



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #391 - 09 April 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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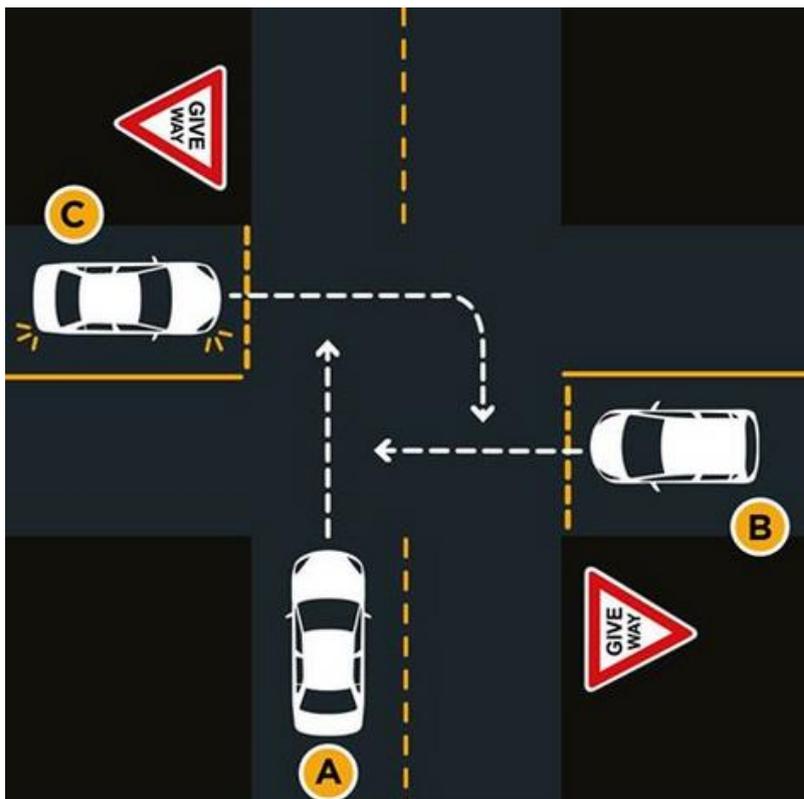
colleagues and neighbours.

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### 9 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

In the below intersection, who goes first?



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### 5 April, from Australian Taxation Office

📞 PHONE SCAM ALERT! 📞 Listen out for suspicious calls claiming to be from the ATO. Scammers are 'spoofing' our phone numbers so it looks like we're calling. They're also leaving our numbers on voicemails to make their contact seem real.

While these calls may appear to be from us, remember that we'll never:

- threaten you with arrest
- demand immediate payment, particularly through unusual means such as bitcoin,

prepaid credit cards or gift cards

- advise against speaking with a trusted advisor or your tax agent
- project a number on caller ID.

If you're unsure if a call is legitimate, hang up and phone our dedicated scam hotline on 1800008540. Warn your friends and family!

[More info here.](#)

[Watch video here.](#)

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### **5 April, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command**

#### **BREAK AND ENTERS & UNSOLICITED OFFERS FOR HOME / ROOF REPAIRS**

There have been a number of break and enters in our command. It appears the persons responsible may be of South American appearance and are a well organised group.

At this time, they appear to be targeting the suburbs in the lower portion of the command, from Killara up to the Turramurra and Wahroonga areas.

If you are approached by any persons offering unsolicited home repairs, including roof repairs, please call police and report the incident to us.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH ANYONE, instead, if you see a person who is acting suspiciously, sitting in vehicles for a prolonged period of time or see any suspicious vehicles in your area, then please contact police as soon as possible. It gives us the best chance to, at the very least, speak with the suspicious person and check their bona fides.

Your local police station phone numbers are:

Hornsby - 9476 9799

Gordon - 9418 5399

Chatswood - 9414 8499

#### HOW TO REPORT CRIME BY PHONE:

Call "000" triple for emergency or life threatening situations

Call "131444" for non-emergencies

Call "1800 333 000" to provide crime information – you can remain anonymous

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#### **5 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW:** Is there an unknown visitor at your door?

If someone is at the door and you are alone and feel a bit frightened, pretend there is someone else in the house.

