



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #386 - 05 March 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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#### **4 March, from the [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Ku-ring-gai police welcome new commander Chris Keane**



The Hornsby Shire has some of the lowest crime rates in the state, but that doesn't mean Superintendent Chris Keane has any plans of putting his feet up during his time in charge of Ku-ring-gai police.

Supt Keane took over as the new Ku-ring-gai police commander late last year following the departure of Superintendent Jenny Scholz, who is now in charge of Quakers Hills police.

"I started at the beginning of November and I'm settling in well and really enjoying the area," he told the Advocate.

"I have been looking to get back to a police area command for a couple of years now and the opportunity came up to come to Hornsby."

Supt Keane has a long history working in the NSW Police force stretching back to 1996, including time working in counter terrorism and most recently radio operations.

Supt Keane has introduced some fresh ways to prevent crime in the area.

“In the last month we have just reintroduced bike patrols to try and increase our visibility in the area.”

He said the bike patrols would be used across the region from Gordon right up to Brooklyn.

When asked if some of the communities on the edge of the command, such as Canoelands and Brooklyn, needed closer attention from police he said the response times were already very good.

Supt Keane, who grew up in The Hills and lives in western Sydney, said when he was not working he enjoyed spending time with his family and watching AFL — holding season tickets to the Swans and Giants.

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#### **4 March, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: Message at Gordon Baptist Church**

We want our community to be and feel safe.

We want our community to be comfortable in approaching police and speaking with us.

We are here for you, the community. We are here to help!

This was the message shared today at Gordon Baptist church where we addressed between 60 and 70 people from China, Vietnam, Japan, Korea and Iran.

There were many who have been in Australia for less than a year and in many cases, this was their first up close and personal discussion with a police officer.

We talked about general policing duties, personal safety, internet scams, text scams and mail theft and how best to minimise becoming a victim. We also addressed what to do when an emergency vehicle drives up behind you...and what NOT to do.

We discussed the importance of calling triple zero (000) in an emergency and how and when to report crime through the Police Assistance line on 131444 and Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you would like further information on police community engagements and presentations, please contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 and ask to speak to the Crime Prevention Officer, Senior constable Colin Mitchell

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### **1 March, from 9 News Sydney**

Commissioner Mick Fuller, together with members of the NSW Police Force and the NSW Police Legacy family are taking on the gruelling 96km Kokoda Track in April this year in honour of all our fallen police officers. To donate to this very special cause visit. Visit this [site](#).

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### **1 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Pedestrians are one of our most vulnerable road users and make-up around half of all fatalities from bus crashes in metropolitan areas. When out walking, obey traffic signals and keep alert. Watch video [here](#).

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### **1 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Road Safety Quiz: Is this fully licensed motorcyclist in the picture lane filtering legally?

- a) No
- b) Yes
- c) Yes, under certain circumstances



ANSWER: c) Yes, under certain circumstances

A motorbike rider can legally lane filter, which is to ride between other stopped or slowly moving vehicles that are being driven in two adjacent marked lanes (broken or continuous) in the same direction as the rider, as long as the below criteria are fulfilled:

- the motorbike is being ridden at a speed not exceeding 30km/h
- the motorcyclist holds a full licence
- the motorcyclist isn't riding next to the kerb, next to parked vehicles or in a school zone
- it's safe to do so

Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and bicycle riders, and are warned not to lane filter around trucks and buses.

Road Safety Team

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**28 February, from NSW Police Force: Rural Crime Investigations**

The February edition of [#Rural](#) [#Crime](#) Investigations is out now with Amber Lawrence.

In this episode - see how police are helping the community fight back against criminals by getting rural crime matters before the court, meet the crews from PolAir as they patrol the state from the air, travel to [#Tibooburra](#) and meet a police officer with one of the most remote beats in [#NSW](#) and, meet a [#countrygirl](#) from [#WestWyalong](#) who has brought her love of the country and policing together in the one job.

Rural Crime Investigations – it's all thanks to proud sponsors, Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd. - ARTC, Inland Rail, and the NSW Police Force.

