



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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4 October, from ABC Brisbane: How the 'ATO' scam works

One of our staff members received a pre-recorded 'ATO scam' message on Wednesday.

This is what happened when she called back 😱😬

Have you had one of these phone calls?

⚠️⚠️ She used a fake name and didn't disclose any personal details. If you get one of these messages, report it and don't respond.

Watch video [here](#).

3 October, from issuus.com

Today, more so than ever, our children face great risks. The Child Safety Handbook aims to help raise awareness of child safety issues that all families face, and what can be done to prevent these risks. The Handbook enables people of all ages to develop strategies to help them deal with difficult situations, and covers such issue as: bullying at school, personal safety, safety in the home, first aid, safety online, fire prevention, road safety, safety outdoors, healthy living and drug & alcohol awareness.

Click [here](#) for details.

3 October, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Breakdown safety tips

1. Activate your hazard lights.
2. Find a safe spot to pull over.
3. Park your vehicle away from the traffic.
4. Do not attempt to change a tyre unless it is safe to do so.
5. Activate your parking lights in poor visibility.
6. Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.
7. Call roadside assistance.
8. Check for traffic if leaving your vehicle.
9. Leave your vehicle from the safest side, away from traffic.
10. Avoid crossing the road.

NSW

TOWARDS ZERO

Do you know what to do if your car breaks down?

Read more [here](#).

3 October, from PCYC NSW



**BLUE LEADER
THOUGHTS**

**Don't give in to
peer pressure,
be proud of who
you are.**

GREATNESS WITHIN

PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS
YOUTH CLUBS NSW

Sometimes you may feel pressured to do things that you don't feel comfortable with. Don't join the crowd to feel like you belong.

Find more helpful hints at [#HoldYourOwn](#) [#GreatnessWithin](#) and [#OneinaMillion](#)

3 October, from the Daily Telegraph

A Sydney woman has allegedly been caught self-administering ICE while parked in a U-turn bay on the Hume Highway near Goulburn.

Read details [here](#).

3 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ICE [Edited]

Methylamphetamine is a strong stimulant drug. The drug comes as crystals, powder, wet paste and sometimes pills. ICE and “Crystal” are names for methylamphetamine in its crystalline form. All forms of methylamphetamine are illegal.

What does it do?

Methylamphetamine speeds up the function of the brain and central nervous system. Effects may include:

- Feeling alert and excited
- Feeling confident and talkative
- Increased blood pressure
- Anxiety and restlessness

If you have any information that can help police eradicate ICE, please report online at <http://www.crimestoppers.com.au> or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

Read full story [here](#).

2 October, from Inner West Police Area Command

IF YOUR MAIL GETS STOLEN, YOU'RE PAYING FOR A CRIME TO BE COMMITTED IN YOUR NAME.



Your credit cards, driver's licences, utility statements – they all come in the mail. Each with personal details that can be used to create a false identity. In your name. Just think about the damage to your credit ratings and financial reputation. And if that's not enough, you'd be funding the criminals too. Because ID theft costs hardworking taxpayers millions of dollars every year.

FIVE EASY WAYS TO KEEP YOUR MAIL SAFE:

-  **1 Does your mailbox have a good working lock?**
If needs be, ask strata to have it fixed.
-  **2 How often do you clear your mailbox?**
Do it daily. Overflowing mailboxes are a criminal's paradise.
-  **3 Are you getting a new credit card or driver's licence?**
Arrange to collect it in person.
-  **4 Do your utility bills come by mail?**
Switch to email / paperless billing.
-  **5 Are you going on holiday?**
Have a friend or relative clear your mail daily.

Share this information with your friends and family – especially if they live in a unit.

And if you know of any mail being stolen, please contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or crimestoppers.com.au. For more, visit police.nsw.gov.au



Mail Theft is an emerging issue across Australia strongly linked to Identity Crime. It is driven by the increasing use of the internet by cyber-criminals to commit fraud offences.

