



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #415 - 24 September 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.

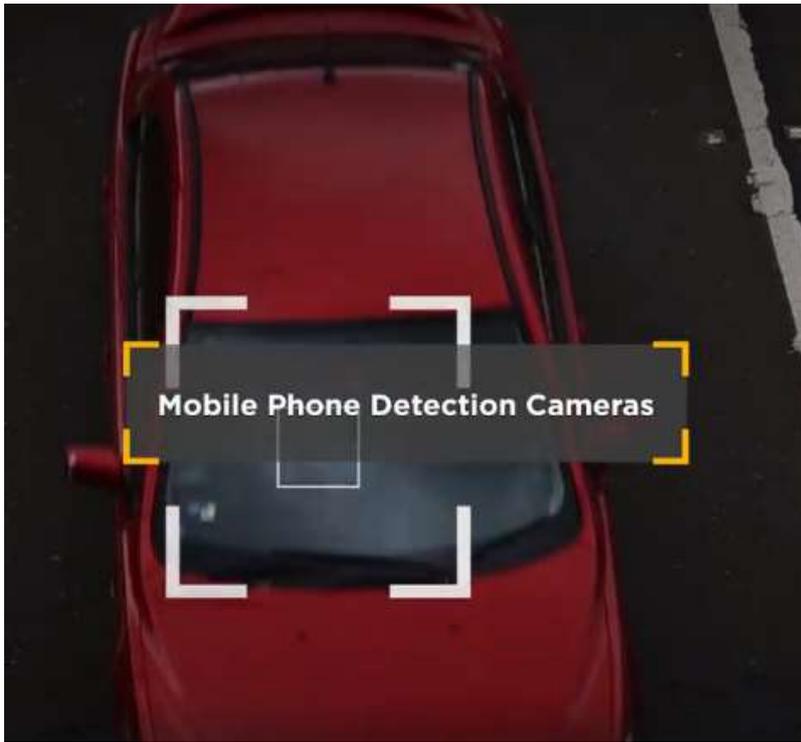
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**22 September, from NSW road Safety - NSW GOV: Mobile Phone Detection**

## Cameras



World-first mobile phone detection cameras will be rolled out across NSW from the end of the year to crack down on illegal mobile phone use by drivers.

The NSW Government's recent pilot of the safety technology checked 8.5 million vehicles and detected more than 100,000 drivers using their phones illegally.

For the first 3 months, warning letters will be sent to all drivers caught using their phone illegally. After that, offending drivers will face a penalty of at least 5 demerits points and a \$344 fine.

[Watch video here.](#)

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**20 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command**



Who said police can't have fun???

Kuring Gai Police Area Command with Sarah Ward Cooper, Whitney James, Kyle Jefferys - (Permission given to publish all names and photographs).

We at Kuring Gai Police area Command received an invitation to attend Glenorie Public School's biannual Warrior Colour Run. Thank you. We loved being part of your school community, albeit only for a couple of hours.

It was a fantastic school community event, especially as it was the students, their teachers, some parents and my colleague receiving all the attention. I was the photographer 😊

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**19 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV:** Very important information. From 26th September 2019 this important new road rule applies.

APPLIES FROM 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

# A road rule is changing for everyone's safety



From 26 September, motorists will no longer need to slow down to 40km/h on roads with speed limits of 90km/h or more when passing stationary emergency vehicles with flashing lights. Drivers will need to slow down safely and move over to give them as much space as possible. In speed zones of 80km/h or less, motorists will still need to slow down to 40km/h.

The rule will also be expanded to include stationary tow trucks and breakdown assistance vehicles displaying yellow flashing lights.

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## 19 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Crossing the road in front of a bus can be dangerous. It's important to cross the road in a safe place where you're visible to other vehicles.

[Watch video here.](#)

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## 19 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Reporting incidents on social media? Frustrating!

Way too often we see people sharing or asking people in Facebook groups if they have experienced a suspicious incident. This then is then shared within other

groups such as Neighbourhood Watch Groups and among friends.

When we look further into such reports, way too often we find that no report has been made to the police.

“I cannot express adequately how much this social media reporting frustrates us here”.

Facebook and other social media sites ARE NOT your first reporting stop ... Believe it or not, we, the Police are your first point of contact to report something suspicious.

Please .....

When you see something suspicious report it at the time.

(For example; someone in your back yard or looking into your windows or an unsolicited “trades person” approaching your door).