Watch video [here](#).

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**27 February, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai**

Please watch the video below that aired on Today Extra on Channel 9 last Friday morning.

PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai are proud to be part of this amazing project called [D Caf](#) .

With the support of Local Members of Parliament, the Mayor, Local Rotary Clubs and many amazing Volunteers, the pilot program last year was a huge success and has grown beyond that to start 2019.

If you think D Caf could help someone you know, reach out to the D Caf team on their Facebook page.

Watch video [here](#).

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### **27 February, from NSW Police Force**

The NSW Police Force have welcomed five German Shepherd pups at the Dog Unit! 🐶

Thank you to those who cast their vote to name our new recruits. The names have now been shortlisted and will be chosen by the kids from Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick.

Watch video of puppies [here](#).

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### **27 February, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Buses have blind spots. These are at the front, back and the sides of the bus.

Whether you're driving, riding, cycling or walking. [Be Bus Aware](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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**'Can you Spot a Scam? Tax Time Edition'** 2-3pm [Info and booking](#).

**Sunday 17 March:** Ku-ring-gai Chase Fun Run [Info](#)

**Wednesday 20 March:** Tech Savvy Seniors - Intro to online shopping 10-12, Gordon Library. [Info](#).

**Sunday 24 March:** Bobbo Cycle Classic [Info](#)

**Monday 25 March:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 10-11am [Info and booking](#).

**Tuesday 26 March:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 2-3pm [Info and booking](#)

**Wednesday 27 March:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 10-11am [Info and booking](#)

**Thursday 28 March:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Staying Safe on Facebook'** 2-3pm [Info and booking](#).

**Thursday 04 April:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 2-3pm [Info and booking](#)

**Monday 08 April:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Staying Safe on Facebook'** 10:30-11:30am [Info and booking](#).

**Monday 08 April:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 12:30-1:30pm [Info and booking](#)

**Tuesday 09 April:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar

**'Using Data and Public Wi-Fi'** 11:30am-12:30pm [Info and booking](#)

**Tuesday 09 April:** Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar **'Can you Spot a Scam? Tax Time Edition'** 1:30-2:30pm [Info and booking](#).

**Sunday 05 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm. Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command will have a crime prevention stall.

**Saturday 25 May:** Novus Foundation 2019 Almost Winter Ball [Info](#).

**Sunday 07 April:** Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

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**From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 28 February** [\[Link here\]](#)

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## **HORNSBY**

A 27-year-old Hornsby man was left bloody and bruised after being attacked by a group of men near The Hornsby Inn on Tuesday night. After leaving the inn about 11.30pm, the man was attacked by a group of five or six males, described as being of Asian appearance. His headphones were stolen and his phone was destroyed in the incident. Police are asking for witnesses to the attack to come forward.

## **HORNSBY**

A 36-year-old Merrylands man is suspected of stealing \$18,500 worth of equipment from Kennards Hire Hornsby. The man hired two large airconditioning units, two generators, an airless sprayer, air compressor and compound saw on Tuesday, February 12. The store contacted police after he failed to return the items. Police said the man has since left the country.

## **MT COLAH**

A Central Coast man has been arrested for assaulting a police officer on the side of the M1 after he got into an argument with his partner. Police were called to the M1 about 6.30pm on Sunday following multiple reports of an intoxicated man on the motorway. When police arrived, they found a 33-year-old man in the shrubbery. Police said he appeared to be heavily intoxicated. He told officers he had an argument with his wife who left him on Pennant Hills Rd. Police will allege he became aggressive and kned an officer in the groin. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station, where he allegedly attempted to headbutt another officer. He will appear in court at a future date on multiple charges including assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

## **WAHROONGA**

A Wahroonga man, aged in his 30s, has been defrauded \$7200 in a scam. Police say he was called by someone pretending to be from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The man was told there was a warrant out for his arrest due to an

outstanding debt. He was asked to purchase iTunes cards worth \$7200 and he gave the scammer the code on the back.

