



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 357 - 13 August 2018**

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 [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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## 13 August, from NSW Police Force

 Kuring Gai Police Area Command shared a post. 6 hrs · 🌐

**OPTUS** **FAKE EMAIL**

Dear customer,  
Our billing system was unable to process your last payment. Please verify & submit your correct billing information to avoid interruption of your OPTUS services.

[Contact](#)

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**SCAM ALERT**

**OPTUS**

**Pay My Bill** **FAKE FORM**

Optus accepts all major credit cards

VISA    

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Customer Account Number\*

Card Holder Name\*

Digital Checkout

OR Card Number

Credit Expiry Date

Card ID

\* Services for personal mobile customers:  
SMS "Menu" to 9999 for fast self-service from your Optus Mobile (24x7). Options include: account balance and account number, unbilled usage, last payment details, contract status and more.

If you wish to check a previous Pay My Bill payment click here

OPTUS SCAM ALERT! Emails claiming to be from Optus are circulating. They want your credit card information for what is claimed to be unpaid bill.

The ACMA has been receiving reports about emails with the subject line 'We are unable to process your last payment'.

The fake emails are sophisticated and use a web address that looks like the real Optus website. The email contains a link to a fake 'pay your bill' page, which then asks for your credit card details.

The fake email and payment form are cunningly crafted to trick people. It's important you check the legitimacy of email links to protect your personal information—use contact details you find through a legitimate source and not those contained in the suspicious message.

If you receive this scam email, delete it immediately.

More info about protecting yourself, visit Stay Smart Online [here](#).

More info about the ACMA's role regulating commercial spam can be found [here](#).

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### **10 August, from Burwood Police Area Command**

Full Drivers Licence holders and bicycle riders may only use a mobile phone to make or answer an audio call or use the audio function if:

- it is secured in a commercially manufactured and designed mounting which is fixed to the vehicle and does not obscure the driver/rider's view of the road, or
- it can be operated by the driver/rider without touching any part of the phone, for example through the use of Bluetooth technology or voice activation

#### **DRIVER's AIDS**

(e.g. navigational GPS function, Speed Advisor app)

Drivers/riders may only use the navigational or GPS function of a phone while driving/riding if the phone is secured in a fixed mounting and doesn't obscure the driver's view of the road.

All other functions while driving/riding, a mobile phone cannot be used for anything else, including:

- Texting or audio texting
- Emailing
- Using social media
- Taking photos

- Video messaging
- Holding your phone in any way (in hand, on lap, between shoulder and ear).

Drivers/riders can only use their phone for any of these functions if their vehicle is parked out of the line of traffic.

These functions are not permitted when your vehicle is stopped, including waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic.

Learner and provisional (P1 and P2) licence holders

Learner, P1 and P2 drivers and motorcycle riders ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE ANY FUNCTION OF A PHONE while driving/riding. This includes when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic.

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**10 August, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au):** A man arrested in Epping yesterday following a major investigation into historic sexual assaults across the Hornsby and Ryde areas will face court today.

Prisoner's brother accused of 30-year sex crimes

Detectives looking into historic sex crimes in the Ryde area grew suspicious when DNA on old exhibits proved similar to that of a man already in jail. But that man had an alibi.

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**10 August, from [NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV](#)**

Any child who has the sash belt under their arm in a crash is not properly restrained, putting them at risk of serious abdominal injuries and damage to their spine, neck and face.

See more [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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## 9 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Did you know that trucks have 4 main blind spots? Wherever possible avoid driving or riding in a truck's blind spots. We all need to look out for each other.

Take care and Be Truck Aware. Read more [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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## 9 August, from Hornsby Shire Council

Yes, police have better things to do than issue pedestrians tickets.

