



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #409 - 13 August 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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colleagues and neighbours.

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August 13, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

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He was last seen leaving the location on foot, down an alleyway towards Wattle Lane Asquith.

Police believe that the offender may have collided with a female described as being dressed in all blue, whilst he was running from the Newsagency. Investigators wish to speak with this female.

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August 13, from Crime Stoppers NSW

From this month we will be introducing a new segment each week called the Road User Refresher Tip!

We will include questions directly asked to Triple Zero (000), Police Assistance Line and Crime Stoppers operators – because if one person is asking these questions, guaranteed MANY people probably are not sure of the answer.

ALSO – if you have a question – feel free to ask in the posts and we will address those questions in the following months.

August 13, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

The 40km/h speed zone in the Sydney CBD has expanded to include new parts of the CBD, Barangaroo, Dawes Point, Millers Point and Ultimo.

When driving or riding around the CBD, look out for the 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity signs.

Find out more and view the expanded zone [here](#).

August 12, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Between 2014 and 2018, almost one quarter of all road crashes involved a rear-end collision. Tailgating is the most common cause of rear-end collisions.

It's recommended you travel 3 seconds behind the vehicle in front to avoid a crash. If driving behind a heavy vehicle, motorists should leave a 4 second gap.

Check [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

August 09: A little bit of NSW Police Force history ...

Question:

What does Rembrandt (yes, the famous Dutch Baroque painter) and Governor Arthur Phillip have in common?

Answer:

Rembrandt created the famous "Night Watch" painting in 1642 and Governor Arthur Phillip created the "Night Watch" in 1789.

The NSW Police Force was first civilian police force in Australia and was known then as the Night Watch.

The Night Watch and the Row Boat Guard were appointed by Governor Phillip. These men were drawn from the ranks of the best behaved of the convicts.

On 1st March 1862 all existing police forces amalgamated to become the NSW Police force.

August 09, Ku-ring-gai PAC Week in Review

On Thursday, two females were caught shoplifting from Coles, Hornsby. One of the females from Schofields stole cosmetics whilst the other female from Hornsby stole vitamins. Both were issued with a Criminal Infringement Notice.

A 33yo female from Waitara was charged with malicious damage this week after she kicked the glass door of Star Mart service station, Waitara causing the glass to crack. She had become frustrated after discovering the service station was closed due to technical issues and was refused entry. She will appear at court next month.

A group of YP's were stopped and spoken to at Cowan after police suspected they were truanting from school. A search of one of the YP uncovered an amount of Cannabis. The YP attempted to leave the area at this time and when asked to return has become aggressive towards police striking and pushing them. The YP was eventually contained and taken to Hornsby police station where she was issued a Youth Caution.

A 43yo female from the mid north coast was stopped in her vehicle travelling on the M1 at 2:30am on Sat 04/08. An RBT test resulted in a reading of 0.202 grams of alcohol - four times over the legal limit. Her licence was immediately suspended and she was charged with Driving with high range PCA - 2nd offence. She will appear at court later in the month.

Two males (16 yo & 19yo) both from St Ives were located on the weekend in a vehicle at Warrimoo Oval, St Ives. A search located a drug implement and Cannabis. One youth claimed ownership and was given a Cannabis Caution. Both were moved on from the area.

Around 10:30am on Tuesday, a wallet from inside a handbag was stolen from Hornsby Library. Three young males are suspected of being involved in the stealing with one of the youths removing the wallet from the bag whilst it was placed on the ground. The youths are also suspects for similar offences at supermarkets in the north shore area. A friendly reminder to please be vigilant with

your personal belongings at all times when attending public areas with high volumes of people.

August 09, from NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force has commenced Operation Merret in a continued effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on NSW roads, particularly in regional areas.

Operation Merret, an unorthodox and proactive approach to road policing, is aimed at educating and empowering the public to make the right decisions on the state's roads and will run until Saturday 26 October 2019.

During the three-month operation, more police will be out on the roads, not only targeting motorists for dangerous behaviours, but educating drivers on safe behaviour and encouraging those who are doing the right thing through positive reinforcement.

Last year's Operation Merret saw more than 30,000 infringements issued across the state for a range of offences, including speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, and using a mobile phone while driving.

For the fatal crashes that have occurred this year, the majority of those killed in fatal crashes were drivers (48.9 per cent), passengers (16.8 per cent), and pedestrians (15.3 per cent).

Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy, said there had been too many lives lost in preventable tragedies this year on our roads.

"Every police officer in the state has been tasked with speaking to drivers, riders, passengers and pedestrians about their responsibilities and safe choices on and around our roads," Assistant Commissioner Corboy said.

“Motorists, passengers and pedestrians need to be accountable for the decisions they make that impact other road users.

