



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.

📧 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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February 08, from NSW Road Safety: Lane filtering is legal if you have your

full motorbike licence, are travelling less than 30km/h and it's safe to do so.



[Watch the video here.](#)

Check out our tips for safe lane filtering: ridetolive.nsw.gov.au/tips/Lane-filtering

February 07, from PCYC City of Sydney: Welcome to our Safer Internet Day Presentation - Think U Know - with Thommo and Diana.

[PCYC NSW](#) [NSW Police Force](#) [Kings Cross Police Area Command](#) [Surry Hills Police Area Command](#)



[Watch video here](#) (unavailable to those not on Facebook)

February 07, from Ku-ring-gai command: A great app to download and encourage your family and friends to as well.

Share it with them It could save your life and the lives of others. If you are holidaying or travelling in unfamiliar territory and require the assistance of emergency services then just activate the app.

Emergency+ Smartphone App



The “Emergency +” app is [free to download here](#). It uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help Triple Zero (000) callers provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services.

February 07, from Crime Stoppers: This is real...it is sad...and it affects every one of us.

Please show your loved ones...share it with your friends.



[Watch video here.](#)

These teenagers admit to texting, Facebooking and Snapchatting whilst driving.. watch what happens next. Please... Share with everyone.

February 07, from Crime Stoppers: How does Cannabis (Marijuana, weed, hash, pot) affect your driving?

Cannabis slows down your reactions and reduces your ability to respond to situations. The drug changes your perception of distance and time, lowers your concentration, reduces coordination and makes your drowsy. Cannabis users often don't realise their driving is affected until they are faced with an unexpected situation. It is only after they are in danger that they realise they are incapable of

making a quick or correct decision. Cannabis is just one of the drugs that Mobile Drug Testing detects.

We take info about habitual traffic offenders: drug driving. Report online, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**



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February 06, from NSW Road Safety: Road Safety Quiz

True or false, on a multi-lane road with a speed limit of 80km/h, you mustn't stay in the far right-hand lane.



ANSWER: False, on multi-lane roads with a speed limit of 'more than 80km/h',

motorists mustn't drive in the right-hand lane unless they're:

- overtaking
- turning right or making a U-turn
- avoiding an obstacle
- driving in congested traffic
- driving in a special purpose lane or if there's a Left Lane Must Turn Left sign or a left traffic arrow and the driver is not turning left.

If a Keep Left Unless Overtaking sign is displayed, the requirement applies regardless of the speed limit.



Thanks to Kerrie for volunteering her help, we now have a **Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page**. Please tell your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

<https://www.facebook.com/TurramurraNHW/>

12 February, from Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch: Only 7 more sleeps! See you there.

We will have a crime prevention stall at the 'Everything for Seniors' Day at St Ives Village Green & Community Hall on Tuesday 19 February from 10am til 3pm. We would love to see you there. Please bring any questions or problems we can help you with. Lots of freebies and activities for the kids and big kids alike! Car rego plate locking screws, Little Black Book of Scams, fun photo booth, police dress-ups, colouring-in, book your items to borrow; such as shredder or driveway marking stencil, etc.

[More information here.](#)



Everything for Seniors
TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 10AM- 3PM
St Ives Village Green and Community Hall

TUE, FEB 19 AT 10 AM
Everything for Seniors Day
St Ives Village Green AND Community Hall,...

★ Interested

12 February, from Police in the Area:

**Valentines special, \$500.
We arrest you in front of
your wife & release you on
Tuesday. Includes camping
fee, fishing license, tent,
boere wors and beer.
We come in full police
uniforms & blue lights.**

11 February, from NSW Police: Scamwatch is warning members of the public about a spate of text messages asking for emergency assistance.

These messages are coming from phone numbers not in your mobile contacts. For example, the text message might read, 'Please call me back right away. It is an Emergency I need your help!' People who have called the number back report being verbally abused by a recording on the other end. This is a new and emerging issue. While people have not yet reported losing money as a result of these calls, you may find the content of the recording distressing. Scamwatch therefore advises that you exercise caution or do not respond to these text messages.

11 February, shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group yesterday.

Do you have any cctv or dashcam that may help please?

Our green camry was hit while parked outside no. 12 The Esplanade between 6.30pm and 8pm tonight. Just wondering if anyone saw it happen?

From 'OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR: APARTMENT SECURITY':

Tip #1. Only 'buzz in' those people you know, even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

Tip #2. Be aware of wi-fi security, and items such as baby monitors. Password protect your wi-fi, router, computer, laptops, mobiles, everything!

Tip #3. Secure your storage cage with a good padlock. Triple hinge the cage, with triple locking points. Have a qualified trades person inspect it and advise how best to improve the security.

Tip #4. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

Tip #5. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive. Arrange for your next credit card to be collected at the branch.

Did you know our 20 Tips series is being translated into other languages? See the full list available at our website: NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips/. Request your copy of this or others in the series from: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com or download from the website: NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips/

09 February, from the Australian Federal Police: TRIGGER WARNING – Child exploitation [edited]

We need your attention. If your children regularly use popular social media platforms then you cannot afford to miss this. A 25 year-old Melbourne man was today sentenced to a maximum of 12 years in jail for his lead role in encouraging and coercing children and teenagers into committing horrific sexual abuse – against other children.

Let that sink in for one moment. Children sexually abusing other children after being encouraged, and some cases threatened, to do so by this man from the privacy of his bedroom. He convinced minors and some adults to abuse and record these acts and share them with him – for his entertainment. This self-produced child abuse has wrecked the lives of multiple families here and overseas. He required nothing more than a computer and internet access to have free reign to our children.

