

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 PAC 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 <u>share/forward this eNewsletter</u> with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
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06 August, from The Hills command: The Hills Police Area Command added 29 new photos to the album: National Missing Persons Week 2018.

30 years.



06 August, from Burwood command: How secure is your? 21th

Criminals are often opportunists and will target homes with poor home security to steal belongings. — Here are some top tips to secure and protect your home.

■ A SECURE YOUR HOME ■ A

- **☑** Ensure your street number is clearly visible.
- ☑□ Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to improve visibility around your home
- Lock away items such as ladders, tools and gardening equipment.
- ■□ Don't leave spare keys outside the home.
- On't leave valuables, mobile devices or keys (home or vehicle) in clear view.
- ■□ Mark valuable property and record details (i.e. Driver Licence Number).



06 August, from Crime Stoppers: "I called the Police Assistance Line to report a crime and police didn't even bother to come and see me!"

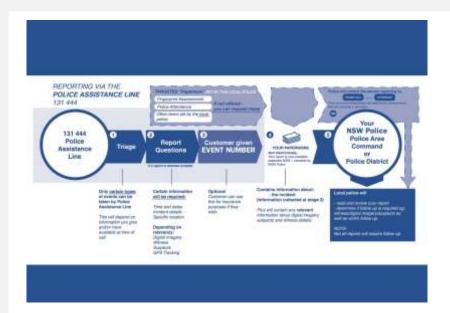
This is a common complaint we hear, however, do you know what happens when you ring the Police Assistance Line to report a crime? Check out the infographic below to find out.

You can call the Police Assistance Line to report:

- Break and Enter
- Stolen Vehicles
- Theft
- Malicious Damage includes Graffiti
- Fraud
- Lost Property
- Intentional Fire
- Minor Motor Vehicle Accidents (towing and/or late injury)

The Police Assistance Line is open 24/7 on 131 444.

[TIP: Use ctrl + to expand the image, or request a copy from NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com - Ed]



05 August, from NSW Road Safety: It is illegal to park across a driveway or footpath as it can force people onto the road, including children in prams and people on mobility devices.

#TowardsZero

Refresh your knowledge of parking rules here.



04 August, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for information after two children were approached in Wahroonga earlier this week.

About 3.30pm on Thursday 2 August 2018, two girls, aged 11 and 12, were allegedly followed leaving school on Woonona Avenue, to Wahroonga Railway Station. Once on the eastern side of Woonona Avenue, an unknown man who was walking south along Woonona Avenue followed the girls to the train station. The man tried to start a conversation with the pair, but the girls walked away. Officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command were alerted and commenced investigations.

As part of their inquiries, police would like to speak to a man who may be able to assist police. He is described as being of Indian/Sub-Continental appearance, aged between 30 and 40 years, approximately 160cm -170cm tall, of large build, and wearing glasses. He was last seen wearing a navy woollen jumper and white and orange shorts.

Anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and noticed something suspicious, recognises the description of the man, or who has information that may assist police with their inquiries is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

<u>Full Media Release here</u>, including advice for parents to discuss 'Safe people, Safe places'.

04 August, from The Hills command: One of the most frustrating things **Police come across every day is driving** with their lights and sirens on in the right-hand lane being stuck behind a driver no knowing what to do who starts breaking suddenly or slows completely.

If you are in the right-hand lane and there is a Police vehicle behind you with its lights and sirens on, please merge to the left lane when it is safe to do so and let the Police vehicle pass. For all the other vehicles on the road, please let the vehicles in the right lane in when they are trying to merge into the left to let the Police vehicle pass. Think about the emergency we may be travelling to. It could be your family member who may be in trouble. Tips for assisting emergency vehicles:

- >> Do not panic
- >> Slow down (but do not brake rapidly)
- >> Use your mirrors
- >> Use your indicators
- >> Be aware of other motorists and traffic
- >> Don't play music too loudly; make sure you can hear outside sounds
- >> Do not suddenly deviate from your lane
- >> If you cannot move out of the way safely, keep moving forward until it's safe to do so.

