



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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15 July, from 9news.com.au: Don't fall for these ATO scams while filing your tax return



There are fresh warnings for people to be diligent when dealing with tax refunds following the re-emergence of scams hoping to trick unsuspecting victims.

Since June, there has been an increase in scammers using WhatsApp to impersonate the ATO.

“Current reports indicate the scam is the latest twist to the fake tax debt scam where scammers issue a pre-recorded voice message to your phone demanding immediate payment of a tax debt and threatening immediate arrest,” explained the ATO.

Read details [here](#).

14 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Mobile Drug Testing

If your positive roadside MDT result is confirmed by the laboratory and it's a first-time offence, you'll receive a fine and have your licence suspended for 3 months.

Watch video [here](#).

12 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

A police station never sleeps. Our doors are always open - 24/7.

At night while you sleep, some of our crew may be in the station dealing with an arrest, an intoxicated driver, compiling a brief of evidence or taking statements from victims. Our other crews are out on the road patrolling the dark streets for badness, searching for drink drivers, breaking up brawls or, off at other jobs that have been called in for us to attend.

Whatever the situation, we are out and about, keeping you, our community, safe.

It doesn't matter if it's a week day or a weekend, in the middle of the day, a balmy summer's evening or on a cold winter's night; if you need us, call us.

Report anything suspicious – if we don't know, we can't do anything about it.

Remember:

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

The ways to report crime are:

- Triple Zero "000" For emergencies or life-threatening situations
- Police Assistant Line – 131444 for non-emergencies
- Crime Stoppers – 1800 333 000 To provide crime information.

10 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

About 5.50pm (Monday 1 July 2019), police were called to Pacific Highway, Pymble (near Livingstone Road), following a collision with a burgundy coloured

vehicle (possibly either a Holden Commodore or a Mitsubishi Magna) and a red Triumph 1100 motorcycle.

The burgundy vehicle was travelling in lane 2 of 2, parallel with the red Triumph which was travelling in lane 1 of 2. The burgundy vehicle merged from lane 2 of 2 into lane 1 and collided with the red Triumph motorcycle. The burgundy vehicle continued north along the Pacific Highway without stopping.

The 51-year-old male rider of the red Triumph motorcycle was injured and conveyed to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Investigations into the collision are continuing and officers would like to speak to any person who witnessed the collision and has not yet spoken to police. Also, if any person has DASH Cam footage of the collision to contact police.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this collision to call Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 and quote E 71312635 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

10 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Thank you to this Highway Patrol officer from Kuring Gai Highway Patrol for helping the lady when her tyre pressure warning light activated. He was more than happy to help her out.

Yes, HWP are great people who do a great job in keeping us safe on the roads and are happy to go above and beyond when called upon to do so.

Great job 👍

10 July, from NSW Police Force [Edited] : “It’s important to speak to your child about the dangers associated with online conversations and know what your child is doing online,” Det Supt Kerlatec said.

Police are urging parents and carers to monitor their child’s online activities after Strike Force Trawler detectives charged four men in the last three weeks over the alleged online procurement and incitement of children for sex.

In May 2019, detectives from the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad’s Child Exploitation Internet Unit (CEIU) began engaging online with a man from Sydney’s west.

Police will allege in court that the man believed he was speaking with the 35-year-old mother of a nine-year-old girl and engaged in conversations about sexually-explicit acts he wished to perform on the child as well as with the mother and daughter together.

Following extensive inquiries, a 61-year-old man was arrested in Sydney’s west about 11.20am on Thursday 20 June 2019.

He was charged with incite sexual intercourse with child under the age of 10 years.

The Lethbridge Park man was refused bail and appeared at Parramatta Local Court on Friday 21 June where he was formally refused bail to re-appear at the same court on Thursday 22 August 2019.



14 July, From the NSW Fair Trading newsletter:

NSW retirement village communities can welcome improvements to retirement village living as a result of new laws that started on 1 July 2019.