When you hear something suspicious, report it at the time.

(For example; where you think you hear someone is prowling outside your home).

If we are called and both are false alarms then fantastic – If not, then we have been given the best chance of engaging these people and at the very least, finding out who they are and why they are there.

IF WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT IT WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

Please share this with the enthusiasm other face book reports are made. We want to know at the time so we can keep you, your loved ones and your belongings safe.

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**19 September, from NSW Police Force International Students**



**Dates for the Diary:**

**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, Mills St, Asquith - NHW will have a crime prevention stall, colouring-in and photo booth for the kids, etc.

**Thursday 14 November:** Thornleigh Bunnings Neighbourhood Watch will have a crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command from 10-2pm in Bunning's car park, Thornleigh.

**Tuesday 26 November:** Gordon/Killara/E Killara NHW AGM/get together. 7pm @ Gordon Library (tbc) Everyone welcome! Bring a plate. Pick up a Neighbourhood Watch goodie bag and learn more about crime prevention.

## 24 September

Thanks to Maria for sharing this spam sms as a warning to us. Did you know that the government encourages us to forward spam sms messages to them, so the situation is monitored and something can be done about it?

Please forward the sms to: 0429999888. You will get a confirmation message back from the Australian Communications and Media Authority.



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**23 September, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Council Areas**



Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command and the volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby who helped make yesterday's Family Harmony and Health Day such fun. The Crime Prevention stall was well received, but the dress ups were the best! Or was it the zumba? Or tug of war? Senior Constable Lewis Peters gave an informative talk on Responsible Gambling, which was translated by the Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou, followed by a quiz.

Did you know Australia has the most gamblers in the world? Three times as many as the US. Second is Singapore.

Did you know that most gamblers are male 18 to 24 years?

Did you know most gambling is on pokie machines? Not online, or horses.

Thank you to our NHW volunteers; Mary, Kerrie, Julia, Wal, Gay and Warren.

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**21 September, from NSW Police Force [Edited]**



Two men will face court today charged following a Cybercrime Squad investigation into illicit drug supply over the internet.

In January 2018, detectives from the State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad established Strike Force Bribaree to investigate the online supply of prohibited drugs, including prescribed restricted substances.

As part of their inquiries, detectives identified an online drug distribution network operating from Sydney's north west using a website hosted offshore.

Following extensive investigations, strike force detectives intercepted 22 post parcels and seized a variety of prohibited drugs on Thursday (19 September 2019).

About 3.30pm yesterday (Friday 20 September 2019), investigators, assisted by Strike Force Raptor, arrested a 60-year-old man at Bella Vista.

Police will allege that the man was at the location to post parcels containing drugs.

About an hour later, a 28-year-old man was arrested at a unit at North Rocks.

Following the arrests, strike force investigators executed search warrants at the Bella Vista home and the North Rocks unit.

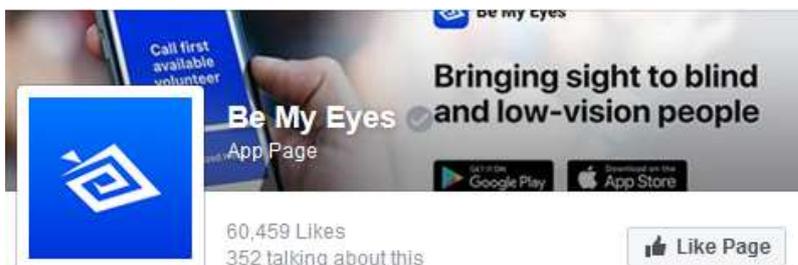
During the searches, police seized a significant quantity of steroids (more than 2500 vials, 100 canisters, and 1000 tablets), a tablet press, a label maker, various

items related to the packaging and distribution of illicit drugs, a firearm, a baton, mobile phones, sim cards, computers, electronic storage devices.

A crime scene was established at the North Rocks property after detectives located items consistent with the manufacture of prohibited drugs.

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**21 September:** We would like to share this Be My Eyes App with the community. It assists those that are blind. Would you like to help? Please take a look and see if it's you we are talking to.



[Details here.](#)

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### **21 September, from 9news.com.au: Crackdown on the scammers costing country tens of millions each year**

Across Centrelink, Medicare and child support, the government spends a whopping \$174 billion annually.

It's a complex, expensive system - which is what leaves it open to scammers and rorters.

Now, the government is vowing to crack down on those who take advantage.