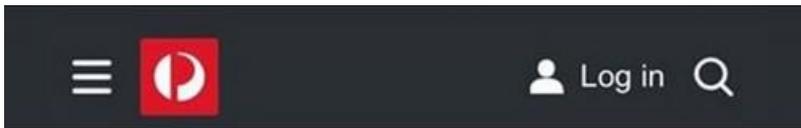
“To prevent further serious injury or death on our roads, I implore every driver to take responsibility and ensure safety is their primary focus.

“Please slow down, wear your seatbelt, avoid handling mobile telephones, make certain you are adequately rested before driving, and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue.”

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

Watch video [here](#).

August 07, from Australia Post: SCAM ALERT



Package detained in terminal - Payment of freight is missing: \$1

Sender: Dick Smith
Description: "Phone won in competition"

The package will be shipped immediately upon payment of freight.

[Pay freight](#)

Delivery 1-2 days

We've been advised of an SMS scam claiming to come from Australia Post. The SMS claims that you have a package 'detained in terminal', and asks for a payment to retrieve your package. This SMS has not come from Australia Post and is a phishing scam. Please do not click any links or make any payments.

Australia Post will never contact you via SMS asking for your personal information, financial information or to make a payment. For more tips on staying safe online visit [site here](#).

To learn more about this scam, visit [site here](#).

August 05, from Queensland Police Service

Watch the moment a vehicle towing a caravan rolled over in Gumlu last week.

Thankfully no-one was seriously injured. Police are reminding motorists to ensure they are driving to conditions and being safe when towing.

Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 8 August [Link [here](#)]

Swim Teacher in Court [Page 05]

POLICE say a teacher at Knox Grammar school was in possession of a sickening trove of child pornography that was only uncovered when he left his mobile phone at the pool.

Nick Warby, the aquatic sports director, was granted bail at Hornsby Local Court on Tuesday after being arrested on Monday. Police were called when a staff member allegedly found child abuse images on the phone at the Wahroonga school's pool earlier that day.

Officers then searched Mr Warby's home, seizing phones and USB sticks, and allegedly found drugs — including ice and GHB — in his car.

In court, Sergeant Mark Newman said Mr Warby, who has been charged with possessing child abuse material and drugs, allegedly admitted to police in an interview he had downloaded and disseminated child pornography. And Sgt Newman said some of the images allegedly uncovered were almost in the “highest” range of the offence.

“The seriousness of this matter is not just possession ... those admissions extend to download and disseminate, and could result in a full-time custodial sentence,” he told the court.

According to his social media, the 30-year-old has worked at Knox — which costs upwards of \$32,000 a year to attend — for the past three years.

Knox principal Scott James wrote to parents in a letter confirming Mr Warby had been removed from his duties.

“(Police) have advised us that there is currently no suggestion that the images relate to Knox boys or swim centre students,” he wrote.

Mr Warby will return to court on August 27.

Street Watch [Page 09]

A FORMER lecturer who allegedly stabbed six teenagers during a fight in a Turramurra park has pleaded not guilty to charges including attempted murder.

Shannon Brett Morrison (pictured), 34, appeared before Central Local Court on Tuesday to face charges relating to the January 12 Turramurra melee that left seven people in hospital — including Mr Morrison.

He is facing a string of charges, including two counts of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to murder.

Magistrate Robert Williams ordered the former University of NSW lecturer’s strict conditional bail be continued and the matter was committed to the District Court for trial on August 16. According to court documents, police will allege Mr Morrison stabbed six teens with a knife he was carrying during an altercation in Cameron Park.

The youngsters were all treated in hospital. He was taken to hospital under police guard and treated for head and upper body injuries. He spent six months behind bars before being released on bail on July 25.

GLENORIE

More than \$7700 dollars worth of student computer equipment has been stolen from Glenorie Public School last week. Police from Kuring-gai Local Area

command are investigating after 14 computers were stolen between 3.30pm on Friday, August 2 and 8.30am Monday, August 5. A number of people accessed a locked groundfloor classroom, however, there were no signs of forced entry. Police said investigations were ongoing and access to CCTV footage was being sought.

TURRAMURRA

Computer equipment at Turramurra High School was also stolen last week after thieves graffitied the school hall. A total of \$5500 worth of computers and sound-mixing equipment was stolen from the school between 7.30pm Wednesday, July 31, and 5.30am, Thursday, August 1. Someone broke into the canteen before accessing a rear door to the hall. Police said a personal computer and sound board were also stolen during the incident and investigations were ongoing.

