



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 another 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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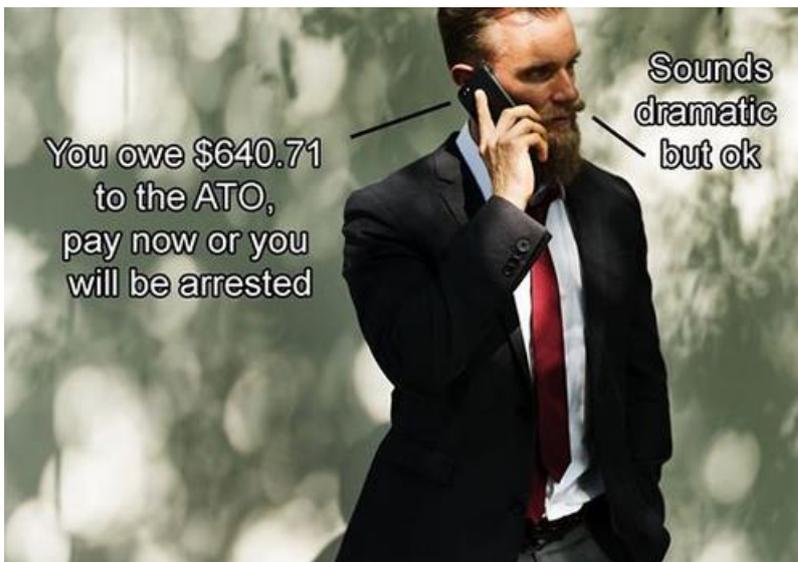
2 June, from raodsafety.nsw.gov.au

Double demerits are in force Friday 7 to Monday 10 June inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this long weekend, and you'll face double the points.



30 May, from NSW Police Force



Scammers are calling people and threatening them with arrest unless a fake fine is paid. They're also using technology to make it look like the calls originate from a legitimate ATO phone number.

Learn more [here](#).

30 May, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Did you know it's illegal for motorcyclists to lane filter in school zones, and next to the kerb or parked vehicles?

Lane filtering is where a fully licensed motorcyclist rides between stopped or slow moving vehicles travelling in the same direction, at less than 30km/h.

Find out more [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

29 May, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Profanities and obscene comments - they won't be tolerated!

Our Kuring Gai Police Area Command Facebook page is here for our community. Our community is all of us together, no matter from where we come or what we do for a living.

Our community is a fantastic place to live and work.

Policing these days requires us all pulling together towards the same goal; that being a safer, happier, more connected community. What better way than to share what's happening in our area than on social media.

We want to share with you what is happening in our local area and surrounds. We value your input on what is posted. Your comments are often interesting, beneficial, as well as encouraging and supportive of those around you.

Your empathy and words of encouragement to your community and us as well, do not go unnoticed.

Whilst we appreciate your support of our page and connection with us through your comments, there have been several instances where profanities and obscene comments and opinions have been posted. The originators probably think they are funny or being smart. Well they are not!

We delete these comments when they first appear with the originator of the offending comments either having their comments blocked or having themselves banned from the page, or both. Those comments and the people who make them will not be tolerated.

And as a friendly reminder too, this page is not the place to report crime. Please report crime through one of the following:

- * Triple zero (000) – for emergency or life-threatening situations
 - * 131 444 - Police Assistance line (PAL) – for non-emergencies
 - * 1800 333 000 – to provide Crime information – you can remain anonymous.
 - * Or through your local police station
- Hornsby Police - 9476 9799
Gordon Police - 9418 5399



Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday 10 July: \$100 Ku-ring-gai Youth Services First Aid Course. 8:45-
4:30pm @ Gordon Library [Info](#).

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

Thursday 29 August: Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Monday 30 September: Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting. 7:30PM in
the lounge area, Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave. All welcome.
Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

4 May, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Day care terror link: Nearly 200 dodgy
centres shut down

Nearly 200 fake or dodgy childcare centres have been shut down across NSW after authorities linked them to criminal activity including overseas terrorism funding, bikie gangs and large-scale fraud. One operator was funding Islamic State. [SEE THE FULL LIST](#)

4 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District, NSW

Ryde and Eastwood district residents are warned that there have been many "steal from vehicle" and "vehicles stolen" across our region in the past few months. Residents are advised to double check their vehicle security measures and especially to ensure that the vehicle is LOCKED and all valuable items either removed or hidden out of view.

Where possible vehicles should be parked off the street and once again especially "Tradies" vehicles should consider installing an alarm or engraving or marking with UV marking pens to protect their tools. Security lighting installed in the driveway or parking area will also deter criminal activity.

Three streets targeted recently with vehicles stolen were Goulding St North Ryde, Conrad St East Ryde and Maxim St West Ryde and earlier in Winbourne St and Hermoyne St West Ryde. Residents are requested to report any suspicious behaviour around vehicles to our local police at Eastwood on 98589299 or to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

2 June, from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter



Laughter radiated through the dining room as I walked through the back door. They were laughing at “Mamma” who had just walked out of her room rugged up with beanie, dressing gown, socks and slippers.

