



# 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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13 April, from Little Blue Dinosaur



12 April, from The Hills Police Area Command



In NSW children between four and seven years old are prohibited from sitting in the front seat. UNLESS- there is no other available seating and NO OTHER

options. They still have to be in the appropriate and approved seat or restraint. If you are unsure about this rule, remember how dangerous this can be in a collision (airbags can seriously damage a child's neck, nose, skull etc)

Read about child car seats [here](#).

Rule 266 (1) Drive with passenger 4 years or older but less than 7 years in front row of vehicle — \$325 fine, 3 demerits

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### **12 April, from A Current Affair**

So many drivers still use their mobile phones behind the wheel, despite the risks to their licences and their lives. But a new range of police cameras could finally help stop them.

Read full story [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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### **10 April, from Common Sense Media**

Digital harassment happens when teens use texts, emails, and social media to threaten someone else.

Watch video [here](#).

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### **10 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**



Just a reminder, school zones are in operation around schools. So keep our kids safe, stick to the 40km/h school zone speed limit and slow down.

Click [here](#) for more info.

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**09 April, from Burwood Police Area Command: TOP 10 MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES IN NSW**

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## **6 Using headlights and fog lights**

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### **High beam**

A driver must not use their headlights on high beam if travelling:

- less than 200m behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction
- less than 200m from an oncoming vehicle.



### **Must not dazzle**

A driver must not use any light fitted to their vehicle that may dazzle another road user.

Spot lights

A driver may only use a spot or search light if:

- The vehicle is stationary and the light is being used for making adjustments or repairs to a vehicle. The light must not be projected more than six metres.
- The light is used temporarily to read a house number or notice board.

### Lights

When driving at night, or in conditions where there is insufficient daylight to render a person dressed in dark clothing discernible at a distance of 100m, a driver's vehicle must have clearly visible:

- headlights
- tail lights
- number plate lights
- clearance lights and side marker lights if they are fitted to the vehicle.

It is recommended that in some daytime situations driving with the vehicle's headlights on can improve the likelihood of being seen by other road users.



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### 14 April, BBC World Service

This town has a plan to end loneliness (via BBC World Hacks)

Watch video [here](#).

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## 14 April, NTD Australia



During winter in Turkey and Bulgaria, people hang their extra jackets on trees for homeless and poor peoples. What a thoughtful gesture! ❤️💚❤️

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**From The North Shore Times, Thursday 12 April** [[View online edition here](#)]

### **Joyriders cause havoc**

Police are investigating a car fire on Willoughby Rd, which occurred when a stolen car crashed into other parked cars. Shortly before 3am on Saturday April 7 police were notified that a car was on fire. Upon arriving at the scene police found the car well alight and no driver at the scene. Fire and Rescue crews were able to extinguish the blaze before it spread. It was evident that the vehicle had collided with a number of parked cars. Officers later attended the address of the vehicle's registered owner, who had believed his car was parked outside his house. An investigation is under way and police have spoken with a number of witnesses.

**Streetwatch, on page 15**

## **WILLOUGHBY**

3 A number of items including foreign currency, a handbag and wallet were stolen from a home on Third Ave. The offenders broke in between 2.10am and 2.50am on Monday April 9, through an unlocked back door. The owners were sleeping upstairs, but did not wake. Police believe the offenders were using a white four-wheel drive.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 12 April [\[view online edition here\]](#)  
Kindifarm faces animal cruelty charges in court., Page 7 [Edited]**

A BUSINESS providing baby goats to reduce stress in innovative yoga classes is facing animal cruelty charges.

The RSPCA allegedly found several animals in the care of Kindifarm Animals, at Dural, were severely malnourished and suffering from various lung and intestinal infections.

One kid goat was so starved and distressed RSPCA officers were forced to euthanise it, Parramatta Local Court has been told.

“The goat being in such a physical condition it was cruel to keep it alive,” court papers stated.

The RSPCA has laid 10 animal cruelty charges against the company, which supplies kid goats, lambs, piglets and ducklings for birthday parties and functions, including the yoga classes.