ASQUITH

A man has been caught allegedly three times the legal limit after failing to pull over at a breath testing site on the Pacific Highway earlier this week. The 46-year-old man was chased by police after he allegedly failed to stop. He allegedly recorded an initial reading of 0.163, before being taken to Hornsby Police Station where he undertook a blood-alcohol test, allegedly resulting in a final reading of 0.153. The man has been charged with high-range drink driving and disobeying a direction of police. His licence has been suspended.

REGIONWIDE

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command are investigating after a large number of break and enters have occurred right across the upper and lower north shore. A police spokesman said six homes had been broken into under similar circumstances, with power being cut to disable alarm systems, recently. A total of six cases, including the break and enter of two homes in Wahroonga and Pymble, are under investigation by police, who believe the incidents could be linked. "Mostly jewellery and cash is being stolen at each home, which are being targeted at random times

during the day and night,” the spokesman said. “This is a methodology we have seen in several cases recently, which is why we believe they could be linked.”

WAITARA

A 28-year-old woman will face court after allegedly shoplifting at Westfield Hornsby recently. The woman, from Waitara, was allegedly caught shoplifting a large amount of clothing from Bonds, Hornsby. She has been issued a court attendance notice and will attend Hornsby Local Court this month.

WAHROONGA

Police are urging elderly residents to refuse unsolicited offers for roof repairs or tree removal from people who knock on their door. A Ku-ringgai Police spokesman said a man was spotted looking over fences around the Wahroonga and Waitara areas. The man is known for targeting elderly and vulnerable victims offering to carry out unsolicited work at homes and charge high rates.

WAHROONGA

Police have allegedly found \$1000 worth of stolen groceries in a man’s car. A 29-year-old man was stopped by police while travelling north on the M1 recently. A search of his car allegedly uncovered the groceries, including a large amount of packaged meat. Investigations by police revealed the man had allegedly stolen the groceries from a supermarket in St Ives earlier that day. He has been charged with larceny and is due to appear in court.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday, 8 August [Link [here](#)]



Learner driver workshop

A free workshop for those teaching learner drivers is on 5 September at Council Chambers between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Attend for a chance to win 1 of 3 Safer Drivers Course vouchers. Online bookings essential; to book visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/learnerdriver



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.

Train Robbery [Page 17]

Around 7:50pm, 6/8 a young woman was travelling on a train on the North Shore line. As it arrived at Chatswood, a male snatched a large duffel bag she was carrying, and pushed her down the stairs to the lower carriage. The offender, described as caucasian, 20-30, 180cm tall, skinny build, long dark hair in a ponytail, fled in an unknown direction. The victim was taken to RNSH for treatment. It is believed there were a large number of witnesses to this robbery and police would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed it or who has any information.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 29 August: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Thursday 05 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers. 6:30-8:30pm @ council chambers. **Bookings essential.** **Info.**

Saturday 14 September: Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade Open Day 10am-2pm 'Let's Get Ready! @ 127x Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

Monday 30 September: TBC Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turrumurra) meeting. 7:30PM in the lounge area, Turrumurra Uniting Church, Turrumurra Ave. All

welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

Sunday 27 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Wednesday 13 - 20 November: TBC Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week - Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall

12 August, from NSW Incident Alerts: UPDATE: Police operation - Brooklyn

A police operation continues in Brooklyn this morning as Police Divers search for a vehicle that went over the Old Pacific Highway Bridge last night.

Emergency services were called to the location about 9.15pm (Monday 12 August 2019) after reports a vehicle had driven through a barrier into the Hawkesbury River.

A search operation is now underway to locate the vehicle and its driver.

Police are not treating the incident as suspicious.

The Pacific Highway has been closed in both directions between Mooney Mooney and Brooklyn Road due to a police operation following a car leaving the road, into the water.

Rescue helicopters and police divers have been activated.

Other Info: Northbound motorists will be turned around at Brooklyn Road and should use the M1 Pacific Motorway at Berowra.

12 August, from Ku-ring-Gai SES: Young People Take the SES by Storm

On this International Youth Day we are celebrating our volunteers aged 16-24 and the contribution that they make to the Ku-Ring-Gai community through the NSW SES.

The unit has 14 members aged 24 and under, who routinely respond to requests for assistance for help securing storm or flood damaged property. They perform diverse roles including temporary repairs and logistical and operations support.

Wondering what our young volunteers think of the SES? Scroll through the photos to find out.

To find out more about volunteering with NSW SES call 1800 201 000 or visit [site here](#).

12 August, from [acmadotgov](#): Happy Scams Awareness Week! Take the test?

Scams Awareness Week 2019 kicks off today. This year we're encouraging you to ask yourself, are you too smart to be scammed? Test your knowledge on scams and find out more [here](#).

12 August, from [thedailytelegraph.com.au](#)

Representatives of 120 NSW Neighbourhood Watch groups will demand millions of dollars from the state government after being blindsided over an insurance bungle which has forced them to cease operations for the first time in 35 years.

