



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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2 February, from Newtown Fire Station



CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

We returned to the station to find Newtown Police changing our sign.

This means war.

2 February, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

We've got your back, online and off. Join us on Tuesday 5th February for a free presentation on Internet Safety @ 7pm-8pm, suitable for children aged 8 - 18 years and mums and dads.

31 January, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Weekly fast five: Police news across the Hornsby Shire

Thornleigh

A 44-year-old Wahroonga woman has been charged with high-range drink driving after crashing her car on the way to picking up her child from daycare.

The woman mounted a kerb on Bellevue St last Thursday, crashing her Honda Accord into a stationary Hyundai about 11.50am.

The crash caused significant damage to both vehicles.

Police arrived soon after and the woman allegedly said she was on her way to pick up her son from daycare.

She failed a breath test and was taken to Hornsby police station where she returned a breath analysis of 0.253 — five times the legal blood-alcohol limit.

Her licence has been suspended and she is due to appear at Hornsby Court on Thursday, February 14.

Hornsby

Two classrooms have been vandalised at Hornsby South Public School with the word “sorry” painted across one wall with black paint.

Vandals broke into two classrooms between 3pm on Friday and 7.30am on Tuesday.

Yellow, white and blue paint was also splashed across multiple walls and in draws in the two classrooms.

Hornsby

Three gold watches and a ring were stolen from a property on Old Berowra Rd last Wednesday.

The property was broken into between 10am and 1.30pm. A window was forced open and a flyscreen removed to gain entry.

Hornsby

A store owner at Westfield Hornsby will face court after making a phony call to police stating a customer was threatening him with a knife.

Police rushed to his aid about 1.45pm last Tuesday only to find he had made up the story.

He allegedly told police he made up the narrative so they would get there faster, following a heated argument with a customer over a refund on a phone.

Police spoke with the customer and also watched CCTV footage but no knife was seen or found.

The store owner has been charged with false representation resulting in police investigation and is due to appear at Hornsby Court on Wednesday, March 20.

Mt Colah

A P-plater from Hornsby has been charged with low-range drink driving after being stopped on the Pacific Highway about 1.55am on Monday.

The 19-year-old man returned a breath analysis of 0.068 and is due to front court on Thursday, February 21. The blood-alcohol limit for P-platers is zero.

If you have any information about the above crimes which could assist police please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

30 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Lights flash on the back of buses to warn motorists that they're picking up or dropping off kids.

Slow down to 40km/h when the lights on buses are flashing. Keep our kids safe. They're counting on you.

More info [here](#). Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

5 February, from esafety.gov.au: Safer Internet Day 2019

Today is Safer Internet Day. If you have not looked at this website as a parent, carer, teacher or student, you are missing out on something. This is one stop for everything you need to know!

Details [here](#).

5 February, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer



One school of thought to deal with bullies

5 February, from dailymail.co.uk: Unrepentant conmen are caught red-handed ripping off HUNDREDS of Australians as \$250,000-a-day Philippines scam factory is shut down

A group of brazen fraudsters have been caught ripping off hundreds of Australians in a sophisticated investment scam.

Dramatic footage captured the moment the Philippines Police Force special operations unit raided the Manila-based headquarters of the international scam operation to shut it down and make a series of arrests.

It follows an extensive investigation into the scam where fraudsters cold-called hundreds of Australians offering a deal on fake shares in real companies.

Read details [here](#).

3 February, from Cootamundra HQ



If you are thinking of driving through flooded roads, no matter how shallow you think they are, please remember this photo. "If it's flooded, forget it"

3 February, from Hawkesbury Police Area Command: Thank You!



This what heroes look like. Not sports people. Not movie actors. Tasmanian firefighters, backed up by similar heroes from around Australia and New Zealand. Well done gentlemen!

2 February, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives, shared from Kuringai Living page

WARNING ⚠️

Just a warning for our kids to be extra vigilant. Someone tried to mug my 13yr old son Mal this afternoon just after 5pm. This occurred at the strip of shops in Gordon on the pacific hwy.

He was asked to empty his pockets which he did. With nothing of value in them the guy asked him to empty his bag. He refused, the guys asked again, again he refused and started to run. The guy grabbed his bag but he was able to get away & ran towards the police station.

Statements have been given & police are aware but wanted to spread the word to be extra careful.

From Hornsby Advocate, 31 January [\[link here\]](#)

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HORNSBY

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footage but no knife was seen or found. The store owner is due to appear at Hornsby Court on March 20.

