



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #395 - 07 May 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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From Monday 20th May 2019, 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](#).

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**4 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force**  
**[Edited]**



## ROAD RISK RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR FURTHER AWARENESS

Australian Road Safety Foundation research reveals hidden trauma behind relaxed attitudes

Despite road trauma being the number one killer of children aged 14 and under, and the second highest killer of young people aged under 24, new research has put the spotlight on risky driver behaviour and the need for further education.

Released by the Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) in the lead up to Fatality Free Friday (31 May), the research reveals that not even having children in the car is a deterrent for drivers taking risks on the road.

Worryingly, more than half of Australian parents admit to breaking road laws or undertaking risky behaviour. Added to this, one in five parents admit to taking the same risks when driving a vehicle occupied by someone else's children.

More alarming still, the research showed that one third of parents admit that they have driven over the legal alcohol limit, compared to one quarter of Australians without children who say they have never committed this dangerous behaviour.

And when it came to speeding on a regular basis, parents of children and young people aged under 24 years rated the worst. In fact, three in four (75%) admit to this life-threatening behaviour, compared to 67 per cent of those without any children.

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#### 4 May, from Fire and Rescue NSW: International Fire Fighters' Day



Today is St Florian's Day - also known as International Firefighters Day. St Florian is the patron saint of firefighters and today we remember those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty and thank the dedicated men and women who continue to protect others in times of emergency.



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#### 3 May, from NSW Police Force: Congratulations 🎉👮♀️👮♂️

The NSW Police Force welcome 261 new probationary constables to its ranks at the Police Academy in Goulburn. 'Class 337' includes 176 policemen and 85 policewomen who will complete 12 months on-the-job training and study of the Associate Degree in Policing Practice by distance education with Charles Sturt University before being confirmed to the rank of constable.

If you've ever thought of joining the police force, now is the perfect time - we're

recruiting! We're answering your recruitment questions LIVE during our broadcast, so leave your questions in our comments!

Watch video [here](#).

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## **1 May, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Fast Five - Police news across Hornsby**

### **Hornsby**

A shoplifter threatened to assault an 18-year-old worker after she found him stealing shoes from General Pants Co. at Westfield Hornsby.

Two males walked into the store about 10am last Wednesday.

The woman showed one of the males, who was asking about clothing, around the store.

She noticed the other male was not visible and found him in the store room opening shoe boxes and placing them in his backpack.

He allegedly pulled out spray paint and threatened to spray her in the face if she did not leave him alone.

The pair then left the store and the worker contacted security. Police are reviewing CCTV footage and investigating.

### **Mt Colah**

A Toyota RAV4 was detected by police allegedly speeding without its headlights on along the M1 on Friday about 10.10pm.

Police will allege the car was detected travelling 122km/h in the 110km/h zone before entering an 80km/h roadworks zone.

The vehicle then allegedly increased its speed to 145km/h and made several lane changes.

The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 22-year-old man, was issued for infringements for exceeding the speed limit by over 45km/h as well as other traffic offences. His licence was suspended.

Despite the incident, Ku-ring-gai police have thanked most motorists for staying safe on the roads during the recent public holidays with no fatalities or serious

injuries occurring within the police area command.

### **Hornsby**

A 50-year-old man will front court after allegedly stealing eight items of children's clothing from Myer at Westfield Hornsby.

The man entered the store about 10.40am on Monday and took two pairs of shoes and six dresses before allegedly leaving without paying. He was stopped by security.

Police have charged him for stealing the goods worth \$555.

### **Waitara**

A 24-year-old Waitara man has been charged with mid-range drink driving after being stopped on Alexandria Pde.

Police stopped him about 3pm on Friday and allegedly failed a roadside breath test. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.115.

### **Forest Glen**

Two motorbikes were stolen from a property on Old Northern Rd between last Thursday morning and Friday morning.

A blue and white Yamaha, and a black and white Honda, were stolen from a shed at the property.

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### **1 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

Police are investigating the dumping of soil in a local resident's garden.

Upon arrival at the property, the two officers, a Constable and a Sergeant observed a large mound of soil dumped on a garden bed in the front yard of the small neat weather board home.

The victim told police that unknown persons had dumped soil onto his garden bed late at night when he was asleep. This had occurred no less than three times during the week.

