



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #380 - 22 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.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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## **21 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

As kids return to school next week, it is important to arm them with the right advice to help keep them safe.

1. Walking with a friend or group of friends is safer and more fun.
  2. Always look left and right for traffic before crossing the road.
  3. Always use a pedestrian crossing.
  4. Know the people in your community you can trust. These people could include teachers, doctors, nurses, shopkeepers, bus drivers and police.
  5. Find places you feel safe that you can go to when you feel unsafe or unsure. These places could include hospitals, schools, shops, neighbours, friend's houses and police stations.
  6. Never talk to strangers or get into strange cars.
  7. When on the train, travel in a crowded carriage or the guards compartment (it's the one with the blue light).
  8. Try to always walk where there are lots of people.
  9. Don't take short cuts. Remember, it's okay to say NO if you feel unsafe or unsure.
  10. Call 000 if you are scared or in danger.
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## **17 January, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command**

Police are appealing for information after seven people were injured in a fight in Sydney's Upper North Shore at the weekend.

Strike Force Kamilaroy has been established by detectives from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command to investigate after six teenagers were stabbed at a park on Gilroy Road, Turramurra, about 11.30pm on Saturday (13 January 2019).

Officers also found a 34-year-old man with head and upper body injuries.

They were all treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospitals across Sydney.

A 17-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where they underwent surgery.

A 19-year-old man, a 15-year-old boy and two teenage males, aged 17, were taken to Westmead Hospital for treatment and have since been released.

The 34-year-old man remains at Westmead Hospital under police guard.

As inquiries continue, investigators are urging anyone with information and in particular mobile phone footage or images regarding the incident are urged to contact Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers as a matter of priority.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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17 January, from Napean Police Area Command

**KNOW THE SIGNS**

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fatigue, weakness and restlessness
- Thirsty
- Anxiety
- Poor coordination
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Sweating heavily
- Raised body temperature

**HEAT STROKE**

- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid pulse
- Extremely thirsty
- Dry, swollen tongue
- Disoriented, dizzy or delirious, slurred speech
- Body temperature more than 40°C
- Convulsions, seizures or coma
- May be sweating, skin may feel deceptively cool

**WHAT TO DO**

- > Lie down in shade or air-conditioning
- > Drink water
- > Cool compress or tea towel
- > Cool shower or bath

**WHAT TO DO**

- > Call 000 immediately
- > Reduce temperature until ambulance arrives

## HEAT STROKE - KNOW THE SIGNS!

with temperatures predicted to reach 41 degrees for the next few days it is important to know the signs and symptoms and heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

[Check weather here.](#)

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## 16 January, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

0.351 reading brings drink drive charge -Wahroonga

Tuesday, 15 January 2019 02:42:54 PM

A Carlingford man will appear in court next month after returning an alleged blood alcohol reading six times over the 0.05 limit.

About 3.25pm yesterday a number of complaints were received about the way a Kia Rio was being driven on Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills.

The reports included that the vehicle was swerving across the lanes, mounting the centre median and generally driving in an erratic manner. A description of the vehicle was broadcast by police radio.

Around 10 minutes later, officers from Kuring-Gai Highway Patrol spotted the car travelling north on the M1 at Wahroonga.

The car was stopped and its driver was spoken to. A roadside breath test returned a positive result.

The 46-year-old man was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where a subsequent breath analysis obtained an alleged reading of 0.351.

The Carlingford man's drivers licence was confiscated and suspended. He was charged with driving with a high range PCA and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on 14 February 2019.

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### **16 January, from Energy Australia**

SCAM ALERT: Please be aware of scam emails that are currently in circulation. If you receive a suspicious email please report this to us via: [staysafe@energyaustralia.com.au](mailto:staysafe@energyaustralia.com.au) and delete it immediately.

We take scam activity seriously and have reported this latest hoax to the relevant authorities to investigate. If you believe your account or personal details have been compromised, please contact the ACCC Infocentre [here](#). For more info please visit [here](#).

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15 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ⚠️ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ⚠️



Every single day the police are getting reports of innocent, vulnerable victims who have been scammed by people pretending to be from the [Australian Taxation Office](#) or [Australian Federal Police](#) who DEMAND payment for “outstanding debts” with the victim buying THOUSANDS of dollars worth of iTunes or google play cards.

The scammers use every trick in the book but mostly use scare tactics to get what they want.

NO GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION will EVER ask for payment via this method.

Furthermore, no government organisation will demand payment whilst you remain on the phone threatening they will send police to come and arrest you if you hang up!

Regardless of how much we post this message, people are STILL getting scammed.

PLEASE: We need your help! Share this post. Discuss this post with your friends and family members who may not be exposed to Facebook or media releases on social media.

The more these CRIMINALS get away with this, the more they continue to try. 😞

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**15 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: QUESTION TIME**



Can I use the GPS function on my mobile phone when I'm driving?