If someone wants to use your telephone for an emergency, don't feel rude not to let them in. Offer to make the call for them – if they are genuine, they won't mind.

Be suspicious of people requesting entry to your home to check appliances or equipment. Ask to see their identity card and take time to look at it carefully before letting them in. If you are still unsure, ring their company to check. If in doubt, keep them out.

Make sure your home number can be clearly seen from the street. This not only helps in emergencies but helps visitors to find your home (and not accidentally going to the wrong address!)

Be discreet if you live alone. It is better not to indicate on house directories or name plates that you are a Ms, Miss, Mrs or Mr. Just use your surname.

If you live alone, make arrangements to have regular contact with someone your trust. Try setting up a code like three rings on a telephone each morning, or simply lifting your blind up at the start of each day so they know you're okay.

**ALWAYS** call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

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**5 April, from Stay Smart Online**



⚠️ Scammers are calling Australian taxpayers leaving pre-recorded messages that appear to be from legitimate ATO number ⚠️

Remember that the Australian Taxation Office don't use pre-recorded messages, and their calls always appear as a private number on your phone.

If you receive one of these calls, do not return the call and do not provide any personal details, either hang up or simply delete the voicemail.

Protect yourself if you receive a call. [Click here for more info.](#)

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**5 April, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: A timely reminder to slow down in wet conditions.**



Often the signs out the front of our station try to convey a serious message with a light hearted tone. The current message of “Gordon, driving like a lunatic? See you on the way home”. Didn’t seem to resonate with a very very lucky young fella this morning. Yes folks that’s a telegraph pole snapped like a twig after colliding with the drivers side door. Please PLEASE slow down in these wet conditions so we don’t say “hi are you alive” to you on your way home. Thanks to Kuring Gai Police Area Command NSW Ambulance for their assistance.

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### **3 April, from NSW Police Force**

Kath Ward became part of the NSW Police Legacy family in 1995, when her husband, Senior Constable Bob Spears, and his partner Senior Constable Peter Addison, were killed by a gunman after responding to a domestic violence incident at Crescent Head.

The two families are now forever connected after their children, Glenn Addison and Jade Spears, who were 16 and 15 at the time their fathers were killed, met and later married.

Kath is taking on Kokoda, in honour of her Bob's life and sacrifice. To support her journey, and all the families of our fallen police officers, visit [this site](#).

Watch video [here](#).



#### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Wednesday 10 April:** Hornsby Shire Council FREE Intro to Facebook 1-2:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Booking](#)

**Friday 12 April:** Hornsby Shire Council/Berowra Apex host Movies Under the Stars to thank volunteers who helped during the recent storms 6:30pm at Warrina Oval, Berowra. [Info](#).

**Tuesday 16 April:** Greenstyle - one on one sustainability sessions, 10am - 5pm. Contact Sustainability Team on 9424 0893

**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, 4 April** [\[Link here\]](#)

**Texting and talking doesn't stop** [\[Page 8\]](#)

A SPECIAL investigation targeting drivers using mobile phones has revealed an alarming number of motorists within the region who brazenly text or talk on their phone while behind the wheel.

NewsLocal visited an intersection in West Pennant Hills on Friday afternoon, as well as three other locations across northwest Sydney, to witness how many people used their phones while driving.

We spent an hour at each location — which also included Kellyville, Lidcombe, and West Ryde — and caught a total of 33 people blatantly texting or talking on their phone while driving. Six offenders were spotted at the intersection of Pennant Hills Rd and Castle Hill Rd at West Pennant Hills.

Drivers caught on their phone included a woman with two children in her car, a truck driver and a P-plater. Some drivers brazenly held their phones to their face while they drove.

Ku-ring-gai police Superintendent Chris Keane said the consequences of being distracted while driving had been “well documented”.

“Police from Kuring-gai Police Area Command have and will continue to target errant driver behaviour in the area (when it comes to drivers using mobile phones),” he said.

“Officers from the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command also patrol extensively throughout this command.”

The Hills police Superintendent Jason Joyce said he would welcome specialist cameras being installed in the region to catch drivers using their phones. The fine is \$337 for using your mobile phone while driving.

