



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #388 - 19 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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KIA KAHA, from NSW Police Force Recruitment Branch



No words can express the sadness at this senseless waste of life. Thinking of the victims and their families as well as our brothers and sisters in the emergency services who are responding to this stupid and pointless act of terrorism.

17 March, from Ku-RIng-Gai SES

*****BURST WATER MAIN - ROAD CLOSED - KILLARA*****

Our teams are currently on site at a burst water main on Powell St, Killara which is affecting a number of properties in the area.

The road is closed and people are advised to avoid the area.

Thanks to [Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon & Kuring Gai Police Area Command](#) who are on scene with our crews.

Also big thanks to [Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service](#) who assisted us in filling many sandbags.

Please be advised that this will create delays for our crews attending to other jobs tonight.

[Watch video here.](#)

17 March, from NSW Police Force

Man dies following crash - Brooklyn

Sunday, 17 March 2019

A man has died after a single-vehicle crash in Sydney's north-west yesterday.

Just after 5pm (Saturday 16 March 2019), emergency services attended a crash on the M1 motorway, just south of Brooklyn.

Officers from Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command located a man trapped in a white van, after it's believed the van lost control while travelling south, before crashing into the median strip.

The driver and sole occupant of the van, believed to be 46-years-old, was unable to be revived and died at the scene.

He is yet to be formally identified.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

16 March, from Botony Bay Police Area Command

Statement from NSW Police Force

Following the devastating events in New Zealand, NSW Police want to assure the public there is no ongoing or specific threat to any mosque or place of worship in Sydney or across New South Wales.

However, police have increased patrols and senior officers have also reached out to community and religious leaders across the state to provide support and reassurance.

NSW Police Force will continue to do everything possible to ensure the safety and security of all members of the community and everyone should continue to go about their business without fear.

14 March, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



Police are urging people to LOCK their vehicles and remove valuables (including GPS and DASH Cam) from out of sight. Over the past week, there has been an increase in steal from motor vehicles within the Ku-ring-gai PAC.

Please remove all loose change, wallets, handbags, mobile phones, GPS devices, laptops and anything else of value. Ensure that you lock all windows and doors, even if you are in your driveway.

Avoid parking in secluded areas with little or no street lighting at night.

14 March, from NSW Police Force: Z Litter [Edited]



The NSW Police Dog Unit has officially announced the names of five new canine recruits, as chosen by patients from the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

The five German Shepherd pups – three females and two males – were born on Christmas Eve last year (Monday 24 December 2018) and will be trained as General Purpose dogs.

A list of suggested names starting with the letter 'Z' was provided to the hospital last month. The children researched the names, voted on their favourites and the results were tallied.

The two male pups will be called Zorro and Zoom.

Zorro was a popular choice among the children for being a “strong warrior name”, while the kids thought Zoom would be able to “run fast and catch the baddies.”

For the girls, Zara was picked because “it’s mummy’s favourite shop”, and Zala because the children liked the way the name sounded when calling out for a puppy.

The final female pup was named Zoe, meaning “life”, and was a top choice among the kids.

13 March, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command: Cannabis Cautions

[Edited]

“They were given a cannabis caution....”

It’s a phrase that never fails to elicit a response from our readers.

Some believe strongly that police should have better things to do than ‘bust’ people for possessing small amounts of the drug.

Others argue just as strongly that cautions are meaningless; the proverbial slap on the wrist for offenders whom they believe should be dealt with more harshly.

Regardless of which side you’re on, for police there is no debate.

We must enforce laws passed in the NSW Parliament.

Cannabis cautions are a case in point.

This law was born of the Drugs Summit held in the NSW Parliament back in 1999.

12 March, from Ku-rin-gai Police Area Command



This day on 12th March 1906.

A little bit of trivia for you.

Did you know the notorious bush ranger, Ned Kelly's half-brother John (also known as Jack Kelly) became a police officer in the Western Australian Police force on this day in 1906? He was initially recruited as a horse breaker and riding instructor and became a Probationary Constable in the Western Australian Police Force and a Second-Class Constable on August 1st of the same year.

Please [click on the link](#) and enjoy this very interesting piece of W.A. Police history.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the vulnerable and elderly.



Neighbourhood Watch creating safer, connected and inclusive communities

Dates for the Diary:

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](#).

Sunday 31 March: Neighbour Day

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](#).

