



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

## eNewsletter # 368 - 29 October 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 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.

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**28 October, from NSW Road Safety: The Road is No Place for Excuses video**

When you're behind the wheel, every decision matters. Say 'Yeah...NAH' to taking risks on the road.



[Watch video here.](#)

### 28 October, from NSW Ambulance: Is your urgency an emergency?

Think carefully before you dial Triple Zero (000). There may be a more appropriate course of action, freeing the line to service life threatening conditions.



26 October, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai: "People don't realise the

**consequences: a third of your licence gone in a split second.**

Or someone else's life."

The Safer Drivers Course counts towards 20 hours of Learner Driver Logbook time and provides strategies for handling road risks and guidance against risk taking behaviour. This is incredibly valuable for young drivers, as the experience and guidance means awareness and practice in:

- Safe following distances
- Crash avoidance spaces
- Speed management
- Safe gap selection
- Hazard perception and observation
- Managing peer and lifestyle pressures

Next 'Safer Drivers' classes available at PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077, Australia. [Book online](#) or phone: **02 9477 2310**.

**Thursday 15 November 4:30pm**

**Thursday 13 December 4:30pm**

Learn to be a safe driver with PCYC: <https://saferdrivers.org.au/>.

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**26 October, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer: Is it ok for kids to take lollies from strangers?**

Please talk to your children and supervise them if they are planning on 'trick or treating' next Wednesday.



For those passing out candy this year...  
when a teenager comes to your door,  
please give them the candy with out  
saying "aren't you too old to be doing  
this?" Because they could be out doing  
things much worse like Drinking & driving,  
vandalizing, drugs, etc... I would rather  
they be knocking on my door asking for  
candy & having safe/legal fun, then seeing  
them doing the dangerous things they  
could be doing!

Let them be kids as long as they can be.  
Kids grow up way too fast. Let them  
spend one evening channeling their inner  
childhood.

Share & Keep it going!



Happy  
Halloween

postermywall.com



## SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE OVER HALLOWEEN

1. Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult during 'trick or treating'.
2. If unsupervised, ensure children stay in groups.
3. Set clear street boundaries and time limits for your children to 'trick or treat'.
4. Tell your children not to run, stay on the footpath and take care crossing any roads.
5. If riding or on a skateboard, ensure your child wears a helmet.
6. Don't allow your child to eat or drink anything not sealed.
7. Under no circumstances should you allow your children to enter a stranger's house.
8. Although the words 'trick or treat' are said, ensure your children know not to damage anyone's property.
9. Not everybody wants to participate in Halloween. Ensure your children understand that and are polite and respectful when approaching a house.
10. Your children should understand if asked to leave, they should leave immediately.
11. If you wish to participate in Halloween, put up a sign or decorations on your property to alert local children.



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**24 October, from Inner West Police Area Command: Where do we even start with this one? 🙄 #loadfail**



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**24 October, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Police are investigating a fatal collision involving two vehicles at Wahroonga.**

About 3.50pm (Sunday 21 October 2018), police were called to Pacific Highway, Wahroonga (near Neringah Avenue), following a head on collision with a white Mazda 3 and a silver VW Golf.

Investigations into the incident are continuing and officers would like to speak to any person who witnessed the incident and has not yet spoken to police. Also, if any person has DASH Cam footage of the incident to contact police.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799** and quote **E 68862412** or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. [#fatalcollision](#) [#wahroonga](#)



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**29 October, from Ku-ring-gai SES: 4:41pm Branch in Powerlines - Mona Vale Road x Woodbury, St Ives**

Be aware that a branch has been reported in powerlines and sparking in this vicinity. Officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command are in attendance.

REMEMBER: If travelling past a stopped emergency vehicle operating its red & blue beacons, you must slow to 40KPH. This is to ensure the safety of our emergency workers, as well as other road users.

