



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.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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22 June, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Country road deaths make up 70 per cent of NSW road toll



Deaths on country roads are up almost 10 per cent, with 115 people killed in the first six months of 2019 alone, up from 105 at the same time last year.

Regional residents making up only a third of NSW's population — but 70 per cent of the state's growing road toll.

"I think the message is getting out to the community in regional areas that it's not just city people on holidays and on weekends — in fact, 70 per cent of fatalities are local people driving on local roads," Bernard Carlon from the NSW Centre for Road Safety told The Sunday Telegraph.

[Click here for details.](#)

20 June, from Kuring-Gai Police Area command

Police were called to a dispute between two shoppers who were shopping for cheese at the local supermarket. Both had grabbed the last large packet of what they thought to be Camembert cheese and a tug of war ensued.

When police arrived, one shopper pleaded they had a family meal to prepare, the other, well they needed it for a Mexican dinner party and a Mexican dinner party needed cheese.

After listening carefully to both shoppers', the police suggested to them that the easiest way to solve the problem would be to divide the cheese".

Surprisingly, both shoppers let out a sigh shaking their heads in disagreement before the senior officer took charge of the situation, saying to one, "Look, after careful consideration to what you have both told us and examination of the product, we have made a determination that this is nacho cheese, it is hers".

Have a great night

20 June, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLES / BREAK AND ENTERS

Again, we say that we live and work in a wonderful part of Sydney and not too many could argue this with true validation. But even here we have stealing from motor vehicles and break and enters where criminals break into our vehicles and homes, taking for themselves what we have worked hard for, leaving us with the trauma, expense and inconvenience of their "handiwork".

We don't worry too much about it ... until it happens to us!

In the last two weeks we've had several incidents of these occurring in our Command.

Let's not be complacent. Let us instead be vigilant. Look out for yourselves and your neighbour.

TIP:

Lock our vehicles when you park them, no matter if at the shops for only a few minutes or at home. Ensure valuables are out of sight or better still, take them out of your vehicle.

TIP:

Make sure you lock the doors and windows of your home, when you leave or when you are home. Consider sensor lighting around your home and install good quality locks on your doors and windows.

DON'T WASTE TIME – REPORT THE CRIME!

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – REPORT IT QUICKLY!

Please do not report crime on this page, instead call;

- Triple zero "000" for emergencies or life-threatening situations
 - 131 444 for non-emergencies
 - 1800 333 000 Crime stoppers to provide crime information
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19 June, from the [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au): 'Makes me shudder': Drunk, speeding driver from Turrumurra convicted



A Turrumurra man who broke the speed limit by more than 50km/h while driving heavily intoxicated along a wet road has been convicted by a judge who remarked “it makes me shudder at the luck you had not to kill yourself or somebody else”.

Nicholas French, 21, from Turrumurra, was sentenced at Hornsby Local Court today for high-range drink driving and exceeding the speed limit over 45km/h, relating to an incident on the morning of March 11 at Gordon.

He was detected by police travelling 112km/h in a 60km/h zone along the Pacific Highway following heavy rainfall.

Police caught up with him and pulled him over in his Audi A5.

Police facts stated he was slurring his speech and was unsteady on his feet and swaying. After failing a roadside breath test, he was taken to Gordon police station where he returned a breath analysis of 0.214.

He has been ordered to pay \$2250 in fines, convicted and given a community correction order for 18 months, ordered to complete 75 hours of community service work, and disqualified from driving for eight months. Following his disqualification period, he must then hold an interlock driver’s licence for a period of 24 months.

Magistrate Bruce Williams said it was amazing no-one was killed.

“This is a serious, serious matter that put people at huge risk,” he said.

“It makes me shudder at the luck you had not to kill yourself or somebody else.”

Mr Williams told Mr French if any prior alcohol-related offences were on his record, he would not have hesitated to send him to prison.

Mr French is an IT professional and former Barker College student.

19 June, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

How many hours have you logged? You could be eligible for the Safer Drivers Course - and once you've completed it - you will receive 20 hours of logbook credit!



To be eligible for the course you must meet the following criteria:

- ✦ Hold a valid NSW learner licence
- ✦ Be under the age of 25
- ✦ Have completed minimum of 50 hours of actual on-road driving (any credit hours gained under the Structured Professional Lesson (3 for 1) scheme must be excluded) and must include at least 10 hours of night time driving.

To book in visit [this site](#).



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Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

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.

25 June, from ABC Sydney

!!WARNING - GRAPHIC IMAGE!!



People are being urged not to fill hot water bottles with boiling water after a woman suffered third-degree burns on her back and second-degree burns on her limbs when her bottle burst in bed.

The 21-year-old filled the water bottle with scalding water straight from her kettle - something manufacturers warn users not to do.