**Streetwatch, on page 11**

## **WAHROONGA**

1 The body of a 65-year-old Wahroonga man was found floating face down in Sydney Harbour yesterday at 8.20am. Police believe he was fishing and fell into

the water where he drowned. Sailors on a commercial diving boat found the body about 150m south east of Middle Head. Marine Area Command officers who attended said the man was not wearing a lifejacket. He was identified and a brief will be prepared for the Coroner.

## **COWAN**

2 Highway Highway patrol officers drew their weapons just off the Pacific Highway on Sunday at 3.20pm and shot dead a wallaby. The animal had been reported to police by passers-by who saw it near the helipad just off the road and believed it had a broken leg. Officers checked the animal and decided to put it out of its misery. The wallaby was euthanised and the body was placed in bushland. Police said the animal was likely been hit by a car.

3 A dance class at Normanhurst Public School for girls aged 13 to 17 was disrupted on Monday at 7.30pm by a man masturbating outside a window. Described as being in his 40s with grey hair and unshaven, the man had his trousers down round his ankles. One of the pupils told the teacher there was a man behind her and when the teacher turned and shouted at him he did not stop. He eventually ran off on Normanhurst Ave. Police believe it is not the first time the man has struck after a similar incident last October. He is of thin build, about 1.75m tall, wearing a red T-shirt, blue jeans and a blue cap.

## **MT COLAH**

4 Three cannabis plants two pots in the back yard of a home at Parklands Rd has led to a Mt Colah man set to be charged with cultivating illegal plants after police visited the property at 5.15pm on Friday.

## **HORNSBY**

5 A jumper stolen from Rebel Sports in Westfield was hidden in a pram being pushed by a woman aged in her 20s with a fair complexion, slim build, brown hair, a black top and blue jeans went into the store about 4.05pm on Tuesday.



## **HORNSBY**

6 Always lock your tools away is the message after a man working at Hornsby Hospital had his work tools stolen from a shed on the hospital grounds between 3pm Saturday and 8am Monday. The tools are valued at \$800.

## **WAHROONGA**

7 A resident on Wyanna St reported a low flying drone to Hornsby police after his property was buzzed for the second time on Sunday. The earlier incident was in March. The man told police he was concerned for his privacy. The matter has been reported to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

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

**Sunday 06 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10am-4pm.

[Info](#)

**Monday, 21 May:** DV-Alert Training. Public Sessions at 3.30 - 5.50pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm

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**14 April, Meanwhile in Australia**



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**13 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

It is illegal to text while driving even if you're stuck in traffic or waiting at the lights.

Texting? Stop it...Or cop it.

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**13 April, from NSW Police Force**

Police release CCTV footage and are appealing for witnesses to a fatal pedestrian crash at Eastwood at the weekend.

About 2.40pm on Saturday 7 April 2018, emergency services were called to the intersection of Rutledge Street and East Parade, Eastwood, after reports a woman had been hit by a car.

A 61-year-old woman was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition, where she later died.

The driver of the vehicle has been assisting police with their investigation. Officers from the Crash Investigation Unit have released CCTV of two youths who were walking past the intersection a short time before the crash occurred.

Police do not know the identity of the two boys, believed to be in their teens, depicted in the footage. They are not thought to be involved in any way; however, could assist police with the investigation.

Anyone who knows the two boys in the footage, 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](#).

Watch video [here](#).

