



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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UPDATE: From the beginning of December this eNewsletter will be compiled for distribution on a TUESDAY evening to correspond with our new Crime Prevention Officer's schedule. Just letting you know...

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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09 November, from Hornsby Shire Council: Badly fitted car seats can put your children at serious risk – let us help you to make sure your little ones are safe.

Hornsby Shire Council is regularly giving away a limited number of child seat check vouchers. We have just added a few more this month.

[Register here](#) to get your child seat checked by a professional at no cost to you if you are a Hornsby Shire resident.

09 November, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Although there is a High Fire Danger for regions in the north east, conditions across most of the state are much more favourable today, with rain falling in some areas.

Take this time to prepare your property and discuss your bush fire survival plan. It may be the perfect opportunity to ask yourself, how fireproof is your plan?

[Find out here.](#)

08 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

About 4.10am on Saturday 27 October 2018, a 19-year-old female Provisional P2 driver was driving her vehicle along College Crescent Hornsby when she was stopped for a breath test. Police spoke with the driver and could smell strong alcohol on her breath. She submitted to a breath test and returned a positive reading. She was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station for a breath analysis. The driver returned a reading of 0.066 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. She is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court.

About 3.45pm on Sunday 6 November 2018 on the M1 Motorway Wahroonga a male Provisional P1 driver was detected driving a Ford Falcon at 148km/h by Ku-ring-gai HWP. His licence confiscated for 6 months. Infringement notice issued for over 45km/h exceed speed \$2435/6 demerit points.

Malicious damage:

- 31/10 – Waitara Park, Waitara – Graffiti
- 01/11 – Park Avenue, Waitara – Graffiti
- 01/11 – Park Avenue, Waitara - Graffiti

Steal from motor vehicle:

- 06/11 – Sinclair Avenue, Thornleigh

Break/enter and steal:

- 05/11 – Gundah Road, Mount Ku-ring-gai

Break/enter intent steal:

- 01/11 – Arcadia Road, Galston
- 02/11 – Caters Road, Dural

08 November, from Traffic & Highway Patrol Command:



**07 November, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Did you know?
Almost 1 in 3 teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight.**

[Here are 7 ways](#) parents can manage web connected devices in the home.

7 WAYS

Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

They can:

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



Office of the eSafety Commissioner

07 November, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer: "Everyone else is on Instagram"

.....Stick to your rules, they will still have friends if they do not use social media!

[Article here](#) 'Help! My Kid Wants to Use Social Media' from Common Sense Media.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

12 November, from Ku-ring-gai Council: FREE 2019 road safety calendar on offer to northern Sydney residents [edited]

The road safety calendar will be available from the end of November at participating councils. The 2019 road safety calendar is a collaboration between Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Northern Beaches and City of Ryde Councils. Each month features messages relating to road safety such as general courtesy, pedestrian awareness, driver distraction, heavy vehicles, motorcycle awareness and more.

The road safety calendar will be available from Council libraries, customer service

centres and various community locations free of charge from 19 November. For a copy of the free calendar, contact one of the participating councils. Please note stocks are limited.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

11 November, from NSW Police: A man has been charged with operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol on the Hawkesbury River [edited].

About 6pm yesterday (Saturday 10 November 2018), officers from Wisemans Ferry Police Station were conducting enforcement activities on the Hawkesbury River, targeting vessels attending a nearby music festival, when they stopped a vessel with five people on board. The master of the vessel, a 44-year-old Mosman man, was breath tested, returning a positive result. He was arrested and taken to Wisemans Ferry Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis, allegedly returning a reading of 0.100. The man was charged with operate vessel with middle range PCA. He was issued a court attendance notice to appear at Windsor Local Court on Thursday 10 January 2019.

Thanks to the North Shore Times Thursday 8 November. [\[Online edition here\]](#).

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LINDFIELD A 40-year-old Malaysian man entered a Lindfield bank around 1.45pm on Friday to collect a new credit card. The man produced a NSW drivers licence as ID. Bank staff suspected the licence was fraudulent and called police. When officers arrived the man had to be restrained after he attempted to escape. While in custody it is alleged that the man admitted to police that the licence and credit card were not in his real name. He was charged with fraud and other offences.

