



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.

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[20 August, from the Daily Telegraph: The NSW road toll has now climbed](#)

back up in the past 12 months and despite ongoing education, it has cost the state \$6.2 billion - \$800 a year for every man, woman and child injured or killed on our roads. 😞😓💔

Here are NSW's shocking statistics.

[Full article here.](#)

20 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: OPERATION ROAM 2018 - Please take careful notice of each of our fugitives.

Do you recognise this person or have any information that could help police? Call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)** or report online at www.crimestoppers.com.au. If you see this person out and about do NOT approach. Call **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

ROGUE RADAR
OPERATION ROAM

WANTED PERSON
Paul Brent STEADMAN

Is currently wanted by NSW Police – a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

Name: Paul Brent STEADMAN	
Description:	
Date of birth: 26/01/1968	Eyes: Brown
Height: 175cm	Hair: Black
Build: Medium	Complexion: Olive
Background: In 2015, Paul Brent STEADMAN was charged by Police with offences relating to the sexual assault of a boy under 16. At the time, STEADMAN was working as a karate instructor in the Bathurst area – New South Wales.	
STEADMAN failed to appear at Bathurst local court and a warrant was issued for his arrest. STEADMAN'S vehicle was later located in bushland but he has never been located.	
Police believe STEADMAN has left the Bathurst area. It is also possible he is deceased.	



If you see this person, do not approach them, call Triple Zero (000).
If you have any information which can assist in locating this wanted person please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

Rewards may be paid for information provided. All information providers are anonymous. Information providers are allocated a code number, which is used in all ongoing contact, up to and including the point of payment of a reward.

Operation Roam: Made possible with Australian Government funding

20 August, from Crime Stoppers: Today Crime Stoppers launch Operation Roam 2018!

Crime Stoppers are calling on all members of the public to help track down the 10 outlaws named on this year's 'Rogue Radar' list, some of whom are wanted for serious offences including murder and sexual assault. Operation Roam: Rogue Radar asks Australians to visit www.crimestoppers.com.au to view the list of fugitives to see if they recognise any of the faces. Any information about these offenders should be reported to Crime Stoppers immediately.

20 August, from Crime Stoppers: SPOTTED SOME CRAZY DRIVING?

If a member of the public witnesses driving offences they may report these to police at any time regardless of whether they relate to a crash. Police will determine based on the individual circumstances what action will be taken. If anyone is involved in a crash of an unusual nature they can contact police for advice and, where required, police will attend. Although police generally will not investigate a minor or 'Tow Away Only' crash, they retain the discretion to investigate and take action for any traffic offences detected when they deem it appropriate.

You can call the Police Assistance Line on 131444 (24/7) to report dangerous driving within 20 minutes of seeing an incident. In an emergency ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000).



We take information about habitual traffic offenders.
Report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au
or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

17 August, from The Daily Telegraph: Police fury at drivers treating cars like homes

Drivers have been caught on camera applying make-up, studying textbooks, eating brekkie and handling their mobile phones while behind the wheel on some of Sydney's busiest streets. While simply touching a mobile phone in a vehicle can draw heavy fines and loss of demerits, it is not illegal for drivers to treat their cars like a bedroom, bathroom or even a study — and NSW police say they are fed up with the reckless behaviour.



DAILYTELEGRAPH.COM.AU

Drivers eat, read and do make-up - and it's legal

DRIVERS have been caught on camera applying make-up, eating breakfa...

[Full article here](#)

16 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: CHANGES PROPOSED FOR DEADLY INTERSECTION [edited]

CHANGES will most likely be made at a deadly intersection in Hornsby following a safety review. Two pedestrians have been killed at the intersection of Peats Ferry and Bridge roads since December. An 81-year-old man was hit and killed by a bus in May and a 16-year-old boy was fatally struck by a truck in December, while crossing the road in his wheelchair. The RMS has been reviewing the intersection and has submitted a nomination to the State Government's Safer Roads Program to carry out work for improved pedestrian safety.

The potential changes include making traffic heading north in Peats Ferry Rd wait a little longer at the lights before turning right into Bridge Rd, where pedestrians now only have five seconds to cross before the lights change and drivers can turn across their path. A time frame is yet to be confirmed around when those changes could be made.

Meanwhile, police have finished an investigation into the first fatality in December with no charges made against the driver. The second incident, in May, is still being investigated.