There is also a new rule to take note of: 40km/hr rule to protect our emergency service workers and volunteers. This will begin as a 12 month trial from 1

02 August, from Ku-rig-gai command: Weekly crime report

Possess Drug

26/07 - Cenotaph Hornsby, Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

Stealing

23/07 - Westbrook Avenue, Wahroonga

Malicious damage

• Between 20/07 & 23/07 - Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby

Stolen vehicle

- Between 31/07 & 01/08 Duffy Avenue, Thornleigh
- Between 29/07 & 30/07 Culworth Avenue, Killara
- Between 13/07 & 24/07 Pacific Highway, Mount Ku-ring-gai

Steal from motor vehicle

- 01/08 Pierre Close, Mount Colah
- Between 28/07 & 29/07 Balmoral Street, Waitara
- 27/07 Buckingham Road, Killara
- 24/07 Mount Colah Railway Station, Mount Colah number plates
- 24/07 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga number plates
- Between 14/07 & 15/07 Leighton Place, Hornsby

Break/enter and steal

- Between 31/07 & 01/08 Duffy Avenue, Thornleigh
- 30/07 Ku-ring-gai Avenue, Turramurra
- Between 29/07 & 30/07 Braeside Street, Wahroonga
- Between 22/07 & 28/07 Currawong Avenue, Normanhurst
- 27/07 Thorneligh Marketplace, Thornleigh
- 25/07 Stanley Street, St Ives
- 25/07 Warrabina Avenue, St Ives
- Between 13/07 & 27/07 Rosella Street, Dural
- Between 16/07 & 18/07 Hampden Avenue, Wahroonga

02 August, from 7News Sydney: Warnervale: Fatal crash on M1.

Motorway will be closed southbound for a number of hours. Just past Sparks

Road.



02 August, from NSW Police: Don't be so gullible ♀ □♀□♣□♂□

Learn how to protect your passwords, pin numbers, and personal information. Information from <u>StaySmartOnline here</u>.

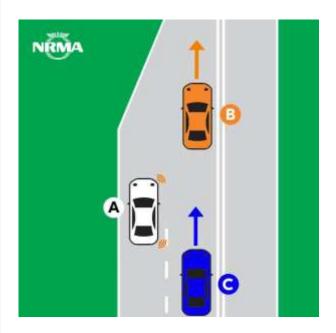


31 July, from NSW Road Safety: Keep your child safe by always dropping them off or picking them up from the same side of the road as the bus stop. #BeBusAware #TowardsZero



31 July, from NRMA Driver Training: TEST TIME

You are driving vehicle A on a multi-lane road. The road changes from multi-lane to single lane and you need to merge with other traffic. Which vehicle gives way?



TEST ANSWER: Car C must give way to car A.

When a driver is travelling on a road without lane markings and the number of lanes or lines of traffic is reduced, they must merge by giving way to any vehicle that is ahead of them.

Info here.



Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield (Hosted by Inner West Council & Burwood Police Area Command)



"The best weapon we have in creating safe communities is a planned and united community"

Inner West Council, in partnership with local Police, will host a Home Security Expo. The Expo will give residents the strategies to maximise their security at home and prevent fraud through mail theft. Be there at 11.00am to hear about safety initiatives from Inner West Council, NSW Police and our local Safety expert. Get your free sausage sizzle, speak to security services, enjoy the Police band and take home your own Home Security Kit.

Info & Tickets.

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 02 August [online edition here]

Page 7 [edited]: Boy held on stabbing No bail for teen accused of attempted murder. A 14-year-old boy charged with attempted murder for allegedly stabbing a pregnant woman in her home remains behind bars. Pei-Jiun Cheah, who is seven months' pregnant, is in a stable condition at Royal North Shore Hospital after being stabbed multiple times in the chest and abdomen in the attack at her Mt Colah home on Thursday night. The blade narrowly missed her expectant child.

