



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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26 March, from NBN Australia: Be vigilant of scammers!

At NBN Co, we'll never make an unsolicited request of personal or financial information from you, make unsolicited calls or doorknock to sell broadband services, nor request remote access

to your computer. Read more on how to protect yourself from scammers [here](#).

26 March, from Traffic & Highway Patrol Police Command: It's always important to have a clear view out of the front windscreen and 'stikeez' are not meant for the windscreen.



25 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: It's something we hear way too often while on the beat through shopping centres.

Parent, "Oh, there's the police. You'd better be good, or they will arrest you, take you away and put you in jail". Police officer, "Uhhmmmm really ??? No, not going to happen!" Please, tell your children we're the good ones. Tell them, we're the ones who are there to help them, their friends, their mum and dad, brothers and sisters. Tell them, if they get lost, we'll gladly help them find "their lost mum or dad". If they need help, look for one of us and we'll be more than happy to assist. If our children grow up in an environment where their parents are teaching them to fear police, then who will they feel safe enough to talk to when they need help? Next time, when you and your children walk past police officers in the shopping centre, give them a wave and say hi. If it's me you wave to, I promise to wave and say hi back.

25 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: An alleged thief who broke into numerous homes in the quiet suburbs of Arcadia and Galston earlier this week has been arrested.

An alleged thief who broke into numerous homes in the quiet suburbs of Arcadia and Galston earlier this week has been arrested. Ku-ring-gai police carried out a search warrant in Bidwill yesterday following an investigation into a spate of break-ins and thefts in Arcadia and Galston during the early hours of Monday morning. A woman, 34, was arrested during the search. She has been charged with 19 offences including break, enter and steal, larceny and dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception (13 counts). Officers also seized items alleged to be stolen.

An Arcadia resident, who did not want to be named, said her and her husband's garage was rummaged through early on Monday morning. She said other residents had also been broken into along Arcadia Rd and Carrs Rd. She said a jar full of coins in her garage was stolen and cabinets opened and rummaged through. She said it came as a relief to hear someone had been arrested. "Absolutely," she said. "In our garage, cupboards had been opened and rummaged through.

In another incident on Monday morning, Galston Aquatic Centre was broken into. Police said two males were seen breaking the alarm at the front of the centre before removing a window and entering the centre. Police said a witness saw them return to the car and they appeared to be empty-handed. It is not known if that incident was related to the other break-ins in the area.

[Link to article here](#), or [view digital edition here](#).

21 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: The long arm of the law catches the bad guys again!

On the 21/03/2019, police arrested a person in relation to several break and enters in the Arcadia / Galston areas which occurred on the 18/03/2019. The offender is in custody and has been charged with numerous offences. A white Holden Commodore station wagon has been seized in relation to these offences.

How to report crime in your area:

- Triple Zero (000) for emergency situations
- 1800 333 000 - Crime Stoppers to report crime anonymously
- 131 444 - Police Assistance Line for non-emergency situations.
- Or to your local police station [Hornsby 9476 9799].

Break and enters occur all over Sydney metropolitan and rural areas. The crime isn't restricted to any particular area or demographic. It is imperative to report all crime to police as soon as practically possible and to provide them with any possible evidence you may have ie; CCTV footage. The closer to the incident the report is made, the better chance police have of catching the offender. If you see something or someone acting suspiciously then please call triple zero if the situation is urgent or your local police if the situation is no longer urgent.

If you happen to have CCTV footage of an offence or incident (eg; a break and enter, suspicious persons, an assault etc), please let police know this at the time of reporting.

21 March, from Crime Stoppers: We live and work in a wonderful part of Sydney but let's not become complacent.

This timely reminder has some great suggestions which may help in securing our homes.



SECURE YOUR HOME! Home should be a place where you and your family can enjoy safety and security. Criminals are often opportunists and will target homes with poor home security to steal belongings. Remember:

- Fit quality security doors, windows, locks, alarms, lighting and warnings signs
- Secure all windows and doors
- Activate your alarm, smoke detectors and security lighting.
- Lock your gates, sheds and garages.

If you have information on burglars, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800333000 (24/7). ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

19 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: A bit of humour for you today

In the early hours of the morning police were patrolling the local area and came across a male attempting to gain entry into a property by scaling a six-foot-high fence. Police challenged the male to stop, "Stop, police, you can't do that. That's illegal. The offender stopped and replied to police – Really officer, isn't Illegal a sick bird? Have a great day!