HORNSBY

A 49-year-old homeless man has caused \$10,000 damage to a public elevator after ramming its door with a Coles trolley. The incident happened about 4.25pm last Tuesday near the foot bridge connecting the station with the Westfield mall. Hornsby Shire Council, which operates the elevator, notified police of the damage. The man has been banned from Westfield Hornsby.

Upgrade for fatal stretch [Page 2] Edited

THE NSW Government has committed \$1.5 million to upgrade The Esplanade and Duffy Ave at Thornleigh following crashes that took the lives of two young people.

Pennant Hills High School student Dylan Langhorne, 14, was killed on his way to school on November 28.

He was a passenger in the car his 17-year-old brother was driving when it was in a collision with a Land Rover and hit two parked cars on The Esplanade.

The death came just months after another Pennant Hills student, Elliott Bennett, 17, was killed when his car careered into a parked tow truck on the same road.

The two deaths were among 17 serious incidents that have occurred on The Esplanade and Yarrara Rd since 2013, according to NSW Transport crash statistics.

Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean said the \$1.5 million would contribute to the reconfiguration of the signalised intersection and reduce the speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h.

School cladding a safety concern [Page 5] Edited

HORNSBY'S Barker College is yet another school in Sydney believed to contain potentially combustible cladding.

A Hornsby Council and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) investigation, commissioned after London's Grenfell Tower inferno in 2017, reported buildings at the school were "most likely to contain" the highly-flammable material, alongside confirmed reports an administrative building at Oakhill College, Castle Hill, contained combustible cladding.

Barker College headmaster Phillip Heath said the school requested FRNSW investigate cladding in one area of the school "where some concerns were held".

"Following their review they deemed that no further action was required by Barker College," Mr Heath told the Advocate.

"Our first priority is always for the safety of our students and staff and we take very seriously any issue such as this."

Cherrybrook Village shopping centre and Hornsby RSL Club were also identified as having Grenfell Tower-style combustible cladding.

**From the North Shore Times, 31 January [\[link here\]](#)
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EAST KILLARA

2 BETWEEN 11am and 3.30pm on Tuesday an unknown number of offenders gained entry to a property in Koola Ave via a ground-floor rear door. Police said the offenders ransacked a closet in the master bedroom and a study, stealing \$1200 from a box in the closet. Police officers from Ku-ring-gai local area command are continuing to investigate the matter.

KILLARA

4 BETWEEN 8am and 4pm on Tuesday offenders entered the ground floor of a two-bedroom unit in Culworth Ave by removing a flyscreen and opening a closed but unlocked ground- floor side balcony window. The offenders made off with more than \$20,000 in cash. At the time of reporting it does not appear that any other property had been stolen.

GORDON

6 AROUND 2am on Monday, a 44-year-old Hornsby man, driving a black Nissan Patrol, was stopped at a RBT site on the Pacific Highway. The man allegedly returned a positive reading. He was taken to Gordon Police Station for a breath analysis, which allegedly returned a reading of 0.189. He was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice to attend Hornsby Local Court on Thursday, February 28, charged with driving with high-range PCA.

Ku-ring-gai citizens honoured [Page 18]



(From left) Community Aid Service volunteers from Lifeline, Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Lea James (Citizen of the Year), Wal Knowles (Senior Citizen of the Year) and The Mirrabooka Singers who received the award for Outstanding Service to the Ku-ring-gai Community. Absent is Melissa Li, Young Citizen of the year who was unable to attend the ceremony.

SOME of Ku-ring-gai's most selfless citizens were recognised at Australia Day celebrations at Bicentennial Park in West Pymble.

The Ku-ring-gai Australia Day Awards are presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the local community.

Ku-ring-gai's 2019 Citizen of the Year is Lea James. Lea provides volunteer help at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club for up to 20 hours per week, despite working two jobs and looking after her family of four. Lea coaches Special Olympics bowling athletes and teaches bowls to all ages. She is also in charge of marketing for the club and is helping increase the range of services the club provides.

This year, two group awards were presented, with the first going to the Mirrabooka Singers. For 50 years, the Mirrabooka Singers have been providing musical entertainment for nursing homes, hospitals and seniors groups.

The second group award for outstanding service to the Ku-ring-gai community went to the Community Aid Service Volunteers from Lifeline. The community aid service volunteers provide social support to people 65 years or older.

Young Citizen of the Year is Killara resident Melissa Li who is a passionate speaker and advocate for racial and women's equality.

Senior Citizen of the Year Award went to Wal Knowles who has taken on a number of volunteering roles in the community, co-ordinating the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group, the East Killara Bushcare group and local tennis groups. He is a contributor to the Lindara Family Program through the Killara Uniting Church which offers support to families in extreme distress. Wal is also president of the Bradfield Probus group.