Page 9 streetwatch:

THORNLEIGH A 19-year-old man's plan to steal thousands of dollars worth of goods from Bunnings Thornleigh has been foiled after he pretended to work at the warehouse. The attempted theft happened about 2pm on Sunday when a Bligh Park man filled a trolley with power tools and other goods. He then allegedly pulled on a Bunnings shirt and loaded the goods into a large rubbish bin on wheels. He tried to wheel the bin out of the premises with the goods worth \$5800 but was confronted by staff. Police attended and he was bail refused and ordered to front Hornsby Court on September 5.

TURRAMURRA A 41-year-old Yennora man has been charged months after allegedly stealing a large amount of multivitamins from a chemist at Turramurra. The man was identified on CCTV and police have now charged him over the alleged theft on September 8, 2017. He will face Hornsby Court on September 12.

BEROWRA An L-plater has been charged with driving unaccompanied and failing to stop for police. The man was driving north on the M1 at Berowra on Saturday about 12.45pm when police signalled for him to pull over. Police called off a chase to avoid any incidents with other drivers. Gosford police stopped the man near Somersby.

HORNSBY A 19-year-old Berowra Heights man will face court after testing positive for driving under the influence of cannabis. The man was pulled over on July 7 and failed a random drug test. He was taken to Hornsby police station and failed a secondary test. He is due to face Hornsby Court on September 13.

HORNSBY Police are still investigating a shocking incident at Westfield Hornsby where a mother of three received a tirade of abuse inside a parents' room at the shopping centre. A man threatened to kill and dismember the woman about 12.30pm last Monday while she was in the room with her three children.

Page 9 [edited]: Helping kids cope with crime CHILLING crimes to hit the community's streets recently are raising alarms about the impact on children's wellbeing and how they can cope with the aftermath of such incidents.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 07 August: FREE Cybersafety Tips 1-2pm @ Hornsby Library. Computer security, use of personal data, safe passwords and paying safely

online. Info & booking.

Thursday 30 August: FREE Home Security Expo 11am - 2pm @ Ashfield Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield (Hosted by Inner West Council & Burwood Police Area Command) Info & Tickets.

Sunday 09 September: St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival 10am-4pm. Info.

Thursday 13 September: R U OK? Day

Friday 14 September: FREE Hornsby Shire Council Library 'Be Scam Aware'

Presentation by Dept of Fair Trading @ 1pm. Info.

Friday 21 September: Colour of KYDS Fundraising Lunch 2018. Info

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

Saturday 13 October: Day for U 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ Warrawee Public School,

1452 Pacific Hwy, Turramurra. NHW Crime Prevention stall run by our NHW

volunteers.

Sunday 21 October: Graffiti Removal Day

2019:

Friday 08 March: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter fundraiser - Strength is

her Superpower. International Women's Day 2019.

Sunday 07 April: Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

From the North Shore Times Thursday, 26 July [Online Edition here]

Page 9 [edited]: KRG councillor convicted over false claims. David Citer "not a psychologist", watchdog finds.

From the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Household Problem Wastes

Drop off old batteries at your local Community Recycling Centre (CRC). CRCs are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. NSW householders can drop off problem wastes at these centres year round, free of charge.

More information and find your nearest CRC here.

From Yahoo News: Six common mistakes parents make with kids' car seats

Despite their best intentions, some parents and caregivers are making potentially fatal mistakes by incorrectly fitting children in vehicle restraints.

A safety expert explains in the <u>full article here</u>.

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cyber safety scam via Instagram after being approached online for nude photographs.

Full information here.

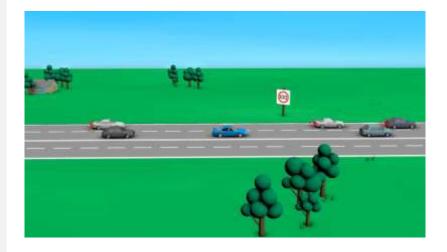
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middle lane. This article quite clearly says it is wrong.