However.....people are being killed on our roads, and we are still seeing pedestrians running the gauntlet. The flashing red person on the lights means do not step off the kerb. People are even crossing against the solid red person. Many may say that it is up to the individual to weigh up the risk, but police who clean up after vehicles hit pedestrians doing the wrong thing would say otherwise. Drivers also need to be cautious at pedestrian crossings.....Be safe please 🚶🚶♀️🚶

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## 9 August, Weekly Crime Report

Stolen vehicle/vessel

- 01/08 – Waitara Ave, Waitara

Break/enter intent steal

- 06/08 – Moorina Road, Pymble
- 07/08 – Kimbarra Road, Pymble
- 04/08 – Lofberg Road, West Pymble
- Between 01/08 & 03/08 – Pymble Avenue, Pymble

Break/enter and steal

- Between 07/08 & 08/08 – Ward Street, Pymble
- 07/08 – Rosedale Road, Gordon

- Between 03/08 & 04/08 – Culworth Avenue, Killara
- Between 05/08 & 06/08 Business – St Johns Avenue, Gordon

#### Malicious Damage

- Between 04/08 & 05/08 – Hillcrest Road, Berowra – vehicle damage
- Between 04/08 & 05/08 – Berowra Waters Road, Berowra (Numerous vehicles and letter boxes)
- Between 04/08 & 05/08 – Warrina Street, Berowra

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#### 7 August, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au): Body video cams for cops

Local cops will now be wearing video cameras. What do you think of the move?

Will it make you feel safer? 🇺🇸👮♂️🇺🇸

Read more [here](#).

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#### 6 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



At an intersection, always wait until there is enough space on the other side for your vehicle.

Queueing across intersections is dangerous because it blocks vehicles going in the other direction.

Read more [here](#).

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## 7 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Protect Your Car

Relying on the convenience of a car is something most of us take for granted. However, if your car or contents were stolen or damaged, the effects upon your family, work and finances could be devastating.

### PROTECT YOUR CAR FROM BEING STOLEN:

 **NEVER** leave your keys in the ignition when not in your car, even in your driveway at home

 **ALWAYS** keep your car's doors and windows locked, including when driving

 **CONSIDER** upgrading your car's security with a quality alarm or electronic immobiliser

 **NEVER** leave your keys in plain view at home or in public places such as restaurants

### PROTECT THE PROPERTY IN YOUR CAR

 **ALWAYS** keep your doors and windows locked when out of your car

 **NEVER** leave valuables such as mobile phones, handbags, GPS or spare change in plain view – even when parked at home

 **ALWAYS** try to park in a well-lit or populated area

 **TRADIES** always lock your toolboxes and try to avoid parking on the street at night

### PROTECT YOURSELF WHEN SELLING YOUR CAR

 **NEVER** advertise your home address when selling your car

 **ALWAYS** view and record any potential buyers identification

 **NEVER** let someone take your car for a test drive without supervision.

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**From Inner West Police Area Command**



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**13 August, from smh.com.au: 'Devastating blow': Homewares business hit by apparent email scam**

Small business owner Phoebe Bell believes scammers were watching her emails "for months" before they swiped \$10,000 from her homewares operation, Sage and Clare.



Earlier this year, the company placed a stock order with an unnamed supplier. There was nothing out of the ordinary about the interaction — Bell outlined the required stock and emailed back and forth for weeks about the order.

For details, click [here](#).

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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 09 August [\[online edition here\]](#)**

**Trucks a scourge at intersection, Page 5**

A REDUCTION in the number of NorthConnex trucks using a deadly intersection in Hornsby cannot come soon enough, say drivers who are concerned about the intersection.

Two pedestrians were killed at the intersection of Bridge and Peats Ferry roads between December and May.

Up to 2100 trucks use the intersection each week to access Hornsby Quarry, taking rocks and spoil from the huge NorthConnex tunnel project down to the quarry.

The plan is to fill the quarry by the end of the year — at which stage the trucks will stop accessing the site.

Motorist Richard McDonald said that could not come soon enough.

