



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 [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.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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11 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Dob in a Drug Dealer



Drug use ●STOPS● with the dealers and Crime Stoppers need support from YOU to identify dealers of illicit drugs in your community.

Make the call – 1800 333 000.

Your community. Your call.

11 January, from news.com.au: New road markings are being added on one of NSW's busiest roads in a bid to push back against tailgaters and reduce

rear-end crashes.



Tailgaters are being targeted by new road markings in NSW in a fresh push to reduce the number of rear-end crashes on one particularly busy road.

All Aussie drivers are taught to leave a three-second gap between their vehicle and the one in front of them but it seems to be a rule many are ignoring.

Tailgating in rear-end crashes is a particular concern along the busy M1 Pacific Motorway.

As a result, the NSW Government has decided to paint arrow like chevrons on the road to remind motorists to keep a safe gap.

The white arrows have been painted on a 13km straight section of the M1 between George Booth Dr at Seahampton and the Palmers Rd interchange at Ryhope.

The markings are accompanied by signs instructing drivers to “Keep at least 2 chevrons apart” — which is equal to 92m.

Failure to keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front will result in a \$448 fine and three demerit points.

Full article [here](#).

10 January, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

HAVE YOU GOT 50+ HOURS IN YOUR LEARNER DRIVER LOG BOOK???



PCYC POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

20 Hours Off Your Log Book

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

Book online at www.saferdrivers.org.au

NEXT COURSE:

DATE: 17 January 2019 TIME: 9:30am

LOCATION: 1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)

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09 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Trucks and buses take a lot longer to stop than cars and motorbikes. At 100km/h, a loaded B-double takes around 62 more metres to stop safely, compared to a fully loaded car. Remember to leave a safe gap when merging in front of a truck or bus.

[#TowardsZero](#)

Watch video [here](#).

09 January, from Hornsby Shire Council



JANUARY NEWS + EVENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY



SATURDAY JAN 26 | 10AM-2PM HORNSBY MALL

Face painting | Lions BBQ | Children's activities | Stage program



FOOD TRUCKS | MUSIC | LICENSED BAR

**FOUR FRIDAYS
IN FEBRUARY**

1 8 15 22

**HORNSBY MALL
5.30PM - 8.30PM**

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsessions

JANUARY eNEWS ARE OUT

Hornsby Shire Council is gearing up for a great 2019 - Check out our January eNews to be on top of what's happening for Australia Day, get a heads up for Sunset Sessions and find out how to best prepare for the bushfire season.

Be in the the loop and subscribe to our eNews [here](#).

09 January, from Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force

If you plan on riding Personal Watercraft (PWC), make sure you are familiar with rules and requirements - for your safety and others on the water.

Click [here](#) for more information.

09 January, from Experian.com: The Ultimate List of the Year's Worst Scams 2018

What a year it's been. Now that 2018 is in the books, there were 47,567 scams added to the [Better Business Bureau \(BBB\) Scam TrackerSM](#). That's an increase from 2017, which had a reported 45,401 scams.

Fraudsters often repeat their favorite scams, which are often driven by major financial life moments such as taxes and holiday shopping. Identity thieves and scammers often try new twists on old scams that worked in the past.

So far this year, a number of different and new scams have made the news, listed here in alphabetical order:

Airbnb Scam

This scam takes advantage of travelers renting an apartment or house through Airbnb by featuring fake homes on the site and directing the renter to a fraudulent or "spoof" website to finalize payment. Scammers will often even trick real owners, who don't know their property is being spoofed. Potential travelers end up paying money for a rental property that either doesn't exist or isn't available.

[Full article here.](#)



From Hornsby Advocate, 10 January [\[link here\]](#)

Street Watch [Page 08]

Normanhurst

1 Two drones, an Xbox, a snowboard, electrical scooters and nail guns were stolen from a Stuart Ave townhouse between noon on Saturday December 29 and Monday.

Wahroonga

2 A \$500 maroon men's BMX bike with a tan saddle was stolen from a Woonona Ave house after an intruder broke into a garage door. The break-in was between 8.30am on Thursday January 3 and 2.50pm on Monday.

Hornsby

3 A 72-year-old woman's handbag containing her wallet was stolen from the newsagency at Hornsby train station on Monday at 9.20am.

Brooklyn

4 Police patrolled Hawkesbury River at Brooklyn, Cowan Creek and Berowra Waters on Monday and Tuesday as part of an operation patrolling the waterway. They carried out 27 licence checks and random breath tests. No arrests were made.

Thornleigh

5 A heavily intoxicated woman was issued with a criminal infringement notice for shoplifting after she collapsed on Sunday. Police said the 43-year-old Normanhurst woman left Dan Murphy's liquor shop at 2.15pm and fell at nearby Woolworths shortly after. She had stolen four wine bottles worth \$12.