From Yahoo News: When not to keep left: The road rules which may surprise many motorists - 7 News

Surprising road rules have been revealed in a new video, which shares the handful of exceptions to the keep left rule on busy motorways.

Full article here.



Here's some good advice about keeping your food safe during emergencies.

From NSW Food Authority: Flood, fire, power cut emergencies

Emergencies can include flood, fire, power cut or contamination of food or water supplies.

<u>Info here</u> .				

From R U OK? Day: When you notice a change in someone's behaviour, no matter how small, trust that gut instinct and start a conversation that could change a life.

'Signs' is a video series that calls on family, friends and workmates to act as 'eyes and ears' and reach out to their loved ones whenever they may be struggling with life.

View 'Signs" video and learn more here.

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#7 - What should I do when my pet goes missing?

Would you know what to do? We will be uploading this and more to our website **NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au**



This information was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer at Homsby Police Station for more information, Phone: 9476 9799.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION #7:

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY PET GOES MISSING?

Put all of your energy into it, and with a little help from friends and neighbours, hopefully you can bring your beloved pet back home!

- 1. Begin searching for your pet IMMEDIATELY! Do not wait in the hope that they will find their own way. home. The whole time your pet is missing they are at risk: Risk of being hurt by a car or person or another animal and at risk of getting sick, dehydrating or starving. Consider this an EMERGENCY!
- 2. Ask neighbours to check in sheds and garages just in case your pet was accidentally locked in.
- 3. Contact all animal shelters, council pounds & vets even the ones outside of your area.
 - Call the animal division of the council to find out if they have your pet.
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 Hornsby Shire Council pound Ph 9847 6853
 Ku-ring-gai Council pound Ph 9484 7418
 Animals that are found in Hornsby Shire may be picked up by a Hornsby Council Ranger and taken to Sydney Dogs and Cats Horse Inc. This is a pound located at 77 Edward Street, Carlton, Ph 9587 0645 9611.

 - 4013.
 Do the rounds of pounds and animal shelters yourself go at least once a week. Daily phone calls to these facilities can be made, but there is nothing like checking for yourself.
 If your pet is taken into a pound or shelter it will be held for 7 days if found to be without any traceable identification and 14 days if micro-chipped or having some sort of other traceable identification.
 - Check each cage carefully sometimes you may not recognise your pet, particularly if it is frightened and huddled in the corner or under the bed.
 Ask at each facility where the injured strays are kept, as usually these will be housed in a separate.
- area.

 * Consider the help of private organisations such as Lets Find Your Pet at www.letsfindysumet.com.au (Note: NHW cannot endorse a product or service.)

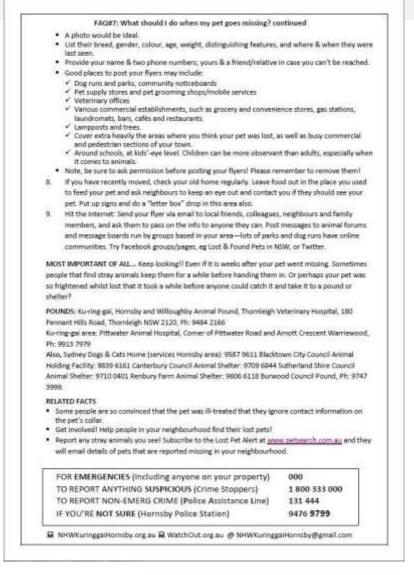
 5. If your pet is micro-chipped, contact your council and ask them to note on the Companion Animals.
- Registry that your pet is missing.

