



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 another 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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29 September, from Galston Rural Fire Brigade: Galston RFB responded to a single vehicle accident in the gorge this morning.

The vehicle had crashed and rolled over onto its roof on the western side of the gorge. One of the occupants was a pregnant woman, who was transported to hospital by ambulance. Police were also in attendance.



28 September, from Drug and Alcohol Research & Training Australia (DARTA): I wrote a blog about this over a year ago but I have been asked by a number of parents to 'repost' info about the risk of a teen's death in a car crash related to the number of passengers in the car.

The numbers are as follows - compared to driving with no passengers, a 16- or 17-year-old driver's risk of death per mile:

- increases 44% when carrying one passenger younger than 21
- doubles (increases 102%) when carrying two passengers younger than 21
- quadruples (rising 339%) when carrying three or more passengers younger than 21

Frightening figures but important to be shared!

Teen Drivers Risk Death with Young Passengers

A 16- or 17-year-old driver's
RISK OF BEING KILLED IN A CRASH
increases when there are young passengers in the vehicle.

QUADRUPLES when carrying
3 or more passengers younger than 21



DOUBLES when carrying
2 passengers younger than 21



INCREASES by 44% when carrying
1 passenger younger than 21



DECREASES by 62% when an
adult age 35+ is in the vehicle



Passengers
under 21



Teen Drivers
(ages 16 or 17)



Adult 35+



TeenDriving.AAA.com

27 September, from Graffiti Removal Day: Graffiti Removal Day!

Love where we live? Where we live and work is a great part of Sydney. Unfortunately, there are some who don't love where we live and prefer to graffiti walls, fences and property. The estimated cost to NSW local councils is more than 300 million dollars.

If you wish to report information regarding graffiti activity call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**. We remind people they should

not report crime information via our social media pages.



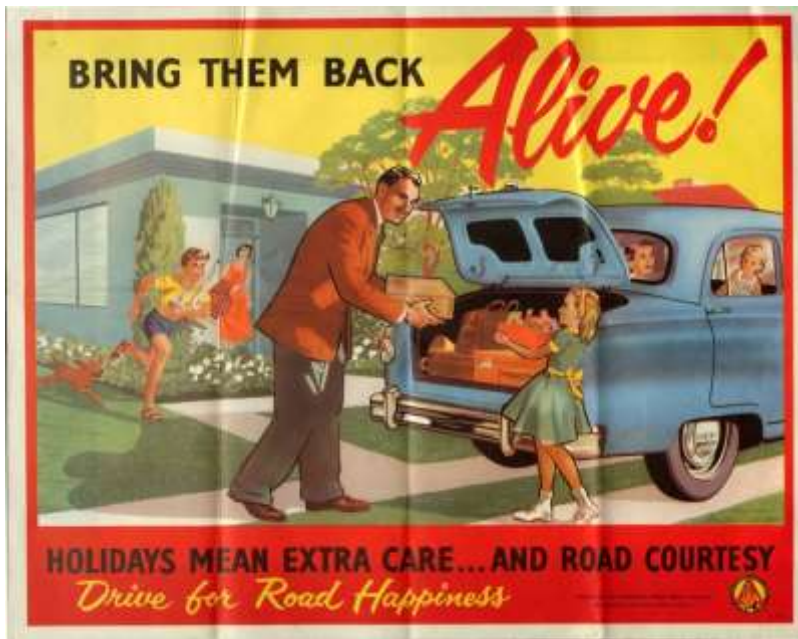
[More info on Graffiti Removal Day here.](#)

26 September, from NSW Road Safety: A skilled motorcyclist is aware of all the hazards on the road.

Before your next ride, test your skills at <http://ridetolive.nsw.gov.au>

Every time you ride, ride to live. [#TowardsZero](#)

