



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 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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07 September, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



About 7:30am on Saturday 7th of September, 2019, police from Kuring Gai Highway Patrol intercepted a B Double heading south on the M1 Motorway at Wahroonga, after a call from a member of public. An inspection of the vehicle's load revealed the pallets in the B trailer were not secured correctly and had caused massive load shift. The trailer was grounded, to be decanted at a later time. Further enquiries are being made and enforcement action will be taken against the transport company.

07 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

This crash at 60km/h shows why you should always choose the safest used car you can afford. Even though they both cost around \$12K, the Volkswagen Tiguan has a 5 star used car safety rating while the Suzuki Jimny only has 1 star.



[Watch video here.](#)

[Find out your vehicle's safety rating here.](#)

06 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

If you have conditions on your driver's licence, please adhere to those conditions. It's important and it's the law.

On a routine patrol of the back streets around Hornsby last night, police activated their lights and siren and pulled over a female driver for a random breath test.

They breathalysed her and the reading came back negative (which is good) but when the officer was checking the details on her licence the officer noted that a certain condition applied. She had to wear glasses when driving. She was not abiding by this condition.

POLICE OFFICER: "Ma'am, it says here on your licence that you should be wearing glasses".

DRIVER: "Well sir, I have contacts".

POLICE OFFICER: "Ma'am, it really doesn't matter who you know. You'll still be getting a ticket".

~ Work jokes, Profession jokes ~

Have a great weekend.

06 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: Kuring-gai PAC Week in Review:

Last weekend a number of intoxicated youths caused issues around Hornsby Mall. As a result, one 15yo youth from Wahroonga was charged with Assault and his 16yo co-offender from Mount Colah was charged with two counts of Shoplifting.

A 34yo male from Yagoona was arrested at Hornsby Mall. He was wanted for multiple shoplifting offences across the metro area where he stole perfume and handbags from various stores. He has been bail refused until 17/10/2019.

A 38yo male from Belrose has been charged with multiple offences after breaking into a number of houses during the day time throughout the St Ives, Gordan and northern beaches area. He was targeting primarily jewellery and during one break and enter stole a vehicle. He has been arrested and charged and bail refused until the 09/10/2019.

A 32yo male from Worrowing Heights was caught on CCTV breaching his Westfield banning notice by entering the Hornsby Westfield food court. The male has jumped the counter of KFC where he has rummaged through the stores safe. Two days later he entered the shopping complex again where he has forced entry into a storage room. The male was caught by security and police were called. He has been charged with break & enter and trespass. He is bail refused.

A 28yo male from Wilberforce was located intoxicated wandering around on the railway tracks at Waitara railway station. After refusing to leave the area and acting aggressively towards police he has eventually left the tracks. While police were helping him leave he has spat in the face of police. The male was consequently charged with assaulting police and being on the railway tracks. He is bail refused.

A 14yo female from Wairoona was stopped and searched at Hornsby Mall where police located sneakers and clothing in her handbag with their price tags still attached. She was subsequently charged with goods in custody.

05 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: SCAM - SCAM – SCAM!!!

POTENTIAL IDENTITY THEFT!

BE WARNED – Scammers claiming to be from NBN.

There is an NBN scam circulating at the moment where the victim receives a phone call and the caller claims to be from NBN stating that there is a problem with the NBN connection to the victim's household.

WARNING!!!

They claim that if you don't follow their directions you will be disconnected from the NBN network.

WARNING!!!

They direct you to "press 1" or allow them to download a program to your computer.

WARNING!!!

If you press “1” you are transferred to their “call centre” where an operator takes your personal details.

WARNING!!!

This simple act potentially leads to identity theft and fraudulent activity resulting in the stealing of YOUR money.

WARNING!!!

THIS IS A SCAM!

REMEMBER – THE SCAMMER ONLY WANTS YOUR MONEY and will do anything to get it!



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

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

Monday 16 - Saturday 22 September: Responsible Gambling Awareness Week

Saturday 22 September: Responsible Gambling Awareness Week community event - 'Family Harmony & Health Day', 12-4pm @ St Ives Community Hall, Memorial Av. **Registration: 0488 330 820**

Monday 30 September: **Due to ill health, new date TBA** 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: Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week

Sunday 10 November: Hornsby Shire Council's Party at Park @ Asquith Park" community event 10-12noon @ Asquith Park - NHW will have a crime prevention stall, colouring-in and photo booth etc.