WAHROONGA Police are again appealing for witnesses after a woman died in hospital following a crash at Wahroonga two weeks ago. Emergency services were called to the Pacific Highway just before 4pm on Sunday October 21, after a Mazda 3 and a Volkswagen Golf collided. The front passenger of the Mazda, a 36-year-old woman, was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with critical injuries. The woman, from Waitara, died on Wednesday October 24. The Mazda driver, a 38-year-old man, was treated at Royal North Shore Hospital and has since been

released. The Volkswagen driver, a 23-year-old woman, was treated in hospital for a broken arm. Officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command are investigating the crash and have released images of the crash scene (above) as they appeal for any witnesses or anyone with dashcam footage of the crash, to come forward.



12 November, from StaySmartOnline: When you lose your identity, you're no longer "Mr Personality."

Cybercriminals can easily steal your identity if you go giving away too much information about yourself online, such as your date of birth, address, phone number, bank details or logins for online accounts. Don't be a victim, learn how to [protect yourself from identity theft here](#).



Request your copy of "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect your Identity**" [from us here](#).

From "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity**":

Tip #1: Consider using a third party payment system for internet transactions, such as PayPal, in order to avoid entering credit card details. Consider having another credit card with a low credit limit to be used specifically for internet purchases, or for overseas.

Tip #2: Use a phantom date of birth when you subscribe or register online. It may be a compulsory field, however, it is NOT legally required. For example use 01/01/ followed by your year of birth - to keep your age demographic intact, but your identity safe.

Tip #3: Include strong password security on all electronic devices – Use (in order of strength) complicated passwords, or a pattern, or a PIN. Alternatively, consider using facial or fingerprint recognition (both strong). Note that the easiest (read laziest) method may not be the most secure - your phone can contain a HUGE amount of sensitive data about you, your home, your emails. Consider using 'Two Factor Authentication' on accounts. For all touch screen devices – regularly clean the screen to remove tell-tale marks.

Tip #8: Shred any unneeded document (statements, accounts) that has your personal details (eg signature, birth date), as well as credit cards and loyalty cards. Your local Neighbourhood Watch group may have a shredder to borrow – ask your CPO. For generic letters, simply tear out your name/address, before recycling. Keep receipts & always check statements.

10 November, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer:

What parents need to know about (formerly Musical.ly)

- This “global video community” is now the world’s most downloaded app
- It will expose kids to porn, self-harm horror and risky dares
- Strangers can direct-message kids
- Paedophiles and predators abound



09 November, from Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch: Here's some advice we were messaged today. Thanks Carol.

Hi I need to advise about a scam in the area. People are getting calls and recorded messages saying they are from NBN and your telephone and internet will be cut off. This is a scam. NBN only contact you via letter or you can register your email address with their site for updates. If you get one if these calls ring **SCAMWATCH 1300 302 502**.

Neighbourhood Watch has a page dedicated to scams on our WatchOut! website, giving you the links to the sites to make yourself aware of scams, to report scams, for alerts, The Little Black Book of Scams, etc.

Please take a look: <https://watchout.org.au/scams/>

09 November: Shared from yesterday in Pymble/West Pymble Community group:

Hello! I live off The Broadway in Wahroonga just down from the San & we were broken into as well between 22/10 & 24/10. We were overseas during the break in.

A neighbour noticed a white van with 'carpet cleaning ' written on it parked opposite our house at 06:50 on the 22/10, & thought it was unusual. A male was sitting in the car while the others were probably in the house. Police came & also fingerprinted. No developments so far.

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.

Wednesday 28 November: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Child Car Seat Check Day 9am-2:30pm Bookings: Phone **9424 0843** [Info](#)

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.

09 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: POLICE UP PATROLS AT WARRINA STREET OVAL [edited]

POLICE SAY they will increase patrols near **Warrina Street Oval in Berowra** following the latest incident involving young vandals. Long-suffering residents called police on Saturday about 10pm to report a group of young people causing trouble in the park. Police arrived and spotted about 10 to 15 youths scatter into

nearby bushes. Police said a large, wooden, seating structure was destroyed and the young people had allegedly been riding over the roof of the broken structure with their bikes.

Ku-ring-gai police said they had been doing drive-by and foot patrols in the area but would be increasing patrols particularly on weekends, to help put a stop to the vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Police are investigating some names provided to them on Saturday but did not manage to catch any of the vandals.

Please contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** if you have any information about the latest incident.



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Police up patrols at Warrina Street Oval

POLICE SAY they will increase patrols near Warrina Street Oval in...

[Read article here.](#)

08 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police news across Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai during the past week.