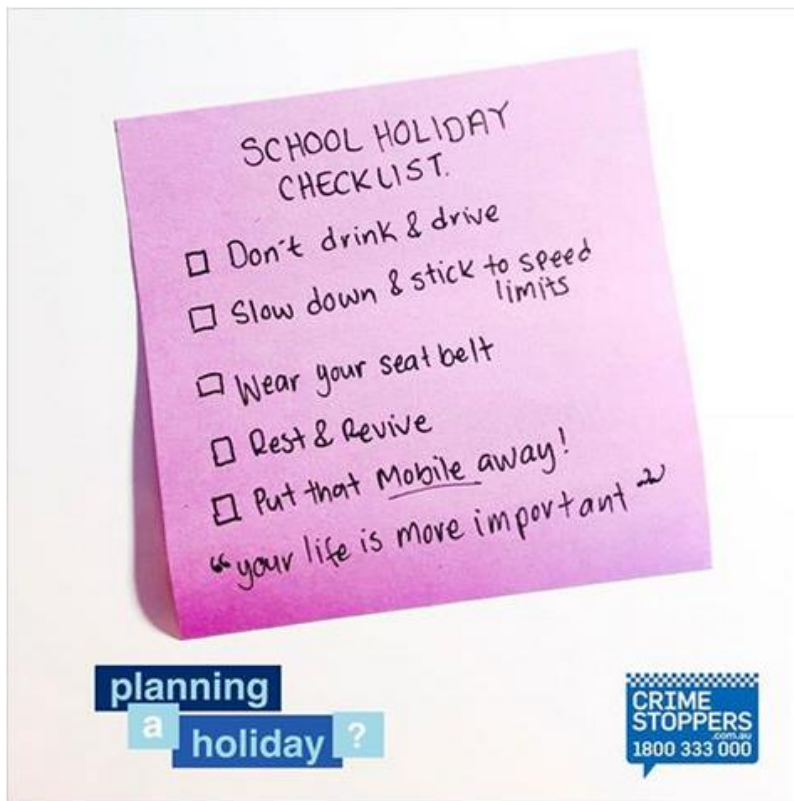
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**13 April, From 9News: AFP charges teacher at elite Newington College with sharing child exploitation material**

Read details [here](#).

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## 12 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: PLANNING A TRIP THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?



- Secure your home, and take your car keys with you if you are leaving vehicles behind.
- Plan your trip – ensure your vehicle and tyres are safe and well maintained
- Drive safely and remember police will be out on our roads, anywhere, anytime!

### REMEMBER:

- Don't drink and drive
- Slow down and stick to speed limits
- Wear your seatbelt!
- Rest and revive regularly to avoid fatigue

Put your mobile phone away while driving – your life is more important than a text!

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**12 April, from IDCARE: New telephone phishing scam targeting Mandarin speakers**



The scam starts with a message in Mandarin from the criminals stating they are from the Chinese Embassy or a courier company such as DHL. The scammer explains that the person is being investigated for illegal activity, usually relating to their passport and if they don't comply they will be arrested and deported. If you receive an unsolicited call, it's best to hang up, research the claims, look the organisation up, and call them back on the legitimate number found on a reliable website to verify. Please remember organisations shouldn't call you and then ask you to prove yourself. If you have received one of these calls please call IDCARE for assistance 1300 432 273.

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**11 April, From Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group.**



Has anybody else had the pleasure of offence stickers like this and worse put on

their rear number plates? This happened between 11-11.30am in Coles Asquith underground carpark. I showed it to a staff member. Unfortunately, there are no security cameras. But I will be reporting it to the manager. This is the 2nd time it's happened to me. The first was far worse.

Just in case you were wondering my parking was well within the lines and there were no cars parked next to me. Not that that would justify my car being defaced.

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**11 April, from NSW Police Force**



Can you help Cybercrime detectives locate wanted man, Lawrence Nwachukwu (aka Andre Lewis)?

Mr Nwachukwu, aged 43, is wanted on an arrest warrant for fraud and cybercrime offences.

The man, who is a Nigerian National, has been known to frequent the Parramatta area.

He is described as being of African appearance, 170-175cm tall, with a muscular build, bald and clean shaven.

Detectives from the State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad are seeking information from the community about Mr Nwachukwu's current whereabouts.