These new laws included:

- mandatory Rules of Conduct for operators designed to establish a benchmark for the conduct and behaviour of operators, with penalties for breaches coming into effect from 1 January 2020
- new emergency management requirements, designed to ensure villages are well prepared to deal with an emergency
- giving residents the opportunity to get an annual update on the costs that would be associated with them leaving the village, through a 'contract check-up' meeting with the operator
- giving residents scrutiny and approval rights over the appointment of the person to audit the village's accounts.

To help inform communities about the changes, more than 1,900 people around the state have been presented to about the new laws through the Retirement Village Ambassador program.

For operators, guidelines have been developed to help them implement their new requirements:

Village contract information meeting guidelines

Emergency plan and evacuation exercises guidelines

Annual auditing of accounts guidelines

For more information [click here](#).

13 July, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

Car and motorbike stolen from Carcoola Crescent, Normanhurst last night. Just wondering whether anyone in the area heard anything last night. We have video footage of someone taking the motorbike from outside 24 Carcoola at 10.28 last night. Our neighbour at number 14 has now discovered his Getz has been stolen.

We have recovered the motorbike - it was dumped near the creek at the bottom of Avery street. They'd attempted to hotwire it without success. There was another biked dumped there as well so maybe someone else is missing a bike too.

The car is still missing.

There was a party somewhere in the area last night so we're hoping that there may be someone with more information.

12 July: DID YOU KNOW? See redcycle.net.au for information about what can and can't go in the recycled bags bin.



Soft plastic recycling

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill.

Do the scrunch test



If it's soft plastic and CAN be scrunched into a ball, it can be placed in a REDcycle drop off bin

If it's not plastic, or it's plastic that CAN'T be scrunched into a ball, it cannot be recycled via REDcycle*

YES PLEASE

Some of the most commonly recycled items include:



Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible. For a comprehensive list of what can be REDcycled and more information, check the website.

NO THANKS

We cannot accept the following:

- X Plastic bottles
- X Plastic containers
- X Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- X Glass
- X Rubber
- X Paper and cardboard
- X Tin cans
- X Food waste

*Contact your local council to check if it can go into your kerbside collection.

www.redcycle.net.au

12 July, from 9News.com.au: Thieves snatching up grocery deliveries outside houses, units

Light-fingered thieves are now thought to be targeting grocery deliveries, as food drop-offs get nicked from the doorsteps of houses and unit blocks.

In one incident, security vision shows a delivery driver pull up at an apartment block just after 3am.

He takes a Marley Spoon delivery from the back of a truck, and takes a photograph of it when he places it before the locked gate.

For details [click here](#).

12 July, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Areas



Just to report on the Chinese DV Expo held on 19 June at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall.

It was an event funded by Relationship Australia and I was invited to co-coordinate the program. I also invited Parramatta MCLC to join the working party and assist.

The program was well received by the Chinese Community, with about 160 community/religious leaders and volunteers attended the event. 62 workers from local services participated and 12 services held information stalls and met with the participants.

Sgt Bill Russell (Duty Officer, NSWPF Ku-ring-gai PAC) attended on behalf of Mr. Keane (Commander, NSWPF Ku-ring-gai PAC) and delivered a short speech. Snr

Cst Malcolm Baker (Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, NSWPF Ku-ring-gai PAC) was the keynote speaker on the day and also sat in the panel for the case study. I was the one interviewing a DV Survivor. Special thanks to Malcolm for your great effort and involvement in the program.

Regards

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Dates for the Diary:

Saturday - Sunday 10 & 11 August: Ku-ring-gai Council eWaste (computers, TVs etc) event 9am - 4pm @ St Ives Showground. [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.

12 July, from 7 News, Sydney

There's a new app, helping tradies track down tools taken by thieves.

"It's only been going since the beginning of June. A lot of people have been really excited about it, thinking it will really help" – Gayle Veille, Protect Your Tools Inventor.

