



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter # 371 - 19 November 2018

**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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### **15 November, from tendaily.com.au**

Risk 10 Demerit Points If You Use Your Phone While Driving This Christmas.  
Read more [here.](#)

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### **15 November, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Check out our top 3 ways to stay safe around trucks when you're on foot. We all need to look out for each other.

[Watch video here.](#)

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### **15 November, from Australian Taxation Office**

🚫 SCAM WARNING 🚫 With tax time over, be on high alert for phone calls demanding the payment of fake tax debts. Stay vigilant and warn your friends and family so they don't get tricked.

Be suspicious if someone contacts you demanding payment. Remember, we would never:

- 🚫 Request the payment of a tax debt via prepaid gift cards (eg iTunes or Google Play)
- 🚫 Ask for direct credit to be paid into a personal bank account or via an ATM
- 🚫 Demand immediate payment, use aggressive behaviour, or threaten you with arrest or deportation.

These are typical scammer tactics!

If you're unsure about a call you receive, hang up immediately. Phone our scam hotline on 1800008540 to check if the call was legitimate or report the scam. Find more info [here](#).

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### **15 November, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command**

About 2.40pm Monday 12 November, a 43-year-old male driver was driving his vehicle along Burdett street, Hornsby when he had a collision with another vehicle.

Police arrived at the scene. Police spoke to 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 0.178 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with high Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he is now due to appear in Hornsby Local Court.

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On Saturday 11 November, a Honda Jazz was stolen from Wahroonga during the early hours of Saturday morning and was recovered in Gunnedah.

The vehicle was found parked on a street in Gunnedah about 3.20pm the same day by police. An arrest has been made in relation to the stolen vehicle, investigations are continuing.

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Attempted break/enter and steal:

- 14/11 – Galston Road, Galston

Break/enter and steal:

- 15/11 - Lynn Ridge Avenue, Gordon

- Between 10/11 & 12/11 - Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra
- Between 12/11 & 13/11 – Handley Avenue, Turramurra

Stolen vehicle:

- Between 14/11 & 15/11 – Boolaroong Road, Pymble
- 15/11 – Lynn Ridge Avenue, Gordon

Attempted other steal:

- 12/11 – Pacific Highway, Pymble – attempted mail theft

Steal from motor vehicle:

- Between 11/11 & 12/11 – Gillian Pde, West Pymble

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### **15 November, 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.](#)

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### **14 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

Alcohol affects people differently. Two people who drink the same amount can have different Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC).

Consider the following factors!

👤 Size and weight – the smaller you are, the higher your BAC will be compared to someone bigger than you.

♀ Gender – a woman the same height and weight as a man, drinking the same amount, will have a higher BAC

🍷 Liver function – an unhealthy liver will process alcohol slower than a healthy liver

☐ Recent consumption of food – lack of food in your stomach means you will absorb alcohol into your blood faster. However, eating food after you have been drinking will not reduce your BAC

🍷 Fitness, fatigue and general health condition – your BAC can be higher if you are not feeling well, you are tired, stressed or unfit

We recommend that you don't drink ANY alcohol if you plan to drive! 🍷♀☐🍷♂☐

Alcohol affects different people in different ways and attempting to guess your blood alcohol concentration is difficult and inaccurate.

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## 14 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW

There's no such thing as a smart criminal, so when burglars break into your home, they are usually predictable as to where they look for your valuables.

The places burglars usually look are:

- Jewellery Box
- Office or desk drawers
- Master Bedroom
- Toilet tank
- Safe or filing cabinet

- Under the Mattress
- Unused purses or handbags

Try hiding your valuable items somewhere different!

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### 14 November, from White Ribbon



The standard you walk past is the standard you accept. [#StandUp](#), [#SpeakOut](#) and [#Act](#) this [#WhiteRibbonDay](#) to end men's violence against women. Help stop this epidemic in our communities and show everyone where you stand.

Check [here](#).

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### 13 November, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

