



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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2 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

BEWARE – THIEVES ABOUT – Pymble and surrounding southern suburbs of the Command!

Over this last weekend there were several break and enters into shared garage areas with property stolen from the garages and from vehicles within those garages. These occurred predominantly at night but can also happen during daylight hours.

This is a timely reminder to EVERYBODY in our Kuring Gai Command – please keep your property secured as best you can by locking your home doors, garages and your vehicles, even if they are in your garage.

Remember to lock your home doors and windows even if you are leaving your home or vehicle for a short period of time.

Be vigilant, lock your vehicles and garages, make it more difficult for those who are intent on taking with isn't theirs.

If you have a storage unit, try to keep your property out of sight. Cover your property or better still, close in your storage unit so whatever is inside is out of sight from those outside.

Remember:

DON'T WASTE TIME, REPORT THE CRIME!

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, REPORT IT QUICKLY!

How to report crime.

“000” Triple zero for emergency or life threatening situations

“131444” Police Assistance Line for non-emergencies

“1800 333 000” To provide crime information

28 June, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon

Do you have a natural gas or LPG heater in your home? If you do then please read on.

Firstly, if you are using an un-flued LPG heater inside your home then please, turn it off immediately. LPG heaters (unless specifically stated by the manufacturer) are designed to be used outdoors due to the large amounts of Carbon Monoxide that they produce.

Next, if you are using a natural gas powered heater, have you given it it's annual service to ensure that it is in perfect working order? If it hasn't been serviced then please, give serious thought to having it looked at by a licenced gas fitter or service technician.

Unserviced gas heaters, older gas heaters or even un-flued heaters can produce large amounts of Carbon Dioxide gas. This gas is colorless, odorless and tasteless. In short, you dont know that you are being exposed to it until you start to feel unwell and by then, it could be too late.

This week, our colleagues at Fire and Rescue NSW Station 51 Forestville gave an award to 5 year Lili. Lili, despite her small size, dragged her almost unconscious Mum out of their Northern Beaches home and into fresh air after their older model gas heater malfunctioned and filled their home with deadly Carbon Monoxide. Lili then ran to a neighbour's home to get medical help for her Mum.

If Lily had not have been this brave then it is fair to say that her Mum would most likely have died.

Fire and Rescue do not promote any particular brand of detector for your home or business.

That said, it could be highly beneficial to you and your family to have a Carbon Monoxide detector (similar to the one in the picture) installed in your home. It will alert you if it detects this deadly gas in your home giving you valuable time to safely exit and to call Triple Zero (000)

Well done to Lily. A true little champion.

Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include:

Dull headache

Weakness

Dizziness

Nausea or vomiting

Shortness of breath

Confusion

Blurred vision

Loss of consciousness

Read more about carbon monoxide poisoning [here](#).

26 June, from yourroomhealth.nsw.gov.au



DRUGS - They're destructive and a growing concern which not only affects those who choose to take them, but also their families and friends.

Are you concerned about drugs in your area? You may simply want to know a bit more about the effect they have on people who take them.

You may have a friend or relative who you think is taking drugs and you don't know where to go to get advice.

This is such an informative link.

For information about the effects of 'ice' and other drugs, and how to get support:

CALL the Alcohol & Drug Information Service (ADIS) on 1800 250 015 for information and support about drugs.

Visit [this site](#) to learn about drugs, their effects, and how to get help.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

1 July, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

Most people are unaware that once the phone or even the charging cord are disconnected there is still power being drawn by the "wall plug".

As we find that we use more and more mobile electronics in our daily lives, most of us have a handful of different chargers for our cell phones, tablets and other accessories. It is common to leave wall plugs or car chargers plugged in and simply disconnect our devices. Unfortunately doing so is not only a fire hazard but is becoming one of the most frequent causes of electrical fires in homes.

Two possible preventative measures are either simply unplugging all chargers when not currently in use.

1 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Protect your child online.

Safety for children and young people on the Internet is quite possibly the biggest issue facing Australia's youth. Parents are more concerned than ever about how they can actively protect their child in the online environment. Talking with your children and being upfront and honest with them about the risks can help them understand how to best secure their safety online.

