



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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20 April, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

About 9:06pm on Friday the 19th of April a 24 year old male from Strathfield riding a motorcycle was stopped for stationary RBT on Burns Bay Road, Linley Point.



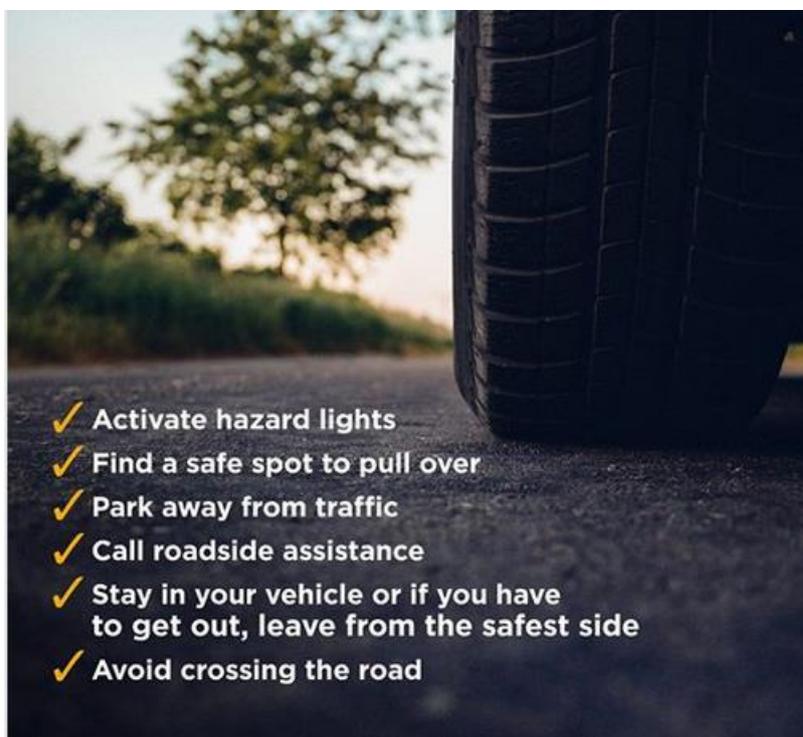
An inspection of his helmet revealed the chin strap was only pushed up inside the padding and not secured. One half of the locking clasp was missing rendering the helmet unwearable. The rider was issued a penalty notice for not wearing a helmet securely, \$337 & 6 points, and directed not to ride the bike until he had a compliant helmet. The rider stated he would walk home or call someone to get him. A bus stop was located 30 metres away.

About half an hour later the same rider, on the same bike, wearing the same helmet was stopped about 400m further down the road. A further inspection

revealed that this time he had tied a knot in the strap to secure it to the other side. When asked why he was riding again he said “I have no friends. I need to get to a bus stop.” The rider was issued a further penalty notice for not wearing a helmet securely for a further \$337 and 6 points.

20 April, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

What should you do when your car breaks down? These tips will help keep you safe on the road these holidays.



Find out more [here](#).

18 April, from Kuring Gai Police area Command

Please don't give us reason to fill one of these in these Easter and school holidays.

It ranks as one of the saddest jobs we are called to do.

What we tell those left behind, changes their lives forever.

Please drive carefully this long week end and have a safe and happy Easter

NSW POLICE FORCE		P 518
GENERAL STATION PAD		
Date, Time and Action Required	Particulars	Police in Charge, Action/Result, Time, Date, Signature and Rank of Police involved
18/04/2019 2:46 PM TO: Officer receiving msg Station FROM: Officer sending msg Station Station name:	DEATH MESSAGE Please attend (insert address) and ascertain if the residents here are related to (Name of Deceased). If they are, please inform them that their family member is deceased as a result of a Motor Vehicle Collision on the (insert date of collision). For further information please provide the Next of Kin with the Officer in Charge contact details. Name of Officer: Xxxx Xxxxxxx Rank: Senior Constable XXXXXXX	OUTSTANDING ACTION

17 April, from NSW Police Force

An off-duty NSW police officer has been involved in the rescue of a teenager at Seaforth today.

Just before midday (Wednesday 17 April 2019), a 13-year old boy was the sole occupant of a small inflatable boat with an outboard motor in Peach Tree Bay.

After losing control, the boy was thrown out and left holding on to the boat as it circled.

An off-duty officer on a nearby paddle board, has come to the boy's aid, grabbing hold of a rope attached to the boat allowing the boy to safely let go.

