



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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26 May, from the Australian Trucking Association: If you're on the road this long weekend, drive smart!

Don't overtake turning trucks – they need 2 lanes to turn safely.

26 May, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: Jessica Gardens Hazard Reduction (HR) St Ives

Over 150 firefighters will participate in today's HR in St Ives. Crews have been briefed and will be deployed into the field shortly. It is expected that smoke will be visible over the course of the coming days as this essential HR is conducted to protect over 200 properties, essential infrastructure and the wider community.



26 May, from NSW Road Safety - [Giving Way to Pedestrians video](#)

If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering. [#TowardsZero](#)

[Pedestrian Safety Tips.](#)

25 May, from NSW Road Safety - Braking Distances

Trucks and buses take a lot longer to stop than cars and motorbikes. Take a look at the distance it takes for a B-double truck to stop on a dry road. If the road was wet, the distance would be even longer. [#TowardsZero](#)



Safe Speed Limits.

25 May, from NSW Road Safety: Vivid Festival will light up Sydney from May 25 - June 16.

If you're checking out the exhibition, be aware of your surrounds and look out before you step out when crossing the road. [#TowardsZero](#)

And from Vivid Sydney: Get the most out of your [#vivid Sydney](#) experience and check out this animated map for the Light Walk 🏠 📍 🗺️ 📍 During the busiest nights of the festival, Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights as well as the Queen's Birthday Monday holiday, one-way flow walking routes will be in place to help you get the most out of your night in a safe and enjoyable way. Lights on 6pm - 11pm, until 16 June.

23 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police command: Today is Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW Day)!

It's our chance to thank the 9,000 plus NSW SES volunteers who give their personal time to respond to emergencies across the State, 24 hours a day. Police, firefighters, paramedics and the SES work together in times of emergency, and it's great to be part of one big team helping the people of NSW.



23 May, from NSW Road Safety - Did you know trucks have blind spots?



[Watch BE TRUCK AWARE – Blind spots video here.](#)

Trucks have larger blind spots than the average car which means truck drivers may not be able to see you. So for everyone's safety, be cautious when travelling next to, or behind, a truck. We all need to look out for each other. Take care and Be Truck Aware. More info: <http://www.BeTruckAware.com.au>



APP OF THE MONTH: FIRES NEAR ME

Visit our crime prevention website: www.WatchOut.org.au and find on the [Fires &](#)

[Environment page](#) the **NSW Rural Fire Brigade Apps - Fires Near Me**. These Apps help you find out whether the smoke you can see or smell is part of a hazard reduction burn, or more serious. Are there any other links that should be on that page? Please send your suggestions, either via the WatchOut! website, or by emailing us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com. Thank you for joining in with us.

[NSW Rural Fire Service](#)

Bush Fire Safety

Community 'FireWise' Groups (CFGs)

[Fires Near Me \(Internet page\)](#)

[Fires Near Me NSW - Android App](#)

[Fires Near Me NSW - Apple App](#)

[Neighbourhood Safer Places \(NSPs\)](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 09 June: Ministry of Rock charity concert 7-11pm @ Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Road. \$10 at the door.

Wednesday 20 June: Friends Of Mount Colah Meeting 2 for 2018. 6:15-8:15pm @ Mt Colah Pizzeria, 5/599 Pac Hwy, Mt Colah

Saturday 23 June: Aussie Rock for KYDS. 7:30-11pm @ Pennant Hills Bowling Club. [Info & Tix.](#)

Sunday 01 July - Sunday 30 September: NSW Firearms Amnesty

Sunday 09 September: St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival 10am-4pm. [Info.](#)

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

28 May, from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: Since Friday morning last week about 200ha (2 square kilometres) of Ku-ring-gai bushland has been burnt in two large hazard reduction burning operations, these hazard reductions were carefully planned to protect 100's of home from potential bushfire.

1) The Sphinx hazard reduction at North Turramurra 92ha hazard reduction burn, was led by National Parks and Wildlife Service and supported by the NSW RFS on Friday afternoon and a relief crew in the evening.