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**29 October, from Crime Stoppers: Schoolies is soon! Follow these 10 tips to keeping safe and having a good time! 😊**

- 🍷 Don't mix drugs and alcohol
- 💧 Drink plenty of water
- 🍷 Don't drink or take anything offered by a stranger
- 🍷🍸 If you mix alcohol and energy drinks, you could feel alert yet be intoxicated, so don't drive or go swimming
- Know your limits: check the label as many premixed drinks are more than a standard drink

- Slow down and alternate alcohol with non-alcoholic drinks
- 🧑🧑 Stay close to people you know and trust and look out for each other
- 🚑 Call an ambulance if someone needs help. The police won't be called.  
Just the ambulance service
- 🧑 Practice safe sex, take condoms with you! Don't put yourself at risk later
- 🧓👩👦 Be on guard for older people who don't belong at schoolies and leave any place if you sense aggression.

Schoolies month runs from 17 November through to 9 December.

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### 29 October, from NSW Police: 🎃 HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS 🎃

'Trick or treating' is quickly becoming an annual shared celebration for children, so we're urging people to follow some simple guidelines to keep safe. It's important to remember that not everyone marks Halloween each year – so it's best to stick to houses with decorations on their properties. While we acknowledge the meaning of 'trick or treating,' ensure you respect people's decision not to participate in the festivities, as damage to properties will not be tolerated.

- ☐ It's safest for kids to go 'trick or treating' in daylight and in groups. Young children should be supervised at all times.
- ☐ If you're participating, make sure your house is locked and secure before heading out.
- ☐ Inspect candy thoroughly before eating.
- ☐ Remain in familiar well-lit areas.
- ☐ Carry a mobile phone at all times.
- ☐ Under no circumstances should you get into a vehicle with someone you don't know.
- ☐ Don't ever enter a stranger's home, even if they invite you inside.



### **HALLOWEEN: An alternative to orange balloons**

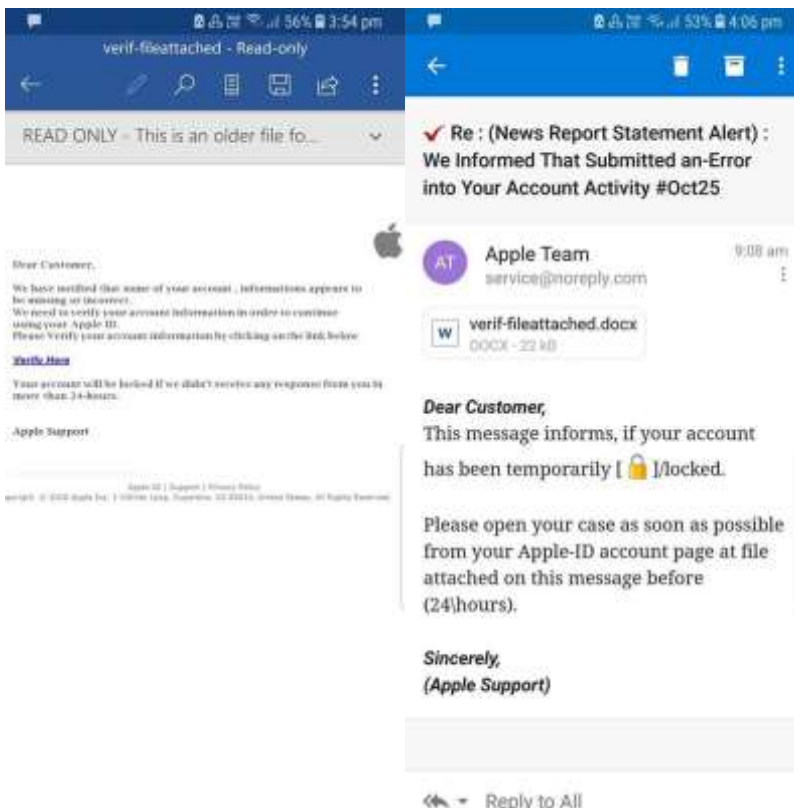
Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Let the kids in your neighbourhood know if you're participating in Halloween this year. 🎃 'Welcome' and 'No thanks' posters to identify households not wishing to participate in Halloween are available to download as a pdf from the [Queensland Police website](#), or **[email us for your copy](#)**.