Yes, if you have a full, unrestricted licence. You can use a mobile phone as a driver's aid, such as GPS, as long as it is secured in a mounting fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure your view of the road.

You cannot hold your phone to use the GPS function.

No, if you have a learner or provisional licence, you are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving.

For more information visit [road safety site](#).



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**From Hornsby Advocate, 17 January [\[link here\]](#)**

**Shock over stabbings [Page 02] Edited**

THE mayor and residents say they are "shocked" by a vicious brawl in leafy

Turrumurra which left six teenagers with knife wounds and a man facing several charges.

Ku-ring-gai Mayor Jennifer Anderson said: “We are obviously shocked by this incident and extend our sympathies to those injured and their families. The council is ready to offer any assistance required in the police investigation of what took place.”

Neighbourhood Watch area co-ordinator Carroll Howe said: “I can’t believe it. It’s very odd that this has happened (in Turrumurra) but there’s a lot of odd behaviour going on everywhere at present.”

She said she never had any concerns when her three sons, now all adults, were growing up in Turrumurra.

“I always regarded it as safe.

But a knife is a lethal weapon. What do we do — make them register knives like guns? It’s very sad.”

Six teenagers aged between 15 and 19 who suffered stab wounds to the neck, throat and abdomen in the Saturday night attack were taken to hospital.

Police are still investigating what caused the fight, which broke out in a park on Gilroy Rd, Turrumurra, at 11.40pm after a 34-year-old man left Kiplings Garage Bar on Eastern Rd, Turrumurra.

## **Street Watch [Page 07]**

### **GORDON**

1 A family spotted an alleged would-be thief in a car, wrestled him to the ground and restrained him before police arrived on Saturday night. The family of four spotted the 18-year-old man in one of the cars at 10.50pm when they were unpacking boxes from inside the Darnley St home when he was allegedly inside a 49-year-old woman’s Mercedes station wagon. Her husband then allegedly forced

him out of the car before two teenage children helped restrain him. The family found \$US166 and Lancome perfume. He is expected to be charged.

## **WAHROONGA**

2 A man has been arrested driving more than six times over the limit on the M1 — but he is still well under the most shameful drink drivers caught on the roads. Police said the Carlingford man was arrested on Tuesday after several reports about his Kia Rio swerving across lanes, mounting the centre median strip and driving erratically on Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. The 46-year-old was taken to Hornsby police station where a subsequent breath analysis obtained an alleged reading of 0.351. Three years ago, a woman on the state's north coast was caught driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.486 and a Queensland man was caught with a blood-alcohol level of 0.48.

## **COWAN**

3 A 17-year-old Morisset motorbike rider was charged with negligent driving after allegedly riding 65km/h in a 55km zone on the Pacific Highway on Friday at 1.30pm. Police said he was 1km north of the Pie in the Sky shop.

## **HORNSBY**

4 A Hornsby woman, 52, was charged after allegedly shoplifting at QBD book shop and FreshCorp fruit shop on Sunday. Police allege she stole \$23 worth of books and \$182 of meat, juice, fruit and eggs at the Westfield shops between 10.30am and 10.45am.

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**From the North Shore Times, 17 January [\[link here\]](#)**

**Stabbing accused faces court [Page 05] Edited**

A 34-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with multiple offences after six teenagers were stabbed in a vicious brawl in Turramurra.

The Hornsby man faces one count of affray and six of wounding with intent to commit grievous bodily harm. He had been under police guard in Westmead Hospital but has since been released. He is now being held in custody after bail was refused during a mention in Hornsby Local Court, police sources said.

Six teenagers aged between 15 and 19 suffered stab wounds to the neck, throat and abdomen in the attack last Saturday night and were treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital.

The fight broke out in a park on Gilroy Rd, Turramurra, at 11.40pm after a man left Kiplings Garage Bar on Eastern Rd, Turramurra.

The stabbings cap a summer of rising knife crime. There have been at least 14 incidents since Christmas, including one which left a man dead inside the Church of Scientology in Chatswood.

### **Woman thanks Howard for DV intervention [Page 09]**

THE woman at the centre of a heated domestic violence incident on a Wollstonecraft street has spoken out to praise former prime minister John Howard for stepping forward to protect her.

Sonja Mooney, 44, and her male partner, were involved in a scuffle outside the block of flats where they live in Wollstonecraft on January 8 just as the sprightly ex-politician passed by on his daily walk. Mr Howard, 79, has been hailed a hero for deciding to stop and say something to the pair, who then stopped fighting. They had both been drinking.

The man, 47, then ran inside the flats in Milner Cres to call the police while Mr Howard waited with Ms Mooney on the street until officers arrived.

Ms Mooney, a qualified chef and mother of three, is her partner's full-time carer. He has a mental health condition.