Mt Colah

6 A 17-year-old Pendle Hill boy was charged with driving with a suspended licence at Bobbin Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park on Christmas Day. Police allege he drove away from them as they approached but stopped a short distance later. The boy, who has since turned 18, had three passengers in the car during the incident. He is due to front Blacktown Court on January 29.

Turramurra

7 A 41-year-old P-plater was charged with mid-range drink driving after colliding with a car at the Pacific Highway on Saturday night. Police said the sedan driven by the man, from Hamilton South near Newcastle, collided with another car near Turramurra Ave at 10.15pm. He had three passengers in the car. He is due to front Hornsby Court on February 7.

From the North Shore Times, 10 January [\[link here\]](#)

Murder accused refused bail [page 11]

A TEENAGER accused of murdering a Church of Scientology member at the organisation's headquarters in Chatswood has again requested not to appear before a Sydney court.

The 16-year-old, who can't be named for legal reasons, did not appear when his matter was dealt with briefly at Parramatta Children's Court on Monday. The accused's lawyer, Frank Santisi, did not apply for bail and it was formally refused.

The boy is accused of stabbing a 24-year-old man in the neck with a large kitchen knife while being escorted from the Scientology Centre in Chatswood on the afternoon of January 3.

The victim, Taiwanese national Chih-Jen Yeh, subsequently died in hospital. A 30-year-old man also suffered minor injuries in the incident. Sources have said the accused was visiting the centre where his mother was to undergo a "purification ceremony".

Mr Santisi outside court described his client's situation as "one of those delicate matters".

The matter was adjourned to February 19. The teen's case was first mentioned in Parramatta Children's Court on Saturday when he again didn't appear via video link. He was charged earlier that day with the murder of the 24-year-old.

Subways targeted [page 13]

FOUR Subway food outlets were broken into across the north shore between Saturday January 5 and Monday January 8. The first incident occurred in Lane Cove on Saturday evening with offenders smashing the front door of the store and stealing cash. The other three incidents occurred overnight on Monday at Lane Cove, Lindfield and Chatswood East. The front doors were smashed at each outlet, with thieves targeting the cash registers. Police encourage the public to call Crimestoppers immediately if they notice anything suspicious around a Subway store.

14 January, from newcastlestar.com.au

Lake Macquarie Community Corrections officer Jason Thoroughgood one of 9000 Corrective Services NSW staff to be recognised on National Corrections Day



Details [here](#).

13 January, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Rush of robberies hits suburbs

Thornleigh has been struck by a spate of break-and-enters this year, prompting police to encourage residents to report all matters even if they are attempted robberies.

On Sunday, intruders stole \$2460 worth of goods including credit cards while four occupants slept at their Trelawney St house.

Three fraudulent transactions worth \$260 using credit cards were used at Prospect Village shopping centre near Blacktown on the same day.

Details [here](#).

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.

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.

13 January, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group yesterday:

My mum and sisters house was broken into on Westleigh Dr last night. They stole handbags and my mum's car, whilst everyone slept. If anyone has CCTV coverage around that area, we'd appreciate your assistance.

Came through the back sliding door. Used a crowbar from what it looks like.

It's a white 2018 Holden Barina. Can't believe how brazen they were. Came in, ransacked rooms, stole bags and electricals and then went downstairs (where my mum was sleeping) took her car keys and then went and stole her car.

And from the comments:

Apparently there was another robbery and another attempt on this street last night the police have just told us.

We've just seen them spending on my sisters card at Crows Nest, so I've called the police who are heading there now.

12 January, from NSW Fair Trading

From 28 February, tenants who need to escape their home in circumstances of domestic violence will be able to end their tenancy immediately and without penalty. Find out more [here](#).

10 January, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

UPDATE ***** LAST SEEN LEAVING ASQUITH TRAIN STATION AT 7.36PM AND HASNT BEEN SIGHTED SINCE.

Nephew James has been missing for a few hours. Last known place was Broadmeadow Train station. Police are searching also. He has no phone or money

with him. If you see him please contact me asap.



10 January: A warning shared with us today via email:

This is to advise everyone of an incident that took place at the Lindfield Coles car park (outside) on 10 January. It happened around 12:30 pm when a man in a small SUV (gray/silver) probably a Toyota, lent out and asked me directions to the airport. I was more than willing to assist. He spoke in an Italian accent and said he would like to get on Pacific highway to go to 'airporto'.

After I showed him the way in the map he had he thanked me and said he was very thankful and would like to give me something. He pulled the car into a parking spot and said to open the passenger side door so he could show it to me. As it was

in broad daylight in a car park seen by other shoppers parking their cars, I didn't think much about it, and the man was friendly enough.