From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: What are you doing with your personal and financial records once they're no longer required?

Shredding is the safest way to dispose of this information. We care about your safety at Neighbourhood Watch, all kinds of safety!



Borrow our Neighbourhood Watch shredder. Request via the website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/borrow/

From Hornsby Advocate, 07 February [\[link here\]](#)

[Page 3] Missing boy found safe and sound A YOUNG boy who was reported missing from a primary school in Pennant Hills, sparking a police land and air search, has been “accounted for”. The boy, aged between five and seven, was reported missing after he was seen leaving the school on Tuesday morning on his own. The dog squad and a police helicopter were called in. A resident of Weemala

Rd said the police helicopter circled several times during the morning and announced a message over a loudspeaker. The boy was later accounted for following “a detailed check” by the school, the Education Department said. “The school will be reminding all students of the rules around leaving the school premises,” a spokesman said.

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THORNLEIGH A man stole six bottles of red wine worth \$1125 from a Dan Murphy’s store last Friday night. The man stole the expensive wine about 7pm from the liquor store on The Comenarra Parkway. It is not known how he stole the wine but police said he is of Caucasian appearance, about 35 years old, skinny, 1.8m tall and was wearing baggy clothing and a cap.

HORNSBY A backpack containing thousands of dollars worth of items was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Westfield Hornsby carpark last Thursday between 7.20pm and 8.30pm. The bag contained a laptop, two pairs of headphones and a watch worth \$2200. A window was left down on the vehicle before the bag was stolen.

BEROWRA Four teenage boys were given a move-on direction by police patrolling Berowra Skate Park, on Berowra Waters Rd, after they found containers with cannabis residue in the youths’ possession. Police said the boys were dressed in school uniform about 2pm on Tuesday at the skate park. They asked why they were not in school and the boys produced a timetable showing they had a free period. A plastic bong was seen near the boys.

WAHROONGA A 31-year-old man was given a court notice after driving on a suspended licence. The man was driving a Holden Commodore with Queensland numberplates on the Pacific Highway on Friday about 1.40pm. Police stopped him for a random breath test and, upon running checks, found his licence had been suspended for speeding. His matter will be heard at Hornsby Court on Thursday, February 28.

WAHROONGA A 37-year-old Warrawee man has been charged with midrange drink driving after being stopped on Fox Valley Rd on Saturday about 12.40am . The man, driving a Subaru, was stopped for a random breath test. He was taken to Gordon police station and returned a breath analysis of 0.115. He is due to appear at Hornsby Court on February 28.

WAITARA A man snatched a mobile phone from another passenger’s hand

before exiting a train at Waitara station last Wednesday about 10.15am. He stole the phone as the train was pulling into the station. Police described the man as Pacific Islander in appearance, with a beard, aged 20 to 30, large build and about 1.8m tall. He was wearing a New York Yankees cap, maroon singlet and black thongs.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 12 February [\[link here\]](#)

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KILLARA About 6.25pm last Friday a man was travelling along Fiddens Wharf Rd in a silver Holden Commodore when he mounted the gutter and hit a sandstone brick fence. Both the car and fence were damaged extensively, police said. The man told police he had consumed one bottle of white wine between 1-5pm at his own residence in Killara. He returned a mid-range reading of 0.127. A 58-year-old man will now face court.

GORDON A 13-year-old boy was threatened with a burning cigarette during an attempted robbery last Friday around 5pm on the Pacific Highway near McDonald's. Police said an older teenager threatened to burn him with a cigarette unless he emptied his pockets and his backpack. The boy ran off and his attacker grabbed the strap of the backpack before letting go. Police are examining CCTV footage.

Search on for hospital thief POLICE received four reports of thefts at Royal North Shore Hospital on Australia Day. A number of handbags and wallets were stolen from staff areas and patient's rooms with some containing credit cards that were later used. One victim's Opal card was also used. One theft was recorded on security camera with the offender described as male with fair hair, thongs and a backpack. A wallet was later recovered.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 28 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.

07 February, from NSW Police: Police have appealed to the community for information about a man wanted by virtue of several outstanding warrants.

Zane Mitai, 23, has a number of warrants for his arrest relating to domestic violence and intimidation offences. Police from Chifley Police District have been unable to locate him. Zane is described as being of Pacific Islander/Maori appearance, 175cm tall with a thin build. He has black hair and brown eyes and is known to frequent the Bathurst and Blayney areas. Zane is also known to travel to Sydney.

Police have urged anyone with information about Zane Mitai to contact police immediately. 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.



From Live Traffic NSW (Thanks to Yoel for spotting): KILLARA Pacific Hwy between Powell Street and Marian Street

SCHEDULED ROADWORK Signal maintenance Tue 5 Feb 2019 - Thu 14 Feb

2019

Scheduled lane closures for this week.

Sunday (11:30pm to 5:00am) All directions affected

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Tuesday (11:30pm to 5:00am) All directions affected

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Advice: Reduced speed limit (40km/h) Check signage. Traffic signals at Pacific Hwy, Lorne Av and Spencer Rd will be blacked out and traffic controllers directing traffic on site. Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions are in place to allow motorists to pass in one direction at a time.

Check [Live Traffic NSW here](#) for other scheduled roadworks, changed traffic conditions, etc.

From Inner West command:

A thief broke into my house last night....He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

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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