27 October: Thanks to Maria for sharing screenshots of this scam. Definitely a warning for others to be aware.



Remember <ctrl and +> makes the screen bigger. Use <ctrl and -> to make the

screen smaller.

[Email us your scam warnings.](#)

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Thursday 15 November: 4:30pm** 'Safer Drivers' classes @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077, Australia. [Book online](#) or phone: **02 9477 2310**.

**Thursday 22 November:** Ku-ring-gai Council's workshop for supervisors of learner drivers 6:30-8:30pm @ Council Chambers. [Info & Bookings](#).

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

**Thursday 13 December: 4:30pm** 'Safer Drivers' classes @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077, Australia. [Book online](#) or phone: **02 9477 2310**.

### **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.

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### **26 October: Further to the missing, possibly stolen, cats in Wahroonga**

- Chino. He is a male Siamese (seal point). 3 years old. Desexed. Microchipped.
- Kenny - also a Siamese went missing on the same day as Chino (20 August).
- Benson went missing a few weeks later, 15/09.
- Valentine, the black & white Tuxedo cat went missing within a week or

two of Chino & Kenny. Valentine's owner says she suspects that he has been stolen.

If anyone knows anything, [please email us](#) or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Thank you.

<p><b>MISSING</b> CHINO Male Siamese Seal Point</p>  <p>Last seen in Wahroonga on Monday, 20 August.</p>	<p><b>LOST CAT</b></p>  <p>If you have seen our cat, Kenny, please call or text 0452 603 316</p>
<p>Benson- our beautiful Ragdoll has gone missing from 14 Macleay Ave Should you find or see him please call Sherin 0439399747</p> 	<p><b>Missing!!!</b></p> <p>Please help in finding my beautiful little cat... Valentine</p>  <p>Call 0403-157-553 or 0416-006-608</p>

**Thank you to the Hornsby Advocate Wednesday 24 October.** [Online edition here.](#)

**Berowra** Blood was found inside a building at Berowra Public School following a break and enter over the weekend. A flyscreen was removed and a ground-floor window smashed to gain entry to the school office building between last Friday night and Monday morning. Blood was found on some of the desks, draws and floor. A first aid kit had also been opened and used. Six small offices were rummaged through and \$100 stolen from the property. Police are investigating and forensics have visited the site.

**Berowra** A 20-year-old Berowra Heights woman failed a roadside drug test on

Sunday about 11.40pm on the Pacific Highway. A further oral test returned a positive result for cannabis. The sample has been sent away for further testing and could see the woman face court on a criminal charge for driving under the influence of a prohibited drug.

**Berowra** A mountain bike worth \$3000 was stolen from outside Berowra train station on Monday. The bike was chained to a bike rack at the station and stolen between 6.30am and 5pm.

**Berowra Heights** Wideview Public School was vandalised with graffiti on Sunday, which was Graffiti Removal Day. Three boys, aged under 16, were seen on the premises twice at the weekend. On Saturday about 4pm, three boys entered one of the buildings through an unlocked door. A security guard chased them off the property after they moved through a number of classrooms. On Sunday about 11am, a witness contacted the school principal after spotting three boys damaging four external walls with graffiti.

**Hornsby Heights** A MAN getting ready to go to work has foiled two would-be thieves who tried to steal his work vehicle in Hornsby Heights. Police said the man was preparing his tradie vehicle in his driveway on Saturday morning in Galston Rd about 5.30am, before briefly going inside. A boy that looked to be about 16 or 17 jumped into the cabin and rolled the vehicle down the driveway but could not figure out how to start the truck. An accomplice was waiting at the end of the driveway. The owner of the truck has seen what was happening and has run after his vehicle. The two would-be thieves have then run off, leaving the truck behind. Both of the boys were described as being about 16 or 17 and 180cm tall. One of them had blond hair with a man bun and was wearing a blue hoodie. The other boy was wearing a grey hoodie.