Tell your kids to NEVER:

- ✗ Tell anyone your name, address, phone number or school

- ✗ Send a photo of yourself to anyone that you don't know

- ✗ Tell anyone your credit card or bank details

- ✗ Make plans to meet anyone you find online – people you meet online aren't always who they claim they are

- ✗ Talk to anyone who is nasty or makes you feel uncomfortable

Tell your kids they should ALWAYS:

- ✓ Be careful who you talk to in chat rooms or on instant messenger

- ✓ Ask permission to use chat rooms

- ✓ Tell your parents or carer if someone says something to you in an email or chat room that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe

- ✓ Stay away from websites that are not meant for children

✓ Remember that people are not always as they seem online

Information sourced from [here](#).

30 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WHEN YOU ARE IN AN EMERGENCY...

What is an emergency?

- Is someone injured?
- Is your life or property being threatened?
- Have you just witnessed a serious accident or crime?

If you answered YES call Triple Zero (000). Triple Zero calls are free.

When you call Triple Zero (000) you will be asked by the initial operator if you require POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE?

You must tell the operator which service you require and what your area, town or suburb is.

If you require Police and any other service, such as Police AND Ambulance or Police AND Fire Brigade ask for "POLICE".

When you are transferred to POLICE operator;

- STAY FOCUSSED, STAY RELEVANT, STAY ON THE LINE and speak CLEARLY
- The operator will ask you for your LOCATION – provide a street address if possible, or a street and nearest corner street AND suburb, or provide as much information about your location as possible.
- Try not to move onto any further details about what is happening until the operator has CONFIRMED your location with you. If the police operator does not know exactly where you are, or where the incident is occurring, they cannot send police on the way.

- Let the operator ask you for the information they require – this will help police get to you faster.
- Don't hang up until the operator has all the information they need. Operators do not ask you for unnecessary information, EVERYTHING they ask is information police require before attending the incident.

For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

30 June, Shared from Glenorie Families and Community group yesterday:

We've just had guys who were doing something on our property caught in the act by our neighbour. They ran off. We are on Tecoma. It's been reported.

Might have been checking cars to see if any doors were open? Backpacks on so maybe just opportunists?

Something around their mouths and hoods so their eyes were still in view - and my neighbour shouted at them and they seemed to be young early twenties maybe which also fits with the car. It's been reported. Police know about it. It will help the area have patrols too. I'm not that worried about it. I think if everyone watches out for each other they won't be getting too far.

29 June, from thehub.nrma.com.au

Warming up with a fire pit? Here are a few things to consider. Read more [here](#).

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.

29 June, from Ausgrid: BUSHFIRE PATROLS:

Our bushfire safety helicopter patrols are now moving into Sydney. Residents may see low flying helicopters inspecting powerlines over the next few days.

SYDNEY:

From June 27 the helicopters will be flying above powerlines across the Northern Beaches, Upper North Shore, North Shore, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Inner West, Eastern Suburbs and southern Sydney.

The specialist crews are inspecting the electricity network for any potential bushfire hazards. Two helicopters will be inspecting the network so we can complete the patrols by the end of June.

Crews will be in the air from about 7.30am to 5.30pm (weather permitting).

The helicopters fly between 15 and 35 kilometres per hour and have been modified to allow for the quietest possible operation but they may fly low at times.

See more [here](#).

29 June, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Illegal Dumping



North shore residents fed up with illegal dumping turning suburban streets into 'waste sites'

North shore residents are fed up with piles of rubbish turning their suburban streets into "waste sites" as new figures reveal more than 400 cases of illegal dumping were reported in the last 12 months.

Chatswood homeowner Steve Conwell is among residents calling for an end to household waste being illegally dumped on nature strips and footpaths across the region.

In the last week alone, the long-term local has photographed 10 examples of rubbish ranging from electric goods to broken furniture and kitchen appliances adorning the streets surrounding his home.

Read details [here](#).

28 June, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance after a man was assaulted in Moore Park earlier this month.

About 10.15pm on Saturday 15 June 2019, a 23-year-old man was with friends at the entertainment precinct at Moore Park, when they were approached by a group of unknown men.

Following a short verbal exchange, the man and his friends attempted to walk away from them, when the 23-year-old was punched from behind, causing him to fall to the ground. He was then kicked, before the group of men fled the scene.

The man suffered a fractured jaw, which required surgery. His treatment is continuing.

Officers from Surry Hills Police Area Command commenced an investigation on Tuesday (25 June 2019), when the incident was reported to police.

Surry Hills Police Area Commander, Detective Superintendent Gavin Wood, said the incident was unprovoked and cowardly.