The primary objective of mail thieves is to steal identification documents and personal identification information. These documents can then be used to take over a victim's identity, thereby compromising that person for financial gain or other malicious intention.

Mail theft is a low risk, high reward crime. Estimates by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department indicate that identity crime costs Australia \$1.6 billion each year, with the majority (around \$900m) lost by individuals through credit card fraud, identity theft and scams.

Mail thieves will generally carry a bag to store mail and tools. They may act suspiciously or nervous around mailboxes or apartment blocks. If you see a person behaving this way, contact Police immediately. Remember to supply Police with a good description of the person including, facial features; what they're wearing; which direction they left; the time it occurred and any vehicle details including registration.

Ensure your letterboxes are secure and have good quality locks with a non-master key. Use quality locking devices that are difficult to tamper with, including barrels that can't be turned easily by inserting a screwdriver or similar. Mail rooms should have key restricted access to prevent unauthorised persons entering. Each mailbox must still have an individual key and the room should be monitored by CCTV.

2 October, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



About 2:50pm on Monday the 1st October 2018, a black Hyundai sedan was stopped at a stationary breath testing site in Summer Hill when it was discovered that a small child was in the rear lying flat on their back in a non-compliant child seat. The child had no shoulder straps and the "child seat" was only attached to the vehicle by a seatbelt that was looped through it. There was also a pregnant female passenger seated beside the child who was also not wearing a seatbelt at all. Further enquiries also revealed that the vehicle was not registered due to expiry. The driver was issued with 3 penalty notices for an unrestrained child, unregistered vehicle and uninsured vehicle. The female passenger was issued a penalty notice for being unrestrained. The occupants were not permitted to travel using the non-compliant child seat or the unregistered vehicle.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

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

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) GROUPS

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

- **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/UV pen 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
cnr 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

Workshop details on
www.warraweeanglican.org.au

Supported by Ku-ring-gai Council

[Email us for more info.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 13 October: Day4You 9:30 am to 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.

From Hornsby Advocate, 4 October

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HORNSBY

A distressed dog left inside a car for more than 12 hours was rescued by police. Police were contacted about a dog locked in a car about 11am last Thursday in Pretoria Pde. Police arrived to find the windows down about 1cm and a bull terrier panting heavily inside the car with no food or water visible. The car was parked in direct sunlight. A Hornsby Council ranger arrived and said the dog was becoming increasingly distressed. Police gave the dog water through the gap in the window before attempting to jimmy the window open. The window broke in the process, allowing police to free the dog. Police later spoke with the owner, a Belmore woman, who allegedly said the dog had been in the car since 10pm the night before. The dog, which police said appeared malnourished, was taken in by the council ranger, who is preparing a report for the RSPCA.

HORNSBY

A police operation at Westfield Hornsby has cracked down on shoplifters. Plain-clothed police, with help from Westfield security guards, carried out the operation last Thursday. Two people received court notices for alleged shoplifting, while five infringement notices and two warnings were issued.

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Two properties in Farnborough Rd were broken into between last Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. Rooms were ransacked at both properties and goods including cash and jewellery were stolen. A safe was also broken into at one of the properties.

WAHROONGA

A 37-year-old man driving a black Ford Territory was stopped by police after allegedly travelling at 120km/h in an 80km/h zone on the M1 about 12.45am on Monday. Police said the driver failed a roadside breath test before returning a bloodalcohol reading of 0.149. He will appear at Hornsby Court on Thursday, October 25.

WAHROONGA

Emergency services were called to a bush track where an elderly woman fell and hit her head on Monday, about noon, not far from the corner of Hewitt Ave and Edgecombe Ave. Emergency services found the woman, in her 70s, conscious and breathing. She was taken to hospital as a precaution.

From North Shore Times, 4 October

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ROSEVILLE

3 Several properties in Boundary St have been broken into. Between 5pm and 9.30pm on September 29, the properties were broken into using a rear sliding door. Once inside the offenders searched all rooms in the homes and stole thousands of dollars worth of items including cash and jewellery. Police are currently investigating.