1. Hornsby Heights

Police patrolling Galston Rd, where a number of water meters have been stolen in recent weeks, arrested a 34-year-old man from Galston last Friday. Police watched the man cross the road and hide behind a bus shelter about 2.45am. He then ran away from police who found him shortly after sitting in a van. A bank card not in his name, two rolls of copper wiring and an electrical meter were found in his vehicle believed to be stolen. A small bag of white powder alleged to be heroine was also found in his possession. He has been charged with breach of bail, goods in custody, and possessing a prohibited drug.

2. Thornleigh

Police are planning to speak with two women who allegedly stole goods from Bunnings Thornleigh before returning to the store the following day. About 6.50pm on Saturday, one of the women distracted a staff member by producing a receipt and inquiring about an exchange voucher. Another woman, alleged to be an accomplice, walked out of the store with goods inside a trolley. The two then left without paying with a drain grate, two pond pumps and three bags of lawn top dressing worth under \$300. The next day at 6pm, the pair have returned, this time paying for some items. The store manager has gone out of the store and spotted the stolen goods inside their vehicle, contacting police with the vehicle's registration number. Police said they would contact the owner of the vehicle and planned to speak with the two women.

3. Hornsby

A drug detection operation at Hornsby train station resulted in a 47-year-old man from Thornleigh being issued with a court attendance notice last Friday. Police were conducting the operation, which included a drug detection dog, about 5.45pm when they spoke with the man. A small bag with a substance alleged to be ice was found in his possession. He will front court at a later date.

4. Galston

Theft of copper wiring from transformers across Galston has caused about \$80,000 worth of damage. Copper wiring was cut from four transformers between Sunday, October 14 and Sunday, November 4 in the area. Each length of copper earthing wire was worth about \$200. However, it will cost approximately \$20,000 to fix each transformer, police said.

08 November, from 4minute Tech: If you're like me and you live your whole life online, you're probably starting to feel a little uneasy at the damage someone could do by getting access to all your data, so you want to come up with a few strategies for protecting your data online.

This video will show you how to stay safe online by talking you through the steps to avoid being hacked, keep your passwords stored safely, and keep your emails private and secure. From clicking a link in an email to joining a fake wireless network, there are a lot of unsafe things out there that could easily catch you out

when online.

[Watch video here.](#)

07 November: This message was received through our Neighbourhood Watch website on Tuesday 06 November. We have been asked to share the details with the wider community as a warning.

I live in **Karuah Rd, Turramurra** and last night at 6.30pm had a ring on my doorbell from an older man who stated he was canvassing for window and gutter cleaning. Stupidly, I stated that I could do with my upper windows cleaned and I then proceeded to show him the upper windows around my home. He quoted \$110 and then asked if I wanted him to do the job. When I said I wanted to ask my husband and could I ring him back he became quite aggressive and stated that he needed an answer then and there. When I asked him again if I could take his number he said no he didn't have a mobile and that is how he operated. He then stated that he would call back on Wednesday afternoon to find I out if I wanted to go ahead - yet probing my likely whereabouts. I then asked him for his name and then for his surname and then he wanted to know my full name. When I stated I did not want to give my surname he screamed that I could shove the job up my arse and then proceeded to scream at me and repeatedly call me a bitch. He was driving a white 1997 Corolla Sedan. I feel unfortunately that this man may have been casing my home. If you could let people know to be wary of such callers as I should have been. Thank you.

We have '**Do not knock**' stickers available from our Neighbourhood Watch website: <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/borrow/>

05 November, from Ryde Police Area Command: Teen charged with drug supply – Epping

About 14:45pm on Friday 2 November 2018, Police were in attendance at Epping Railway Station performing a Police operation targeting drug related crimes. A Police drug detection dog and his handler were also in attendance assisting with the operation. Police along with the Police dog were situated inside the entry gates to the platforms at this time. At this time a **17-year-old teenager from Hornsby** has entered into Epping railway station main entrance and proceeded to walk

through the entry gates and towards the escalators which provides access to the platforms below. The Police dog has indicated that the teenager may be in possession of a prohibited substance and followed the teenager down the escalators onto platform one where he was stopped and spoken to by police. The teenager was submitted to a search along with a black bag that he was in possession of. Police then searched the bag the young person was carrying. Police located 4 clear resealable bags totalling approximately 94 grams of what is believed to Cannabis along with a set of digital scales and a large quantity of cash. The teenager was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug. He will appear in court at a later date.

05 November, from North Shore Police Area Command: Chatswood, 01/11/2018.

NS PAC Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at a Chatswood. If you know this person please call **Chatswood Police Station on 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000. Ref# E 68807606**



Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, offenders or potential witnesses



I moustache you a question, but I'll shave it for later...

[#Movember2018](#)

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.

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Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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