



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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12 March, from NSW Police Force: Dating and romance scams - don't let them break your heart or wallet

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
If a love interest asks for money,
They're trying to scam you. 🌹❤️

[Head here for information on romance scams:](#)

11 March, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



About 12.40pm Sunday 10th of March, 2019 Traffic Taskforce Police and RMS Inspectors were targeting south bound trucks on the M1 for vehicle compliance, work diary checks and drug and alcohol testing. A white Western Star refrigerated semi trailer travelled from Brisbane with a full load of Bananas headed for Sydney markets was stopped at the Chinderah Heavy Vehicle inspection site. The driver a

53 year old Nanango (QLD) resident was drug tested at the scene, where he tested positive to Methylamphetamine roadside.

Checks on the prime movers QLD registration show it to be unregistered. Police and RMS also found "Ghost" covers were fitted to the front and rear number plates of the prime and rear trailer. Police and RMS conducted an Engine Control Module download of the truck where a speed tampering device "wizzer" was found fitted to the truck. The device was located within the cabin which was operated by a switch. When operated the vehicle's speedometer gave a reading while stationary of about 80kph.

The driver was arrested and conveyed to Tweed Heads Police station where he again returned a positive second test for Methylamphetamine. The driver was issued with a prohibition from driving for 24 hours.

Checks on the drivers National Heavy Vehicle work diary showed various administrative errors made.

Pending the final Drug analysis, the driver will be charged with the following;

- 1) drive with illicit substance present in saliva (2nd offence)
- 2) Tamper with speed limiter fitted to heavy vehicle

The driver has since been issued with infringement notices for;

* 2 x Use class B or C vehicle displaying misleading etc number plate \$673 x 2 and 6 demerit points

* 3 x heavy vehicle work diary infringement notices

The company is receiving an infringement notice for permitting use of an unregistered class c vehicle.

The speed tampering device was removed and seized by Police and the vehicle was defected as a result.

10 March, from Inner West Police Area Command



7 March, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



If anyone sighted this vehicle on Pennant Hills Road and obtained the registration, please let us know.

7 March, from NSW Police Force: 2019 Kokoda Trek



Donations, no matter how big or small, will go toward helping the families of our fallen police officers.

More info [here](#).

A little humour to end your day:

While on patrol in our local area, police spotted an elderly lady knitting while driving her vehicle.

Police attempted to pull her over and activated their lights and sirens, but she continued to drive.

Police drove up beside her and the observer wound his window down while indicating to the lady to wind her window down as well.

She did this and the police officer called out to her, “pull over, pull over” with the lady replying, “No officer, cardigan”

Have a great day 😊



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 12 March: Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar 'Safer Online Shopping & Banking' 10:30-11:30am [Info and booking](#).

Thursday 14 March: Office of the eSafety Commissioner FREE online webinar '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](#).

Monday 25 March: General Meeting - Neighbourhood Watch Area Gordon 3/4 at 7.30pm, Lounge Area of the Uniting Church, Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra

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.

From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 7 March [\[Link here\]](#)

Attack leaves man with scar [\[Page 09\]](#)

TWO teenagers have been sentenced in relation to a home invasion and assault more than a year ago, after a group of teenagers travelled from Galston to Maroota and assaulted the victim with a set of knuckledusters.

The home invasion and assault happened on November 2, 2017, at a property on Old Northern Rd.

In a statement of agreed facts, four teenagers, aged 17 and 18, arrived outside the address in a Subaru.

Three of the teenagers ran up the driveway wearing balaclavas while one remained in the car.

The getaway driver, Adam Christopher Thorndike, 19, from Galston, was sentenced to a community correction order for a period of two years and must complete 75 hours of community service work.

The statement said the group confronted the victim, Miles Browning, who was coming out of the garage after hearing dogs barking.

One of the teenagers punched Mr Browning in the face while wearing knuckledusters — causing bleeding and a cut to his cheek.

Mr Browning still has a scar on his face from the attack, the court heard.

A woman who was with Mr Browning called triple-0.

The teens searched a bag in one of the rooms before running back to the car empty handed.

All four were charged by police with enter building/ land with intention to commit indictable offence and assault occasioning actual bodily harm in company of others.

The teenager who punched Mr Browning pleaded guilty and was released on probation for nine months in a children's court in January.

Sam Stewart Flecknoe, 19, from Galston, will be sentenced at Parramatta Local Court on Thursday, March

21. The fourth teenager is due to be sentenced in the children's court tomorrow.

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HORNSBY

A teenager was allegedly set upon and glassed on a train after he and a group of friends asked a couple who were fighting to quieten down. The 19-year-old had to be treated by paramedics at Hornsby train station following the incident which happened about 12.30am on Sunday. Shocking video has emerged which shows a woman allegedly striking the teenager in the back of the head with a bottle before he starts to bleed in front of startled friends on the Wynyard to Hornsby line. The teenager's mum said her son and his friends were heading home to the Central Coast when a couple, who had been fighting, moved into their carriage. The mother said the boy and his friends asked them to be quiet before the incident occurred. He required 10 stitches to his head following the incident, his mum said. A 30-year-old woman from Hamlyn Terrace has been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. A 30-year-old man from Woongarra has also been charged with two counts of assault causing actual bodily harm.