[Full article here](#) [possibly subscribers only:(- ed)]

16 August, from Ku-ring-gai command:

High Range PCA – Normanhurst

About 11.50pm Friday 10 July, a 34-year-old male driver was driving his vehicle along Pennant Hills Road when he was stop for a random breath test. Police spoke with the driver and could smell strong alcohol on his breath. He submitted to a breath test and returned a positive reading. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station for a breath analysis. The driver returned a reading of 0.208 and was issued with a Field Court Attendance notice for Drive with High Range PCA. His licence was suspended and he is now due to appear in Hornsby Local Court.

Weekly crime report:

Steal from motor vehicle

- 13/08 – Fitzsimons Lane, Gordon (laptop stolen)
- 14/08 – Albert Street South, Hornsby (personal property)

LOCK YOUR CAR, Don't or avoid where possible leave property inside. Hide it out of sight if needed, but lock your car. Crime prevention and protecting your property starts with you.

Malicious Damage

- Between 07/08 & 08/08 – Pacific Hwy Asquith

Break/enter and steal

- Between 10/08 & 11/08 – Mona Vale Road, St Ives
(unit block storage cage)
- 09/08 – Warrimoo Avenue, St Ives
- 09/08 – Murchison Street, St Ives
- 11/08 – Golfers Parade, Pymble
- Between 09/08 & 10/08 – Milburn Place, St Ives Chase
- 10/08 – Cecil Street, Gordon
- Between 03/08 & 11/08 – Blytheswood Avenue, Warrawee
- 11/08 – Amor Street, Hornsby
- Between 29/07 & 12/08 – King Street Turramurra

- 13/08 – Berrillee Street, Turramurra

Stealing

- Fitness First Hornsby – personal property
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16 August, from Crime Stoppers: How secure is your home or residential building?

Making sure your home or residential building is safe and secure from intruders is of utmost importance. Below are some tips that can help:

- Street numbers should be displayed at the front clearly
 - Fences should be in good order and gates kept locked and secure
 - Trees and shrubs should be trimmed and clear around windows and entry points
 - Security lighting helps provide effective illumination at night
 - Perimeter doors should be of solid construction and fitted with quality lock or for even more protection fitted with Security Access Control Systems*.
 - Perimeter windows should be secured with key operated locks
 - Glass within doors should be reinforced or covered with metal security grilles or shutters.
 - Consider having CCTV Security Cameras or an alarm installed
 - Garages and sheds should be locked and secured.
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16 August, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: We're prepared for the bush fire season, are you?

Visit www.myfireplan.com.au for helpful tips on preparing your home and family for bush fire, it's easier than you think! [#PrepareActSurvive](https://www.facebook.com/PrepareActSurvive)

TOP 5 ACTIONS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME



1. Trim overhanging branches



2. Mow your grass and clear an area around your home



3. Remove materials that can burn around your home



4. Clear and remove leaves and debris from your gutters



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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

www.MyFirePlan.com.au

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15 August, from NSW Police Force: SCAM ALERT! This postal scam will only deliver problems



Australia Post is aware of a new scam being sent as a survey request from NQASurveys, pretending to survey your recent Australia Post experience. The scam offers a reward of free items such as payment for postage, which requires submitting your credit card details. Please delete these messages. Australia Post will never ask you to send an email containing any personal or financial information, including any form of ID, passwords, credit card details or account information.

More information on [Scams Targeting Australia Post Customers](#)

14 August, from Quakers Hill command: This is still occurring, the community are still getting scammed.

DO NOT provide your credit card details over the phone, do not purchase iTunes Cards to pay off alleged debt. It is all a Scam. Please advise members of your family, friends and neighbours.

Police are still urging the public to be aware of an iTunes scam where the public

are receiving phone calls or emails from someone claiming to be from Telstra, Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions, Dept of Immigration or the Australian Taxation Office. They will demand iTunes gift cards as a form of tax debt payment or to avoid an arrest. This is NOT a payment method of these agencies. If you receive one of these calls/emails, call the agency yourself directly by looking up their details through the phone book or an online search.

Please pass this information on to the elderly and vulnerable members of our community. For more information about Scams 'google' - scamwatch.gov.au or contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or your local Police Station [Hornsby 9476 9799 - Ed].



14 August, from NSWPF Corporate Sponsor LGBTI:



WEAR IT PURPLE - Friday 31 August 2018



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

WHAT CAN I DO?

Report everything suspicious in your neighbourhood: **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**

Report things that make people feel unsafe - **graffiti** : Ku-ring-gai Council prefers **VandalTrak**

Report things that make people feel unsafe - **abandoned shopping trolleys**: All

the numbers are listed on the ['Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai' leaflet \(pdf to download\)](#)

Report things that make people feel unsafe - **broken street lights: Ausgrid 1800 044 808**

Pick up your dog poo

Know your neighbours and look out for them: eg picking up local newspapers, moving the garbage bins

Educate yourself in Crime Prevention techniques: WatchOut.org.au

Surprisingly, the information above may mention Ku-ring-gai, but it relates to the Hornsby area also!

