



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #378 - 08 January 2019**

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 [Ku-ring-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 an other 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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**08 January, from NSW Road Safety: Do you know what to do if your car was**

## to break down?

Our tips will help keep you safe on the road these holidays. [#TowardsZero](#)



[More info here.](#)

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**05 January, from Sign Wise: [#newyearsresolution](#) use your blinker please [#safety](#)[#roadsafety](#)**



**02 January, from NSW Police: A cyclist has suffered critical injuries after a crash at Mt Colah this morning.**

Emergency services were called to Kuring Gai Chase Road after a crash between his cycle and a station wagon (between the Bobbin Head and Kalkari information centres) about 11.15am (Wednesday 2 January 2019). The cyclist, believed to be aged in his 40s, was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics and a team from the Careflight Helicopter. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital

by paramedics under police escort.

The driver of the station wagon, an 18-year-old man, has been taken for mandatory testing.

The Crash Investigation Unit is conducting inquiries and has appealed for anyone with information, or dash cam vision, about the incident to contact them via **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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### **02 January, from The Telegraph: Cameras targeting mobile-using motorists to come into effect**

New cameras capable of detecting motorists illegally using mobile phones in cars are expected to come into effect on NSW roads this month. The world-first technology — which uses artificial intelligence and can operate in both fixed and mobile locations, 24 hours a day and in all weather conditions — “penetrate” through windshields, capturing drivers sneakily using their mobiles at the wheel.



[Full article here.](#)



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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are proud to share that one of our volunteers, **Wal Knowles, East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 Coordinator**, is receiving the Ku-ring-gai Council's Senior Citizen of the Year Award for 2019. It will be presented at the Australia Day celebrations on Saturday 26 January 2019 at Bicentennial Park, West Pymble, 10:30am - 2pm. If wet, it will be moved to the Council Chambers, Gordon.

Thought you may want to go and support him!

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## **08 January, from Muogamarra Rural Fire Brigade (via Berowra Community Group): BREAK AND ENTER - PLEASE READ**

About 8.18am on Sunday 6/1/2019 Muogamarra Rural Fire Brigade was paged to assist with storm damage in Berowra Heights. When members arrived at our fire station on Glendale Road Cowan, they discovered that a part of the station had been broken into and power tools and electrical equipment stolen.

Some of the items stolen from our fire station include:

- Honda self propelled lawn mower
- Oleo-Mac backpack blower
- Echo leaf blower
- Stihl Magnum chainsaw
- Oleo-Mac polesaw
- Stihl polesaw
- Stihl brushcutter
- Gerni pressure washer

Value of the stolen items at this stage is approximately \$10,000.

Most of the items are marked with Muogamarra "brigade colours" of red/white/green (as pictured below). Serial numbers and engravings have been provided to NSW Police.

There has been a further attempt to break into our fire station overnight on Sunday 6/1/2019 and Police are investigating.

We are now seeking assistance from the wider community to keep an eye out for our equipment in the hope of getting some of it back. Our volunteers work their backsides off fundraising, maintaining and using the equipment and to have someone break into our VOLUNTEER rural fire brigade station and steal it is heartbreaking. Please share, and if you have any information that can assist, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 and quote E421933392.

This also serves as a timely reminder to RFS Brigades that thieves are out and about trying to steal our equipment.

Our crew continued with a 12 hour shift on Sunday assisting with storm damage jobs and tarping homes in Berowra Heights. This in no way affects our ability to respond to emergencies or assist our neighbouring RFS Brigades.

Thanks in advance, Muogamarra Rural Fire Brigade.



## 08 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc: Preventing home burglary - don't make it easy for a thief (Video)

Like most people, you probably have a "Plan B" in case you accidentally lock yourself out of your house. Perhaps you hide a key in a safe place, or maybe even leave a rear window or door unlocked or slightly ajar. Hey, no-one will know, right? Wrong!

More than 30% of home burglaries in 2017 involved no sign of forced entry. Around 19% of victims confirmed that offenders entered via an unlocked door or window. Eagle-eyed thieves know all the tricks in the book. Every place you've thought of to hide a key, they have too. Every secret entry point you have - they know them too. If it's easy for you to get inside your locked home, it's also going to be easy for a thief.



[Watch the video here](#) (may only be available to Facebook users)

Check out the [Victoria Neighbourhood Watch website](#) for some handy tips about how you can reduce the risk of your home being a target for thieves.

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### Dates for the Diary:

**Wednesday 23 January:** Ku-ring-gai Council First Aid Course for young people. \$90. [Info](#). Bookings youth services team on 9424 0981 or [youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au).