WEST PENNANT HILLS

Two properties were broken into within a short distance of each other and a car stolen overnight on Saturday. A laptop, wallet and car keys were stolen from a property on Alana Drive between 10pm on Saturday and 7am on Sunday. A grey VW sedan was also stolen from the address. Another property on nearby Tanglewood Place was also broken into between 1am and 5am on Sunday, where a mobile phone and other items were stolen. Police are investigating.

CHERRYBROOK

Police found a bong in a parked car at Greenway Park last Thursday night. Police were patrolling the park at 10pm when they saw two people in a car. Police allege the car had a strong cannabis smell and a search uncovered a small amount of cannabis and a bong. A 19-year-old in the driver's seat, from West Pymble, was given a cannabis caution.

WEST PENNANT HILLS

A 26-year-old man was arrested after allegedly being found in possession of housebreaking tools and mail not belonging to him. Police spoke to a Quakers Hill man, about 12.10pm last Wednesday, who was parked on Hannah St. The car he was in was not registered and had Victorian number plates. Inside the car, police allegedly found a black balaclava, gloves, a screw driver and keys to another car. The man also allegedly had mail belonging to a person from Beecroft in his possession. He was charged with goods in custody and possessing housebreaking implements.

**From The North Shore Times, Thursday, 7 March [\[Link here\]](#)
Pymble business manager avoids prison term [\[Page 15, Edited\]](#)**

THE former general manager of a Pymble market research business has avoided prison after embezzling more than \$300,000 from the company — a sentence which the company's chairman has labelled "fairly light".

Dimitrios Casdas, 44, from Chipping Norton, was sentenced at Hornsby Local Court on Monday to a term of 19 months imprisonment to be served by way of intensive correction in the community.

The father of two was also ordered to complete 400 hours of community service work.

Mr Casdas worked at Quality Online Research as general manager from 2010 to 2016.

During that time, police facts stated that he made 677 transactions on behalf of the business into his own Pay-Pal account or into falsified PayPal accounts.

Those transactions totalled \$315,746.

Mr Casdas paid back the money after a settlement was reached in 2016.

However, following a police investigation, Mr Casdas was charged last year with 18 counts of dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception in relation to the embezzled money.

Magistrate Bruce Williams sentenced him on Monday for one count of dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception — relating to \$78,000 taken from the business — and he also took into account the further 17 charges under what is called a Form One.

Gun threat made [Page 21]

Just after 9:30pm, 4th March, an unknown male approached a traffic control operator at the Lady Game Dr and Bowes Ave, Lindfield intersection. He was driving what was described as a black Mercedes C63 sedan. He demanded to be let through, before producing a handgun and threatening to shoot, before leaving. He is described as male, Middle Eastern appearance, 20-30 years old, short black hair, tattoo covering left hand. Anyone with information, please contact North Shore Police on 9414 8499 or Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au).

11 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council



Make someone's day and wave.

Too many crashes are caused by impatience and a simple lack of courtesy. Courtesy and respect for fellow road users makes driving more enjoyable and more importantly, keeps our roads safer.

11 March, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command

It was a little before 1am when her phone went 'ding'.

It was an urgent alert from the bank saying there'd just been a transaction on her account.

\$4 from a local all-night store.

Around two minutes later another alert, this time for a \$10 transaction.

Then things quickly escalated.

Over the next half-hour, three more alerts for much bigger amounts:

- \$899 for an on-line purchase from an electronics store
- \$200 on a gaming website
- another \$188.

Despite the hour, the 44-year old Dee Why woman was able to contact her bank to have the card cancelled before the thief could take any more.

It's thought the replacement card had been stolen from a post box.

8 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience!

Join us for a free workshop for those teaching learner drivers at Council Chambers on 4 April, 6.30pm.

Attending will also put you in the draw to win 1 of 8 Safer Drivers Course vouchers.

Book [here](#).

8 March, from Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives Area



Due Date	09/03/2019 to 10/03/2019
LGA	Ku-ring-gal
Location	62C TRYON ROAD LINDFIELD NSW 2070
Tenure	Local Govt, Crown Land, Other State Govt, Private
HR By	Council, Fire & Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service
Size	4.95811383 ha

Scheduled hazard reduction this weekend in Lindfield.

Check [here](#).

7 March, from North Shore Police Are Command: Have you seen this person?



Chatswood 4/3/19

NS PAC Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the images below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood.

If you know this person please call Chatswood Police Station on 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000.

Ref# E70393147

Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, offenders or potential witnesses.

7 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council: A blast from the past!



Here is a gem from our archives!

In November 1902 an open-air fete was held in a Pymble paddock to help raise funds for the construction of the new [Royal North Shore Hospital](#).

The festivities included a fancy dress cricket match, pony riding, treacle-bun contests and performances by the Police and 5th Regiment bands.

With approx 1,500 people in attendance the fete raised £82 for the new hospital.

A concerned reader has pointed us to a 9News website regarding MOMO online game.

Police claim terrifying 'Momo' online game is linked to 'curse contact' hackers prying for information

For details click [here](#).

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



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

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Local Facebook pages:

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