The ACCC also recommends people replace hot water bottles every year, and regularly check for cracks and faults before filling them.

25 June, from mebank.com.au: 8 tips to stay safe while shopping online

Read tips [here](#).

25 June, Shared from Pymble and West Pymble Community group Sunday:

Hi All just alerting you to the fact that we were burgled on Friday, sometime between 10:30 am and 3 pm. They smashed a tempered glass laundry door on the more secluded side of our house. They were after cash and jewellery, stuff they could easily shove in a backpack and get away. According to the police, they come from the west and target houses one or two streets off the main road ie Ryde rd or the highway. Keep your eyes out people and hide your valuables well. 😞😞

24 June, from Hornsby Shire Council

ON THE ROAD - URGENT UPDATE | The RMS has just updated the times for the Galston Gorge works advising of full day closures on Tuesday, 25 June and Wednesday 26 June.

Galston Gorge will be closed for up to 50 hours from 3am on Tuesday 25 June until 5am on Wednesday 26 June. In the event of wet weather or unexpected conditions the closure will remain in place until 5am on Thursday 27 June.

This closure is necessary to carry out emergency repair work on the heritage timber bridge across Tunks Creek. The work is to stop the bridge approaches being damaged by erosion.

Please allow extra travel time using the diversion via Pennant Hills Road. We will let you know if we hear of any further changes.

Meanwhile, we recommend to keep an eye on [live traffic site](#) for live updates.

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 20 June [\[Online edition here\]](#)

Street Watch [Page 13]

DURAL

A motorcyclist is recovering in hospital after suffering multiple fractures to his arms and legs during a crash near Redfield College at Dural on Monday. Emergency services were called to the crash site at the intersection of Old Northern Rd and Vineys Rd about 6.55am. A police spokesman said the crash involved a ute and a motorcycle, and early reports suggest the ute was pulling out of a side street when the crash happened. He said the 61-year-old rider was thrown from his motorcycle in the crash. A NSW Ambulance spokesman said the rider suffered multiple fractures to his arms and legs. He was taken by ambulance to Westmead Hospital in a serious condition and was in a stable condition yesterday in hospital. No-one else was injured. Police are investigating.

HORNSBY

A tip jar with about \$50 inside was stolen from the Donut King counter at Westfield Hornsby earlier this month. Police have identified the offender using CCTV footage and have arranged to speak with a 14-year-old girl.

ASQUITH

A pedestrian has been taken to hospital following a crash on the Pacific Highway on Saturday. A vehicle was waiting at a stop sign on Baldwin Ave ready to turn right about 12.20pm, heading north. Police said he accelerated and lost control of the car before colliding with a parked vehicle, which was forced onto the sidewalk and hit a pedestrian. NSW Ambulance said the man was taken to hospital in a serious but stable condition and was complaining of neck pain. The driver was not injured.

HORNSBY

Three teenagers were stopped outside David Jones at Westfield Hornsby after allegedly stealing more than \$1000 worth of cleaning devices. The three females, aged 17 and 18, entered the store about 11.15am last Friday. They allegedly hid goods in their jackets and handbags. Police were called and they were stopped outside the store. Six of the devices, valued at \$212 each, were recovered. Another two of the items were allegedly found in a car suspected of being stolen. Two of the teenagers have been charged and given court notices and the third teenager will be interviewed by police.

THORNLEIGH

A property on Duffy Ave was broken into between 4pm and 8.30pm on Saturday. A ladder was used to access a door on the first floor of a building, causing \$5000 worth of damage. Cash and jewellery were stolen.

BEROWRA

A stack of Daily Telegraph newspapers were stolen from Berowra Newsagency about 5.30am on Sunday. A man was seen on CCTV footage walking away with the property.

Drones 'spying' on backyards [Page 05]

THE Country Women's Association of NSW has called for better privacy protections around drone use after its Hornsby branch raised concerns.

The association will advocate for new legislation due to fears the remote-controlled aircraft were being used to invade people's privacy and security.

Hornsby branch president Lee Long said drones could be misused for crime, such as staking out properties.

"More people are complaining about being in their backyards and then suddenly seeing a drone above them," she said.

"They may be in their backyard pool, for example, or their kids are in the pool.

"You can't blame them for feeling violated when they realise someone, via the drone, is watching and perhaps filming."

She said while none of the Hornsby members had been victims it was still an issue that needed to be addressed.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority is planning on introducing a national drone registration and accreditation scheme later this year.

Ms Long said the scheme was a great start but more needed to be done.