Thursday 14 November: Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command at 10-2pm in Bunning's car park.

**From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 5 September [Link [here](#)]
Street Watch [Page 11]**

A PRIME mover has lost control and crashed while travelling on the M1 Motorway, driving southbound along the Big Dipper at Mt Colah.

About 1am last Wednesday, emergency services from Fire and Rescue NSW Hornsby responded to reports of the incident.

When they arrived, they found the truck had stopped in a ditch between the median strip, leaving a long trail of damage after it collided with the barrier separating the northbound and southbound lanes.

No one was injured, including the driver, but authorities noticed the truck's diesel fuel tank had ruptured and was leaking.

Fire crews noticed fuel in the gutter and were able to absorb it before it entered the drain system. A large retriever was dispatched to tow the damaged truck away from the scene while a replacement prime mover was sent to remove the trailer.

Two lanes were closed for two hours before one reopened, while a temporary guard rail was installed before the morning peak traffic.

TURRAMURRA

Three young males, aged about 14-16, have stolen \$1400 in cash from a shop in Turramarra Plaza. Around 4pm on Friday, the group visited a number of stores in the plaza, including one shop where they asked to buy a card to place on the grave of their recently deceased grandmother. When the shop assistant went to show

them a range of cards, one of the young men went to the cash register, taking the large amount of cash. Police are examining CCTV footage. Investigations continue.

GALSTON

A trespasser has caused \$1000 worth of damage to Glaston High School. Between 4pm Saturday and 6am Monday, the vandal bent the fencing panels to the school yard.

WARRAWEE

A 38-year-old man has lost his driver's licence after allegedly drink driving. Police pulled the man over about 9.45pm on Monday on the Pacific Highway. An initial breath test allegedly returned a reading of 0.065. Police arrested the man and took him to Hornsby police station where he allegedly recorded a reading of 0.057 and was charged with low-range drink driving. He is due to face Hornsby Local Court on September 26.

HORNSBY

A 16-year-old teenager has been arrested in relation to an alleged theft of a Louis Vuitton hat worth \$250, which belonged to 65-year-old man. The teen allegedly grabbed the hat from the man who was walking through the fountain area of Westfield Hornsby around noon on Monday. Police later found two young people, arresting one male, who was released a short time later. Investigations continue.

BEROWRA

Police and firefighters responded to a small bushfire along the M1 Motorway about 10pm last Saturday. The fire was extinguished a short time later. Fire crews were unable to establish how the fire started.

09 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc.

**Pssst ... we
have a secret.
Snap smart
HD security
cameras are
only \$119* at
Bunnings ...
that's less than
half price.**

* while stocks last



We have a secret to share. Our friends at Sengled have let slip that their Snap smart HD security camera is less than half price at Bunnings, right now. That's \$119, down from \$249. This ingenious little camera, packed into a long-lasting LED floodlight, fits into a standard light socket and operates via WiFi, so there's no complicated installation or messy wires involved. Just screw it in, sync the app and get high-quality live-streaming video direct to your smartphone or tablet. It also comes equipped with motion sensors, infrared night vision and a scheduler, and can send you an alert when any motion is detected, so that you can see who is at your door and even talk to them via a 2-way intercom. Your home can stay safe, no matter where you are. This offer is available only at Bunnings, for a limited time, while stocks last. Find out more info about the [Sengled Snap here](#).

Please Note: NHW cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

09 September, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES: Preparing for Storm Season

Tip #1 Clear Your Gutters. Why is clearing your gutters important? In a downpour blocked gutters can overflow. The water may flow over waterproofing and into interior walls, roof cavities or other spaces causing short or longterm damage.

Find out how the NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai unit is preparing for storm season by joining us live on Facebook at 8pm on Monday 23 September 2019.

Get more information on how to prepare for storm season [here](#).

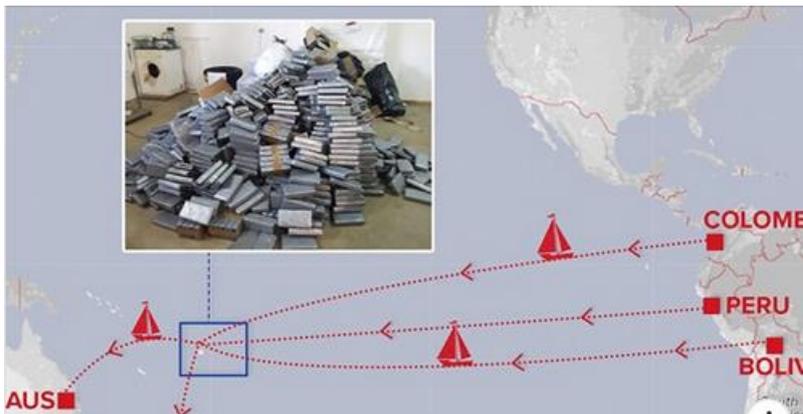
For emergency help in storms or floods call NSW SES on 132 500.