He said he had been blocked from driving through the intersection on a couple of occasions by trucks rushing through orange lights or stopping halfway across.

“On many occasions they have been seen to block all or part of the fire station exit area,” Mr McDonald said.

**Page 7 streetwatch:**

**WAHROONGA**

1 Police are asking for help to find a man after two girls, aged 11 and 12, were followed home from school at Woonona Ave. The man tried to start a conversation with the pair but the girls quickly walked away when they walked towards Wahroonga station last Thursday about 3.30pm. Kuring-gai police are searching for a man described as being of Indian or sub-continental appearance, aged between 30 and 40, about 160cm tall, of large build and wearing glasses. He was last seen wearing a navy woollen jumper and white and orange shorts.

### **HORNSBY**

2 A 51-year-old Merrylands man has been charged after attempting to buy a restricted drug with a fake prescription at a pharmacy in Westfield Hornsby. Police were contacted by the pharmacy and spoke with the man about 6pm last Friday. Police also searched his vehicle and found a small amount of methamphetamine, commonly known as ice. He will face Fairfield Court on August 15.

### **HORNSBY**

3 An alleged shoplifter has been charged after being approached by police during a shoplifting operation at Westfield Hornsby. The police operation was held on July 26. Police have charged a 43-year-old South Granville man who was allegedly found with a stolen laptop.

### **HORNSBY**

4 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 on July 23 about 12.30pm in front of her children.

### **HORNSBY**

5 A 33-year-old man will face Hornsby Court on September 19 after allegedly being found with the drug ice at Cenotaph Park on Saturday about 2.15am.

## **HORNSBY**

6 Police are warning residents to be wary of a scam targeting vulnerable people after a man pretending to be a tradie and wearing a fluoro shirt approached an elderly woman at her Old Berowra Rd home last Thursday about 2pm. The man later cashed a cheque from the resident.

## **WAHROONGA**

7 A 34-year-old South Coogee man has been charged with driving under the influence of an illicit drug. He was found unconscious behind the wheel on Junction Rd at Wahroonga on February 8. He crashed his car into another vehicle. Noone was injured. He will face Hornsby Court on September 20.

## **Pedestrian safety for our school zones, Page 17**

SCHOOLS across Ku-ringgai have been earmarked for pedestrian safety upgrades.

Waitara Public School will receive fencing while raised crossings will be allocated to Pymble Ladies' College and Turramurra and Turramurra North public schools.

Ku-ring-gai state Liberal MP Alister Henskens said the boost for safety measures was part of a \$10 million program for over 500 schools across NSW.

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## **Dates for the Diary:**

**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.

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**From The North Shore Times, Thursday 09 August [Online edition [here](#)]**

### **Reckless Driving, Page 15**

At 2.15am on Monday, police said, they were driving close to the speed limit on the Pacific Highway at Lindfield when they were overtaken by a blue Toyota Yaris. They said the Yaris was drifting in and out of lanes and narrowly avoiding parked cars. Police said they stopped the car and determined the driver was affected by alcohol. The 22-year-old allegedly returned a breath reading of 0.122g. The driver, whose licence was cancelled, will appear in Hornsby Court.

### **Street Watch, Page 15**

#### **KILLARA**

4 Police said a woman returned to her home in Quebec Ave about 7.45pm on Saturday, August 4, to find two men, wearing black balaclavas, walking through the house. She alerted police and the men left, carrying a small safe which she said contained jewellery valued at \$250,000. An investigation is under way.

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**12 August, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Council  
Ares**



Thank you to Michelle, who has knitted a dog poo for Neighbourhood Watch to use on a new poster. This poster will ask nicely for people to pick up after their dogs, and will be available for download from our website: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au). Appreciated Michelle! We know you had fun making it 😊

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### **11 August, from Hills Shire Times**

An off-duty police sergeant who failed a random breath test in West Pennant Hills is due to face court later this month.