The victim was understandably upset. His marigolds, geraniums, petunias and impatiens had been squashed and the surrounding border of the garden bed covered with overflowing soil.

Police asked the owner of the property if he had ordered the soil to which he replied he had not.

The Constable turned to his Sergeant and asked him what he thought was occurring and the Sergeant replied, "Hmmm, I don't know at this stage Constable, but certainly, the plot thickens".

Have a great day.

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### **1 May, from 10 News First Sydney**

An obsession with selfies and social media has given police a rare insight into the moments leading up to the weekend's horrific car crash in Sydney's Berkshire Park.

Watch video [here](#).



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### **07 May, from The Daily Telegraph: Teen, 17, arrested over alleged indecent acts at Lindfield: Police**

A teenage boy was due in court today over alleged indecent acts involving girls in the north shore, police say. The 17-year-old was arrested yesterday following an incident Monday afternoon on Beaconsfield Parade at Lindfield. It is alleged he performed a sexual act in front of a 15-year-old girl about 4.15pm. Police planned to allege the teen committed similar indecent acts in the same location on two previous occasions. The other incidents involved a 13-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl. The male teenager was taken to Chatswood police station where he was charged with three counts of intentionally do sexual acts with child older than ten years and two counts of stalk/intimidate fear physical. He was refused bail before he was due to face a children's court today.

[Article here.](#)

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## **From Ryde Police Area Command: Crime Report Monday 6 May 2019 [edited]**

\* **Bones located - Beecroft** An investigation is underway after skeletal remains were discovered in a drain in Sydney's north-west.

About 2pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019, police were called to the M2 Motorway, near Castle Howard Road, Beecroft, following reports bones were located in a drain at the side of the road. Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene. An extensive search of the area was commenced on Tuesday and continued on Thursday 2 May 2019, with assistance from Police Divers, Police Rescue, Public Order and Riot Squad and Fire & Rescue NSW. The remains have been sent for specialist forensic examination to determine if they are human. Inquiries continue.

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. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

\* **Beware of Blessing Scams targeting the Chinese community** Police are urging members of the community to be aware of a "Blessing Scam" that has occurred in the past and has recently occurred again in Eastwood. Police are encouraging people to not only be aware of the scam but to also educate friends and family members about the scam.

"Blessing scams" are elaborate frauds that are designed specifically to prey on elderly Chinese members of our community who maintain strong traditional cultural beliefs. Potential victims are approached on the street by members of the group committing the fraud, who convince these victims that they can cure an illness, or an evil spirit is following them and will harm members of their families unless a blessing ceremony is performed to remove the evil spirit.

The "ceremony" requires the victim to place all of their money and valuables in a bag to be blessed. The bag is then given back to the victim, and they are instructed not to open it for several days or weeks and to not tell family members or the blessing will not work. When the bag is finally opened, the valuables are no longer inside, and the suspects are long gone.



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**07 May, shared from various community groups: \*\*\*\*\* Missing Person\*\*\*\*\***

My Father In Law has Demntia and has left Hornsby Hospital this morning. Police are looking for him but if you see him please approach him gently and call the police or let me know. His name is Tony, he will have a hat, green vest and a shopping bag with pink flowers on it.



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**7 May, from NSW Police Force: Body-worn camera research study**

Members of the public are invited to participate in a research study on the impact of the NSW Police Force Body-worn camera Phase 2 Deployment. The study is being conducted by Dr Amanda Davies from the School of Policing Studies at the Charles Sturt University. .

The aim of this research is to understand the impact of the use of body-worn cameras by NSW police officers on:

- \* police community relations,
- \* legal processes,
- \* the attitude of the general public and NSW police officers towards the use of the body-worn cameras,
- \* the efficiency of the training for the use of the body-worn cameras and the impact on the rate of injuries, assaults and complaints against NSW police officers,
- \*the benefits and disadvantages to the community and operational policing from the use of the body-worn cameras.

Participation in completing the online survey is anonymous and it will not be possible to identify your answers.

Members of the public are invited to participate in this research project by visiting [here](#).