### **‘Absolutely frightening’ phone stats**

SYDNEY’S first mobile phone detection cameras were switched on at Prospect and Moore Park as a trial in January.

During the first 25 days of the trial, the cameras captured 20,125 instances of drivers illegally using a mobile phone.

From this month, anyone caught by the two sets of cameras will be fined and similar cameras could be rolled out across Sydney in the future.

NRMA spokesman Peter Khoury said the number of people caught in the trial was absolutely frightening.

### **Street Watch [Page 13]**

#### **WEST PENNANT HILLS**

An air compressor worth about \$400 was stolen from a driveway on Oratava Ave. A car pulled up and someone stole the air compressor about 5.30pm on Saturday from the driveway.

#### **BEECROFT**

Traffic was backed up for over 60km along Pennant Hills Rd last Monday when a horse float broke away from a truck. A new carrier had to be organised to transport the five horses that were on the way to the show.

#### **CARLINGFORD**

A black Toyota Hilux was stolen from Tintern Ave between 8.30pm on Sunday and 5.30am on Monday. Police said the vehicle was stolen by unknown means. A 40-year-old woman was arrested at a Cherrybrook home yesterday in relation to a compulsory third party insurance fraud syndicate operating across Sydney.

Several arrests have been made this week in relation to people allegedly trying to defraud the CTP insurance scheme.

A 45-year-old Bass Hill man was arrested on Tuesday and charged with a list of offences including deal with identity information to commit indictable offence.

Three more arrests were made yesterday: the woman at Cherrybrook, a man at Merrylands and a woman at Castle Hill. The trio are assisting detectives.

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**From the North Shore Times, Thursday, 4 April [\[Link here\]](#)**

### **Roof Scammers [Page 21]**

A resident of Robinson St, Chatswood engaged someone to fix his roof after finding a flyer in his letterbox. A male arrived and quoted \$2100 to fix the damage. The resident agreed and paid a \$500 deposit. He was given an invoice which he noticed contained spelling mistakes, plus no address or ABN. The resident suspected he was scammed and contacted police. Two men returned to the home and were arrested by waiting police. Both were Irish nationals who had overstayed tourist visas. They were detained at Chatswood Police Station. Investigations are ongoing.

### **Bullying, no way [Page 29]**

FRIDAY 15th March was a national day against bullying and violence.

Masada College students participated in a range of activities designed to bring awareness to this day, to help students develop a tool kit to assist them should they be part of or witness incidents of bullying.

This year, Masada College registered as a NDA school; meaning we stand united against bullying and violence with school communities across the nation.

The theme for the 2019 NDA is 'Bullying. No Way! Take action every day'.

At assembly, our Year 4 students presented an informative item on bullying in its different forms, why people bully, what to do if being bullied and being an 'upstander'. We discussed these concepts and every child was given a hand template to write their name on and decorate.

We used our Masada 2019 slogan 'hand-in-hand, together we stand', and added the words 'against bullying,' to create a whole junior school poster, now on display outside the Year 4 classroom. We are individually and collectively committed as a school, to taking a stand against bullying.

The most important thing adults can offer children who feel they are being bullied is to know they are being heard, their feelings matter and their issues will be investigated respectfully.

Nicole Grauman is a Year 4 teacher and head of academic care in the junior school.

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**8 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**



Don't overtake turning heavy vehicles. Trucks and buses need lots of space and are permitted to turn from the lane furthest from the direction they're turning.

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**8 April, from universityfox.com: Times people got back drivers who parked unlawfully in the most perfect way.**

Read all about parking jokes [here](#).

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**8 April, from NSW Police Force**

A joint-agency investigation has commenced after methylamphetamine worth more than \$400 million was intercepted by law enforcement at the border.

On Saturday 30 March 2019, Australian Border Force (ABF) officers at the Sydney Container Examination Facility examined a container.

It was declared to contain electronic ovens but was found to contain 11 commercial refrigerators. X-rays revealed inconsistencies within their construction.

The refrigerators were unpacked and seven were found to contain a total of 561 packages of white crystalline substance, with presumptive testing returning a positive indicator for methylamphetamine, otherwise known as 'ice'.