From the kitchen the aroma of spices and vegetables wafted through the house. I walked in to the kitchen to meet a new resident and she turned to smile at me. My heart rose into my throat as I was greeted with a beautiful face covered in bruises.

Seven days ago she escaped within an inch of her life. Tonight she quietly smiled at me as she stirred a large risotto, enough for herself and the other women who were gathering. As I walked out the back door I marveled at what a difference 7 days can make and gave thanks that I have the chance to watch this beautiful butterfly that has been hiding in the shadows, unfurl her wings.

Thank you to the Rotarians of Wahroonga, St Ives, Turramurra and Ku-ring-gai. Thank you to the 500 volunteers and 2000 riders. The Bobbin Head Classic, truly plays a significant role in securing the future of your Hornsby Ku-ring-Gai Women's Shelter.

There are 10 women tonight rugged up in comfy dressing gowns and slippers, with a hot drink watching telly and feeling very very safe.

[Rotary Club of Wahroonga](#)

[Rotary Club of Turramurra](#)

[Ku-ring-gai Rotary](#)

[Rotary Club of St Ives, NSW - District 9685](#)

1 June, from 7news.com.au: Google Maps speed camera alerts making their way to Australia



Full story [here](#).

1 June, From facebook watch: HONESTY TEST: HE PRETENDS TO DROP HIS WALLET

Watch video [here](#).

31 May, from staysmartonline.gov.au: Fake recruitment ads targeting jobseekers for money laundering and possible identity theft What's happened?

Scammers are targeting Australian jobseekers to steal their personal information and trick them into transferring money to criminals, by posting fake employment ads on jobseeker websites like Seek, Jora and Indeed.

How the scam works

The scammer posts legitimate-looking job ads on official jobseeker websites and asks applicants to transfer money as part of the job application process.

Cybercriminals use this method to launder money, which is a process of hiding illegal money from authorities by passing it through a series of bank transfers back to the criminal.

Scammers do this by getting the job-seeker to:

- receive a payment (the illegally-obtained money) into their personal account, withdraw the money in cash and then deposit the cash into a Bitcoin ATM
- receive a payment into their personal bank account, withdraw the proceeds in cash and then send the cash via MoneyGram or Western Union to an overseas recipient
- open a new bank account for receipt of the payment, set up a travel money card and then transfer the money via Western Union or MoneyGram to an overseas recipient.

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Full story [here](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 30 May [\[Online edition here\]](#)

Street Watch

HORNSBY

A man was taken to hospital after escaping from a unit fire in Hornsby suffering from smoke inhalation, in an incident which could have been much worse if not for some quick-thinking gym goers. Ku-ring-gai detectives are investigating the fire and are treating it as suspicious. Emergency services were called to the fire in a unit block on Hunter St about 5.40am on Monday. Fire and Rescue NSW said three trucks battled the fire which engulfed a bedroom inside a second-floor unit. A small group exercising at Hornsby F45 ran across the road to help evacuate residents before emergency services arrived. A 36-year-old man was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. He was in a stable condition in hospital on Tuesday.

Understanding Retirement Income Streams



Thursday 13 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Hornsby Library

Presented by Centrelink Financial Information Service.

Topics include:

- Income streams defined
- How they work and options available
- Social security and tax assessment
- Choices and consequences

Bookings Essential.

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Creative Writing Workshop



Saturday 15 June, 10am
Hornsby Library

Have you always wanted to write a story but don't know what should be included and what can be left out or unsure where to start? If so, then this workshop is for you.

Aimed at young and old, the workshop offers invaluable advice to develop story ideas into stories through a series of Creative Writing Exercises

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Community Forums



Saturday 15 June, 1.30pm-3.30pm
Cherrybrook Community Centre

Community Forum Meetings are a valuable opportunity for local residents to raise issues and gain feedback from their local Councillors.

For more information and to register visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/communityforums

Native Plant Giveaway



Sunday 30 June, 10am - 12pm,
Council's Community Nursery,
28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Come and collect 4 free native plants. Our plants are native to Hornsby Shire and require low maintenance.

For ratepayers only from: Ward B Residents (Hornsby, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara, Westleigh).

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson

From the North Shore Times Thursday 30 May [\[online edition here\]](#):

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ROSEVILLE

2 Between 10:30am-3pm, 28/5, unknown offenders have gained entry to a home on Kelburn Rd. The offenders entered via an unlocked door at the rear and managed to make off with a safe and jewellery valued at more than \$70,000.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact North Shore Police on 9414 8499 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 www.crimestoppers.com.au

Fire risk at luxury apartments [page 15]

THE owners of a Gordon strata complex have been handed a fire safety order to get rid of combustible cladding from the 140-room apartment complex.

The Department of Planning ordered the removal of external wall panels from the eight-storey building at 3-11 McIntyre St and 8-14 Merriwa St after inspectors found building materials used contained aluminium composite panels.

The complex, built in 2010, is known as The Elysium and advertised as luxury apartments.

The department said materials found at the site were “combustible and posed a fire safety risk” to residents.

The owners of the complex have been given until August 31 to replace the panels with non-combustible materials on the northern, southern, eastern and western external walls.

