



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.

📧 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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21 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: A large number of coins and some war

medals have been recovered by police.

The medals and coins are believed to be property stolen in the Arcadia, Galston or surrounding areas between mid to late March 2019. The coins and medals were in a metal biscuit container which was concealed in a very distinctive bag. If you believe the coins and medals to be yours, know to whom they may belong or have further information regarding them, please contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**

21 May, from Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command: CHANGES TO DRINK DRIVING PENALTIES TAKE EFFECT TODAY

From today, penalty notices and immediate suspension can be issued for Novice, Special and Low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol offences as well as Drive with Illicit Drug in Blood. Penalty notices for \$561 can be issued for first offences, with immediate suspension for all offences. These first time offences would carry a penalty of \$1100 if heard at court. There is no change to the ranges for drink driving (see photo).

This table shows the BAC limits for all licence classes. You must stay below these limits.

Licence class	BAC
Learner (L)	zero
Provisional (P1, P2)	zero
Full licence (car or rider)	under 0.05
Public passenger vehicle drivers – bus, taxi etc	under 0.02
Coach or heavy vehicle (over 13.9 tonnes GVM or GCM) driver	under 0.02
Dangerous goods vehicle driver	under 0.02
Fully licensed drivers from interstate and overseas	under 0.05

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

REGISTRATION EXPIRY

26 Apr 2019

Expired

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Don't let your journey be ruined. Always check the registration of the vehicle you are driving prior to leaving. This can be performed free of charge on the Services New South Wales app and will save you \$673 for unregistered vehicle and \$673 for uninsured. If your trip is on a weekend check it on the Friday so you can rectify the problem before you head off.

If you register your vehicle online make sure you check afterwards on the app to ensure it has processed and your vehicle is registered. Pensioners with zero registration fees need to make sure their vehicle is re registered prior to the expiry date or the process won't work and you have to attend the motor registry to have it processed.

20 May, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 068 Narrabeen

A friendly reminder to keep your feet off the dashboard when travelling in vehicles. This airbag was deployed under controlled conditions during drill and was filmed in slow motion.

Watch video [here](#).

20 May, from NSW Incident Alerts: From midnight tonight, Monday 20th May, anyone caught drink driving on NSW roads will immediately lose their licence.

So if you're drinking, don't drive.

Find out more about the changes [here](#).

20 May, from the dailytelegraph.com.au

It was supposed to be a regular shift for the officers on board Launch Brooklyn during New Year's Eve 2017.

Read details [here](#).

16 May, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: DON'T WASTE TIME – REPORT THE CRIME

A reminder to report CRIME at the time or as close to the incident as possible. This gives police the best opportunity to attend in a timely manner, giving police the best chance to catch those who are up to badness.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – REPORT IT QUICKLY

A reminder to report SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY at the time or as close to the suspicious incident as possible, giving police the best chance to at least speak with the suspicious person/s and determine if their intentions are honest or not.

We receive phone calls from well-intentioned members of our community reporting suspicious behaviour, incidents, persons or vehicles in their area. We encourage this. We want this to happen, but we get frustrated when the caller indicates the incident occurred a few hours or even days prior to the call to us.

When asked why they didn't call sooner, the answer often is "I didn't know if it was worth reporting" or "I've spoken to some friends and they suggested I call and report it", or "I didn't want to waste your time".

Well it IS worth reporting and it IS a concern when suspicious behaviour is occurring in your street – WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT, and in a timely manner if possible. If we don't know till well after the fact, our influence in the outcome drastically diminishes.

You are our eyes and ears out there – please tell us quickly or as soon as practicably possible.

Like our page and keep up to date with what's happening in our command.

PLEASE NEVER APPROACH OR ENGAGE THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON YOURSELF - THAT'S OUR JOB!

Ways of reporting suspicious activities, vehicles and persons are:

- (000) - Triple Zero for emergency or life-threatening situations
- 131 444 - Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-emergencies
- 1800 333 000 – Crimestoppers (to provide crime information)

- Or your local police station

14 May, from The Hills Police Area Command



Community Notice

What's the single best way to prevent a thief from entering your home??

LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS.

Many of the break and enters currently occurring are "no force" entries. This means that the thieves simply opened an unlocked door or window and went right in....