As a result of the fight she was charged with breaching an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order. One of the order's conditions is that she not be in the company of her partner for at least 12 hours after she has been drinking.

Outside Manly Court on Tuesday Ms Mooney, who arrived in Sydney from Perth about a year ago, thanked Mr Howard.

"He came over to help after he saw us in a bit of a scuffle," she said. "I thank him for that. He was very nice and offered to stay with me. We talked a bit until the police turned up."

Ms Mooney pleaded guilty to the breach and told Magistrate Christopher Longley, through her solicitor, that she apologised for the incident. Mr Longley dismissed the charge.

#### **Cannabis Arrest [Page 16]**

ON Wednesday January 9, a search warrant was executed at a residential unit complex on Herbert Street, St Leonards. Police uncovered more than 190 Cannabis plants, some measuring more than a metre tall. Also located was almost 1kg of green vegetable matter, also believed to be Cannabis. A 57-year-old male was arrested at the scene and taken to Chatswood Police Station, he has been charged with offences relating to the possession, cultivation and supply of a prohibited drug. He was granted conditional bail to appear before Hornsby Local Court later this month.

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#### **21 January, from NSW Household Problem Wastes**

New Chemical CleanOut dates are now online. Drop off your old and unwanted chemicals from around your home and garage for free. Find an upcoming event near you [here](#).

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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.

**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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**21 January, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Sydney family charged over international baby formula syndicate**

A family that runs a humble suburban newsagency is allegedly behind a baby formula syndicate orchestrating the theft and export of more than \$1 million worth of stolen baby formula, Manuka honey and vitamins overseas.

Four members of the Ke family, who run a Carlingford newsagency, have been charged over their roles in the alleged operation which police say employed thieves to steal the formula from supermarkets across NSW.

Read full story [here](#).

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**21 January, from [perthnow.com.au](http://perthnow.com.au)**

With confirmation that at least 4 of the recent festival deaths were due to an MDMA (the substance users want in their ecstasy) overdose, this WA article illustrates just

how variable the contents of pills and capsules can be. In the last 6 months less than half of pills analysed by WA's ChemCentre contained MDMA - instead the most likely drug to be found was MDA (a more potent and more hallucinogenic substance than MDMA). A well-balanced piece - no hysteria, just the facts!  
For details click [here](#).

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### **21 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Double Demerits 25 - 28 January**

Double Demerits are in force Friday 25 to Monday 28 January inclusive. Police are targeting speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and motorcycle helmet offences. We all have a part to play in reducing the road toll. Watch video [here](#).

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### **21 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Take illegal drugs and drive? Stop it...Or cop it**

Right now, Police in your area are targeting motorists who take illegal drugs and drive.  
If you're caught, you could face a heavy fine and could even lose your licence.  
Read details [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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### **18 January, from dailymail.co.uk: Family lose their entire \$17,000 life savings in just seconds after hackers sent a text message pretending to be from Commonwealth bank**

- A West Australian couple lost \$17,000 through a text message banking scam
- MiYoung Lee and Eunsub Jeong received text claiming to be from their bank
- Ms Lee gave personal details which enabled scammers to swap her SIM card

Full story [here](#).

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## 18 January, From PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring Gai Waitara: Free Safer Internet Evening



17 January, from Australian Federal Police



#WANTED for alleged child sex offences committed in Slovenia.

Have you seen this man?

Police are seeking assistance from the public in locating Joze Smit (aka Joza Smit and Joseph Smit) - a 58-year-old Slovenian national wanted for child sex offences committed in his home country. He was last seen in October 2018, in the Melbourne suburb of Essendon. This age-progressed image is an artist's impression of what he may look like today.

An arrest warrant has been issued which will help us to have him extradited back to Slovenia. He is approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall and of stocky build, with a fair complexion, balding dark hair and brown eyes.

People who may be friends or family of Smit, have any information on his current whereabouts, or possess recent images of him, are urged to come forward.

Members of the public should not approach Mr Smit if they believe they have had contact with him, or are aware of his location, as he is considered dangerous.

If you have any information please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

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**17 January, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au): Vicious park brawl leads to court**

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Full story [here](#).

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## **17 January, from NSW Police Force**

Five males are in custody after replica firearms were seized in Chatswood overnight.

About 6.30pm (Wednesday 16 January 2019) officers from North Shore Police Area Command were called to a shopping centre on Spring Street, Chatswood, after reports of a group of males with firearms.

About 6.40pm, police arrested an 18-year-old man, and four teenage boys aged 17, outside a Chatswood supermarket.

Three were taken to Chatswood Police Station, and two were taken to North Sydney Police Station where they are assisting with inquiries.

No one was physically injured during the incident.

A number of replica firearms have been seized.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information is urged to come forward.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [site here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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## UK Cop Humour



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### 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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**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



[WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

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