Watch video [here](#).

12 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas

At 4.30am this morning (12:7) a white van drove down a shared driveway in Arcadia Road. Two men with torches started looking in the sheds and property. Police notified and licence plate recorded
Please share.

Residents near Arcadia Fire Station were robbed this evening (11/7). They took jewellery and some other items. They have Reported it to the Police. There was a car parked on the nature strip - My kids nearly intercepted them collecting the mail and thought they looked dodgy and got the rego which has been given to police. Blue/green sedan. Bloody hell - what's happening to our area when your kids almost intercept robber collecting the mail at 4.30pm!!! 😞😞 our poor neighbours are pretty shaken. BE ALERT and lock up!!!!!!

11 July, from NSW Police Force: Dob in a Drug Dealer Campaign [Edited]

Results from Crime Stoppers' recent Dob in a DRUG Dealer campaign are expected to disrupt the nation's illegal drugs market for some time, thanks to more than 47,000 Information Reports received from concerned people in the community.

The campaign, which ran from September 2018 until April 2019, encouraged people to confidentially provide information about anyone making, growing or selling drugs; with plenty taking advantage of the opportunity to share what they know.

Crime Stoppers NSW CEO, Peter Price AM, said: "It's fair to say that if you operate in the illegal drugs trade then you should start looking over your shoulder, because we experienced a staggering 65% increase in the number of drug-specific Information Reports received during the Dob in a Dealer campaign. The valuable

information provided to Crime Stoppers is expected to provide police with strong lines of enquiry in relation to drug manufacturing labs, illegal importation activities and drug dealing syndicates active in metropolitan, regional and rural locations right across the country.”

“On the back of the recent release of the latest wastewater drug monitoring results by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, it is imperative to do everything possible to ensure ongoing disruption to the illegal drug trade. The average consumption of MDMA in capital city and regional sites, and the average heroin consumption in capital city sites is now at the highest levels ever recorded,” Mr Price said.

“We know people are increasingly concerned about the level of drug use amongst their families, friends and work mates. That’s why CRIME STOPPERS in Australia held more than 81 community-based events during the Dob in a Drug Dealer campaign to directly engage people at a grass-roots level to explain the dangers of drugs and encourage them to share information with Crime Stoppers,” he said.

“Drug dealers are often hiding in plain sight within the community and are able to conduct their illicit trade unchallenged because people are often too scared to speak out for fear of retaliation. Crime Stoppers provides a solution where they can share what they know anonymously, and the Dob in a Dealer campaign drove home that message.”

Mr Price said information from the community had already sparked police raids and investigations across Australia, resulting in quantities of illegal drugs and precursor chemicals being seized, including ecstasy, amphetamine, GHB, and cannabis.

11 July, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance to help locate an 18-year-old man missing from Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Guanwen Wang, a Chinese National, returned from China after a few weeks holiday on Thursday 20 June 2019. He was reported missing on Friday 28 June 2019.

He is in Australia studying, attending a secondary school in Cromer.

He is known to frequent the Northern Beaches and Chatswood areas. He is also known to visit internet cafes.

Anyone who believes they may have seen Guanwen Wang, or know of his whereabouts, should contact Manly Police Station on 02 9976 8099 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 11 July [\[Online edition here\]](#)

Street Watch [Page 07]

A 21-year-old woman was taken to hospital after being knocked unconscious by a horse at Arcadia.

Paramedics were called to the incident on a semi-rural property on Halls Rd about 4.30pm last Wednesday, following reports the woman was unconscious and had possibly been knocked over by a horse.

The CareFlight rescue helicopter (pictured) also responded and landed in a nearby paddock shortly before 5pm.

CareFlight reported the woman was leading a horse on foot when the incident happened.

A CareFlight spokesman said she remained unconscious for an estimated 10 minutes before regaining consciousness.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and critical care paramedic treated the woman at the scene for head injuries before NSW Ambulance paramedics arrived and took her to Westmead Hospital by ambulance.