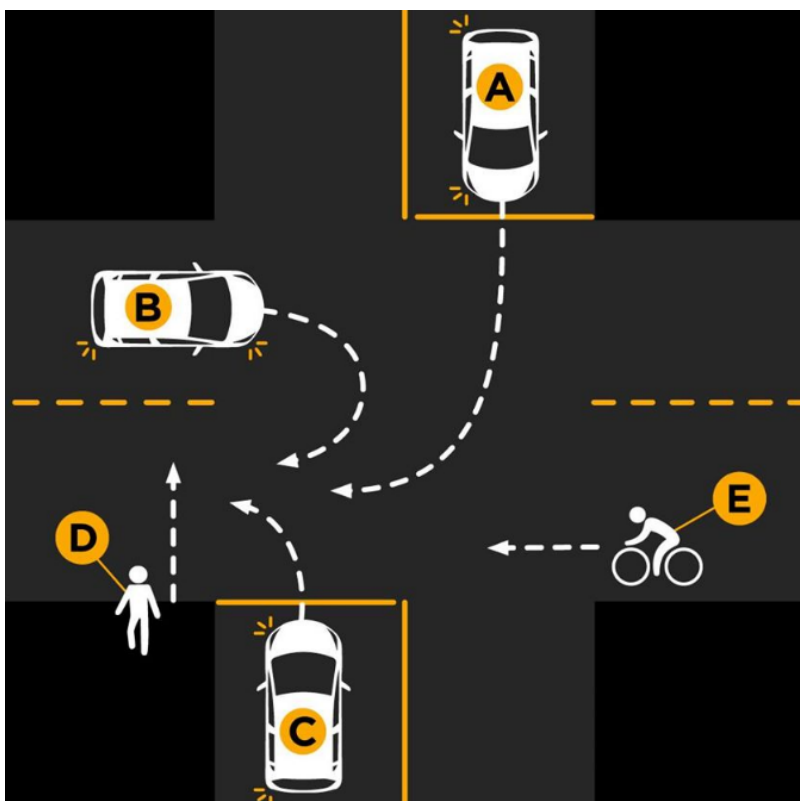
There were 887 less people seriously injured on NSW roads compared to the previous 12 month period.

Find out more in the latest Quarterly Bulletin of Serious Injury Crash Data and interactive statistics [here](#).

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### 13 November, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Road Safety Quiz: In the intersection below, in what order from A to E is each person permitted to go?



ANSWER: E, D, C, A and B.

Bicycle E is going straight through the intersection (without a stop sign or give way sign applying to them) so isn't required to give way to any vehicle or pedestrian. When crossing at an intersection, Pedestrian D must give way to oncoming vehicles going straight ahead.

Car C is turning after stopping at a stop sign so must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road it's turning into (Pedestrian D) and all vehicles in, entering or approaching the intersection (Bicycle E), except drivers turning right (Car A) or

making a U-turn (Car B).

Car A is turning after stopping at a stop sign so must give way to vehicles in, entering or approaching the intersection, except drivers turning right or making a U-turn (Car B).

When making a U-turn a driver must have a clear view of any approaching traffic and give way to all vehicles and pedestrians.

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**13 November, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force**







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*Creating Safer Communities*

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**Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 15 November [\[Online edition here\]](#)  
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### **MT KURING-GAI**

A 47-year-old woman was taken to Hornsby Hospital with possible shoulder injuries on Tuesday night after being trapped between two pallets during a workplace incident. NSW Ambulance were called about 6.30pm to Beaumont Rd and said the woman had been trapped between two pallets for a couple of minutes. The woman was taken to hospital in a stable condition. Police said the incident happened at an industrial area and involved a forklift. Police notified SafeWork NSW of the incident.

### **WAHROONGA**

A Honda Jazz stolen from a Wahroonga property during the early hours of Saturday has been found in Gunnedah. The owner of the car reported the vehicle stolen on Saturday morning about 7.45am. The vehicle was found parked on a street in Gunnedah about 3.20pm the same day by police. An arrest has been made in relation to the theft and police are investigating further.

### **HORNSBY**

Three charity boxes were stolen from the Westfield Hornsby McDonald's last Wednesday night. The store had closed for the day and the money boxes were chained to the counter. About 10pm, someone used cutters to steal the money boxes which had about \$200 of loose change inside. Police are reviewing CCTV footage.

## **BEROWRA**

A Mini Cooper S was stolen from Berowra Waters Rd near the train station on Friday. The vehicle was parked on the road and stolen between 7am and 6pm.

## **TURRAMURRA**

An elderly resident from Turramurra has been defrauded \$4000 after two of her bank cards were stolen. Two cards were stolen from the resident's property before an offender called her and pretended to be a representative from her bank. The offender asked for her bank details and used those details to take \$4000 out of four separate ATMs between Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Police are urging people to remind loved ones never to give out bank account details to people you don't know and trust.

## **CARLINGFORD**

Police have charged a man from the ACT after a dog went missing from a Carlingford home in October before being found up for sale online. The white toy poodle went missing from a Vickery Ave property on Tuesday, October 16. Three days later, police found the dog at a property in North Parramatta after it was spotted advertised for sale online. The 27-year-old man from the ACT has been charged with stealing a dog. He is due to front Parramatta Local Court in February.

## **BEROWRA**

A disabled toilet block at Berowra Oval, on Berowra Waters Rd, was vandalised between 7pm last Tuesday and 9am last Wednesday. The toilet was blocked and burned causing about \$200 worth of damage.