12 August, from [consult.treasury.gov.au](#)

The Government is inviting submissions on the final report of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) [Digital Platforms Inquiry](#).

We are seeking stakeholder comments on the ACCC's findings and recommendations. In particular, we would welcome views on practical options for implementation, timing and any impediments or challenges.

Views gathered from this process will be considered by the Government in developing its response to the report.

Read details [here](#).

11 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon Are 24/12 - Missing Family

A resident needs your help to trace a family from Pymble area:

The family name is YOUNG and I know they lived around Yarrara Rd / Yanko Rd around Pymble / West Pymble from at least the 1950s-1980s.

I am trying to find anyone who may know about LOUISE ELIZABETH YOUNG, or any of her siblings or children if she had any... She may be in her late 50s or older I'm not sure.

Her parents names were JUNE NAOMI YOUNG (maiden name was KOHLEIS), and EDWARD RUSSELL YOUNG, although they may have passed away already.

10 August, from ABF.GOV.AU: New laws prohibit the importation of most tobacco products into Australia without a permit



Details [here](#).

10 August, from The National Missing Persons Coordination Centre

We cannot contain our excitement for this announcement!

We are proud to partner with AustCyber for Australia's first ever large scale open source intelligence event!

This event will occur in locations all across Australia on Friday the 11th of October 2019, and will provide the opportunity to gather open source intelligence on a number of missing person cases.

Are you up for the cyber challenge? Tickets on sale soon!

Follow link [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

10 August, from NSW Police Force



SCAM ALERT! Keep an eye out for an email pretending to be from [Facebook](#). This phishing scam states that the recipient's ability to post to Facebook has been disabled. In order to 're-enable' posting, it then asks users to verify their identity by emailing copies of passport, Medicare details and driver's license. Don't respond and delete immediately.

For more information, visit MailGuard [here](#).

10 August, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man after a four-year-old boy was grabbed while he was shopping with his mother at a Hawkesbury shopping centre today.

Police have been told that about 12.10pm (Friday 9 August 2019), a man approached the pair in the carpark of the shopping centre and attempted to lift the boy up and away from his mother. His mother yelled out and the man ran into the March Street, Richmond complex.

She reported the incident to centre management who alerted police.

The man was described as aged in his late 50s, with a medium build, chubby face, clean shaven, short brown/grey curly hair, dark round eyes and large lips.

Officers from Hawkesbury Police Area Command are appealing to anyone who might have witnessed or captured the incident on dashcam to contact them.

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

8 August, from news.com.au: "When your country is willing to sell bulletproof backpacks to kids before it tries to do something about gun control."

Sales of bulletproof backpacks in the US skyrocket after weekend's mass

shootings



In a few weeks time, the US summer break will be over and parents will be sending their kids back to school.

But, as they shop for the usual supplies, such as pens, notebooks and crayons, they are likely to notice a product that, anywhere else in the world, looks alarming — bulletproof backpacks.

Several pictures have gone viral on social media this week showing a range of the mind-boggling bags in a range of colours on sale at US supermarkets.

“Saw this at Office Maxx today and my heart literally broke into pieces,” a stunned parent wrote alongside a picture of the bags, which cost around \$US120 have a marketing tagline that bleakly reads: “Protection is in Session”.

Details [here](#).

8 August, from the dailytelegraph.com.au

A search is underway for a group of burglars who “gave a dog a bone” to stop it barking while robbing a house in Roseville.

Police said the unknown offenders made away with cash, jewellery and a bar of silver bullion after breaking into the Lord St home at Roseville on Tuesday.

The group are said to have gained entry to the home by forcing their way through the back door of the property sometime between 9am and 1pm.

North Shore Police said the offenders gave a dog at the property a bone to presumably “stop it from barking and drawing attention to their nefarious activities.”

Read details [here](#).

8 August, If Your Neighborhood Had Nightly News

It's not gossip if we call it news.

Watch [video here](#)

8 August, from moneysmart.gov.au: Companies you should not deal with

List of unlicensed companies

If you have received a call or email from someone you don't know offering you a great investment opportunity or a loan, be very wary. The caller may be a scammer trying to take your money. Scams come from companies operating overseas and in Australia. Australians lose millions of dollars every year to scams and you do not want to be the next victim.

Protect yourself by checking this list of companies and individuals that are not licensed by ASIC. If the company that called you is on this list, do not deal with them.

[Click here](#) for more info.

8 August: Bush Fire Plans



WED, SEP 4 AT 6 PM

Bushfire Plans: will yours work?

818 Pacific Hwy, Gordon NSW 2072, Australia

★ Interested

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 PAC](#)

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



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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



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