Dates for the Diary:

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.

1 February, Salmonella warning - check your eggs

1 February 2019

The NSW Food Authority is urging people to check their kitchens for any eggs that are marked with the identifying stamp BEC or BEC115 because they may be contaminated with a particular type of Salmonella.

The stamp BEC or BEC115 will be found on the shell of individual eggs, not on the carton.

Details [here](#).

1 February, from Ku-ring-gai Council

Have your say on the future of our waste service.

Council is currently developing a new Residential Waste Strategy. We want to know what you think about local waste services currently provided, as well as potential changes to services in the future.

Survey closes Monday 11 February. [Click here](#).

1 February, from abc.net.au: Domestic violence and a simple tool called the 'No Test' could identify an abusive partner

Emma* was 17 years old when she met 22-year-old Tom* at a party.

Describing herself as "on the chubby side" with low self-esteem, she was initially over the moon when such a seemingly charismatic man was interested in her.

"He'd been having a rough time but I thought all he needed was someone to care for him," she said.

Key points:

- The "No Test" analyses a partner's response to being told "no" for the first time
- Counsellor Rob Andrew says it helps women recognise signs of control
- Mr Andrew also works with men to expose them to their attitudes in a relationship

[Full story here.](#)

31 January, from Loving Living Ku-ring-gai



Organising your bins in 2019

Start with your main blue and yellow bins and print info labels to remember what goes where. Take recycling to the next level by collecting your soft plastics and dropping off at your local supermarket bin. Lastly, use food/organic scraps for your compost/worm farm.

The A-Z of recycling [here](#)

Print stickers for your bins [here](#) or contact Council to have them posted.

*Council also provides 'no plastic bags in recycling bins' stickers.

31 January, from Inner West Police Area Command



Due to the high temperatures in Inner West Police Area Command today, all crime has been cancelled.

Could any persons intending to commit a crime please remain indoors and stay fully hydrated.

Thanks for your co-operation. 🚔 ♀ 🚰 🚔

30 January, from rms.nsw.gov.au: Basic driving techniques

Applying these basic driving techniques correctly, they can make your drive a lot more comfortable.

Check details [here](#).

30 January, from Sydney Trains

Ohhh back to school, back to school... 🧑🎓🧑🎓🧑🎓🧑🎓🧑🎓🧑🎓

It might be a brand new term, but the same old rules apply.

Be super careful around trains, pay attention to your surroundings and most importantly, stay behind that yellow line at all times!

[Rail Safety Education Program here.](#)

Watch video [here.](#)

30 January, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for assistance from the community to locate a man wanted by the Organised Crime Squad.



Chi Kong Chiu, a 57-year-old Chinese National, is wanted on an arrest warrant for the large commercial manufacture of methylamphetamine (ice).

Detectives from the Organised Crime Squad have conducted significant inquiries in an attempt to locate him and are now appealing to the community for assistance.

He is described as being of Asian appearance, about 170cm tall, with a slim to medium build and short dark hair. It is suspected he may have attempted to change his appearance.

Mr Chiu was previously known to frequent the Beverly Hills, Roselands, and Lakemba areas, and is believed to have contacts throughout Sydney's south west and within the Australian Chinese community.

Investigators are seeking information from the community of his current whereabouts.

Anyone with information in relation to Mr Chiu's whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [at this site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

29 January, from NSW Police Force

Marie Kondo your inbox by tidying up your emails and discarding anything like this, because this scam will not spark joy. ✨🌐♀️☐

Beware of a fake Netflix email scam that's going around. The email says your account has been suspended and urges you to click on a link leading you to a Netflix-branded phishing page. If you get this email do not click on links or enter personal data.

Image courtesy of 9 News.

NETFLIX

Your account has been suspended

Dear client,

We've temporarily **suspended** your account due to some issues in the automatic verification process.

For this reason we suspended your account , until you **verify** all required informations and update your payment method. We will provide with all the steps you need to unlock your account. Please follow these instructions after you click on the link below.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Follow these steps :

1. **Login to your account.**
2. Update your **Billing** informations.
3. Update your **Payment** method.

If you do not verify your account, your account will be deleted permanently.

Please help us to clear your status and unlock your account.

Thanks,

Netflix

Please do not reply to this email. To contact us, click on **Contact**.

[Help](#) | [Resolution Center](#) | [Security Area](#)



Back to School for our little munchkins ☺

Wishing you a wonderful start to the new year!

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



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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