26 September, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SOON!



25 September, from the Australian Taxation Office: 🚨📞 PHONE SCAM ALERT! 🚨📞

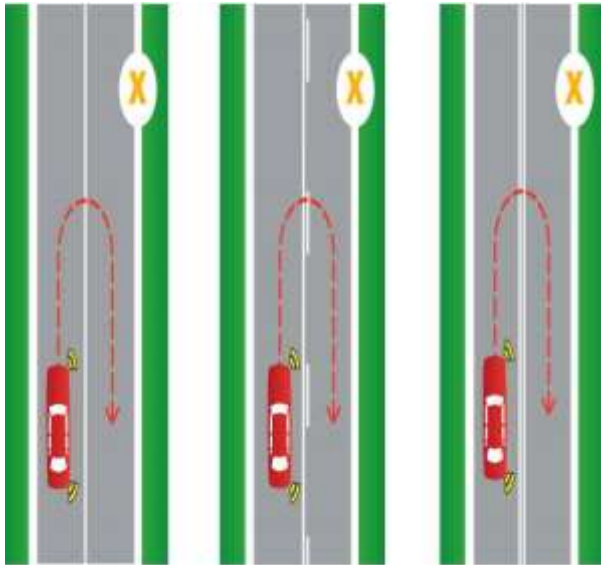
Scammers pretending to be from the ATO are using a new tactic. They'll phone you about a fake tax debt and try to start a three-way call with another scammer who claims to work alongside your regular tax agent. Keep an ear out for suspicious phone calls and warn your friends and family to beware of this scam, especially if they use an agent. If you have any doubts about a call you receive, don't hesitate to hang up and report it to us on 1800 008 540.

For further details on this scam and others, visit www.ato.gov.au/scamalerts



25 September, from Burwood command: When making a U-turn a driver must:

- not cross over an unbroken line, unless to enter a driveway.
- have clear view of any approaching traffic
- be able to make the turn without unreasonably obstructing the free movement of traffic
- give way to all vehicles and pedestrians.



[More information on U-turns from RMS here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Saturday 13 October: Day4You 9:30 am – 3:30 pm @ Warrawee Public School Hall, 1452 Pacific Hwy, Turramurra.

A day of practical workshops brought to you by local practitioners and hosted by Warrawee Anglican Church. Informative displays throughout the day.

- **Entertaining Grandchildren**
- **Micro Garden, new breeds of plants**
- **Early Ku-ring-gai**
- **Genealogy the next step**
- **Cooking for one**
- **Quick sketching**
- **Help Solving Cryptic crosswords.**
- **Keeping Bees.**

- **Tips for keeping cut flowers.**
- **Buying on line – advantages and pitfalls**
- **Dealing with Grief and Loss**
- **Introduction to Calligraphy**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) GROUPS -

Day4You To coincide with NHTWA Neighbourhood Watch Week, Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch will have a ***Crime Prevention stall*** running all day at this event. NHW volunteers from around Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai will be able to put together for you a personalised goodie bag, filled with advice Just4You. Come and get:

- **FREE car rego plate locking screws to prevent car rego plate theft.**
- **FREE Little Black Book of Scams, "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity", etc.**
- **FREE 'Do Not Knock' and NHW window stickers.**
- **BORROW an engraver to mark your valuables,**
- **BORROW a stencil for marking your driveway white lines,**
- **BORROW a shredder to dispose of personal papers.**
- **FREE Balloons, Colouring-in, Fun police dress-ups and Fun photo booth.**

An activity of Warrawee Anglican Church

You are invited to another
Day for You

Saturday 13 October
9.30-3.30

Warrawee Public School Hall
c/o Pacific Highway and Finlay Rd, Warrawee

Join in a series of short, informal,
interactive workshops

Workshops will take the form of
'question and answer', sharing ideas or
simple instruction leading to longer term interests.
Informative displays throughout the day.

Morning tea and a light lunch, will be available
Gold coin donation appreciated

For the School Hall, car entry from Pacific Hwy or Finlay Rd.

Workshop details on
www.warraweeanglican.org.au

Supported by Ku-ring-gai Council

[Email us for more info.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

Saturday 06 - Friday 12 October: NHW Australasia NHW Week

Saturday 13 October: Day4You 9:30 am – 3:30 pm @ Warrawee Public School Hall, 1452 Pacific Hwy, Turramurra. NHW Crime Prevention stall. [Info](#). See also this week's eNewsletter

Sunday 21 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 October: Ku-ring-gai council Chemical Cleanout. 9am-3:30pm @ St Ives Showgrounds.

Tuesday 27 November: 7pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2, Gordon/Killara/East Killara NHW meeting - *How can Neighbourhood Watch help you?* Come & meet your new NSWPF Crime Prevention Officer. Giveaways, advice, update on crime in the area. All welcome!

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.

01 October, from ABC News: Perpetrators using drones to stalk victims in new age of technology fuelled harassment

[Full article here.](#)

Please pencil in your diaries: Tuesday 27 November: 7pm @ Gordon Library

Meeting Room 2, Gordon/Killara/East Killara NHW meeting
- How can Neighbourhood Watch help you?

Come & meet your new NSWPF Crime Prevention Officer.
Giveaways, advice, update on crime in the area.
All welcome! Refreshments/snacks/cake available.