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

21 May, shared from Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai Families group: Hi all,
About 6:30 am we had one male and one female on our property. They didn't break in, but stole an old computer (that wasn't wanted) that was in an unlocked outside room. They stole a few things from next door. They both look in their late 30's/early 40's. My husband confronted them & they tried to get into a physical fight, however my husband just walked away when the man tried to punch him. They eventually left. I was on the phone to police the whole time but the couple walked away before I heard any sirens. The male was wearing a grey jumper with no hair and the female had died blonde/yellowish hair and was wearing a black jumper. He had one bag on him, she had multiple bags. The police will probably

call me later in the day. We live on Hyacinth Street, Asquith. Saw them walking down Gardenia street before they disappeared.

21 May, from Stay Smart Online: Do you regularly receive work emails titled 'Urgent', 'Follow up' or 'Invoice Due'?

These are some of the top 12 email headings that scammers use to try to get malicious emails through to your business.

[Click here](#) for Stay Smart Online Media Release.

20 May, from NSW Police: A man has been charged over historic child sexual assaults on Sydney's Northern Beaches

In 2018, a report was made to officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command alleging the historic sexual assaults. The assaults allegedly occurred at a high school in Brookvale between 1969 and 1976, where the man worked as a teacher. It will be alleged in court that the man assaulted a male student at the school, when the boy was aged between 11 and 17 years. Following investigations, about 10.40am today (Monday 20 May 2019), officers from Northern Beaches Police Area Command attended an aged care facility in Kiama and arrested an 83-year-old man. The man was taken to Lake Illawarra Police Station and charged with two counts of buggery, eight counts of assault male, two counts of act of indecency with male, and one count of commit act of indecency. He was granted strict conditional bail to appear at Downing Centre Local Court on Tuesday 30 July 2019.

Anyone who has further information which may assist the investigation is urged to come forward. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

20 May, shared from Mt Kuring-gai Community group:

2 hrs · 📍

Another crap wake up for us in mount k. My partners utes have been touched and vandalised. Some ferals have decided to try and break into the tool boxes. Weren't lucky because they are bolted down a padlocked etc however a handle on his Ute has been snapped and the tool box door is bent. Has been reported to police!
I hope none of you have experienced the terrible bad luck we have - twice in 10 days.

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And from the comments: We had our ute broken into @ Hornsby about 6weeks ago. We lost \$12k worth of tools. We hope these grubs are caught ASAP!!!!

20 May, shared from Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai Families group: Just a heads up to everyone

Someone tried to break into my husbands tool boxes on his ute last night on Colah Road. They've broken the handle off the lock but were unable to get in thankfully. It's still a pain as we'll have to get the lock repaired but it could've been worse as he needs his tools to do his job. Park your cars on your driveway if you can rather than on the street.

20 May, shared from the 'you grew up in Hornsby if you remember' page...

Just a heads up Hornsby people. My mother and I were scammed today, while sitting in a coffee shop in Hornsby Westfield, by a woman pretending to be deaf who hands out a laminated card saying she's raising funds for the deaf. She hands you a card with the Auslan alphabet that has \$5 on it. We're not normally this stupid but I thought it odd & googled it tonight &, sure enough, it's a scam that's going on right now. If you know sign language - test her. I bet she won't know what you've just signed to her. DON'T give this woman any money. How dare she prey on our sympathy towards such people.

18 May, from Australian Federal Police: **TRIGGER WARNING – Child exploitation**

"YOU ARE A CHILD'S WORST NIGHTMARE. YOU ARE EVERY PARENT'S HORROR. YOU ARE A MENACE TO THE COMMUNITY"

It was with these words today that a judge in Adelaide handed down the longest sentence ever imposed for child abuse in this country.

The 31-year-old Adelaide man was sentenced to a maximum of 40 years and three months years jail for sex offences against children in Australia and Thailand. This penalty officially makes him Australia's worst-ever child sex offender.

His victims ranged from babies to young boys, in Australia and overseas, and involve both physical acts, online offending and filming.

In total he was charged with more than 50 state and commonwealth child exploitation offences – including sexual abuse, producing and sharing online child exploitation material, and committing sex offences overseas.