2) The Jessica Gardens burn (Garigal National Park) A large 109ha hazard reduction burn, which took place in the National Park to the east of Kitchener

Street, St Ives was an NSWRFSS operation. We provided day and evening crews on both days over the weekend and we also have a crew patrolling the area today. In addition, we provided 2 Sector Commanders and a Field Operations Assistant on Saturday, and we have covered the Incident Controller role from Saturday evening through to Sunday evening.

Our members worked together with Northern Beaches Rural Fire Service, Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and Fire and Rescue NSW in completing these important burns.

Ku-ring-gai Brigade fielded over 38 members across our category 1 tankers and command units. Overall Ku-ring-gai Brigade alone has contributed over 450 work hours since Friday afternoon.



28 May, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: THANK YOU.

To the communities of St Ives, North Turrumurra & the Greater Sydney Area we thank you for your understanding & cooperation during the vital hazard reduction burning program. Hundreds of homes and community assets have been protected as a result.



From the North Shore Times, Thursday 24 May: [\[online edition here.\]](#)

Page 16 Street Watch

LINDFIELD A woman has been defrauded of about \$150,000 after receiving emails claiming to be from her lawyer. She received the emails over a two-day period starting on May 16, asking her to transfer money into an account. She transferred approximately \$150,000. Police are investigating the incident but have not yet been able to locate the funds.

ROSEVILLE TWO teenagers from Lane Cove have broken into Roseville Public School. The pair, aged 16, were part of a group that entered the school on the night of April 18. The group triggered a security alarm which alerted the police. Officers attended but were unable to locate the pair. On April 30 the teens were caught trespassing on the grounds of Artarmon Public School. Police were able to find the pair after this incident and they were taken to Chatswood police station for questioning.

Fatal crash in Chatswood A MAN has died following a single vehicle crash in Chatswood. About 2.15am on Saturday, May 19, a Toyota Corolla left the road and crashed into a street pole in Sylvia St, Chatswood. Emergency services were called to the scene, however the driver had a heart attack and died at the scene. A 30-year-old female passenger was able to get herself out of the car and was treated by paramedics at the scene before being taken to hospital. The street was

blocked off and a crime scene was established while police determined the cause of the crash.

New jail term for north shore rapist SYDNEY'S notorious north shore rapist will be behind bars until August after he was sentenced to four months jail for failing to disclose an intimate relationship with a prostitute. Graham James Kay, 66, pleaded guilty to breaching his extended supervision order last week — more than 40 strict monitoring conditions put in place because he poses an unacceptable risk to the community. The serial rapist was released from prison in 2015 after serving 18 years for sexually assaulting several women at knifepoint on Sydney's north shore in 90s. Magistrate Gary Still sentenced him to four months behind bars for the breach, starting on April 21 when he was arrested and expiring on August 20.



From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 24 May [\[Online edition here\]](#).

Page 1: PLEA TO FIX FATAL ROAD [edited]

Second pedestrian death puts focus on intersection AN ELDERLY man is the second pedestrian to be killed within six months at a notorious Hornsby intersection, resulting in a road safety advocate calling for far-reaching changes to protect pedestrians. The 81-year-old man was crossing Bridge Rd on Sunday about 1pm when a bus allegedly hit him while turning from Peats Ferry Rd. The man died at the scene. It is the second tragedy in less than six months at the intersection after wheelchair-bound Leon Zhu, 16, was killed in December when he was hit by a truck. An RMS spokesman said a review of pedestrian safety at the intersection would be carried out in conjunction with NSW Police.



Mourners left flowers at the corner of Bridge and Peats Ferry roads.

Page 3: Cameras signal action at gorge [edited]

Safety measures finally in place at black spot COUNTLESS over-length trucks get stuck in Galston Gorge every year, resulting in traffic chaos. Now, a year after technology to detect over-length vehicles was announced, Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean and Roads Minister Melinda Pavey switched on the cameras this week. Ms Pavey said almost 100 over-length heavy vehicles had been trapped in the gorge over the past year.