CWA NSW former president Annette Turner said the organisation would start lobbying for greater changes.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 20 June [\[online edition here\]](#):

Pharmacy Theft [Page 19]

A 30-year-old Killara man has been charged after he allegedly robbed a pharmacy in Willoughby Road on 11 June. It is alleged that the man entered the pharmacy around 9.30pm armed with a 20 centimetre knife and wearing a face cover. The man demanded Ativan, a prescription drug, before placing some prescription drugs into a bag and leaving. The man was arrested by Police a short time later in Devonshire St. The man has been charged with Robbery and has been refused bail until he is due to appear in court in August.

Water Restrictions



Water restrictions are in place across Greater Sydney*

It's more important than ever to save water. If you live in Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra, please keep these things in mind:

- Your hose must have a trigger nozzle, and you can only water gardens before 10am or after 4pm.
- Unless it's for health and safety, you can't hose hard surfaces like paths and driveways.
- You can only wash cars, boats and buildings with a bucket, trigger nozzle hose, or high-pressure cleaning equipment.
- Standard sprinklers aren't permitted.

Visit lovewater.sydney to find out what level 1 water restrictions mean for you.
*Exemptions available for businesses.

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Sydney WATER

24 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

DO YOU NEED A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK?



The NSW Police Force provides an opportunity for NSW residents aged 14 years and above to apply for a National Police Check for visa, adoption, employment (including authorisation as an authorised carer), approval as a household member of an authorised carer, some occupational licensing purposes, student placements and for volunteers working in Commonwealth supported aged-care facilities.

Individuals requiring a criminal record check for Australian citizenship, residency, spouse visa, guardianship of a child from another country, working visa or whilst travelling or living abroad, must apply via the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Details on applying for a criminal record check via the AFP is available at www.afp.gov.au. Non NSW residents must apply in the state they usually reside.

Individuals requiring a National Police Check must:

- complete an online application form available [here](#)
- present the confirmation page and proof of identity to a NSW Police station: and

- pay the appropriate fee either online at the time of application by credit card or at a police station.

23 June, from IDCARE.ORG: National Identity & Cyber Support Service

WHAT IS IDCARE?

IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity & cyber support service. Our service is the only one of its type in the world. IDCARE have helped thousands of Australian and New Zealand individuals and organisations reduce the harm they experience from the compromise and misuse of their identity information by providing effective response and mitigation.

Read details [here](#).

21 June, from testyourtiredself.com.au: Take our test before getting on the road



Test yourself [here](#).

21 June, From safevehicles.com.au: What's your vehicle Safety Rating?

To achieve the ultimate goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads, we've adopted a safe system approach.

This approach is underpinned by these principles:

- People are human and sometimes make mistakes – a simple mistake shouldn't cost anyone their life.
- Roads, roadsides and vehicles need to be designed to minimise crashes or reduce forces if a crash happens.
- Road safety is a shared responsibility – everyone needs to make safe decisions on and around the road to prioritise safety.

Initiatives to ensure safer roads, speeds, people and cars need to be implemented together so the road system not only keeps us moving, but safe and protected.

For road trauma data and information for staying safe on our roads, visit [this site](#). Also see more details [here](#).

21 June, Shared from St Ives Community Group yesterday:

The graffiti vandals have struck again. This time they've spray painted cars parked outside houses in Cranford Ave, next to Pencil Park. And they've also repainted the obscene pictures and some messages on the same fences at the bottom of the Park just days after Ku-ring-gai Council removed it.

Suspect it's the same culprits. It's been reported to police once again. Please, if you have any idea who is responsible, police would like to hear from you.

21 June, Shared from Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural Areas Neighbourhood Watch page:

The last two weeks in your area include the four (4) incidents reported to police.

They are:

Birralee – attempt break and enter with intent to steal

Galston – A letter box stolen

Galston – An attempt steal from motor vehicle – disrupted by neighbour

Galston – Steal from person – mobile phone stolen from an Uber ride

Even though the incidents have quietened a bit, we must remain vigilant. Police continue to patrol and actively engage suspect persons and vehicles.

Whilst it was encouraging to read that a neighbour shouted out at a perpetrator of the attempt steal from a motor vehicle in Galston and disrupted their actions as this shows a “looking out for each other” attitude, please be cautious as you never know what these people carry on them and would be willing to use if confronted by residents.

We will never encourage you to get involved by way of engaging any suspect person but please be vigilant and call police as soon as practically possible.

Remember, **DON'T WASTE TIME – REPORT THE CRIME** and if you see **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – REPORT IT QUICKLY.**

I'll be attempting to report to you via this page on a regular basis, so you are kept up to date with what is happening in your area.

Please do not report crime here on your page or on the Kuring Gai Police area Command page.

The ways to report crime are:

* Triple zero "000" in an emergency or life threatening situations

* 131444 for non-emergencies

* 1800 333 000 to provide crime information

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

 **Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

 [NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Closed group](#)

 **Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

 **Email** NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:

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

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

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

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

 [Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Closed Group](#)

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