About 2.05pm yesterday, the sergeant was stopped at a random breath testing site on New Line Rd in West Pennant Hills.

The roadside test returned a positive result. The 55-year-old man was arrested and a subsequent breath analysis returned an alleged reading of 0.73. He has been charged with low-range drink driving.

He will appear in Hornsby Local Court on Thursday, August 30.

The duty status of the sergeant, who is attached to the Central Metropolitan Region, is under review.

- NSW Police

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**11 August, from [finance.nsw.gov.au](http://finance.nsw.gov.au): Public Warning – do not deal with Allan James Piggott**



Consumers are warned not to deal with Allan James Piggott, also known as Allan Chisel. Mr Piggott contracts to do unlicensed and uninsured work under various unregistered business names. In many cases the work he does is defective.

Mr Piggott has recently been seeking concreting, paving and structural landscaping work in the Sydney suburbs of Blacktown, Seven Hills, St Clair, Rooty Hill, Minchinbury, Stanhope Gardens, Chatswood and on the Central Coast.

NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rose Webb said Mr Piggott has been offending since 2006. A previous public warning was issued about him in February 2013.

“Mr Piggott is not and never has been a licensed contractor, yet he continues to enter into contracts to do residential building work,” said Ms Webb.

Mr Piggott is continuing to commit offences despite three prosecutions in 2013, 2015 and 2018.

For details click [here](#).

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### **11 August, from ABC Brisbane**

**!!!** ☐ LISTEN TO THIS NBN 'ROBOCALL' **!!!** ☐

Have a listen to the latest scam doing the rounds. This time they're pretending to call from the NBN, and try to trick you into talking to 'a technician'.

Thanks to Peter Olson for recording this for us. Watch video [here](#).

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### **11 August, from NSW Police Force**

A man has been injured following a serious motorcycle crash in Sydney's north overnight.

Just after midnight (Saturday 11 August 2018), emergency services were called to Clanville Road at Roseville, after reports a trailbike had hit a park car and crashed.

The rider, a 19-year-old man, was treated and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a serious condition.

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command established a crime scene and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash.

The road remains closed.

Anyone with information about the crash is urged to come forward.



Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or website [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**10 August, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): North shore rapist will be tagged for two more years, court rules.**



Read details [here](#).

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**10 August, from [motorcycle.com](http://motorcycle.com): Top 10 Ways to Stay Alive When You're Learning to Ride**

"Think of learning to ride as a sport, because it is one. You wouldn't walk onto a tennis court and think you could take on Rafael Nadal because you have the same racket and Nikes."

Read more [here](#).

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## 8 August: Save the date in your diaries!



SAT, AUG 11

Official Opening of Berowra Rural Fire  
Brigade's New Station

★ Interested

Shared to Berowra Community Page.

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## 7 August, from NowThis

This smart necklace records and sends audio alerts to protect women from sexual violence.

Watch video [here](#).

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## 7 August, from the Hope Challenge

In a small suburb of Sydney, the suicide of two well-known and liked members was too much to bear. They decided to do something about it.

The disbelief, the awkward conversations, the incredulity and the overwhelming sadness people feel when they hear of a friend, colleague or neighbour who has gone down the path of taking their own life.

It can be difficult to comprehend. It can be confronting to your own understanding of mental health disorders and how they can affect anyone at anytime.

It can also be a time to decide to do something about it, no matter how small: join in and make a start.

Read more [here](#).

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### **6 August, from NSW Government: Tougher security measures to deter illegal bridge climbing**

Illegally climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge is not only extremely dangerous, it also puts the lives of thousands of drivers who use it every day at risk. Structural changes and stronger penalties are being introduced to reduce security breaches, including increasing the fine from fine \$3,300 to \$22,000.

Read more [here](#).

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### **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.

### **Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas:**



Website [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



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



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Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



Email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

### **Local Facebook pages:**



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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