Page 9: Armed intruders told 'you've got the wrong house' [edited]

Three robbers on run after raiding Hornsby home A VICTIM held at gunpoint in a unit in Hornsby allegedly told intruders "you've got the wrong f***ing house" after being threatened with a knife and gun. Police were called to an address on Jersey St, North, Hornsby about 1.50am on Friday after three men stormed a unit. A man who lives at the address told the Hornsby Advocate the intruders came in through the back door. The man, who did not want to be named, said the intruders confronted his uncle while he was playing PlayStation in one of the rooms. "He had his head phones in and when he looked to his side there was a guy there with a knife and a gun. "His first instinct was to grab the knife and the guy has slit his hand." He said the intruders were demanding heroin and money. "They said 'where are the drugs and cash' and my uncle said 'you've got the wrong f***ing house'.

28 May, from NSW Police: **PLEASE SHARE: EXCELLENT QUALITY CCTV**

Police have released CCTV footage following numerous shopliftings which have occurred in Sydney over the past five months. The first incident occurred at Parramatta on Friday 3 November 2017.

Over the next five months, 11 other offences were committed at various locations including Bondi, Chatswood, Hurstville, Burwood, Richmond, Campbelltown, Parramatta, Sydney CBD, with the last incident occurring on Saturday 13 April 2018 at Richmond. During these incidents the man steals goods after he diverts the attention of staff, and on other occasions he has stolen goods while he was

unattended. [Watch cctv video here.](#)



27 May, from Rotary St Ives: Sunday 09 September 10am to 4pm St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival

[More info here.](#)

27 May, from NSW Police: Investigations continue into the cause of a hotel fire in West Ryde overnight.

Emergency services were called to the hotel on Victoria Road, near Chatham Road, about 10pm after reports of a fire in the basement. A number of people were evacuated from the building.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

26 May, from NSW Police: A man has been charged over 10 steal from motor vehicle incidents on the Northern Beaches.

[Full Media release here.](#)

26 May, from NSW Police: A man will appear in court today charged with

traffic offences following a police pursuit in the Central Coast.

About 11.35am yesterday (Friday 25 May 2018), police will allege a 38-year-old man stole a Toyota utility from Warabrook. A short time later, the vehicle was involved in a crash with another vehicle on Cessnock Road; the Toyota allegedly failed-to-stop and continued on the M1.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

Aussie Rock for KYDS - Hosted by Ministry of Rock and KYDS Youth Development Service

Saturday, June 23 at 7:30 PM - 11 PM

Pennant Hills Bowling Club

52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills, New South Wales, Australia 2120

[Tickets](#)

23 May, from ACCC Consumer Rights: More than \$4.7 million was reported lost to threat-based impersonation scams in 2017.

Find out how to protect yourself

at <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/scamsweek2018>

23 May, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Social engineering

Social engineering is the act of manipulating people into performing actions or divulging confidential information like passwords and PINs.

[Find out more here.](#)

22 May, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: How do I collect evidence of online abuse?

Here are [key tips to follow and information on where you can seek help.](#) [#nomoreharm](#)

22 May, from 9News.com.au: Man who 'procured child for sex' had lollypops, condoms

A Waitara resident.



A man accused of grooming a child for sex online had lollypops, condoms and sex position dice in his car when he was arrested by police in Sydney yesterday. NSW Police arrested the 48-year-old man at a McDonald's restaurant at North Parramatta just after midday, where he allegedly organised to meet the child for sex. The arrest comes after detectives from the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad started talking to the suspect online in April.

[Full article and photos here.](#)

22 May, from NSW Police: Financial Crimes Squad detectives have laid almost 50 additional charges as part of an investigation into identity theft and large-scale fraud.

In January 2017, detectives from the State Crime Command's Financial Crimes Squad established Strike Force Steinwedel II to investigate identity theft of numerous bank clients, resulting in the fraudulent acquisition of more than \$500,000.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

27 May, from SBS News: Takata airbag recall adds 1.1m cars to Australian list

More than a million extra vehicles have been added to a compulsory recall list in Australia over potentially deadly airbags.

[Full details here.](#)

26 May, from Yahoo 7News: Big W issues national recall on cots after safety concerns

Big W has been forced to recall a range of baby cots over safety concerns. The store issued the recall on Saturday for the Dymples Portacot, which was sold nationally at Big W from December 2014 until Thursday.