See the items that you can borrow from Neighbourhood Watch: engraver, shredder, driveway white line stencil, UV pen.

- FREE car rego plate locking screws
- FREE Little Black Book of Scams
- FREE NHW window stickers
- FREE "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips" series
- FREE Balloons, etc

Please join in and tell us how **we** can help **you**. Let's start with one from the other day - "How can we stop traffic hoons speeding in our street?" Now your turn...
[Email us for more info.](#)

Garage Sale Trail, Sat-Sun 20-21 October 2018: Still time to register.
[More info here.](#)

From the draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales":

Tip#1: Never answer personal questions about your alarm system, regular habits, living situation, children's schools, what's in your house, etc.

Tip#3: Ensure all possessions that you do not want to sell (or have stolen) are out of sight/covered and/or secured, eg bikes, wine, surf boards, or even plants in containers!

Tip#6: After the garage sale, check that all home security systems are operable and have not been disabled to help facilitate later unauthorised entry.

Tip#7: Check with your insurance company to make sure that you are covered for

any thefts that occur as a result of a garage sale event at your dwelling.

Tip#10: Do NOT let anyone have access to your property, eg to use your bathroom, or to try on clothes. Have an extension cord running from your home/garage to test any electrical products, or sell 'as is'.

[Email us for the draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales"](#)

On Monday 24 September 2018, Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch group had a meeting, with guest speaker S/C Col Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station.

Here are a few interesting points and pertinent advice from his talk on Scams:

Australians are estimated to have been the victims of \$34million in scams.

Technology is enabling new scams.

Scammers target seniors for several reasons including the fact that they have accumulated more money, may be isolated or lonely, and may be less computer-savvy.

Only use reputable sites.

Give out no personal info, bank details or credit card info.

Beware any quick declarations of love.

Think before you act – maybe get advice from family or friends.

Read carefully and beware less than perfect English.

Never commit at a seminar – take the time to think and ask others' advice. Read terms & conditions. Seeking advice also allows you 'breathing space' which lets you take back control.

Legit lotteries don't need an admin cost up front before the prize is given to you!

You cannot win a prize if you never bought a ticket. Never send money to someone you don't know.

Beware premium rate calls to 1 900 phone numbers.

Beware door-to-door tradesmen offering services such as tree loppers, gutter maintenance, driveway cleaning, etc. Report them to the travelling conman hotline on 1300 133 408 (8:30am – 5pm Mon-Fri). Ask for ID. If you suspect they are conmen, call Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799 – police will visit and check for

you. Police can contact Immigration etc. Never allow travelling tradesmen into your home. Use tradespeople referred to you by friends and family.

The Tax Office will not threaten you with jail. (The ATO cannot arrest anyone, and the police can only arrest after due process.) The Tax Office will never phone you about a tax debt. Hang up!

The 'Do Not Call' Register is now permanent. Do nothing over the phone. Protect yourself and don't be pressured. Have the courage to say "No!" Follow your intuition.

If you are a victim of Identity Theft, report it to the police, ACCC/NSW Fair Trading & your bank, and then contact iDcare for help recovering your identity: <https://www.idcare.org/>

You can learn more and sign up for current scam warnings at StaySmartOnline: <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/>

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby have a "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity" available from: <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/>

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby have a crime prevention A-to-Z website 'WatchOut!' which has pages dedicated to links for crime prevention from Scams, Internet Safety and ID Theft. Please take a look: <https://watchout.org.au/> 'The Little Black Book of Scams' is available online. It is included on WatchOut! (above) and can be accessed from ACCC: <https://www.accc.gov.au/publ.../the-little-black-book-of-scams>

Check a website before you go there: <https://www.techsupportalert.com/.../how-check-internet-link-...>

Check a story/warning before you share it, with websites such as Snopes or Hoax Slayer: <https://www.snopes.com/> or <https://hoax-slayer.com/>

Spam SMS mobile messages should be deleted. Never download any attachment, or click any links. Prior to deletion, please report to the government by forwarding to the **ACMA on 0429 999 888**.



HOMELESS PEOPLE - Did you know?

Police only take action in relation to homeless people when:

they request assistance

they appear to be distressed or in need of assistance

- their behaviour threatens their safety and the security of people around them; or
- their behaviour is likely to result in damage to property or to the environment.

There is no law in NSW against begging for money or asking for donations. NSW police don't have a general power to move homeless people on in a public place unless:

- they're causing an obstruction to another person/s or traffic
- they're harassing or intimidating another person/s
- their behaviour is likely to cause fear to another person/s (of reasonable firmness).