**Saturday 26 January:** Australia Day @ Bicentennial Park, West Pymble, 10:30am - 2pm. (If wet, Council Chambers, Gordon.) Wal Knowles, East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 Coordinator, is receiving the **Ku-ring-gai Council's Senior Citizen of the Year Award for 2019!**

**Tuesday 05 February 2019:** Safer Internet Day [Info](#)

**Tuesday 12 February:** Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting. [Email us any issue you'd like discussed.](#)

**Tuesday 19 February:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day 10am-3pm @ St Ives Village Green & Community Hall. NHW Crime Prevention stall, with kids photo booth, dress-ups, info and goodie bags.

**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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**07 January, shared from the Berowra Community Group: Found this chain at the Barnetts Rd lookout yesterday, pls contact me if it's yours!**



[Email Neighbourhood Watch](#) here and we'll pass on your message.

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**05 January, from SBS: Opening your car door like Dutch people do could save lives**

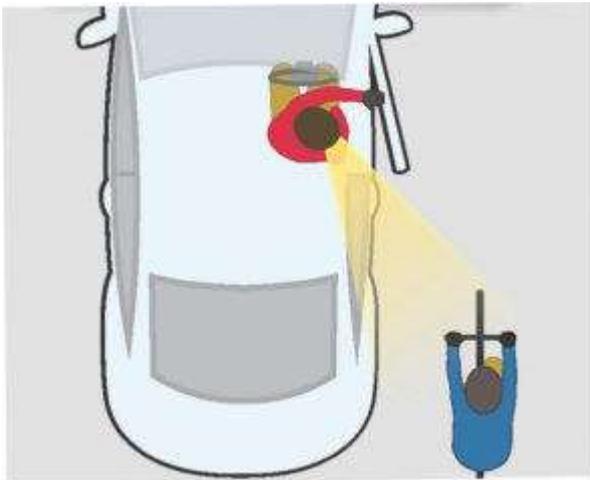
Have you heard of the 'Dutch reach'?

'Dooring' is a daily danger for cyclists in cities. It occurs when the occupant of a parked vehicle opens their door in the path of an approaching cyclist. The cyclist collides with the door, falls off their bike, resulting in injury or sometimes even

death. While there is a lot of talk about the need for awareness-raising campaigns or designated 'door zones' for cyclists to steer clear of, the Dutch have a simple and effective way of avoiding car dooring accidents.

It's called the 'Dutch reach', and it involves opening the car door by reaching across the body with the hand that is further away from the handle - the opposite to the hand you'd usually open the door with. This simple change forces you to look over your shoulder as you open the door, making you more aware of any approaching cyclists.

[Full article here.](#)



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**03 January, from Family Zone Cyber Safety:**

*Listen earnestly* to anything your *children* want to tell you, no matter what. *If you* don't listen eagerly to the *little stuff when they are little*, they won't tell you the *big stuff when they are big ...* because to them *all of it it has always been big stuff.*

- Catherine M. Wallace



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**03 January, from NSW Police Force: A teenager has been arrested after two men were allegedly stabbed on Sydney's Lower North Shore today.**

Emergency services were called to a religious centre on Greville Street, near Fullers Road, Chatswood, just after 12.30pm (Thursday 3 January 2019), following reports of a stabbing. The two injured men, whose ages are not known, were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. One of the men is in a critical condition.

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command attended and arrested a 16-year-old boy. He was taken to Chatswood Police Station where he is assisting with inquiries.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**02 January, from CareFlight: CYCLIST CRITICAL AFTER CRASH NEAR BOBBIN HEAD TODAY**

A cyclist has been transported to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition

this afternoon after he collided with a vehicle near Mount Colah earlier this morning.

CareFlight's rapid response helicopter was tasked just before 11.30am, to attend a collision between a male cyclist, believed to be in his 50s, and a car on Kur-ing-gai Chase Road. Thanks to some helpful members of the public who stopped to offer assistance once the crew landed at nearby Apple Tree Bay boat ramp, the medical team were transported the short distance to the crash site.

According to first responders on the scene, the cyclist collided with an oncoming vehicle, landing on the bonnet of the car, sustaining critical head injuries and suspected upper limb fractures and injuries on impact.

NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance were also tasked to the scene. CareFlight medical team intubated the man before transferring him to an ambulance for the journey to Royal North Shore Hospital by road. He is in a critical but stable condition.

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**02 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst: We received this in an email today:**

I wanted to anonymously let you know of an incident in Woodbine Av, Normanhurst on December 27. At 7:45pm a man was found at the end of a battle ax block down the side of a house attempting to break in, however the resident was able to scare him away. He was well dressed which was quite unusual. Reported to police at the time. No one further update.

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**02 January, from Sydney Morning Herald: How to Spot a rip (and what to do if you get caught in one)**

[Full article here.](#)



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### How to spot a rip (and what to do if you get caught in one)

There are about 17,000 rips at beaches around Australia on any given day.

07 January, from NSW Police Force: It was ridiculously hot in Sydney over the weekend, but Police trial horse Chaka figured out how to beat the heat by playing with the sprinklers! 🐾



**IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Kuring-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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