## **HORNSBY**

A white Toyota Kluger was stolen from a carpark at Westfield Hornsby on Tuesday between 11.20am and noon. A witness saw two men take the car before turning right on Muriel St.

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**From The North Shore Times, Thursday, 28 February [\[Link here\]](#)  
Street Watch [Page 14]**

## **WEST PYMBLE**

1 Two men were arrested and charged for a break and enter in Ryde Rd about 1.15pm last Wednesday. A passer-by saw them leaving the house, wearing yellow hi-vis vests, and took photos of the men. After seeing them leave in a vehicle, he noticed that the front door of the house was ajar and called police, who found most rooms ransacked. Police located the vehicle owner and charged him and another man. Both were from Casula.

## **KILLARA**

4 Between last Friday evening and Saturday morning an unknown number of offenders caused damage at Regimental Park using blue spray paint to graffiti illegible words and characters on the external wall of three sheds. Two of the sheds — for tennis and croquet — belong to Kuring-gai Council, while the third houses a Sydney Water pumping station.

## **TURRAMURRA**

5 About 3.10am on Monday, February 18, a man was spotted by police driving at high speed north along Eastern Rd. Police later saw the vehicle continuing at high speed at the northern end of Boundary Rd. Police drove into Jacana Close where

the car pulled up near a dead end. Police saw smoke billowing out of both the front and rear brake ducts. After a roadside breath test, the man was taken to Hornsby police station where a breath analysis returned a reading of 0.086 and he was charged.

## 4 March, from Hornsby / Kuring gai Rural Fire Service: Hazard Reduction Burn in Killara on Saturday 9th March

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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### NOTICE OF PRESCRIBED HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING

**1 March 2019**

We wish to advise you that NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) will be conducting Bush Fire Hazard Reduction burning in your local area. The purpose of the burn is to reduce bush fire fuel levels and provide protection to local community assets. The works are scheduled to be conducted at:

**Bushland – south Lourdes Retirement Village Stanhope Rd Killara**

The burn is scheduled to be conducted on  
**Saturday 9th March 2019**

The operation will depend on suitable weather conditions. If weather conditions are unfavourable on the scheduled day, this notice will remain valid and the burn will be rescheduled. Notifications regarding rescheduled burns are posted to the NSWRFS web site.

**INFORMATION & UPDATES:**

- Visit the NSW Rural Fire Service web site [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line **1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)**.
- Download the free smart device application 'Fires Near Me NSW'

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, during the burn:**

- Local residents should close doors and windows to prevent smoke entering homes.
- People who suffer breathing difficulties should remain indoors and take normal health precautions.
- Surrounding roads may be affected by smoke. Be aware of emergency personnel and vehicles on roads.
- Walking tracks and trails in the area will be closed during the operation.
- Obey the instructions of traffic controllers and emergency service personnel.



NOTE: This map is only an indication of the general burn area. Boundaries are not precise.

<p><b>Postal address</b> NSW Rural Fire Service Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District Po Box 472 Hornsby NSW 1630</p>	<p><b>Street address</b> NSW Rural Fire Service Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District 1049 Pacific Hwy Cowan NSW 2081</p>	<p><b>T</b> (02) 9653 2000 <b>F</b> (02) 9653 2024 <a href="http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</a></p>
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## 2 March, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a teenager missing from the North Shore area since Wednesday.

Trystien Caceres, aged 19, was last seen at a home on Ryries Parade, Cremorne on Wednesday evening (Wednesday 27 February 2019).

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command were notified of his disappearance the following day and commenced a search without success.

Police and family members hold concerns for his welfare.

Trystien is described as being of Caucasian appearance, with a medium build, approximately 180-185cm tall, with brown hair, and brown eyes.

Anyone with information about Trystien is urged to contact police immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [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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**2 March, from PRODUCTSAFETY.GOV.AU: Kmart Australia Ltd — Anko Wooden Shape Sorting House**

Product description:

Anko Wooden Shape Sorting House

Keycode - 42708391

Read details [here](#).