The boat turned, with the propeller cutting the officer's shirt.

The Marine Area Command attended and assisted the boy and officer.

The boy was uninjured, and the officer, a sergeant from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command, suffered a laceration to his torso.

Marine Area Command Commander, Acting Superintendent Ian Macey says incidents like this are a timely reminder that a situation in or on the water can change quickly and without warning.

“The officer’s actions saved the boy from serious injury or worse,” Acting Superintendent Ian Macey said.

15 April, from NSW Police Force:And they're off! ✈️👍



Our 33 Kokoda trekkers are on their way to Papua New Guinea. To donate to NSW Police Legacy

visit: <https://2019kokodatrek.gofundraise.com.au/pa.../MichaelFuller0>



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 01 May - 31 May: Run 4 Blue NSW Police Legacy fundraiser. [Info](#).

Friday 19 April: "Eggs on the Oval" 10am-12noon @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln, Waitara.

Saturday 04 and Sunday 05 May: Household Chemical Cleanout 9am- 12:30pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

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, with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers assisting. Come and say Hi and discuss any particular concerns. Kids photo opportunities, FREE rego plate locking screws, Little Black Book of Scams, goodie bags, etc. Have you a NHW window sticker on your front and back windows? Do you need to borrow a shredder? Having trouble with cars blocking your driveway? NHW can help you in various ways.

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

Wednesday 19 June: DV Expo 9:30 - 12:30 @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble

From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 18 April [\[Link here\]](#)

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THORNLEIGH

A 41-year-old woman has suffered a broken toe and bite wounds to her leg after being attacked by a dog on Gilgandra Ave on Monday. She left her house and started walking toward her car about 4.40pm. Police said the neighbour's dog escaped from its front door and attacked her, biting her lower leg. Police say she fell to the ground in the attack and the dog's elderly owner ran to assist but was unable to stop the attack. There is no fencing between the victim's house and her neighbour's house. The dog ran away briefly before returning and biting the victim again. The victim suffered bruising to her shoulder and hands as well as a broken big toe and bite wounds to her lower leg. She was taken to hospital for treatment.

Police have not laid charges against the dog's owner, as it was not believed to be deliberate but council rangers are investigating the incident.

WEST PENNANT HILLS

A Perth truck driver allegedly assaulted another driver after a collision on Pennant Hills Rd last Tuesday. The 52-year-old Isuzu truck driver and the driver of another vehicle, a 34-year-old man, turned on to the M2 to exchange details after the crash, It will be alleged the truck driver punched the other man. He has been charged and is due to front Parramatta Local Court on May 1.

DURAL

A 38-year-old Galston man has been arrested outside a business on Mitchell Rd after allegedly breaking into the compound last Wednesday. Security attended the site after an alarm was tripped and called police when they found the electricity had been cut. Officers attended and stopped a car near the premises and spoke to a 38-year-old man. Police allegedly found bolt cutters and an oxyacetylene torch in his car as well as a broken padlock. He has been charged with break and enter with intent to steal.

COWAN

Emergency services were called to The Great North Walk to help an elderly man suffering from severe dehydration and exhaustion last Tuesday afternoon. The 82-year-old Forestville man was walking in a group of three when he fell sick and started vomiting, resulting in a member of the group walking about 1km to Cowan train station to call for help. Paramedics and police attended and the man was treated with an IV drip for rehydration. He managed to walk from the track and was taken to hospital as a precaution.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday, 18 April [\[Link here\]](#)

Market Theft

Police have charged a 30 year old Cabramatta man with stealing more than \$1200 worth of items from a supermarket in Chatswood on April 12. Police will allege he filled a trolley with expensive health supplements and shaving products before exiting without attempting to pay. An employee notified police who were able to track down the man. He was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station, where police discovered he was wanted over failing to appear in court on drug and larceny charges. He was refused bail and will appear before Sutherland Local Court.

22 April, Shared from Berowra Community group:

Just wondering if anyone knows anything about this accident? Came out this morning to find someone had hit our car but didn't bother to leave any of their information.

The car was parked on the road opposite the Coles Carpark.

Please message me if you can help.



20 April, from Careflight

Pedestrian critical after being hit by car in North Sydney

A male pedestrian in his thirties is in a critical condition this evening after sustaining a head injury when he was hit by a car in North Sydney this afternoon.

CareFlight's Rapid Response helicopter, with specialist critical care doctor and intensive care paramedic, were tasked to North Sydney just after 4pm, landing just 14 minutes later on North Sydney oval, a short distance away from the incident.