This sentencing marks the close of an international investigation with [South Australia Police](#), working with partners from [INTERPOL HQ](#) and Thai authorities, which dealt with some of the most heinous, shocking and depraved acts against children.

The sexual exploitation of children is an international issue, a domestic issue, and an issue in your neighbourhood. We work closely with domestic and international partners to protect children from this heinous sexual abuse. It also requires a collective community commitment to child safety.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Thursday 23 May: Self Defence Workshop for Women by Personal Strength 7-9pm @ 1/786 Pac Hwy, Gordon [Info](#).

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

Thursday 30 May: NSWPF host the Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC 'Precinct') meeting 10am @ Hornsby Police Station. [Please email us any concerns you would like raised](#).

Wednesday 12 June: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Child Car Seat Safety Check Day 9am - 2:30pm. Bookings open: 9am Monday 20 May. Ph: **9424 0898**. [Info](#).

Thursday 13 June: Safer Driver Course @ Hornsby PCYC 4:30-6pm [Info](#).

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

Thursday 11 July: Safer Driver Course @ Hornsby PCYC 9:30-11am [Info](#).

18 May, Shared from Wahroonga Community group: Found this.

While it's gold, it appears to be very sentimental to somebody. Would love to return it to its owner so just putting it up on the off chance somebody can help me return them !! Found Turramurra.



[Since we shared this post, Facebook stats show that it has been seen by 10,500 people - Ed]

17 May, from 9news.com.au: 'Selfish, arrogant' dad waited until family was asleep before killing them

There will never be an explanation for the murders of Maria Lutz and her two autistic children Martin and Elisa, who died from carbon monoxide poisoning on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

The deadly gas was released by the man who should have been their protector - 44-year-old husband and father Fernando Manqirue, who also died.

The Sydney father chillingly planned his family's murder - ordering two cylinders of carbon monoxide and having them delivered to a friend's home after his wife told him their marriage was over and he needed to find somewhere else to live.

For details, [click here](#).

17 May, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman - Grant explores the ways connected devices are being increasingly used to control, stalk and abuse in domestic/ family violence

situations and the precautions that can be taken. For more information visit [this site](#).

17 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Every week NSW Police attend multiple incidents of children who have been locked in vehicles, both unintentional and intentional.

One of the main reasons a child is unintentionally locked in a vehicle is when parents give their child the car keys to play with. If babies and young children see a button, they will press it – often locking themselves and the keys inside the vehicle.

REMEMBER: Keys are NOT toys. Hang onto your keys yourself.

If a child is locked in a vehicle you should call Triple Zero (000) immediately. On a typical warm Australian day, the temperature inside a locked car can be more than 30 degrees HOTTER than it is outside! A child left in a locked car in those conditions for even a few minutes can very quickly become distressed, dehydrated and can die from organ failure. YOU MUST make a judgement call as to whether it is a life or death situation. You may need to smash a window to get the child out of the vehicle safely.

REMEMBER: a window can be replaced. Your child cannot be.

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

"Are you fit to drive?" Last week we had a query about older drivers and the licensing requirements. We have updated our WatchOut.org.au Seniors page to add a link to the pertinent page: "Are you fit to drive?" of the Roads & Maritime Services website, and the leaflet to download, "A Guide to Older Driver Licensing". We hope that helps others in our community. [Message us with your questions](#).

[Read Watchout here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 16 May [\[Online edition here\]](#)

Street Watch [page 11]

A TAMWORTH man died and another man was taken to hospital following a crash

between two trucks on the **M1 near Wahroonga** on Monday. Police said initial reports suggested one of the trucks, a B-double, hit the rear of a smaller pantech truck, causing it to flip on its side about 10.40pm. The B-double went through a barrier and crashed about 50m-75m down a ravine into bushland. The vehicles were found hundreds of metres apart. The crash happened about 2km north of the Hornsby exit in the southbound lanes. The driver of the B-double, understood to be a 46-year-old Tamworth man, died at the scene. The driver of the smaller truck, a 39-year-old Riverwood man, was trapped and had to be freed from his vehicle.

Ku-ring-gai police said the truck, which had crashed down the ravine had been recovered by Wednesday morning and traffic was back to normal. Ku-ring-gai police Chief Inspector Francis Gilroy said when emergency services arrived at the crash, they found a man trapped inside the pantech truck and worked to free him. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital by ambulance in a stable condition.