From the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: National Child Protection Week: free Virtual Classroom

[National Child Protection Week](#) is just around the corner and we're showing our support by running free Virtual Classrooms throughout the week of 2—8 September. Teachers, you can play your part by booking your students in for '*Cyberbullying and blackmail—how to speak up and stay safe*'. This VC helps students understand their role in creating a safer online community for everyone. Keep an eye out on our social media channels for [registration details >>](#)

Parents - why not enquire at your school?

A local Facebook group has been set up for lost & found pets: [Help me Help you Save Your Pets](#).

If you are on Facebook, [click here for the group](#).

If you aren't on Facebook, maybe you would like to consider this if you ever find or lose a pet?

Neighbourhood Watch has a **FAQ #7 WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY PET GOES MISSING?** Please [request this from us here](#).

We are working on uploading this and other documents to our NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au website on a [new FAQ page](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 16 August: [\[online edition here\]](#)

Page 6 No bail for cold case accused

A TOW-TRUCK driver who allegedly raped and assaulted girls and women in the northwest over almost 25 years will remain behind bars after he was formally refused bail. Gregory John Richardson, 51, was arrested on Thursday at his home in Epping and bundled into a waiting police wagon still wearing his pyjamas. Police allege he committed sex offences on 14 occasions between 1989 and 2013 involving victims aged between 14 and 40. Mr Richardson is facing 20 charges, including multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault, stalking and intimidation and acts of indecency with a person under 16 around Ryde and Hornsby. In court on Friday his lawyer made no application for bail and it was refused.

Police said cold case investigation detectives had been looking into historic sex files in the Ryde area since June. When a woman came forward, Strike Force Petit began to review a number of cases in other suburbs in northwest Sydney.

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BEROWRA HEIGHTS A man who allegedly stole about \$11,000 worth of tools from a Turner Rd property in February has been charged by police. Following an investigation, which included reviewing CCTV footage, police have charged a 36-year-old man from Dural with breaking and entering on February 2. He will face Hornsby Court on September 26.

Page 9 Fake tradie faces court after theft [edited]

A MAN who allegedly posed as a tree lopper before he stole a credit car from a Westleigh home in June has been charged. The Lalor Park man, 29, has been refused bail after being charged with the theft on July 31. The man was eventually identified and charged with break and enter and four counts of dishonestly obtaining a financial advantage. He was refused bail to appear before Hornsby Court on September 26.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 23 August: Self Defence Workshop 7-9pm @ FunFit, Gordon \$50 [Info.](#)

Friday 31 August: Wear it Purple Day

Sunday 02 - Saturday 08 September: National Child Protection Week 2018 [Info.](#)

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 06 - Friday 12 October: NHW Australasia Week

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:

Tuesday 05 February: Safer Internet Day [Info](#)

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 16 August [Online edition [here](#)]

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ROSEVILLE A teenager has lost a hand after crashing his bike into a parked car on August 10. Emergency services were called to the scene at Clanville Rd in Roseville just after midnight. The 19-year-old was transported to Royal North Shore in a serious condition. It is believed the accident was caused when the rider smashed into the rear of a white Subaru at high speed. The orange dirt bike exploded into more than a dozen pieces upon collision, with parts landing up to 20m away.

19 August, from Victoria Police: WARRANT ISSUED FOR JERRY O'CONNOR

Police are appealing for public assistance to help locate Jerry O'Connor. Warrants have been issued for the 31-year-old's arrest in relation to a number of deception offences. Police have released an image of O'Connor in the hope someone recognises him and can provide information on his current whereabouts. He is described as 185cm tall with a thin build, short brown hair and he has a thick Irish accent. It is not known O'Connor's exact location but it is believed he regularly travels between Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Anyone who sights O'Connor or has information on his current whereabouts is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or submit a confidential report online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au



18 August, from NSW Government: Anyone who threatens or incites violence against people based on their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex or HIV/AIDS status in NSW will now face up to three years in prison.

The new laws came into force this week.

[More Info on the new law here.](#)

20 August, from NSWPF SCC Financial Crimes Squad: Lighting fires (both

structural and bushfire) is a matter taken most seriously by the NSWPF.