She was in a stable condition. Police were also on the scene.

HORNSBY

Police have issued a renewed call for witnesses after an alleged assault on Peats Ferry Rd, near Coronation St, in May. The incident happened between 10pm and

11pm on the night of Friday, May 3 involving two males and a female. Anyone who saw the incident or has information for police should call Crime Stoppers.

GLENORIE

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade has welcomed a new fire truck, which formerly served the Kellyville region. Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade is now the proud owner of the tanker and has renamed it Glenorie Bravo. The brigade posted on Facebook it was restoring it to replace the crews' old tanker which will now be used as a spare. It will be ready for use from this weekend.

HORNSBY

Ku-ring-gai police representatives recently took part in an event called Know Your Local Services at Hornsby Council. The event gives new residents a chance to meet representatives from the police, council, NSW Health, and other services. About 60 people attended, including migrants from China, Vietnam, Pakistan, India, Iran and Russia.

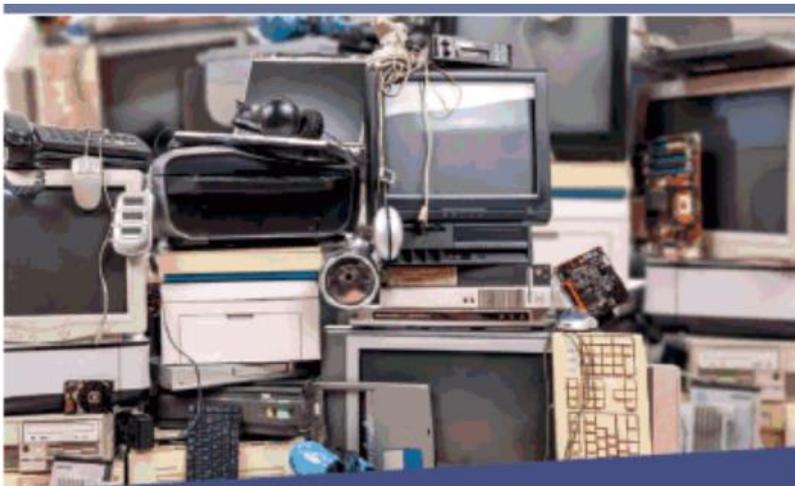
REGIONWIDE

A neighbouring police command, Ryde police, has released a warning this week about dating and romance scams. Recently, there have been several cases in which people have fallen victim to the scams, which result in financial and emotional damage. A Ryde police spokesman said the scammers exploited their victim's emotions and could be very elaborate, sometimes taking years to develop a relationship and scam the victim. Offenders often approach their victims on legitimate dating websites or through social networking sites. If the scam originates in NSW, you can report this to the NSW Police by visiting your local police station or calling 131 444. You can also report scams to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) by calling 1300 795 995.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 11 July [\[online edition here\]](#):

Grand Theft Bike [Page 19]

Police are urging motorcycle owners to be vigilant due to a recent increase in reports of motorcycle theft. The most recent thefts were a Honda motorcycle from Kirribilli Ave between 10pm 2 July and 1pm on 4 July, while sometime during the evening on 3 July a Kawasaki motorcycle was stolen from Little Alfred St, North Sydney and a Harley Davidson was stolen from Doris St, North Sydney. Police believe motorcycles are often placed on to another motor vehicle, such as a utility, and carried away from the scene. Anyone who sees anything suspicious should contact police.



Recycle Your E-waste

Free disposal of your unwanted technology in an environmentally friendly way on Saturday 10 August and Sunday 11 August 9am to 4pm at St Ives Showground 450 Mona Vale Road St Ives.

We accept all forms of technology (except mobile phones) at this free event. For a full list of accepted items visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/computerrecycling

Please note Ku-ring-gai residents only.

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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Local Facebook pages:



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



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