"Ours is the most targeted welfare scheme in the world," Minister for Government Services Stuart Robert told A Current Affair.

While there's no shortage of people making false claims about disability, income or their relationship status to scam benefits, the government is turning its attention now to online fraudsters.

These crooks come from around the globe to target welfare recipients and their identities.

"It's quite traumatic losing your identity, losing your documents, seeing money being drained from your bank account, and it's not your fault," Mr Robert said.

The government has just signed ID Care, an identity and cyber support service, for another three years.

"It's designed to provide mitigation and response to people who have been the victim of identity fraud," Mr Robert said.

Read details [here](#).

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## **21 September, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES**

It has been a busy week with teams out most days. This week's activities have included patching damaged roofs and removing trees and branches that have blocked access to properties.

If you have a damaged roof and you can see water dripping through the ceiling, get a bucket and place it under the drip. Then get a screwdriver or sharp knife and put a small hole in the ceiling (avoiding electrical cables etc) so that the water can drain away. This will relieve the pressure and reduce the risk of your ceiling collapsing.

Join us live on Facebook, 8pm, Monday 23 September 2019 and find out how the NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai unit is preparing for storm season.

For emergency assistance during storms, floods or tsunamis, call NSW SES on 132 500.

In urgent, life-threatening situations call 000 immediately.

For information about volunteering with NSW SES call 1800 201 000.

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## **From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 19 September [\[online edition here\]](#)**

### **Girl, 11, approached [Page 07]**

POLICE are looking for a man who approached an 11-year-old girl at a bakery in Mount Colah on Saturday.

The Caucasian man, in his 50s, asked the girl, who was with her grandmother, to help him find his dog outside.

The girl agreed but when her grandmother stepped outside to find her, the man noticed and walked away.

### **Streetwatch [Page 13 ]**

## **HORNSBY**

A man, 37, has been charged with stealing, trespassing and destroy or damage property after he visited a department store at Westfield Hornsby last Wednesday. Between 4.30pm and 5.20pm, the man walked through the store and allegedly started changing into female clothing. He then walked to the homewares section where he allegedly urinated on plants and pots. About 5.12pm, he allegedly left the store with price tags still on the clothing and refused to stop when the store manager and security approached him. Police were called about 7.30pm and the man was successfully identified through CCTV footage. Police say the man allegedly admitted to stealing and entering the shop which he had already been banned from, but denied urinating. The man cause about \$240 worth of damage and stole about \$50 worth of clothes which police seized. He was given a court attendance notice for a future date.

## **BEROWRA**

A man has reported malicious damage to police when he woke up and found his car, a Hyundai Tucson had been egged with about a dozen eggs on Saturday morning. The man had parked his car on Berowra Waters Rd and had noticed splattered eggs on his driveway during the week leading up to the egging.

## **PYMBLE**

About 10m of copper wiring has been stolen from the Telstra exchange building in Bungalow Ave on Thursday. Police were called about 9.15pm after a number of wires were cut from the main frame. Staff members identified a number of people who were in the building earlier that day, including one unknown man who was refused entry because he did not have identification for clearance. There have been other staff on site, including 30 NBN workers in the days leading up to the incident. Inquiries are still ongoing.

## **WAHROONGA**

An 18-year-old man was assaulted and robbed around 6pm on Sunday. The man was driving when he pulled over at Wahroonga Park on Coonanbarra Rd and a group of 15 males, aged 14-21, approached him and asked him to hand over his belongings. The man refused and started to return to his car when the group attacked him and left the area with his gold iPhone and \$20 in cash. The man received treatment for a cut to the left side of his lip. Police continue to investigate.

## **HORNSBY**

Between 1.10pm and 1.15pm on Sunday a man received a mobile alert notifying him someone was inside his house while he was at work. The man remotely set the alarm off to try deter the robbers at the Clarke Rd address and made his way home. When he arrived he saw two Caucasian males, aged about 16 to 18, running across the road towards the Pacific Highway. One was wearing a black beanie, black jumper and black jeans while the other was wearing a black beanie, red jumper and red jeans. He noticed his front door was wide open and signs of tampering around the lock. No property was stolen.

## **ASQUITH**

A 14-year-old boy has had his black BMX bike stolen. The boy parked his bike outside Asquith train station without locking it last Thursday from 7.30am. He returned at 7.30am the next day found his bike, valued at \$150, had been taken.