I opened the passenger side door and he lent over, shook my hand and introduced himself as 'Marco from Milano'. Having Italian friends and work colleagues his accent sounded genuine. His card is below:



His story went like this: he has been in Sydney doing an Italian fashion show at North Sydney and Manly. He did another one in Auckland earlier and today he was heading back to Italy. He had some jackets which they couldn't sell and he would like to give them to me for helping him with directions. They are all Giorgio Armani jackets and sells for \$000s in shops. If he tries to take it out, 'they will charge me duty' as these are very expensive. He showed 3 jackets to me still in plastic sleeves said 'feel the quality, lambs leather, very soft...etc etc'. He never took the jackets out of the sleeves nor show me the brands or the fabric labels. Of course they very very good quality, made in Italy, not China.

Then he asks me what size jackets my wife wears, and when I mentioned it, he pulled another jackets, also still in a sleeve and said 'this will fit her'. But... he needs to buy a duty free present for his daughter in Milan, and he would like to ask me for something for the jacket for my wife. Other 3 items are for me, no charge.

The story was plausible enough, 'we had a show at the Marriott in North Sydney', 'you know Milan, where the bridge fell down and people were killed', 'I dined at a

very expensive Italian restaurant in Avalon, best in Sydney', 'I'm returning this rental car at the airport' etc etc. Eventually we agreed I will give him \$400, 'it is normally 2000 euro'. I got the money out of an ATM, gave it to him, he gave me the jackets, and we parted ways.

It's only when I got home that I realised I was duded completely. The jackets were all polyester (in the labels I didn't check...) and no Armani to be seen anywhere, except fake 'made in Italy' signs in the lining. My wife was furious. My daughter told me later there were individuals or gangs scamming people with branded fashion clothing.

Could you please circulate this widely as possible, as it is likely other residents in the area could be targeted? I will forward a copy of this to Crimestoppers also.

10 January, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Call police if you see this man around Glenorie or Galston.



Glenorie: Nigel Fleming wanted over assaults, stealing car

Ku-ring-gai police are hunting a man wanted over a string of offences in the Glenorie area.

Nigel Fleming, 46, is wanted for stealing a white Ford Ranger ute — numberplate AR 99 YX — from a Glenorie home on Monday.

He is also wanted over assaults.

He is frequenting the Glenorie or Galston area and is described as Caucasian, between 170cm and 180cm tall with fair complexion, medium build and mostly bald with some shaven hair.

Police have urged the public not to approach him but call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

10 January, from nine.com.au

This is the heart-stopping moment a freeway sign came crashing down on a woman's car in Melbourne. The driver was lucky to escape the incident with her life!

Watch video [here](#).

10 January, from NSW Police Force

About 9.15pm on Monday 5 November 2018, a 14-year-old boy was walking west along the Bells Line of Road at North Richmond, when he was hit by a vehicle, about 200m west of Yarramundi Lane.

The boy was thrown to the southern side of the road by the impact; it's believed he walked a short distance before collapsing.

The vehicle did not stop after the collision.

A passing motorist found the injured boy and notified police.

Officers from Hawkesbury Police Area Command attended and found the boy suffering multiple fractures and head injuries.

He was airlifted to The Children's Hospital at Westmead where he underwent surgery and has since been released.

Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit are investigating the crash. Inquiries to date have so far failed to identify the vehicle.

Investigators believe the vehicle is an Isuzu N series truck, possibly a 2016 to 2018 model, similar to the one pictured. The truck would be missing its left-hand side mirror glass and casing.

Police are appealing for any witnesses, or anyone with dash cam footage or other information that may assist the investigation, to come forward.

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.

09 January, from Burwood Police Area Command: NSW Police Force, making hearts race since 1862 📄

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever...

We call these people cops.

09 January, from 9news.com.au: Monkey Dust: Warnings over party drug sweeping Australia after 'epidemic' in UK

Monkey Dust – also known as bath salts or MDPV - has remerged in Australia, after an 'epidemic' in the UK which is believed to have killed dozens of users.

The drug is a dangerous offshoot of another killer drug, methamphetamine, or ice, and causes hallucinations so strong users have been known to jump off buildings or run into traffic.

Horrific details from the US even report users trying to 'eat faces'.

The white powder can be swallowed, snorted or injected.

Australian police seized 4.5kg of the drug — enough for half a million doses — last year.

But experts say it's becoming an "it" drug at clubs and festivals.

Full article [here](#).

From Cop Humour Australia

You know it's a rough neighbourhood when you see a bird with an ankle monitor carrying a knife...



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.

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



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