“In anyone’s language this was a cowardly assault, that lead to this man undergoing surgery, Supt Wood said.

“We are urging anyone involved to have a conscience and come forward. We will find out who you are, so don’t make us come knocking on your door.

“Police believe there would have been witnesses to the assault and we are hoping that someone will come forward to assist as we investigate this vicious assault.”

Inquiries continue.

Detectives are urging anyone with information to contact Surry Hills Police Station on (02) 9265 4144 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [website](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

Watch video [here](#).

28 June, from Lost Pets in NSW

For those who are confused about Dogs wearing collars and name tags, it's the Law.

Dogs

In addition to being microchipped all dogs, except working dogs, have to wear a collar and tag showing the dog's name and your address or telephone number when outside its own property.

If you fail to comply with this requirement, you may be liable for a maximum penalty of \$880 or \$5,500 for a restricted dog, dangerous or menacing dog.

Cats

All cats, except cats being exhibited at a show or in transit to or from a show at which they will be exhibited, must have some form of identification when in a public place.

Cats born before 1 July 1999 (when the Companion Animals Act 1998 came into force) must be identified with either a microchip or a collar and tag with the cat's name and your address or telephone number on it.

Cats born after 1 July 1999 (when the Companion Animals Act 1998 came into force) do not have to wear a collar and tag with your contact details on it, but must be microchipped and lifetime-registered (unless they are exempt from these requirements).

If you fail to comply with this requirement, you may be liable for a maximum penalty of \$880.

[NSW of Local Government:](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 27 June [\[Online edition here\]](#)

Authorities ready for flood disaster [Page 03]

A DEVASTATING one-in-500-year flood in the Nepean and Hawkesbury Valley would see thousands of displaced residents from the northwest seek shelter at Sydney Olympic Park.

A multi-agency operation, dubbed Exercise Deerubbin, saw State Emergency Services volunteers, NSW Police, the Red Cross and Anglicare representatives put to the test yesterday.

The emergency services ran through management of a massive flood scenario, which would involve the evacuation of people and animals from flood-prone suburbs near the Hawkesbury River, such as Wiseman's Ferry, Canoelands, Maraylya and Singleton Mill.

A total of 500 displaced role-players converged on Qudos Bank Arena, with emergency services tasked with reuniting loved ones and providing emergency accommodation as part of the mass-care facility exercise.

NSW Police and Emergency Services Minister David Elliott said the training exercise provided "an important practise opportunity for emergency management arrangements in the event of a major flood in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley".

"The people of western Sydney can be assured that the NSW Government is prepared and well equipped to respond to a major incident, such as a flood in the Hawkesbury and Nepean Valley which could require an evacuation," Mr Elliott said.

"Natural disasters, are a common feature of the Australian life, they can come at any time, they can come in any way and it's only through these sort of exercises can our combat agencies be prepared for response."

NSW State Emergency Services Commissioner Kyle Stewart said the community was encouraged to "know the risk of flooding".

“We need to ensure our plans are exercised, he said. “These exercises assist in ensuring all emergency services and the community are ready to respond should a major flood in the valley occur.”

The commissioner described the 9500 SES volunteer community as “the best in the world”.

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HORNSBY

Fire and rescue was kept busy during the wild and wet weather on the roads. Fireys were called out on multiple crashes across the area, caused by the slick roads. One driver, at the George St side of Hornsby train station, had a lucky escape after their car smashed into another on Monday at 8pm.

The red hatchback and another red fourwheel-drive collided at the library carpark exit of George St. The smaller hatchback was unable to be driven away from the scene. A driver and a passenger of the second car also walked away from the scene uninjured. Both cars ended on opposite footpaths at the junction.

Hornsby firefighters said no one was injured during their night of call-outs, which was also attended by Campsie police and Hornsby police, and once again warned drivers to slow down on wet roads.

“There have been a number of accidents but luckily everyone has walked away with minimal injuries,” a spokesman said. “Please take care on the roads and drive to the conditions.”

HORNSBY

Two young men, aged about 18 to 20, stole three Apple pencils from the Apple store at Westfield Hornsby about 3.15pm last Tuesday before returning an hour later and stealing an Apple HomePod and headphones, and running from the store. Police are investigating the brazen thefts. They said the goods were worth about \$1500.