## **BEROWRA HEIGHTS**

A \$3000 silver box trailer has been stolen from a property on Alan Rd at 4.50am. The trailer had been secured with a chain and lock. The owners claim they saw a silver or white sedan drive down the street with a similar trailer attached, but they were unable to recognise the number plates. DRIVERS will no longer have to slow down to 40km/h, but at a safe speed, when passing emergency services with their flashing lights on if the signposted speed is 90km/h or more from next Thursday.

However, if the speed is 80km/h or less, motorists will need to slow down to 40km/h when passing stationary emergency vehicles with flashing blue or red lights on. If it's a multi-laned road, motorists should change lanes if safe. These rules will also be applied when there is a stationary tow truck or breakdown assistance vehicle with flashing yellow lights. These changes come after a 12-month trial.

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## **21 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

Staying safe at the beach...



Taking a road trip up the coast? On holiday? Or just looking for the right beach for

you? Find your nearest beaches in seconds.

Access the latest information about every Australian beach on the go. Offering unrivalled coverage of the Australian coastline, the Beachsafe app provides detailed information from patrol status, facilities and hazards to weather, swell and tide.

SLSA recommends swimming at patrolled beaches, between the red and yellow flags.

Download the app [applestore](#) or [playstore](#).

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**20 September, from news.com.au:** Important driving technique that 95 per cent of Aussies don't know



Aussie motorists like to think they are pretty skilled behind the wheel, but it turns out most don't know this one simple driving technique.

A lot of Australian motorists like to think they are pretty knowledgeable when it comes to driving, but it seems there is one important skill the vast majority of people have never heard of.

New research released by Ford Australia found 95 per cent of Aussie drivers didn't know about the "Dutch Reach".

This revelation comes as Ford offers up its free [Driving Skills for Life \(DSFL\)](#) course once again as part of a push to help new and young drivers boost their skills behind the wheel.

This year the company is partnering with the Amy Gillett Foundation and focusing on how to safely share the road with cyclists — which is where the Dutch Reach comes in.

It's a simple technique where a driver uses their far hand to open the car door. That forces drivers to look behind and check for cyclists as they reach over their body.

Read details [here](#).

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### 20 September, from NSW Police Force [Edited]



Police have charged three men, seized more than \$54,000 cash and dismantled three clandestine laboratories following an investigation into the manufacture and supply of methylamphetamine across north-west Sydney.

In February 2019, officers from North West Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad (RES) established Strike Force Badajoz to investigate and target the manufacture and supply of prohibited drugs across north-west Sydney.

Following extensive inquiries, police stopped a 42-year-old man travelling with his 6-year-old daughter at Webbs Creek Ferry, just after 6pm on Tuesday (17 September 2019).

Police searched the man's vehicle and located more than \$18,000 cash, as well as equipment and chemicals consistent with drug manufacture.

The man was arrested and taken to Windsor Police Station, while alternate care

arrangements were made for the child.

Shortly after the arrest, strike force investigators from Penrith RES and Gordon RES, with assistance from the Operational Support Group (OSG) and the Public Order and Riot Squad (PORS), executed three crime scene warrants at homes in Leets Vale, Pymble and Marayong.

A 51-year-old man was arrested at the Leets Vale property and taken to Windsor Police Station.

On entry of the Marayong home, a 53-year-old man attempted to flee from police and sustained a cut to his forehead. The man was arrested and taken to Hawkesbury Hospital, before being taken to Riverstone Police Station.

Investigators uncovered clandestine drug laboratories all three of the homes, which are being examined and dismantled by the Drug and Firearms Squad's Chemical Operations Team and specialist forensic officers.

During the searches, police located 500g of methylamphetamine, equipment and chemicals consistent with drug manufacture, and a number of liquids with presumptive testing returning a positive indicator for methylamphetamine and gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB).

Officers also located more than \$36,000 cash at the Marayong home, allegedly hidden in a wall cavity.

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### **19 September, from the [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au): Hornsby Westfield agrees to locking trolley wheels**

After years of lobbying and clandestine trolley impounding, Hornsby Westfield has agreed to lock trolley wheels at all exit points.

The move, announced by Hornsby Council, who have pushed for the trolley locking system, after the CBD was flooded with abandoned trolleys in December.

As part of the announcement the council stated that they had reached an agreement between Westfield Hornsby and its retailers, which will see a trolley wheel locking system installed at all exit points of the shopping centre.

Read details [here](#).

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## 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.

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[WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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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 Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara/Pymble](#)



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



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