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### **7 May, from NSW Police Force: Police are appealing for dashcam footage after a pedestrian was killed in Crows Nest last week.**

Just after 11am on Thursday 2 May 2019, emergency services were called to the intersection of Willoughby Road and Albany Road, after reports of a crash. Police have been told an 83-year-old woman, and her husband were attempting to cross Willoughby Road, when they were struck by a cement truck that was travelling north. The woman died at the scene, while her husband was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital suffering shock. The 35-year-old truck driver was also taken to hospital for mandatory tests.

Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit are now appealing for public assistance for anyone who may have witnessed, or have dashcam footage of the incident to come forward. Anyone with information or dashcam footage of this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or visit [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence.

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**6 May, from 9news.com.au: Two arrested after North Sydney suburbs placed in lockdown**



Two men are in custody after a police operation had two suburbs in Sydney's north in lockdown this afternoon.

Just before 1pm, residents, businesses and a school were warned to stay indoors as a police operation looked for two break-and-enter suspects in Manly Vale and North Manly.

Both were also allegedly involved in a vehicle theft in the area too.

Details [here](#).

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**5 May, from Kuringgai Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch**

Thank you to all the Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who helped out on the Kuring-gai Police Area Command crime prevention stall at today's Kuring-gai Council's Festival on the Green in St Ives. Here are a few pics from before we were drenched by rain.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of people asking for information and advice. The stock of balloons ran out! We nearly ran out of car rego plate locking screws - they were extremely popular.

Thank you to our two local police officers, who were needed several times for 'real' work. Plus three guys reported lost wallets, with one amazingly returned fully-loaded, (yes, he was very happy!). Gents, please consider using your front pocket for your wallet!

On the stall were 3 Volunteers in Policing (we're grateful for a loan from Ryde

command too) and many Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, who deserve a mention for giving their time: Kerrie (Turramurra), Aimee (Wahroonga), Ben (S. Turramurra), Gay (E. Killara), Zoya (St Ives) and Stan (Warrawee Valley). Get well soon to Mary.



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#### **4 May, From [dailytelegraph.com.au](http://dailytelegraph.com.au): Dodgy tradies steal \$80,000 from elderly Wahroonga couple**

An elderly Wahroonga couple has been scammed out of \$80,000 by dodgy roofers, leading to a fresh call from police to be careful when approached at home by suspicious tradespeople offering their services.

Ku-ring-gai police said a man aged about 40 years carried out work on the couple's roof on Myra St in early January.

Police said another man, understood to be the man's father, also worked on the couple's property.

Read the full story [here](#).

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**Dates for the Diary:**

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

**Thursday 9 May:** Aboriginal Youth Program, PCYC Hornsby, 1 Park Lane, Waitara, 4 - 6pm.

**Saturday 18 May:** Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Recruitment Day 2-4pm @ Fire Station, Warrigal Drive, Westleigh.

**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

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**4 May, from 9news.com.au:** How crooks could be using your own security cams to spy on you [Edited]

Families and business owners have been warned to check their security cameras - they could be being spied on by crooks.

Criminals are taking advantage of security cameras' access to the internet, putting people at potential risk.

On just one international website, which A Current Affair is choosing not to name, hundreds of Australian security cameras are featured.

One shows children playing in a family's backyard, another a business owner accessing her in-store cash box.

"These days, security cameras are accessible by the internet because we want to be able to see what's happening at home, on our mobile phones," tech expert Trevor Long said.

"It's a great feature, but these people have installed lower-quality, lesser brands, or high-quality brands but they haven't kept them up to date."

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**From the North Shore Times Thursday 2 May [Online edition here]**

**Street Watch [Page 16]**

## **GORDON**

North Shore Police have commenced an investigation after an 18-year-old girl presented at Royal North Shore Hospital with a stab wound. The girl had been in the city on Monday (29/4) afternoon with another 19-year-old woman where they consumed several alcoholic beverages before catching a train to Gordon. The two

women met with another female during the evening and at some stage the 18-year-old woman has received a stab wound to her arm which later required stitches. The woman and her friend did not want hospital staff to contact police and were reluctant to provide any information to police at the hospital. Police will allege that the incident is linked to a Snap Chat video that was brought to the attention of police on Monday evening. The video was allegedly uploaded by a 15-year-old girl and shows the girl holding a small blade and blood drops on the ground.