The seriousness of lighting bushfires cannot be understated. The risk that bushfires cause to both regional and metropolitan areas are tremendous in terms of loss of life, injury, lives devastated by loss of property and businesses. The upcoming fire season is forecast to be very serious. All acts of fire-lighting will be looked at closely by investigators all around the state and they will be assisted by specialist investigators at the Financial Crimes Squad, Arson Unit. If you have any information about fire-lighting or suspicious behaviour of this type please contact Crime Stoppers anonymously or call the police. Your action could prevent a great deal of harm.

Call: 000 for emergencies

Call: 1800 333 000 - for CrimeStoppers

Call: 131 444 for for NSW Police

www.crimestoppers.com.au

20 August, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: The Official Bush Fire Danger Period has been brought forward & will commence on 1st September, one month earlier than usual for our District.

It will run until 31st March 2019. During this period Fire Safety Permits are required for open burning and heavy fines apply for failing to notify or fire escapes. Permits can be obtained free of charge from your local Brigade or Fire Control Centre.

19 August, from Glenorie, Galston & Hills Rural News: It has been reported that the riot squad, multiple police and ambulances have blocked San Remo Place at Dural

A crime scene has been set up.

18 August, Shared from St Ives Community group: My daughter just found this iPhone on the ground in the car park behind Wahroonga shops.

If it's yours please PM me - hopefully we can get it back to its owner.



17 August, shared from St Ives Community group. Thank you for the reminder. 'Water Wise' replaces water restrictions and applies to everyone.

Just wondering if everyone is aware that water restrictions are currently in place across Sydney ? More info can be found on the [Sydney Water website](#) but here is a brief summary

- Watering , including sprinklers and irrigation system is allowed any day before 10.00am or after 4.00pm.
- hand held hoses must have trigger nozzle.
- no hosing of hard surfaces such as driveways or paths.

17 August, from NSW Police: An herbal medicine practitioner will face court tomorrow charged with manslaughter.

Strike Force Caffe was established by Kuring Gai Police Area Command to investigate the death of a 56-year-old woman on Friday 8 June this year. Following the results of a post mortem examination, detectives arrested a 52-year-old man about 4pm today (Thursday 16 August 2018) at Hornsby Police Station. That man has now been charged with manslaughter and bail refused to face Hornsby Local Court later today (Friday 17 August 2018). Police will allege the man was a registered Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner, who had been treating the woman for an existing medical condition since her arrival in Australia in March this

year. Police have been advised the man's registration has been suspended.

16 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 8:30am Thursday the 16th of August 2018, Police attached to the Traffic Task Force and Officers from the EPA intercepted a tipper and dog combination travelling north bound on the Putty Road Wilberforce.

The load was inspected with EPA Officers and located material that was tested roadside revealing Asbestos. Samples will be sent to the laboratory for further analysis. At this time the driver is assisting EPA Officers with their enquiries. The driver stated that he was dropping the waste at a Western Sydney Facility after picking up the load from **GORDON**.



16 August, from East Wahroonga Community group: Two undercover police walking around Boundary and Carrington etc door knocking and advising owners to be vigilant and keep your doors, windows, cars etc locked night and day.

People use your brains and be overly suspicious of anyone on the prowl.

Neighbourhood Watch has a banner for loan when not in use at community events (approx 2m x 1m see photo). It can act as a deterrent. Have you a fence or somewhere to display the banner? If so, please contact us on NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

Items of use can be found on the **Borrow** page of our website: NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Borrow/.

Make your self more aware of what you can do to protect yourself, your home, your possessions and your family.

Crime Prevention advice can be found on the Tips page of our website: NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips/.

Links to Crime Prevention information on the internet can be found on the Homes page of our new WatchOut! website: WatchOut.org.au/Homes/



15 August, from the government's Stay Smart Online: Are you a business owner with a point of sale (POS) system?

POS systems are prized targets for cybercriminals because of the valuable financial data they hold. Protect your POS systems using the same measures you use for your other computer systems.

[Find out more here.](#)

15 August, a request to Neighbourhood Watch: Can you help keep a look

Adult silver/black bicycle stolen from **Buckra St, Iurramurra** front door step on Sunday night. May have been dumped in the area. Also helmet dark coloured and black combination lock. Has a slight rip in the saddle. Please PM if found. Is our transport to station.

14 August, from North Shore command: Cannabis Crop Raids.

NS PAC Police are appealing for further information in relation to the discovery of a hydroponic cannabis house at **Trafalgar Street Roseville**. On the 7th August 2018 NS PAC Police executed search warrants at the location and an address at Primula St Lindfield which had links to Trafalgar St Roseville. Police located a large hydroponic cannabis operation in the Trafalgar St home.

If you have any information regarding this investigation please call **Chatswood Police Station on 9414 8499** or **Crime Stoppers 1800333000. Ref# E 68975642**



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.

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



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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