[Full details here.](#)

26 May, from Yahoo 7News: Mystery surrounds man's identity after being admitted to hospital

Police are seeking help to identify a man admitted to hospital in Melbourne weeks ago. Victoria Police said the man did not have a wallet or any identifying documents with him. Hospital staff have also been unable to communicate with him meaning they can't figure out who he is.



[Full details here.](#)

25 May, from Yahoo 7News: The major change coming for Australian passport photos

Travellers looking to pick up a new Australian passport will no longer be allowed to be pictured with their glasses, under strict new guidelines. The Australian Passport Office will ban glasses from the first of 1 July 2018 in a bid to strengthen security measures.

[Full article here.](#)

Our new Wahroonga Facebook page has been sharing one of Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes each day.

1. Clearly display your home's street number at the front of your property. It must be visible at night. This assists emergency vehicles as well as visitors.
2. Display warning signs around the perimeter or on your home. e.g. "Trespassers will be prosecuted", "This property is under electronic surveillance", Neighbourhood Watch window stickers/plaques, dog warnings, etc.
3. Front fences, trees and bushes should allow visibility from the street and be trimmed to reduce hiding places.
4. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level

balconies and windows, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.

5. Consider installing motion-activated security lighting and keep it well-maintained. Consider timer plugs for lights, TV, or radio to give the impression someone is home. Install the brightest lightbulb in the light outside your front door.

[Get your copy here.](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council's new website. Have you visited it recently? [edited]

- [Notification of Night Road Works - Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills](#)

Dates scheduled: Sunday 13 May and Thursday 31 May

Roads and Maritime Services will be removing and replacing small sections of asphalt and repainting road markings on Pennant Hills Road at the intersection of Fisher Avenue.

- [Notification of Night Road Works - Old Northern Road, Dural](#)

Dates scheduled: Monday 21 May to Friday 29 June

Roads and Maritime Services will be installing traffic counter sensors on Old Northern Road between Malabar Road and Glenhaven Road. We have included a map to help better explain the project.

- [Night work on Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst](#)

Dates scheduled: Sunday 6 May to Friday 29 June, 2018

Roads and Maritime Services will be upgrading the ladder and access to the variable message sign on Pennant Hills Road between Jasmine Road and Fraser Road. We have included a map to show the location of the work.

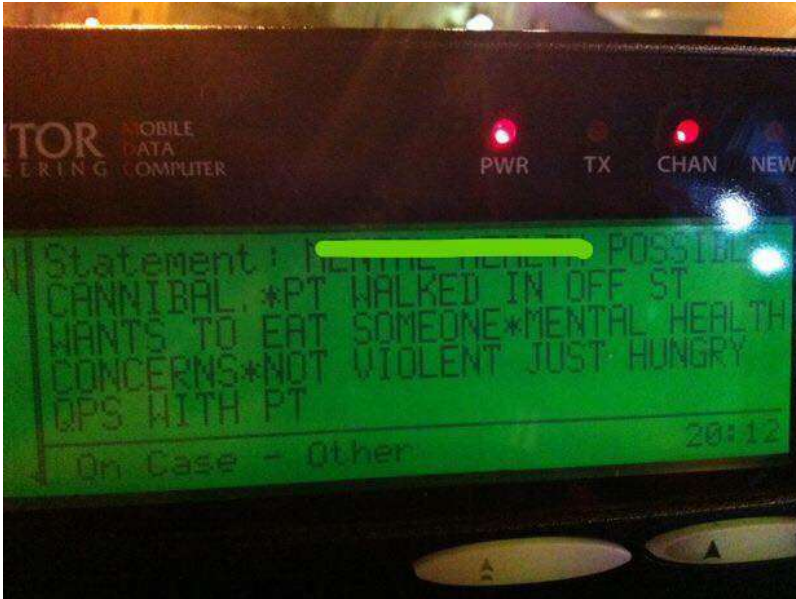
- [Night work on Pacific Highway, Berowra](#)

Dates scheduled: Sunday 29 April to Friday 1 June, 2018

Downer Group, on behalf of Ausgrid, will carry out essential road maintenance on the Pacific Highway between Beaumont Road and Anembo Road in Berowra.

[Full Roadworks Noticeboard here.](#)

Welcome to nightshift...



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@KuringGaiPAC](#)

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.

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Website nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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