## **LINDFIELD**

Sometime between 3pm on Saturday (27/4) and 9am on Monday (29/4) a drone shop was broken into on the Pacific Highway. Offenders removed a security grill from a window and then smashed a window to gain entry to the shop. Once inside the shop they searched through a store room and then stole drones and drone products.

## **EAST LINDFIELD**

A boy, 11, was approached by two people in a car on 28/4 while riding his bike near Tryon Oval. A female in the front passenger seat told him to get in. The boy rode away but was approached again near the intersection of Owen St and Sydney Rd. He rode off and went into a house for help. The vehicle was described as white hatch with a yellow half moon sticker on the rear windscreen. The woman is described as caucasian, mid twenties, blonde hair and possible US accent.

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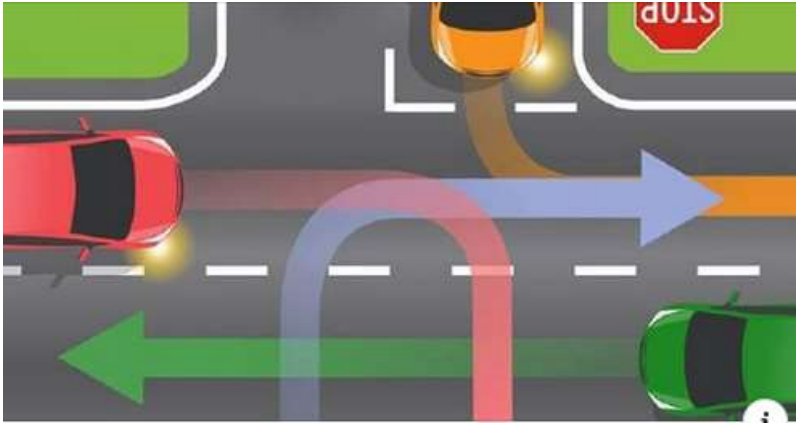
### **3 May, from fires.nsw.gov.au**

Do you live in a unit? You may want to suggest every unit has sprinklers once you've seen these photos of with and without sprinklers. Click [here](#) for details on new regulations.

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### **3 May, from news.com.au**

The road rules tests we sometimes share are also being picked up by the press. It will all help educate road users. This article mentions a Queensland quiz, although the same logic and rule applies in NSW. Why not see if you got the answer correct?



[Click here](#) for answer and explanation.

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### **2 May, from NSW Police Force**

Seen a job going at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)? All you have to do is pay \$50 for a police check and \$250 for a uniform (sometimes called an induction kit), right?

Wrong! There is a scam doing the rounds featuring fake job offers pretending to be from Amazon. Amazon will never ask for money during an employment offer.

To check if a company has any openings, visit their website or call them directly.

For more information on Job and Employment Scams - click [here](#).

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### **2 May, from Stephen Williams, Scam Watch Dog Australia**

Just had a call from the Windows technical department to advise me that Nigerian hackers have been misusing my IP address.

I asked the technician John if I should look at the bottom left hand side of my keyboard, then hold down the windows key and letter R and when the run box comes up, type a remote access software website address, so he can login and help with the issue?

His response - "Sorry to have bothered you"

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### **1 May, from Stay Smart Online**

Step 2/4: make your passwords strong and unique.

- The longer your password, the stronger it is! Use a passphrase that is made up of at least 13 characters by stringing four words together.
  
- Unique means different passwords across accounts – this is important because if one password gets cracked a hacker can get access to all of your other accounts using the same password combination.

Stay tuned for how you can boost your password security or read ahead [here](#).

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### **Crime Stats for Arcadia for March**

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL ARCADIA RD RESIDENTIAL GARAGE

(DETACHED) 17/03/2019 2100

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL BLACKS RD RESIDENTIAL HOUSE - DETACHED

17/03/2019 1700

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL BAY RD RESIDENTIAL HOUSE - DETACHED

18/03/2019 100

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COBAH RD && BANKSIA PL

OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE OTHER 28/03/2019 430

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ARCADIA RD RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY

17/03/2019 2000

If you would like crime stats for your suburb, email us at

NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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**Police came round last night  
and told me my dogs were  
chasing people on bikes.**

**My dogs don't even have  
bikes.**

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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.

### Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



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



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



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### Local Facebook pages:



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



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