In life threatening emergencies call 000.

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

[Watch video here](#).

07 September, from 9news.com.au: How South American drug cartels smuggle cocaine into Australia



For thousands of Australians, the sun-drenched Pacific Islands represent the perfect getaway.

Fiji, Tonga and Samoa are just a short flight from Australia's major eastern cities, and the laidback island resorts cater to all budgets.

On the other side of the Pacific Ocean, South American drug cartels also have the island nations in their sights, for very different reasons.

The Pacific Islands have become a key transit point for huge volumes of cocaine destined for Australia and New Zealand, where very high prices are commanded. Smugglers, often on well-stocked mother ships, face a 12,000km journey across the Pacific to reach Australia from South America.

For drug cartels, the lure of selling their illicit cargo for more than \$200,000 a kilogram in Australia makes the risk worthwhile. In the US, one kilogram of cocaine fetches considerably less, around \$30,000.

[Read more here.](#)

06 September, from startsat60.com: The amazing technology that's made online banking super-secure

It's not that long ago that facial-recognition and iris-scanning software was the stuff of science fiction. Now, there's a good chance you've got that science fiction on your smartphone (or, if your phone is a few years old, you might have a fingerprint scanner instead).

Likewise, if your bank's mobile app utilises the latest technology, then chances are you too can add an extra layer of security on your account. This is a great innovation because while passwords may be compromised, nobody's going to find it easy to copy your iris or fingerprints! So, that's one new way of keeping your financial information secure. But you may not be aware of the other innovations going on behind the scenes that are helping to make online banking as safe as ... well, a bank.

Your bank's keeping an eye out for you.

[Read more here.](#)

04 September, from Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

BEFORE YOU LIGHT THAT FIRE check the rules. The Bush Fire Danger Period

is now in force & Fire Safety Permits are now required from NSWRFSS for approved open burning activities. Be aware of your responsibilities as penalties apply for breaching regulations. [Check here.](#)

04 September, from NSW Police Force

Great news! A 16-year-old girl reported missing from Ryde last Thursday (29 August 2019) has been found safe and well.

Police would like to thank the media and public for their assistance.

04 September, from TODAY

It's scary to think about. The majority of sexual abuse incidents involving children are carried out by someone they know. These are the warning signs you need to recognise to keep your child safe. [Watch video here.](#)

4 September, from NSW Police Force: Cecilia Devine

Detectives investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Cecilia Devine are releasing new images of clothing and a handbag similar to those she was wearing in one of her last known sightings in the Blue Mountains as they renew their appeal for assistance.

About 12pm on Monday 18 March 2019, staff at a water treatment facility in Katoomba located human remains in the nearby Upper Cascade Creek dam.

The remains underwent extensive forensic testing, where they were confirmed to be 42-year-old Cecilia Devine. She had been reported missing from Waratah on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Detectives from Blue Mountains Police Area Command, with the assistance of the Homicide Squad, established Strike Force Eking to investigate the circumstances surrounding Ms Devine's death.

Earlier this year, strike force investigators released CCTV footage of Ms Devine walking from a hotel in Katoomba Street, Katoomba, on Thursday 6 September 2018.

She was wearing a distinctive bright yellow cardigan, black pants and was carrying an orange handbag at the time; all of which have not been recovered.

Police have released images of similar clothing in the hope that someone may remember seeing these items or Ms Devine in the area at the time.

Strike Force Eking's Detective Sergeant James Allan said investigators are again seeking public assistance.

"We've established some strong leads into Cecilia Devine's disappearance and death in recent months but there are still many unanswered questions," Det Sgt Allan said.

"We are confident that there are people in the community who have information but have been reluctant to contact police and tell us what they know.

"Cecilia was wearing these distinctive items of clothing while walking down one of the main streets of Katoomba in one of her last known sightings.

"We urge you to look closely at these clothing items carefully and if you have any information, contact police as soon as possible.