 4. Contact pet finding organisations such as Pet Search, Lets Find Your Pet, who, for a fee, will help you search all of the pounds and shelters: www.petsearch.com.au 1900 309 004 email help@petsearch.com.au and Lets Find Your Pet www.letsfindyourpet.com.au email letsfindyurpet@ovi.com
- 5. Make up leaflets with a description of your pet and drop them in letter boxes.
- 6. Put signs up around your area. If you have a busy road nearby, take advantage of the traffic and tell them about your lost pet. Note: An A4 poster won't be seen at more than 50kph
- 7. Stick with one design, as repeated viewings of a consistent message are more likely to remain in people's minds.
 - Include a big, bold headline that people can read from a distance.

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Email us here for your own copy.

02 August, from 9News: Driver killed and others hospitalised in fatal head-on M1 Motorway crash

A man was killed this morning after a fatal head-on collision on the M1 Motorway, north of Sydney. A 26-year-old driver was travelling in a ute on the southern exit ramp of the motorway at Sparks Roads, Warnervale around 4.30am when he crashed into another sedan. The 72-year-old man driver of the sedan died at the scene while the 26-year-old was treated at the scene and taken to hospital for mandatory testing.



Full article and video here.

PRODUCT RECALL: Durex recalls condoms over fears they could split

Condom maker Durex has recalled some products used in Australia over fears they could split. The recall of the non-latex 'Real Feel' condoms follows a similar recall in the UK and Ireland. "We recently found that a limited number of non-latex Real Feel condoms made earlier this year may not meet the international ISO standard when they are close to their expiry date," Durex said in a statement, describing the recall as a "precautionary move."

Further information from 7News here.

02 August, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Learn how to protect yourself from modern scammers and keep your information safe.



Full information on 'What to do if you have been scammed' here

01 August, from the NSW Police: A man will face court later this month after two people died in a crash north of Sydney yesterday afternoon.

About 4.50pm (Tuesday 31 July 2018), emergency services responded to reports of a crash involving a truck and five cars, northbound on the M1, just north of the Mooney Mooney bridge. On arrival, officers found a truck had crashed into the back of one of the cars and caught fire. Two men, believed to be aged 19 and 52, who were travelling in a Ford utility died in the crash. They are yet to be formally identified. A 75-year-old woman, who was driving a Kia Rio sedan, was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for further treatment. The remaining drivers and passengers were taken to Gosford Hospital for further treatment. They were: two women, aged 36 and 34, travelling in a Hyundai i30; a 44-year-old woman driving a Hyundai Tuscon and a 62-year-old woman driving a Mazda 3.

A 30-year-old male truck driver was charged with two counts of dangerous driving occasioning death and one count of dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm. He was also charged with negligent driving occasioning death and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm. His licence was suspended and he was granted conditional bail to appear in Gosford Local Court on 21 August 2018.

PRODUCT RECALL: 01 August More frozen vegetables recalled amid listeria fears

The NSW Food Authority confirmed on Wednesday that Metcash has recalled 1kg Black & Gold Mixed Vegetables from all IGA, Campbells and Independent Grocers

across NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. Shoppers have been advised to check their freezers for all stock, no matter what the date is, and destroy or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

Further information from 7News here.



31 July, from NSW Police: The body of a woman located on Sydney's upper north shore last week has been formally identified.

About 8.30am on Wednesday 25 July 2018, officers established a crime scene near the M1 at the Berowra off-ramp, after the body of a woman was located. The woman has now been formally identified as a 28-year-old Campsie woman Qi YU. A 19-year-old man has already been charged with her murder and is currently before the courts.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or** https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.

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"Do we have to go at 40km/h every time we pass the police station and there's a police car parked outside?"

The answer is in this link below - only when the emergency vehicle is stationary and the red & blues are flashing. So if the police car parked outside the police station hasn't its red & blues flashing, then you can go at normal speed. Note, you are also required "to give way to any person on foot in the immediate area of the emergency vehicle."



Thanks to Laugh OR Croak.

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: okuringGaiPAC

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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas:



WatchOut! Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook <u>@NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>

Twitter <u>@NHWKRGHornsby</u>

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Meighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst

Meighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives

Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

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Our mailing address is:

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