10 April, Seniors Day, 10am - 5pm (last entry at 4pm). Book online [here](#) or call 02 9762 1301

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

31 March, The dog poo that drove a guy to extreme lengths

HOW far would you go to stop dog walkers letting their animals dump and run?

Precisely how many poos would you have to scoop up or step in before you snapped?

Browned-off Brisbane resident David Deaned has installed cameras out the front of his Ascot home in a bid to nab a culprit he says never cleans up after his pooch so “day after day we have to pick up the mess”.

Read details [here](#).

30 March, from 7 News: Data stolen in huge 'under armour' hack

About 150 million people have been affected in a massive hack on active wear giant Under Armour. Users of the company's MyFitnessPal website had their emails, user names and passwords stolen in one of the largest online breaches in history.

29 March, from Australian Federal Police

We love filters! Hey, Valencia, looking at you 😊;))

But we're joining the #nofilter team after finding approximately 140 kilograms of MDMA in a consignment of water filters. The shipment arrived into Sydney from the Netherlands.

It is estimated this quantity of MDMA could have a potential street value of up to \$56 million! Three Australian men, aged 19, 20 and 22, had their party officially pooped and were subsequently arrested and charged with the importation of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug and the attempted possession of a border controlled drug. The maximum penalty for these offences is life imprisonment.

The AFP and Australian Border Force will always work together to keep harmful drugs off our streets.

28 March, from Australian Federal Police

So here's one for free...

Ever wondered if you're under investigation? Whether the FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Rcmp or the AFP are investigating you? No, we're not suggesting you go and buy a tin foil hat...

We're about to tell you how you can find out for sure.

Remember the Phantom Secure company we shut down last week? The company that was selling encrypted communications devices that law enforcement couldn't crack? We now control their website. 😊:)

You can check whether you are subject to investigation by entering your email address in the Phantom Secure website. Here's the [link](#).

28 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Worried about your bag or wallet being stolen?

Don't let the fear of crime rule your life and stop you from enjoying the things you like doing. A few simple precautions can considerably reduce your risk

- It is best not to carry large sums of money. Try to pay large bills by card
- If you carry a purse or a bag, hold it under your arm or in front of you. Never leave it unattended.

- If you use a wallet, put it inside your jacket or a front pocket instead of your bag, then if your bag does get snatched your wallet will be safe.
- Try not to carry more money than you need.

If you are a victim of theft, report this to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7).

ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

If you have information on thieves, call Crime Stoppers on 1800333000 (24/7).

27 March: How about if this came to our suburbs?



Will you face a \$2500 fine for leaving your bins out? Here are the suburbs affected
A new law could see some Australian residents fork out up to \$2523 if they leave their wheelie bins out after they've been emptied.

Read more [here](#).

27 March, from NSW Police Force

A man will face court today after an alleged attempted kidnapping following aggravated break and enter in Sydney's north-west in January.

Police will allege in court a man assaulted a 16-year-old boy who answered the door of a home on Farnell Street, West Ryde, just after 9.30am on Friday 5 January 2018, before forcing his way inside

Following a struggle, the boy broke free and ran from the house, alerting neighbours who contacted police.

A crime scene was established and officers from Ryde Police Area Command commenced an investigation.

The boy was taken to Ryde Hospital and treated for minor injuries to his face.

Following inquiries, two search warrants were executed at homes in Burwood and Homebush yesterday (Monday 26 March 2018).

Detectives arrested a 46-year-old man at a unit in Homebush West, about 8am yesterday.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with take/detain person with intent to obtain advantage and aggravated break and enter.

He was refused bail and is due to appear at Burwood Local Court today (Tuesday 27 March 2018).

27 March, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance after a man was assaulted in Sydney's CBD last year.

Just before 1am on Saturday 16 December 2017, police have been told a group of males were harassing two women on George Street.

One of the males grabbed one of the women on the arm before her friend, a 34-year-old man, intervened.

The males repeatedly assaulted the 34-year-old man, knocking him to the ground. They then stole the woman's phone before fleeing the scene.

The man was taken to St Vincent's Hospital in a stable condition.

Police from Sydney City Police Area Command attended and commenced an investigation.

Officers have released a CCTV image of four people who may be able to assist the investigation

The people depicted are described as being men of Caucasian appearance, aged between 25 and 30, with black hair.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward.

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.

27 March, from attn:

We can all learn from plogging, the popular fitness craze taking over the world.

Watch video [here](#).

27 March, from Mt Druitt Fire Station

When we are coming to help you, seconds count. How motorists react makes a massive difference to how quickly we can get there.

We're sure you've you've all seen these kinds of videos before, but we thought we'd share our version. Bear in mind this clip was filmed over one 24 hour shift only. This is not a highlights reel from weeks of footage!

Watch video [here](#).

27 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Your mail has a lot of your personal information in it and if thieves steal your mail, they can create a false identity in your name.

MOVING HOUSE? Make sure your mail moves with you. You can apply to redirect your mail by clicking [here](#).

GOING AWAY? You can put your mail on hold while you're away. You can apply to get your mail held by clicking [here](#).

For more information click [here](#).

Love Thy Neighbour



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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