19 March, from Ku-ring-gai command:

Police are investigating an alleged assault that took place within the car park of the Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby between two males on Saturday the 15th of December 2018 following a dispute over a parking space. Police are seeking any witnesses to the incident to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



Snippets from last night's Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting

Thanks to Kerrie, we now have a new [Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page](#). Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Col Mitchell shared tips on 'community safety'. Here are a few pertinent reminders for us all:

- If it doesn't feel right – please mention it
- Install good home security lighting around your home and ensure it is working
- Have a burglar alarm AND USE IT
- Keep your yard clear and open: balance your privacy versus the public being able to help monitor your security
- When out & about, keep your bag zipped and close to the body. If walking with someone – keep the bags between you
- When returning to your car, have the car keys ready in your hand
- Stick to well-lit areas at night, rather than darker alley ways
- If you see something suspicious, report it at the time.
- Report incidents ASAP. The police have a better opportunity to catch a criminal if you report ASAP.
- Trust your intuition. As Col said, he'd rather attend 99 false alarms than miss that 1

incident when he could have made a difference

- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you
- Don't be afraid to report any suspicious activity, people, vehicles or anything out of the ordinary
- Police rely on the community as our primary source - you, the community are our eyes and ears for crime - If you hear something, or see something, then SAY SOMETHING
- Scams are still about - if you feel pressured or uncomfortable, give yourself permission to simply hang up on the caller, or close the door on the caller
- Have your street number clearly displayed
- Make sure your windows and doors have quality locks and keep them locked, even when at home
- Have a peep hole in your front door
- If going away, let trusted neighbours know
- Photograph your property and/or engrave your property for identification purposes

Please visit our [Neighbourhood Watch website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Borrow/](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Borrow/) to borrow an engraver and instructions.

Please visit our [WatchOut website](#) that points to the best crime prevention links on the internet! More FREE crime prevention tips can be downloaded as pdfs from our [Neighbourhood Watch website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips/](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips/)

Why not come along to the next meeting in September? It's an open invitation to any resident, whether you live in Turrumurra or not.

26 March, from our neighbouring Northern Beaches command: It was just a quick errand to the post office.

They were in a car park at Narrabeen. Two little girls, aged three and one, left buckled in their seats; the car was locked. Also left behind, on the front passenger seat in full view of passers-by, was the driver's handbag. She was gone just five to ten minutes, but that's all it took. A man walking past smashed the front passenger window to grab the bag, complete with cash and credit cards that were used almost immediately in local stores. Good news is investigating police are armed with a description of the thief supplied by the three-year old from her back seat vantage point.



**Children and handbag left in car 'for just a few minutes'.
What could possibly go wrong?**

Dates for the Diary:

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 the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 21 March 2019 [\[view digital version here\]](#):

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THORNLEIGH A fire caused over \$500,000 worth of damage at a business on Chilvers Rd after workers tried in vain to extinguish the blaze. The fire started about 10am last Wednesday at Panel Plus Smash Repairs. The fire was believed to have started in a spray room at the business. Workers saw flames coming from the room and unsuccessfully tried to put out the

blaze with a hose and fire extinguisher. Fire services arrived about 10.20am and put it out. It caused extensive damage to the building including the floor and roof, which partially collapsed. Police said the fire was not being treated as suspicious.

TURRAMURRA A mum and her son had a frightening experience outside Hornsby Library after a brazen thief forced his way into their car and tried to steal a handbag. The mum and her son visited the library about 8pm last Friday to get some books and when leaving, jumped in the car to drive off. A man, described as being of caucasian appearance and wearing a grey hoodie, opened the passenger-side door and grabbed the handbag which was on the seat. The woman screamed and also grabbed the bag. A short argument took place before the thief grabbed the boy's backpack and ran away, heading toward Hornsby train station. Officers searched for him but could not find him. Police are investigating.

GALSTON Galston Aquatic Centre has been broken into during the early hours of Monday morning. About 2.30am, a Holden Commodore with distinct black wheels pulled into the carpark area of the aquatic centre. Police said one male remained in the driver's seat while two males were seen getting out concealing a tool, before breaking the alarm at the front of the centre. They then jimmed a window out of its frame and entered the aquatic centre, ransacking an office. Police said a witness saw them return to the car and they appeared to be empty-handed. Nothing was reported stolen. Police are investigating and reviewing CCTV footage. The two males were described as both being of caucasian appearance, about 170cm tall, wearing hooded jumpers.