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**2 March, from target.com.au: Target Smart Trike Recall**

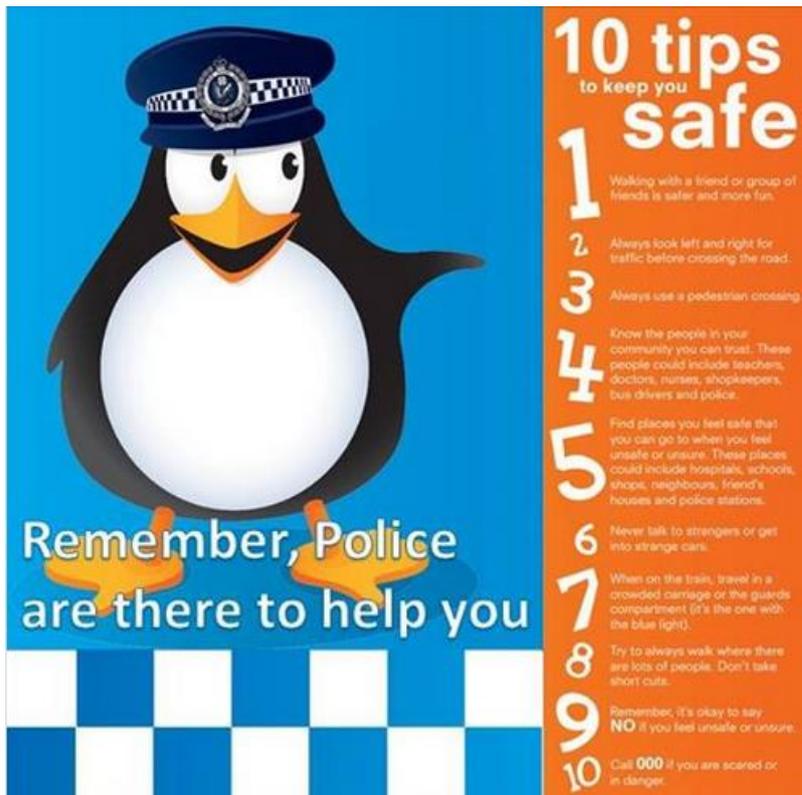
Sold at Target Australia Stores including Target Country and online from May 2007 to July 2018 inclusive

Defect: These products have some of the features of a stroller, but are unsafe for use as a stroller as they do not have a parking brake, tether strap, or relevant warnings as required by the mandatory standard 'Trade Practices Act 1974 Consumer Protection Notice No. 8 or 2007 – Consumer Product Safety Standard for Prams and Strollers.'

Read details [here](#).

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**2 March, from Napean Police Area Command: KEEPING THEM SAFE...**



Helping children identify the safe adults in their community, as well as safe places to go when they are lost, feeling unsafe or frightened or are in danger.

Enabling children to develop their own personal safety strategies, to respect their bodies and their personal space, to feel empowered with the ability to say NO and seek help when they feel unsafe or unsure, and to have the confidence to tell a trusted adult if they are being harmed in any way.

Help Keep Them Safe

For more click [here](#).

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## 2 March, from Mt Druiitt Police Area Command



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## 2 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Safety Town is a road safety website for primary school students, teachers and families. It contains a number of interactive digital bus safety activities such as Agent Walker: Operation Safe Transit. Visit this [site](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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## 2 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW

DID YOU KNOW that through the online Community Portal you can report:

- ☹ Lost Property
- ☹ Intentional damage and Graffiti
- ☹ Theft

For More information please visit [this site](#).

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### **28 February, from Hornsby Shire Council**

HAVE A TREE | They are good, they are green, they are free! Our next tree pick-up days will be coming Wednesday 6 March and if you cannot make it during the week, we will have another one on Saturday 9 March, both 10am till noon at our community nursery in Pennant Hills.

All you need to do is request a tree and have your pick [here](#).

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### **27 February, from NSW Food Authority**

#### **NAME & SHAME LIST**

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 28 premises added
- 31 premises publication period expired

Visit this [site](#).

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### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

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

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-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: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)**

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](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



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



**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

**Local Facebook pages:**



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



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 [Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

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