**Hornsby** An unregistered firearm, understood to be dumped, was found outside Hornsby Rifle Range on Sunday morning. Police are reminding people to contact their local police station if they want to surrender an unregistered firearm. The firearm was a Stirling bolt-action rifle. The club handed in the firearm to police.

**Wahroonga** Five people, including a four-year-old child, were taken to hospital in a stable condition after a head-on crash along the Pacific Highway on Sunday afternoon. The crash happened about 3.50pm between a Mazda3 and VW Golf. Three people inside the Mazda3 were taken to hospital, including the young child, and two people inside the VW Golf were also taken to hospital. Officers would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident. Also, if anyone has

dashcam footage of the incident please contact police.

**Wahroonga** A property on Young St was broken into on Monday. An alarm was set off inside the property about 2.25pm. Four watches, a pair of gold cufflinks and a luggage scale were stolen from the property. A witness saw a white Audi leaving the property.

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**August & September crime stats for Arcadia:**

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL HENSTOCK RD ARCADIA RESIDENTIAL  
30/08/2018 1400

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS OF FUNDS SUNNYRIDGE RD ARCADIA  
RESIDENTIAL 6/08/2018 1

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ROSCOMMON RD ARCADIA RESIDENTIAL  
5/08/2018 1630

ACTUAL BODILY HARM CALABASH RD ARCADIA RESIDENTIAL 17/09/2018  
1020

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL SUNNYRIDGE RD ARCADIA RESIDENTIAL  
26/09/2018 530

**August/September crime stats for Brooklyn:**

FIRE - VEHICLE-AIRCRAFT/MOTOR VEH/TRAIN/VESSEL PACIFIC HWY &&  
BROOKLYN RD BROOKLYN OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 21/09/2018 157

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY DANGAR RD && KARoola ST  
BROOKLYN CARPARK 20/09/2018 1740

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE GEORGE ST BROOKLYN OUTDOOR/PUBLIC  
PLACE 1/09/2018 1200

STEAL FROM MARINE VESSEL BROOKLYN RD BROOKLYN  
OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 16/09/2018 1400

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE GEORGE ST BROOKLYN CARPARK  
26/09/2018 700

STEAL FROM MARINE VESSEL DANGAR RD && BROOKLYN RD BROOKLYN  
MARINE TRANSPORT 30/09/2018 1600

**Please email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com) for your suburb's crime stats**

**for August & September 2018.**

**Available:** Arcadia, Asquith, Berowra/Heights/Waters, Brooklyn, Cottage Point, Dural, East Killara, Fiddletown, Galston, Glenorie, Gordon, Hornsby/Heights, Killara, Mooney Mooney Creek, Mt Colah, Mt Kuring-gai, Normanhurst, Pymble, St Ives/Chase, Thornleigh, Turramurra, N. Turramurra, S. Turramurra, Wahroonga, N. Wahroonga, Waitara, Warrawee, W. Pymble, Westleigh.

Please make contact if you would like to assist Neighbourhood Watch with a Facebook page for your suburb, in order that we can share this kind of information as soon as it becomes available. 10 minutes of your time a day?

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**Thanks to the North Shore Times Thursday 25 October. [\[Online edition here\]](#).**

**ROSEVILLE** Multiple items of alcohol were stolen from a liquor shop in Hills St. Around 8.20pm on October 20, police said three males, aged in their late teens to early 20s, entered the shop. The owner recognised two of them as being responsible for thefts from the store a few weeks earlier. The owner approached one of the men, who became violent and punched the owner multiple times. The men fled, taking several bottles of spirits. Police are investigating the incident.