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**Thanks to the North Shore Times Thursday 15 November. [[Online edition here](#)].**

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### ROSEVILLE

4 A house was broken into in Stafford Rd on Monday. Offenders gained entry some time between 8am and 2.20pm through an open window using a step ladder. The offenders entered at least three rooms and ransacked the property. Cash and jewellery were stolen before they fled. Police recommend securing items such as ladders and tools when you go out.

#### Driver Arrested

An Ashfield man, 25, was arrested on Sunday after driving a vehicle at police at a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the North Sydney War Memorial. After being informed he would be breath tested, police allege he drove off, before swerving and accelerating towards police. The driver then collided with a concrete barrier in Arthur St. He was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station where a breath analysis allegedly produced a blood alcohol reading of 0.139. He was charged with mid-range drink-driving, assaulting police, negligent driving and reckless driving.

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#### Dates for the Diary:

**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.

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**16 November, from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA)**

Teen parties are important events and, if you can, you should try to find a way of letting your child attend. Things can go wrong, however, particularly when alcohol is added to the mix. I asked some frontline workers who have to deal with the fallout of 'teen parties gone wrong' to share their stories - this week, Teresa, a paramedic gives an insight into what they have to deal with on a Saturday night ... Teenage parties - when things go wrong: A paramedic's perspective. Read more [here](#).

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**15 November, Thanks to Karen, the Education Officer with Ryde Police Area Command:**

Body Worn Video (BWV) cameras are being introduced to all NSW Police officers. They will be worn front and centre and must be visible to the public. Green light = standby, redlight flashing = recording. The video is recorded during a shift and securely processed as it is downloaded onto a dvd. There is no way to edit the information, although faces can be pixilated, and it is stored for 6 months. The unit is allocated to officers each shift by using a scan of the veins in their handprint. ASAP persons being recorded should be advised. No permission is needed in public or private (if lawful). Have had a 2 year trial and the benefits are many: enhanced evidence collection, decreased complaints against the police, over 30%

decrease in assaults, approx 25% increase in early guilty pleas, decrease in work-based claims, improved officer conduct & accountability.

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### **15 November, from news.com.au**

There's a potentially lifesaving road rule that experts say most drivers ignore or don't know.

In most parts of Australia, it's a law that motorists are required to follow when passing a person on a bicycle.

However, experts and cycling advocates say many drivers either ignore the rule or aren't aware it exists. And it could result in someone losing their life.

For more details click [here](#).

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### **15 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

One of the best things about the warmer weather is camping!

Below are some tips to keep safe whilst camping this year.

- Designated camping areas in NSW national parks vary from park to park – make sure you have checked this before you arrive.
- Camping is usually restricted to the boundaries of a campground. This is for conservation purposes, your safety and the enjoyment of our parks for all visitors
- Check signage of parks for park rules
- Drinking water is not always available at all parks, check before you arrive.
- Avoid camping directly under large trees. When pitching a tent, remember to look up to ensure there aren't any loose, dead or overhanging tree limbs.
- Follow all fire safety information during total fire bans
- Only light fires in designated fireplaces and extinguish fires before going to sleep
- Campfires should not be used as a rubbish incinerator

- NEVER use gas stoves or fuel burners to heat your tent
- Never cook inside a tent or enclosed camping space
- Never use generators in fire bans
- Only operate generators in well ventilated areas outside of tents and sleeping areas
- Domestic pets are not permitted in any national park.
- Please don't feed native animals.

For a comprehensive list of safety tips on camping – visit [here](#).

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#### **14 November, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-Ring-Gai & Hornsby Council Areas**

Congratulations to the WatchOut! team of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers for joining in with a Facebook page for the website! This was made possible through funding from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Community Funding 2017. Please check it out and share with us any new suggestions. Thank you for your support. Now go tell your friends...

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#### **14 November, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au)**

Weekly fast five: Police news across Hornsby.  
Read details [here](#).

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#### **13 November, Shared from Pymble and West Pymble Community group Monday 12 Nov:**

Hi remember to lock your cars mine was ransacked last night in Sequoia Close, West Pymble. I unfortunately forgot to lock it yesterday. All they took was a phone charger.

And in the comments:

Same with mine - someone went through my car last night in Gillian Parade, West Pymble. Button on key stopped working recently and I must've forgotten to lock yesterday. As far as I can tell I lost a \$2 coin.

Several cars on Arundel were broken into earlier this year - maybe they are back.

Both our cars broken into a few months ago on Doncaster Ave, West Pymble.

There were quite a few around Grayling and surrounding streets a few months back.

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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)



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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)



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