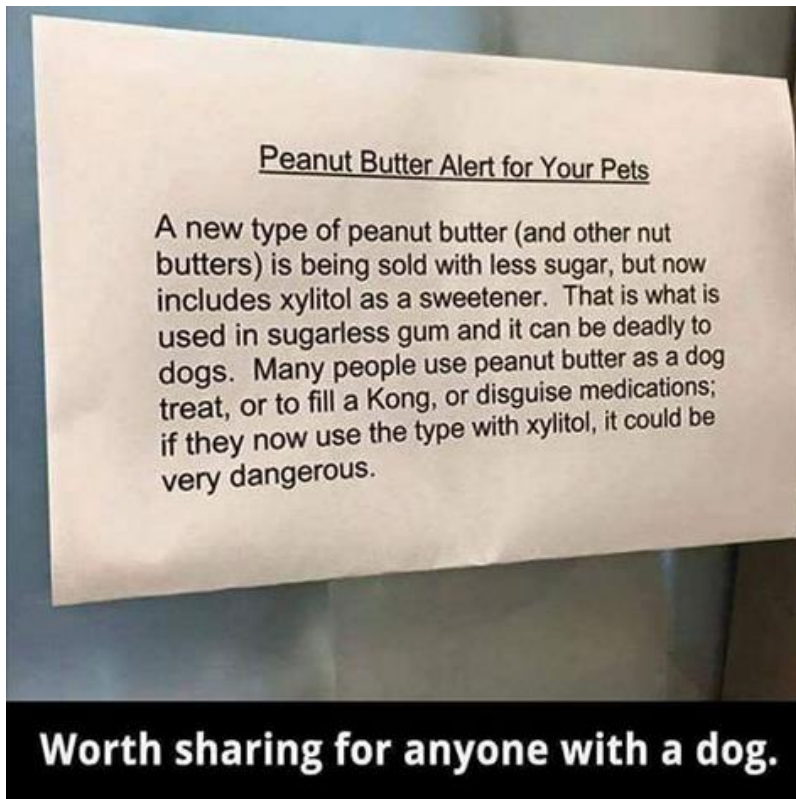
Anyone with information that may assist detectives is urged to contact Crime Stoppers.

Police are urging anyone with information about Mr Nwachukwu's whereabouts 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.

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**10 April, from The Mobile Vet Nurse**



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**10 April, from Neighbourhood Watch, St Ives Area**

From the St Ives Community group:

Just a heads up to those in St Ives Chase. Our house was broken into this morning around 10am whilst I was at the shop for 30 min. Looks as though they are targeting jewelry. Please be vigilant.

And from the comments on the post:

That's awful. Thanks for the heads up. Did they come through the front or back?

Side door that overlooks the street. It is exposed.

So sorry to hear that.. it's really scary and it's happened to a few of my friends...in n around St Ives n they were targeting jewellery



Greenvalley Ave in St Ives was hit last Tuesday too. Stole jewellery.

Off Toolang Ave

I now know of a couple that happened last Tuesday as well. We think the guy was in a silver hatchback (& was waiting as my husband left the house).

I take photos of suspicious cars near my house when I leave. Kids say I am paranoid but who cares?

Scary to think they must have been keeping an eye on your house. 🤔😬

This happened in my townhouse complex probably three and half maybe four weeks ago now- I am also in St Ives our neighbours got broken into they walked down behind everyone's houses and jumped onto the balcony and used a crow bar to open their back door.

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## 10 April, DV Alert Training: Public Sessions

**HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI WOMEN'S SHELTER & LIFELINE PRESENT**

**recognise  
respond  
refer** Domestic Violence is  
Everyone's Business

  
**DV-alert**  
Domestic Violence Response Training

MONDAY 21 MAY | HORNSBY RSL CLUB | TWO FREE SESSIONS

Session One: 3:30-5:30pm | Session Two: 6:30-8:30pm

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### DV-Alert Training: Public Sessions

Mon May 21 - 2 Times · Hornsby RSL Club · Hor...  
Michael visited this place

★ Interested

DV-Alert Training Public Sessions coming to Hornsby. The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womens Shelter has specifically coordinated these sessions for our Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai community.

There are two sessions available on May 21:

3.30pm to 5:30pm. Click [here](#) for details.

6.30pm to 8:30pm. Click [here](#) for details.

The sessions are presented by Lifeline and supported by the Australian Government Department Social Services. Venue generously supplied by Hornsby RSL Club

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### **10 April, Trending World**

Why we slow to 40kph when the school bus lights are flashing.

Wow, a great driver and good brakes saved this kid's life 😞











Watch video [here](#).

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### **10 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

Are you a motorcycle rider carrying a passenger?

Any passenger carried on a motorcycle (not in a side car) must:

-   Sit astride the motorcycle pillion seat facing forward
-   Keep both feet on the footrests designed for use by the pillion passenger
-   Wear a correctly fitted and security fastened approved motorcycle helmet
-   Be eight years old or over
-   Not interfere with the riders control of the motorcycle

A motorcycle rider must not ride with more than one passenger (excluding sidecar passengers) on a motorcycle

For more information visit [here](#).

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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)



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



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