CareFlight's crew were taken to the incident scene, near the corner of Blue and Walker streets, by NSW Police where they joined NSW Ambulance paramedics who were already at the scene.

The man was stabilised by CareFlight's clinical team at the scene before he was transferred to a NSW road ambulance for the journey under the supervision of the clinical team to Royal North Shore Hospital.

19 April, from Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst: Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

Reports of unscrupulous electricians preying on elderly home owners in Westleigh.

A client phone me today informing me that their 80yo mother had been told by an electrician that they needed to replace their switchboard at what appears to be an extraordinary cost. The mother only wanted a fan repaired.

The mother had allegedly used the phone number off a fridge magnet for the electrician. Based on what the family member told me, the mother has been told to replace items that were unnecessary and appears to have been scammed.

I want to get residents to ask questions when tradespeople tell their customers to get extra (and sometimes expensive) work done.

- 1) Why do I need to do the extra work you are telling me?
- 2) What are the consequences if I don't?

Critically:

- 3) Where in the Australian Standards does it say that I have to do what you are telling me to do?
- 4) Can you write down the details of what you are telling me so that I can seek further advice please!

If the contractor ticks every box, then they are probably legit.

If they can't, get their license number, their name and contact Fair Trading for further advice.

Get a second opinion before agreeing to any further work. If the second or third opinion demonstrates that the first person was being deceptive, then report the incident to Fair Trading.

Fair Trading are currently prosecuting electricians for telling customers that they need to upgrade their switchboards with individual safety switches when they don't actually need to do so.

Don't take risks, question your contractor, and if you are still unsure, seek further advice from family or other contractors. The contractor may still be legit, but it is better to be safe than scammed and ripped off.

18 April, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

Thanks to Fiona:

In May a new dementia café is opening in St Ives on Wednesday mornings for a small group of people-living-with-dementia and their family caregivers who are still living within the community. Along with the existing dementia café in Waitara we aim to provide a safe environment where people who have memory loss and their family caregivers can relax and socialise.

If you would like to join us please call, email or PM me to book your place (details can be found on the attached flyer).

Do you know that we have a
Dementia Café
Hosted by the Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Dementia Alliance

Our Dementia Cafés are the first of their kind in the region. They support people living with dementia and their family caregivers who are still living in the community.

St Ives - Wednesdays (10.00am-12.00pm)
Waitara - Thursdays (10.00am-12.00pm)

KNC
Rotary
PCYC
Dementia Alliance

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS

What is a Dementia Café?
Located in St Ives and Waitara each Dementia Café is a meeting place for people living with dementia and their family caregivers who are still living in the community.
We provide a safe environment where people who have memory loss and their family caregivers can relax and socialise.

What you can expect:

- Social Contact with others having a similar experience
- Peer Support and Friendship for Carers
- Free-of-charge dementia information and education
- An informal, relaxed and stigma-free environment

What NOT to expect:

- Formal Care Services
- Clinical Assessment
- Personal Care

Bookings are essential
For all enquires please contact **Fiona** (Programme Co-ordinator)
0402 837 877
feeshal@optusnet.com.au

Both cafés have free-of-charge on-site parking available and are accessible by public transport.

If assistance with transport is required please contact:

- Community Transport Hornsby Ku-ring-gai - 9983 1611
- LinC - 9476 3134

Skilled volunteers are on hand to advise people towards other local dementia service providers, suitable support groups and information about what it means to live well with dementia.

18 April, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Woman hospitalised in Thornleigh poodle attack, council investigate

A poodle attack in Thornleigh which saw a woman treated in hospital for a broken toe and bite wounds to her leg is being investigated by council and could see the dog impounded.

Police said the 41-year-old woman left her house on Gilgandra Ave about 4.30pm on Monday and started walking toward her car when the neighbour's dog escaped from its home and attacked her, biting her lower leg.

She fell to the ground and the elderly owner of the poodle-cross ran to help but was unable to stop the attack. The dog ran away briefly before returning and allegedly attacking the victim again.

Paramedics attended and treated the woman for lower leg injuries before taking her to Hornsby Hospital.

More [here](#).

From Hornsby Council: Looking for your infringement photos?

In the first instance, please go the [NSW State Revenue website](#) and enter your Penalty Notice Number and the Date of Offence.

If you are unable to find photos of your infringement on the NSW State Revenue website, please fill in a [Council parking infringement photo request form](#).

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



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



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