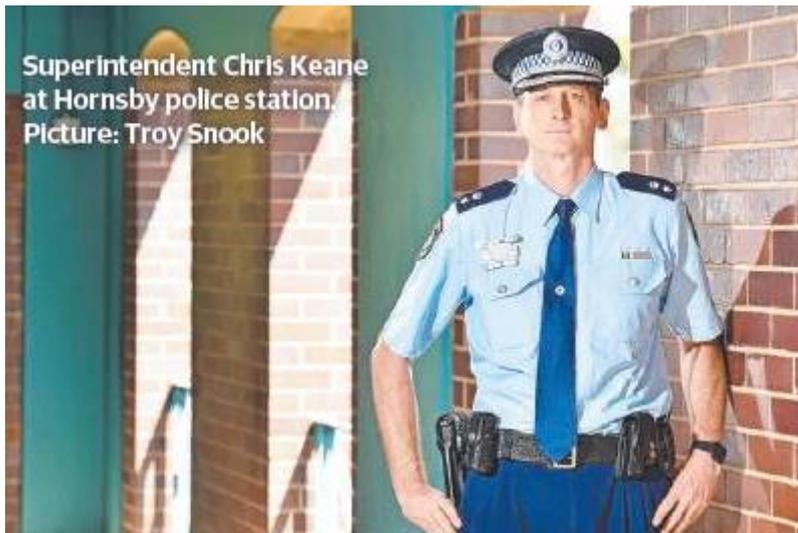
Sunday 05 May: Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm. Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command will have a crime prevention stall.

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

Sunday 07 April: Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 14 March [\[Link here\]](#)

Public Crime Fighters [Page 11]



THE number of homes being broken into across the Hornsby Shire has dropped significantly according to the latest crime statistics.

Break and enter offences in residential dwellings dropped from 314 reported cases in 2017 to 208 reported cases in 2018 — a massive decline of 34 per cent.

The downward trend was highlighted in a crime report released recently.

Ku-ring-gai police Commander Superintendent Chris Keane — who recently took over at the command — said it was good to see.

He said the decline was largely down to the community contacting police when seeing something suspicious.

“The drop in break and enters across the area highlights the diligence of the public in reporting break and enters as they occur, as well as a proactive investigative and forensic response (by police).” He said residents were reminded to keep their properties secure.

“Police always suggest to secure all doors and windows and fit quality locks, fittings and alarms,” Supt Keane said.

Malicious damage to property crimes also dropped across the area by 18 per cent.

“The police at Ku-ring-gai are pleased with the latest results and we will continue to work proactively with members of the community to prevent and disrupt crime in the area,” Supt Keane said.

Street Watch [Page 14]

HORNSBY

A 17-year-old boy has been arrested after allegedly urinating in the fountain outside Hornsby Westfield on Sunday. Police say the boy was spotted in the act about 8.40pm on Sunday. It will be alleged he resisted arrest and police also found a knife in the boy’s pocket. He is due to appear before the children’s court at Surry

Hills on Monday, March 25 for charges including offensive behaviour, resisting police and custody of a knife in a public place.

HORNSBY

A 63-year-old Hornsby man will front court after allegedly being found in possession of 400g of cannabis. Police searched his property on Milner Ave about 10am last Friday. Police allegedly found the large quantity of cannabis, a flick knife and amphetamine drugs during the search. He has been charged with supply and possess prohibited drugs, possess a prohibited weapon and goods in custody and is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday, April 24.

HORNSBY

A 49-year-old Wahroonga man has been charged with drink-driving after reporting an incident at Hornsby police station before allegedly driving off drunk in full view of police. Police said the man visited the station about 1.55am on Friday, March 1 to report an incident. Police will allege he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and officers saw him leave the station in his car. Police stopped him nearby and he allegedly failed a roadside breath test. He was taken back to the station where he allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.102. He has been charged with mid-range drink driving and is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Thursday, March 21. Residents are also being reminded that Ku-ring-gai police are currently running more random breath tests and random drug tests.

THORNLEIGH

A 20-year-old man has been given a court notice for defacing council property at the skatepark in Brick Pit Park. The man allegedly graffitied a wall at the skatepark about noon on Saturday, February 16. He has since been charged and given a court notice to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday, May 1.

MIDDLE DURAL

A 21-year-old Kenthurst man allegedly tested positive to driving under the influence of drugs after being stopped by police on Middle Dural Rd about 3.30am

last Friday. The man underwent an oral fluid test and allegedly returned a positive result. He was taken to Castle Hill police station for tests. A sample has been sent away for further analysis.

HORNSBY

A 36-year-old Asquith man was arrested after allegedly breaking into a premises on Jersey St about 4am on Tuesday. An alarm was set off at the premises and police will allege they found the man outside the address shortly after. He allegedly stole office supplies and has been charged with break, enter and steal.

REGIONWIDE

Police are asking pedestrians to be patient when crossing the road at traffic lights. Following multiple pedestrian injuries and fatalities in the Hornsby region last year, police are reminding pedestrians to be patient and not to cross the road at traffic lights when there is a red walking man. Fines can apply.

REGIONWIDE

Police are asking residents to keep valuable items out of view and secure in parked vehicles and also garages at unit blocks, following a spate of thefts this year across the region. A motorcyclist was thrown from his bike, slid along the road and hit a brick wall while riding at Pennant Hills last Thursday night.