THORNLEIGH The teen driver of the car involved in the crash which killed 14-year-old Dylan Langhorne has been charged with negligent driving. The 17-year-old has been charged with dangerous and negligent driving. The crash on The Esplanade in Thornleigh, happened during Sydney's wild storms about 9.10am on November 28. It will be alleged the car they were in collided with a Land Rover before hitting two parked cars. The driver, along with the 50-year-old driver of the Land Rover, spent time recovering from the crash in hospital. The teen has been charged with dangerous driving occasioning death and negligent driving occasioning death. He was granted bail and the matter is listed for court on Thursday, June 20.

BROOKLYN A 25-year-old Brooklyn man is due to front court after police allegedly found MDMA and cocaine in his possession near the Brooklyn Baths. Police responded to a call about a group of intoxicated people harassing the public about

9.30am on Saturday. One of the members of the group became aggressive with police and, after a search, the 25-year-old man was found in possession of a small resealable bag with white powder, believed to be cocaine, and a small resealable bag with a substance believed to be MDMA.

MT COLAH A 27-year-old Beecroft man has been charged with drink driving after he was stopped on Northumberland Ave for a random breath test on Sunday about 3.45am. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.175. He has been charged with high-range drink driving.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 16 May [\[online edition here\]](#): Parking funds set aside but no space for trailers [edited, page 9]

BOAT trailers left in streets frustrate many Sydneysiders, yet two years after the state government set aside funding to help provide trailer parking, not one council in NSW has applied. In 2016, the roads minister of the time, Duncan Gay, announced measures to crackdown on trailers left in residential streets. Rangers were given the power to impound trailers parked for more than 28 days on the same block, as Sydneysiders complained of parking problems. The government also set aside about \$5 million to help deliver “solutions”. Councils and other organisations were invited to apply for funding. However an RMS spokesman said no council had applied.

16 May, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Fast five: Police news across Hornsby [edited]

Hornsby A man in his 60s was allegedly assaulted at Westfield Hornsby after trying to break up a fight in a carpark at the mall. He was walking through the carpark about 5.40pm last Wednesday when he saw two young males being assaulted by a group of other youths. He tried to intervene but the group allegedly turned on him, punching, kicking and scratching him until he fell to the ground. He was also allegedly assaulted on the ground and punched in the side of the face when he returned to his feet. Security attended and contacted police. Police are investigating.

Waitara A man was spotted on CCTV footage jumping over a fence and onto a balcony outside a unit on Waitara Ave last Thursday before rummaging through

property. The incident happened about 3am and nothing was reported stolen. However, the man allegedly also jumped a fence to gain access to another unit nearby and was spotted carrying away multiple bags.

Waitara The rear window of a vehicle parked on Orara St was smashed, causing about \$200 in damage, between Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 9.

15 May, from 9news.com.au: Missing woman's remains found in Blue Mountains dam



Human remains found at a water treatment facility in the Blue Mountains have been identified as missing woman Cecilia Devine. The 42-year-old Newcastle woman had been missing for almost eight months, with police saying they held grave concerns for her welfare at the time of her disappearance. Staff at a water treatment facility in Katoomba found remains in the Upper Cascade Creek dam at 12pm on March 18. After extensive testing, they were identified to be Ms Devine.

She had been reported missing from Waratah on September 5, 2018. Police are now treating the discovery of her remains as a homicide and have launched Strike Force Eking to investigate.

For details, [click here](#).

15 May, from Stay Smart Online: ☐ ALERT ☐

Do you have WhatsApp? You need to update the app to the latest version to protect yourself from a cybercriminal remotely installing surveillance software on your device.

[Install the latest WhatsApp update now.](#)

Spread the word to your friends and family who have WhatsApp!

15 May, from Cumberland Police Area Command

Arsenal seized during FPO search in Sydney's west – Operation Talon

About 6.30am yesterday (Tuesday 14 May 2019), officers from Operation Talon served an FPO on a 39-year-old Horsley Park man, before conducting FPO searches of properties at Horsley Park and Greystanes with the assistance of South West Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad and Cumberland Police Area Command.

This video contains items seized.

Watch video [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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

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