25 March from Stay Smart Online/ScamWatch: More older Australians embrace new technologies every day.

But, seniors can also be attractive to cyber criminals because they're perceived to be less tech-savvy and can be unsure of how to protect themselves online. The best way to protect your elderly loved one from online scammers is to show them what to look out for. [Here are three of the most common scams](#) causing the greatest financial loss for seniors, as listed by [ACCC Consumer Rights](#).



23 March, from Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia: Did you know that Telstra has a service for customers who have, or live with someone who has a life threatening medical condition?

Telstra's Priority Assist ensures customers who have, or live with someone who has, a diagnosed life threatening medical condition, receives faster connection and fault repair of their fixed-line telephone service. This is provided at no extra cost to eligible customers. To find out more, visit the Telstra website or [download the Priority Assist registration form and brochure here](#).

NB: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service. We simply bring it to your attention. You must do your own research.

23 March, from White Ribbon: STOP DV - See, Talk, Offer, Prevent

Research shows that men are most often the perpetrators of domestic violence. However, in some cases, men are victimised/abused by their partners – either in heterosexual or same-sex relationships. Domestic and family violence can happen across all relationship types including:

- married and de facto couples
- boyfriends and girlfriends
- LGBTI couples
- long term residents in the same residential facility
- carers
- relatives

- Aboriginal people, extended family or kin

Useful websites:

<http://www.dvrcv.org.au/help-advice/men>

<https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/stop/>

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/crime/domestic_and_family_violence/what_is_domestic_violence

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 21 March [\[View digital edition here\]](#):

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ROSEVILLE A man died after being struck by a car on Friday. Emergency services were called to the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Boundary St just before 6am after the man was hit by a car. He died at the scene. The driver of the vehicle wasn't injured and was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for mandatory testing.

WEST LINDFIELD Shortly after midnight last Wednesday two men forced their way into a pharmacy in Moore Ave. They repeatedly threw rocks to smash the front window. Once inside the offenders stole cash and a range of medications, including prescription drugs. The offenders are described as both being male, about 18-30 years old, of slim build and wearing hooded jumpers and blue face masks.

Firm cops \$1.5m sting A Crows Nest business could lose more than \$1.5 million after being hit with a sophisticated email fraud, police said. The company received an email earlier this month that they believed to be from one of their suppliers. Police said the company was waiting on an invoice for work that had been carried out by this supplier and it appeared to be the same as previous emails from the supplier. The invoice was paid and the business's bank suspected that it was suspicious and froze the transaction. North Shore police said the bank has yet to confirm if the money can be recovered.

[Page 22] Dodging a scam | Police warn fake roofers targeting north shore seniors

A GANG of fake Irish builders tried to con a Mosman woman out of her savings to carry out roof repairs. The 74-year-old was going to church earlier this month when she was approached by the gang, who pretended they knew her. She gave them her address and three days later she got a knock on her front door. When she went outside one man was already up on her roof claiming she had loose tiles. The gang said the job was going to cost \$80,000 but they would do it for \$30,000. The price kept falling and when she refused to go to the bank to take out \$1000 they suggested she take out a bank loan. "My antennas were up by then," she said. The men

had come into her house as they were going to give her a written quote and when she realised what was happening she told them she usually gets two or three quotes. They left soon after. “They did con me and they did come into my house,” she said. “What annoys me is it’s so unlike me. I’m almost embarrassed to think that I fell for it.” The woman, who doesn’t wish for her name to be published, said **the men were very charming and convincing. They had light-coloured hair and Irish accents.** Police have received similar reports in the north shore area this month. Two seniors were targeted in Lane Cove and a 90-year old woman was targeted in Chatswood. The seniors did not fall for the scam, but the woman in Chatswood was left with \$500 worth of damages to her roof. Senior Constable Jenni Brown from North Shore police urged people to be aware of the scam. “Don’t feel pressured to make a decision and always take time to get a second quote before handing money over,” she said.

Sunday 31 March 2019 - NEIGHBOUR DAY

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

What are you doing for Neighbour Day? [Let us know](#) and we'll share everyone's ideas.



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.

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