30 October, from 7 News: Suspected drug kingpin and man charged after \$300m yacht cocaine bust

A Wairoa resident.

[Full article here.](#)

Local church had their AC stolen



Thanks to Dad's Jokes

CARAVAN PROTECTION SYSTEM

Wuli is an innovative device to help deter theft and ensure your caravan is “where you left it”. It works simply by entering a PIN into a remote, which then engages a locking mechanism and arms a 110 decibel alarm when suspicious movement is detected.

[More information here.](#)

Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We can simply bring it to your attention. Please do your own research.

28 September from NSW Government: Changes have been made to help put

an end to drink driving. 🍷🍷🚫🚫🚗🚗

Low-range drink drivers will now be fined \$561 and lose their licence for 3 months on the spot.

[More information here.](#)

27 September, Shared from Pymble/ West Pymble Community group: My daughter's bike was stolen from out front driveway last night.

If anyone sees a blue giant kids mountain bike like this one. Please let me know. Thanks.



And from the comments:

I caught a couple of teenage boys trying to steal our bikes yesterday afternoon at about 3pm. Probably the same thieves. They must have then gone down the road to your place 😞☐😞😞

25 September, from Crime Stoppers [edited]: Items such as credit cards, driver's licences and utility statements sent out in the mail include vital personal details of you and your family.

In the wrong hands some of this information can be used to create false identifications and used for crime.

Secure your mail

- Always install a lockable mailbox.
- Always use a quality lock on your mailbox.
- Never allow your mailbox to become full or overflow.

Protect your mail

- Always arrange to collect new credit cards from the bank or post office.
- Always have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when you're away for extended periods.
- Always have your mail cleared daily.

Protect your identity

- Always beware of 'cold calling' and confirm who you are talking to.
- Never give any of your personal details to people you don't know or trust.
- Always contact your bank, financial institution or service provider if you think you have been contacted by a scammer.

25 September, shared from the Pymble/West Pymble Community group: Our next door got broken into on Sunday.

Number in the hundreds, Ryde Rd. They stole stuff while they were out. Broad daylight. Broke into their French doors.

25 September, shared from Pymble/West Pymble Community group:

Pymble Avenue alert: someone has just tried to break into a friend's house. She was home, saw a stranger in her backyard and must have scared him off. He was wearing a black puffer vest and took off towards the train station. After checking her property, I drove around but could see no trace of him, so he must still be in the area. Police are at friend's house now.

Pymble avenue, not far from intersection with Golfers Parade.

And from the comments: There's a spate of burglaries around Turramurra. They cut a window out and broke into my sister's house. There was a couple seen looking suspicious a couple of days after they were on different sides of the road, approximately 40s and they were looking through people's fences.

24 September, from the Department of Justice NSW: Stronger sentences commence today to make the community safer by reducing reoffending.

Tough and smart community sentences are now available to courts in NSW. Suspended sentences have been abolished and more offenders will be subject to supervision and conditions that hold them to account and tackle the causes of their offending behaviour. A focus on reducing reoffending means less crime, fewer victims and safer communities.

[Find out more here.](#)

01 October, from Careflight: MOTORBIKE COUPLE INJURED IN COLLISION

A 57-year-old man has been taken to hospital in a stable condition after he was injured when his motorcycle and a car collided in **St Ives** this morning. The man was riding with a female passenger on the back when the collision took place at the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Palm Street. CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter was tasked shortly after 11am, landing in an oval next to the scene. Ambulance paramedics, Police and Fire & Rescue crews were also on scene. CareFlight's specialist doctor and critical care paramedic assessed both patients, treating the male, who was the most seriously injured. The medical team continued treating the man's lower limb injuries in a road ambulance and he was taken to hospital in a stable condition. The female passenger was taken to hospital by road ambulance crews.



From the North ShoreTimes Thursday 27 September: [\[Online edition here\]](#)
Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 October: Ku-ring-gai council Chemical Cleanout.
9am-3:30pm @ St Ives Showgrounds.

Chemical CleanOut

Clean out your shed and your cupboards and dispose of old household chemicals safely at Ku-ring-gai Council's Chemical CleanOut at St Ives Showground on **Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 October, 9am to 3.30pm**. Ku-ring-gai Council residents only. For more information and a full list of chemicals accepted, visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/chemicals



Best photobomb ever.



Thanks to Inner West police command.

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

Local Facebook pages:



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