The 23-year-old rider was taken to hospital in a critical condition after the crash. He was heading southbound on Pennant Hills Rd when he swerved to avoid a northbound silver Mitsubishi Outlander SUV about 6.20pm. He suffered head and internal injuries and underwent surgery at Westmead Hospital the same night. The 62-year-old man driving the SUV continued driving but was flagged down and immediately returned to the scene. Police arrested him and are appealing for witnesses.

From The North Shore Times, Thursday, 14 March [\[Link here\]](#)

'Thank you for saving me' [Page 07]



A 71-year-old man who suffered a heart attack at Willoughby leisure centre has recovered and returned to the pool to swim — and to thank three lifeguards for saving his life.

“I’m really grateful to you; thank you very much for saving me,” Manhui Huang told Luis Brook, Young Soo Hwang and Vincent Wong.

The trio sprang into action when Mr Huang was found unconscious one day last September.

They performed CPR and used a defibrillator to revive him before an ambulance rushed him to Royal North Shore Hospital, where he had surgery and two stents inserted.

Mr Brook, 25, of Willoughby, said Mr Huang had been sitting near the pool drinking water. But the next time he looked he saw him lying on the concourse twitching.

Mr Huang, a former IT contractor, was born in China and moved to Australia 35 years ago.

He has no recollection of what happened, but was full of praise for the quick thinking and skills of the lifeguards.

Temporary Road Closures [Page 12]

Temporary road closures Sunday 24 March – St Ives and Turramurra

Council has approved temporary road closures on **Sunday 24 March** for

- **Karuah Road** (between Eastern Road and Turramurra Avenue) 5am to 3pm
- **Turramurra Avenue** (between Brentwood Avenue and Karuah Road) northbound lane only – 5am to 3pm
- **Warrimoo Avenue** (between Killeaton Street and Mungarra Avenue) northbound lane only – 6.45am to 1.30pm
- **Woodbury Road** (between Mona Vale Road and Hume Avenue) 8.30am to 1.30pm
- **Bobbin Head Road** – northbound right turn lane at Burns Road intersection – 8am to 1.45pm

The closures are to allow the Rotary Clubs of Turramurra, Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Wahroonga to conduct a community bike ride on local roads in Ku-ring-gai.

Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

15 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council

Early Voting open

The NSW State Election will be held on Saturday 23 March.

For those needing to vote early for the NSW State Election, a pre-polling centre is open in Gordon until to 22 March.

Pre -polling centre address

828 Pacific Highway, Gordon (located next door to Council Chambers)

Opening hours

- Mon - Fri: 8am - 6pm
- Thu (21 Mar): 8am - 8pm
- Sat: 9am - 5pm
- Closed on Sun

General enquiries

For general enquiries please contact the NSW Electoral Commission on 1300 135 736.

[For more information visit this site.](#)

15 March, from Ausgrid

SAFETY ALERT: If your car contacts powerlines never try and exit the vehicle. The driver of this car escaped unhurt after hitting downed wires during storms at Kirrawee.

Always assume fallen wires are live, bystanders should keep at least 8metres away and call us immediately on 131388

14 March, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command



Spotted at Dee Why.....

Police headed along Pittwater Road did a double-take while stopped at the busy intersection with Warringah and Harbord Roads.

There in a white van next to them was a life-size Stuart Minion, sitting in the passenger seat with his seat-belt fastened securely.

Wonderful message for anyone, particularly children, who see him too.

13 March, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon

Did you know? Teams of firefighters work together as a family for 24 hours, or more, at a time. Throughout the shift, their #1 priority is to be **READY TO RESPOND**. Whether they are reclining, taking a shower, or buying groceries, firefighters are prepared to drop what they are doing anytime, anywhere.

For this reason, you may see a fire truck at the grocery store, local restaurant, hardware store, or other retail establishment. Since eating at restaurants every day is cost prohibitive for firefighters, they choose to pool their money together each morning to buy groceries and cook their meals at the fire station. If you've ever been at the grocery store when a call comes in, you've probably witnessed the firefighters stash the shopping basket behind the deli counter, in the dairy cooler,

or under the supervision of the butcher, asking, "will you please keep this to the side, we'll be back as soon as we can."

There are several benefits to shopping around town. Children may get an impromptu tour of the fire truck, crews are able to interact with the public, and the crews support local businesses. Additionally, there are plenty of times where the grocery store was closer to the scene of an emergency than the fire station. Since the entire crew shops together, they are **READY TO RESPOND** together with all of the life-saving tools and equipment you'd expect!

We hope that you have time to stop and say hi to your firefighters next time you see them. All too often, interaction with the public is limited to emergencies. As much as firefighters enjoy being there to help, it sure is nice to meet people under positive circumstances. Never hesitate to drop by the station to say hi. We love visitors!

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



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Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara



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