Forensic analysis determined the packages contained a total of 585kg of ice, which has an estimated potential street value of \$438 million.

The drugs have since been seized and a joint investigation was established by the Australian Federal Police, NSW Police Force's Organised Crime Squad, and the Australian Border Force.

On Friday 5 April 2019, two search warrants were executed at a commercial premises at Wetherill Park and a home at Edensor Park.

During the searches, officers seized documents relevant to the investigation and electronic storage devices.

Joint investigations under Strike Force Collarene continue.

Anyone with information in relation to organised criminal activity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [visit this site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence.

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**6 April, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Tradesman killed by electric shock**

An investigation into the death of Robert Nicholls has begun, after the Ausgrid worker died in hospital on Tuesday after suffering an electric shock while working on power lines.

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**4 April, from Australian Federal Police: HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?**



Police are calling for public assistance to locate a Sydney man wanted for breach of parole, after being imprisoned for drug-related offences.

43-year-old Ibrahim Assoud breached his parole in May 2018 and has not been located by authorities since. As a result, he is the subject of a Commonwealth arrest warrant and is now wanted by the Australian Federal Police.

He is described as being 173cm tall, with medium build, brown eyes and grey/black hair.

Anyone who sights him, or who has information regarding his whereabouts, is urged to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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**4 April, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au):** Five police incidents during the past week across the Hornsby Shire.

### **Hornsby**

A group of six young people allegedly stole nine bottles of spirits from a Dan Murphy's store during a brazen daylight theft last Friday.

The group walked into the store about 3.50pm and allegedly hid the bottles in bags and under clothing.

A staff member approached them and asked to see their IDs.

They allegedly ran out of the store with \$870 worth of alcohol.

Police were called. Not long after, members of the group were seen near the fountain at Westfield Hornsby drinking from one of the bottles.

The group dispersed but police managed to speak to a couple people from the group.

Police are continuing to investigate the matter and charges will likely be laid.

### **Hornsby**

Emergency services were called to Westfield Hornsby last Wednesday after a crash in one of the shopping centre car parks led to a 41-year-old man being rushed to hospital.

Police said the Stanmore man was leaving the carpark in his vehicle when he suffered a medical episode about 3.30pm.

He lost control of his vehicle and collided with a parked ute.

Paramedics arrived and performed CPR on the man.

He went into cardiac arrest and was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital by ambulance, with police escort.

No-one else was involved or injured in the crash.

The Advocate has contacted the hospital for a patient update.

### **Thornleigh**

Police are investigating a possible assault at a party, which turned ugly, at an underground carpark at a church in Duffy Ave.

Police attended the carpark shortly before midnight on Saturday following a noise complaint.

The carpark had been turned into a party venue for the night.

About 150 to 200 party goers were at the location and police found one male victim with blood and lacerations on his face and several teeth missing.

Police are investigating the matter as a possible assault.

### **Hornsby**

Hornsby Girls' High School was broken into on three occasions last month.

While no major damage has been reported, the school has been forced to change the locks.

Police said it was believed people were breaking into the school outside school hours and smoking on the premises.

The latest reported incident was last Thursday night.

If you see anything suspicious at the school or have any information contact Kuring-gai police on 9476 9799.

### **Hornsby**

Police are re-appealing for witnesses following an alleged assault in a Westfield Hornsby carpark involving two males on Saturday, December 15, following a dispute over a parking space.

If you witnessed the incident contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information that could assist police with any of the above incidents.

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4 April, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

**Worried about  
their online  
safety? Here's  
where to start**

**For tools, tips  
and advice go to  
[eSafety.gov.au/](https://www.esafety.gov.au/)  
languages**

Online Safety  
Start the Chat



“Worried about their online safety? Here’s where to start”  
For tips, tools and advice [click here](https://www.esafety.gov.au/).

3 April, from [forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com): The figures in this article are staggering. Please protect yourself. Don't Be Fooled:



Four Ways to Protect Your Finances and Stay One Step Ahead of Cyber Crime.  
Read full article [here](#).

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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.

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**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



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



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

### Local Facebook pages:



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra \(technical issues\)](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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