“The fire safety order (also) requires the owner to develop and implement interim fire safety measures to keep occupants safe pending completion of the rectification works,” a department spokeswoman said. “Prior to the commencement of any works, the owners are required to notify the occupants of the building. The department is aware the owners have ordered the replacement panels.”

The order was issued to the owners of Strata Plan 84751. Planning records by Ku-Ring-Gai Council show the \$39 million building was approved in 2008 with construction starting in 2009.

Inspections at the site were in line with the statewide crackdown on cladding, launched in response to the fatal Grenfell Tower fire in London in 2017.

31 May, From 9news.com.au: Mum discovers pre-teen son's explicit pictures in online game



A heartbroken mother has told how she became “physically sick” after discovering her pre-teen son sent explicit pictures to a paedophile on an online video game marketed at children.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she logged into her son’s account for the online multiplayer game Roblox only to discover he had been groomed.

"They were talking about rape. They were talking sexual activities that were pornographic," she told BBC.

The mother said the game seemed “innocent” at first – Roblox has 90 million users worldwide and players create characters, scenarios and environments with coloured blocks.

She claims to have turned on the parental controls that removed her son’s ability to communicate with other players online, but discovered he had been using a third-party app.

"We came across some pictures," she said. "It was horrifying. I was physically sick."

Roblox said it was committed to protecting the online safety of children, but couldn’t comment on individual cases.

Full story [here](#).

31 May, from the office of eSafety Commissioner



Join the eSafety Commissioner & Netsafe for a 2 day conference to explore how we can shape the online world we want & make it a positive experience for all. Collaborate with & learn from some of the world's best minds in online safety [here](#).

22 May, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Fast five: Police news across Hornsby Shire

Five police incidents from the past week across the Hornsby Shire.

Berowra

A brawl broke out on Alan Rd last Friday night which resulted in police seizing a samurai sword.

The fight began about 12.15am on Saturday following a dispute between a group of people drinking at Berowra Village Tavern.

Police said one person had a samurai sword in their possession which was not used in the fight.

It was seized after police located it in a bin.

Mt Colah

A man allegedly smashed a window at McDonald's Mt Colah and was aggressive toward staff.

The incident happened about 11.15am last Thursday.

The man, believed to be a 48-year-old man from South Windsor, ordered a meal and was asked to wait in a waiting bay.

He was also told he could not smoke in the area, police say.

He became impatient and went inside and allegedly became aggressive with staff.

Police allege he kicked the bottom of a glass door which smashed causing \$900 in damage.

Normanhurst

Police are investigating after two dogs were suspected of being poisoned on Fraser Rd.

The owner of the two rottweilers told police the animals became ill on May 15.

One of the two dogs died a week later on May 23.

The owner took the other dog to the vet who detected it had ingested poison.

Inquiries are continuing.

North Turramurra

A gas main was punctured last Friday resulting in Browning Rd being closed.

It's believed the gas main was punctured by a jackhammer about 11.15am.

Police closed the road as the gas company attended and fixed the main.

Fire services also attended.

Dural

A home under renovation was damaged after two men were seen to enter the property about 2am last Wednesday.

The offenders smashed internal doors and stole tools.

The stolen items and damage to the property was worth about \$6000.

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

29 May, Shared from St Ives Community group. Thanks, Inn.

If you walk at night, PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT THIS PHOTO! (on the left wearing normal clothing, on the right wearing a fluo vest).

After a few (what could have been) near-misses in the last few weeks, PLEASE ST IVES RESIDENTS: If you walk at night, WEAR A HI-VIS VEST or REFLECTIVE ARMBAND or SOMETHING!

It's not because you see cars coming, that they see you! 🚗🚗🚗🚗

29 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW

CRIME STOPPERS NSW
NATIONAL UPDATE 1/5

319,861
contacts
about criminals
and illegal activity

www.crimestoppers.com.au

For more info visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

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An email from Pia, a grateful Hornsby resident, on 28 May:

On the above date, I found myself being overtaken by fast fading daylight before reaching my destination. I was on a bushwalk which had started at 2:30 pm at the beginning of the Lyrebird walking trail, Mt. Kuring-Gai and was supposed to end at Hornsby Heights Crosslands Reserve. Having decided at the spur of the moment to attempt this walk and overestimating my speed and fitness, I got myself into the awkward position of having to call 000 as the failing daylight made continuing to walk a recipe for potential injury, especially as I am a 72-year-old woman. The officer responding to my 000 call advised me to remain in my present spot (overlooking Calna Creek) until local police were notified and would come to my rescue, which I did. It took a mere thirty minutes for two police officers, Daniel Callender, S/CST and Luke Watson, CST to find me and to escort me home, which was an incredible help and no doubt way above and beyond the call of duty! They were at all times courteous, concerned for my wellbeing by ensuring I did not require medical assistance and gracious about my sense of embarrassment at finding myself in such a predicament!

I am very grateful that as Hornsby Shire residents, we are in such good hands for all matters of safety! Thank you again to your officers for their gallant help!

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



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



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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Closed](#)

Group



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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