WAHROONGA

5 Police have arrested a 41-year-old Wahroonga man, who is accused of being a major supplier of cocaine. On September 27 police charged Zhen Tao Qi after a shipment containing 500kg of cocaine destined for Australia was intercepted in Solomon Islands. The shipment is estimated to have been worth around \$300 million. Qi has been on police radar for some time and was arrested at his home

on Westbrook Ave by Federal Police. He was refused bail and will face Central Local Court on November 28.

7 October, from 'businessinsider.com'

Siri, I'm getting pulled over': A new shortcut for iPhones can automatically record the police. Read details [here](#).

7 October, from escape.com.au: ESTA US visa for Australians

There should be a golden rule for travel to the US — don't Google ESTA.

An online search for an ESTA, or Electronic System for Travel Authorisation — the visa waiver required to you enter the US — will take you to sites asking up to \$US89 for something that should cost a fraction of that.

The unofficial sites are run by private operators who charge unsuspecting travellers seven times what ESTA is worth, and sadly, hundreds of Aussies are conned into paying too much every year. So how do you avoid getting stung by copycat websites?

Details [here](#).

7 October, from beconnected.esafety.gov.au: Want to improve online safety?

Want to improve your online safety skills?

It's not too late to book yourself or a loved one in for our Be Connected FREE 1-hour online [presentation](#). Topics include: Staying Safe on Facebook | Safer Online Shopping | Can You Spot a Scam? Book your place today!

7 October, from viraltales.com



NEVER GET A SPEEDING FINE AGAIN !!!

This simple trick will stop the police from being able to issue you with a speeding fine.

Very clever and ingenious. Click [here](#).

7 October, from NSW Poison Information Centre

NSW is due for some heavy rain over the next 7 days, which also means funnel web spiders are much more likely to be seen. Over the last few days, we have provided advice on several funnel web spider bites.

Pressure bandage with immobilisation can be life saving for any big black spider bite or snake bite. Be prepared by having the correct type of bandage ready to apply, and share this information with your friends. In the case of a bite:

1. Call 000 for ambulance
 2. Apply a pressure bandage to the bite site with a wide elasticised bandage (pictured) then continue to bandage the entire limb from toes to hip or fingers to shoulder. Bandage should be as tight as for a sprained ankle and not cut off the circulation.
 3. Immobilise the limb with a stick or splint and secure with another bandage.
 4. Keep the patient still, seated or lying down, until ambulance arrives
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6 October, from consultation.casa.au: Proposed Part 101 (Unmanned aircraft and rockets) Manual of Standards 2018 - (CD 1807US)

Have your say on new draft rules for commercial or professional drone operations.

The new rules aim to improve safety and certainty and include Australia's first official syllabus for the remote pilot licence (RePL) and extended visual line of sight (EVL0S) requirements.

Only a small section of the proposed rules will directly affect recreational users—clarifying controlled and non-controlled airspace operations—but we'd appreciate any feedback from the Australian community.

Read details [here](#).



3 October, from guardianvaults.com au

Are you getting ready for the trip of a lifetime? [Protect your valuables](#)

Please be aware: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service.

We can simply bring it to your attention. You must do your own research.

3 October, Shared from St Ives Community page: Please be aware

I had a private telephone number call me this afternoon calling me by name and advising me they were from a company which can block unwanted telephone calls. The person calling sounded suspect and the service also questionable. I decided to terminate the call and follow this up with my telephone provider. They told me YES this is a new scam seeking bank details and to advise friends etc to be wary.

3 October, from Stay Smart Online:

TipTuesday: Be careful about how much personal info you hand over when signing up for goods or services.

Check there is a legitimate reason to supply your personal details like your birthday. Don't be afraid to ask who will have access to your information and which third parties it may be supplied or sold to, and check over the privacy policy of the business before you supply your details.

More advice [here](#) on how to protect your personal information online.

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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