"Now is the time to come forward and provide us with information so we can find out what happened to Cecilia and how she came to be where she was."

Anyone with information about that may assist Strike Force Eking investigations is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The

public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

[Watch video here.](#)

5 September, from 9News.com.au: Police renew call for information about woman found dead in dam



Police have released images of clothing worn a woman found dead in a Blue Mountains dam in a bid to solve her disappearance and murder.

Cecilia Devine's body was found at the Upper Cascade Creek dam by staff at a water treatment facility in Katoomba in March this year.

The 42-year-old had been reported missing from Waratah on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

[Full story here.](#)

3 September, from the dailytelegraph.com.au: Theatre company hit in tyre-slashing attack on Sydney's north shore



A north shore theatre company has vowed to keep the show going on after audience members attending a play about a cross-dressing AFL player had their tyres slashed by vandals.

At least 10 cars were damaged outside the St Aidan's Anglican Church hall in Longueville on Friday night where the Lane Cove Theatre Company was staging its production of 2012 play *Managing Carmen*.

Theatre company president Lochie Beh said audience members emerged from the hall at the conclusion of the play at 9.30pm to discover several tyres had been slashed or punctured.

[Read full story here.](#)

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to protect your IDENTITY"

1. Consider using a third party payment system for internet transactions, such as PayPal, in order to avoid entering credit card details. Consider having another credit card with a low credit limit to be used specifically for internet purchases, or for overseas.
2. Use a phantom date of birth when you subscribe or register online. It may be a compulsory field, however, it is NOT legally required. For example use

01/01/ followed by your year of birth - to keep your age demographic intact, but your identity safe.

3. Include strong password security on all electronic devices – Use (in order of strength) complicated passwords, or a PIN, or a pattern. Alternatively, consider using facial or fingerprint recognition (both strong). Note that the easiest (read laziest) method may not be the most secure - your phone can contain a HUGE amount of sensitive data about you, your home, your emails. Consider using ‘Two Factor Authentication’ on accounts. For all touch screen devices – regularly clean the screen to remove tell-tale marks.
 4. Never share your PIN. Beware sharing the 3-4 digit Card Verification Value (CVV), usually on the back of a credit card. Immediately sign new cards. Check internet sites are secure for payment by looking on the address bar for the the padlock symbol, green background colour, or the ‘s’ in the ‘https’ prefix. Untick the box: ‘Keep these payment details on file’.
 5. Encrypt and password protect all sensitive files. Consider encrypting your device. Use encrypted messaging systems (such as Signal). Consider using Virtual Private Networks (VPN). Forget wi-fi networks once used. Browse using ‘incognito’ mode, in order to stop the logging of browser history.
 6. Be aware of wi-fi security, especially items such as baby monitors. Ensure you set a new secure password on all items, especially wi-fi devices, internet router, computer, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, telephone answering-machine, smart TV – look around your home – also known as the ‘Internet of Things’ (IoT).
 7. Install Firewall software, anti-virus and anti-malware systems on all internet devices, including your mobile phone. Keep up-to-date – consider setting updates to ‘Auto’. Ensure you install the latest software updates and patches to your devices, as these close any vulnerabilities to threats. Install/use only one anti-virus at a time. Download Apps from only the official stores.
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UK Cop Humour



Nick (left) with Nigel holding onto the 'rescuer'! In a nutshell, Nigel Scourfield (Rtd. PS 263) had accidentally dropped the keys to the station's Panda car down a drain. He duly summoned the Traffic Department (PC Nick Davies 42) to assist him in retrieving them, but Nick was 'unable' (unwilling) to assist! Fortunately, a public-spirited passer-by very kindly offered to assist and suggested that he be held by the legs by the two officers and lowered down the drain to retrieve the keys. With no Health & Safety issues to take care of, Nigel and Nick carefully lowered the young man down the drain and after just a few minutes he managed to recover the keys!

“Hey UKCH! Please would you consider giving my lovely Dad (Nigel) a shout-out on your page? He’s just had his 50th year working in the Police! He started at just 16 years old and he's still working for Dyfed Powys Police (South West Wales) at the ripe old age of 66!

He’s now got 50 years service under his belt, firstly as a Police Cadet, then a PC, then Traffic and finally as a Sergeant. He currently works as Support Staff and is still going strong with no plans to retire just yet! He would be chuffed to bits if you would be happy to give him a tribute?”

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



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