Page 11 [shortened]: Missing artwork anger | Council, police trying to locate restaurateur *Daniel Stringer*



TWO St Ives artist are fighting to recover their missing artwork. Three years ago Debbie Angus and Jane Rich took up the opportunity to display their work in a new local restaurant. The pair entered into an agreement with manager Vincent Lam, to display and sell their artwork at the council-owned Rosedale Cottage eatery. As Ms

Angus describes, the partnership started smoothly but red flags soon started to appear.

“He was slowly selling our work, but when he did sell our paintings he would always say they had gone on approval and he would get me the money later,” Ms Angus claimed. “He wouldn’t get the money for around six months and then eventually I would get my money back.” In July however, things took a turn for the worst, as when walking past the restaurant Ms Angus discovered Mr Lam was gone and so was her artwork.

Ms Angus is now missing 37 artworks, which are valued at approximately \$15,000, while Ms Rich is also trying to locate eight of her missing paintings.

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**24 October, from SBS News: NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has announced new measures aimed to combat drug related deaths. None of them include pill testing.**

Drug dealers will be held responsible for the deaths of any people they have supplied pills to at music festivals under laws being proposed by the NSW government. Premier Gladys Berejiklian on Tuesday said dealers could be jailed for up to 25 years if people who buy drugs off them subsequently die.

[Article here.](#)

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**23 October, from the government's Stay Smart Online: #TipTuesday: Change the default password on your modem.**

Your modem and router connect you to the internet. Your modem and router will probably have a default password, and these default passwords are often publicly available online. That’s like all the doors to the homes in your street using the same key, and the key is publicly available. If you don’t change the default password, cybercriminals can easily hack into your internet connection and home network.

[Check out our advice on Wi-Fi and internet connections here.](#)

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## 23 October, shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Community:

Hi, I just want to let everyone know that on Sunday 21st October we had a break and enter at our property in Amaroo Avenue, Mt Colah and the person stole my mobile phone which also contained a credit card and Opal card. I have reported it to the police so I hope they catch this person. We were all home at the time of the theft but unfortunately our security door was unlocked. So please keep your front and back security doors locked at all times even if you are home. If you see any suspicious people in the area let the police know. If you have a security camera have it on at all times as you may be able to provide police with valuable identification footage. I hate to imagine what would have happened if one of us had confronted this person in our home. If you live in Amaroo Avenue and have a security camera that was on and recording last Sunday please message me as I'd love the police to catch the b\*\*\*\*\*d!

And from the comments:

\* We did not see the intruder. We were home but I was downstairs, my husband was in the backyard and my son was in his bedroom. You don't think it will happen to you, but the demographics is changing in Mt Colah. It's not the same as it was before all the home units were built.

This happened in Amaroo Avenue, between Bimbil and Northview.

They somehow unlatched a locked backyard window and ripped open a flyscreen, climbed through and ransacked the house at 2am, I just want the photos back! Just shook for 2 days straight. When we went to JB HI FI to replace our things, the girl behind the counter said there were a few robberies reported lately.

\* My partner had his motorbike stolen on Sunday!! Parklands RD Mount Colah!! If you have any leads, please let me know! It might be the same person

\* I'm so sorry this has happened to you. We had it happen to us, the exact same on Sunday the 14th. We were home, they entered the house. They stole laptops, wallets, purses while we were asleep in bed! We're in Amor St in Asquith, but the Old Berowra Road end.

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## **23 October, from the government's Stay Smart Online: Whatever gets you checking your accounts!**

If you're a passionate online shopper you need to be savvy about where you purchase or you could lose your shopping money to cybercriminals.

To avoid falling victim to fraud, [follow our tips here](#).

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**Thanks to Cop Humour Australia:** Check out the latest EPIC recruitment video from our friends over at New Zealand Police!

It's just as amazing as their recruitment vid from last year, and there's some bamboozling doggos in it too 🐶 make sure you watch the bloopers at the end!

[Watch video 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)



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



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