TURRAMURRA

A wallet was stolen from a construction site on Boronia Ave and used to make fraudulent purchases totalling about \$800. Police said the victim left his wallet at the property last Friday. It was taken before Sunday morning, during which time the purchases were made using a card.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 27 June [\[online edition here\]](#):



New rules for pets

From 1 July the NSW Government has introduced new rules for advertising pets for sale or to give away. Advertising must carry the pet's microchip details if it is aged 12 weeks or more, or a breeder ID number or a rehoming ID number. To find out more visit dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals

27 June, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Fast five: Police news across the Hornsby Shire

Thornleigh

A man involved in a crash at the intersection of Goodlands Ave and The Esplanade allegedly fled the scene after witnesses tried to help him.

Emergency services were called to the two-vehicle crash about 12.40am on Sunday.

Both vehicles were badly damaged in the crash.

Witnesses tried to help one of the drivers who appeared to be injured but he allegedly fled the scene after being helped from his car.

Police later located the 20-year-old man and paramedics treated him and took him to hospital. Police are continuing investigations into the crash.

Asquith

A small bag containing a substance believed to be methylamphetamine was handed in to police after it was found at Asquith train station on Tuesday about 3.30pm.

Hornsby

The rear window of a vehicle parked in a secured premises on Florence St was smashed between 10am and 10.15pm on Monday.

Hornsby

A man was allegedly pushed to the ground at Woolworths in Westfield Hornsby at the self-service checkout area after confronting another customer about stealing items about 12.45pm on Sunday.

Police said the victim stood in front of another man who he believed had failed to pay for items. He was then allegedly pushed to the ground and the offender left the store.

Warrawee

A 55-year-old man has been charged with mid-range drink driving after allegedly colliding with a pedestrian.

He travelled through an intersection about 8pm last Wednesday in a Toyota van and allegedly clipped a pedestrian who was not injured in the incident.

He stopped his van and police were called.

He allegedly failed a breath test and was taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.136.

He is due to face court.

If you have information that could assist police with any of the above incidents please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

27 June, from Independent.co.uk: The hashtags that could put your children in danger on social media revealed in new campaign

A new campaign is highlighting more than 100 hashtags which could be putting your children in danger on social media.

A combination of sharing and parenting, “sharenting” has become commonplace with an increasing number of mums and dads posting photos and videos of their children online.

But while sharing pivotal moments of your child’s life like potty training or family fun on holiday might seem innocent, it’s an unfortunate reality that these images can be misused by predators.

Read more [here](#).

27 June, from snopes.com: Are 'PlayJoltz' or 'SmushGame' Legitimate Free Streaming Services?

Scams can take many forms and delivered by any means. A letter claiming that a relative, that you never knew, has unfortunately passed away overseas leaving a large fortune and no next of kin, an SMS claiming you have won the lottery, an email from a financial institution regarding an issue with your account, a phone call telling you there is an issue with your computer, or that you owe money to a government agency, a social media post with great offers. The list goes on and on. If have any concerns, or have an interest in a product, conduct some background checks, or contact the agency but make sure you make some appropriate inquiries before you act and avoid clicking on unsolicited links unless you know and trust the site.

27 June, Shared from St Ives Community Group:

Just letting you know that there was a break in in Monterey St earlier this week in the heavy rain. 3 small dogs were in the house barking and they were coaxed into a room and locked up unharmed. Jewellery stolen and homeowners very upset due to sentimental value. Watch out in your area. Our neighbours are on the look out and will be ready to photograph anyone looking suspicious. Let's hope this is a once only incident and doesn't become a regular thing for St.Ives and our street. Pls share and protect our community.

27 June, From the dailytelegraph.com.au: Wahroonga man pleads guilty over 98 videos, images of child abuse

A Wahroonga cartoonist has pleaded guilty to three counts of possess child abuse material after police found almost 100 images and videos of child abuse material at his home.

Joshua Spencer, 35, from Wahroonga, was arrested and charged in April after police conducted a search warrant of his home last year and seized three storage devices which contained nine videos and 89 images of child abuse material.

Mr Spencer appeared at Hornsby Local Court for sentencing today — after pleading guilty to the three offences against him last week — but his defence lawyer asked for the date to be adjourned for more reports to be completed.

Read details [here](#).

26 June, Shared from Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural group: Report from Hornsby Police

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

They are:

Birrilee – 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



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



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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



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



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

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