



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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01 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Just when you think you've seen it all ...

SITUATION:

When a parking spot doesn't exist, then simply make it exist – was the “base” thinking behind the driver of the white vehicle who parked beside the red ute.

QUESTION:

How did the driver of the white vehicle exit his vehicle after he parked it?

ANSWER:

Dropped the backseats and exited through the boot.

OUTCOME:

Police dealt with him accordingly.



01 October, from NSW Road Safety: One of our road rules has changed for everyone's safety.

When you see stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks or breakdown assistance vehicles displaying flashing lights, remember to slow down safely and move over to

give them space in speed zones of 90km/h or more. In speed zones of 80km/h or less, slow down to 40km/h.

Find out more [here](#).

01 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command and Mt Colah Mixed Probus club.

Yesterday, 30th September, Ku-ring-gai PAC's Crime Prevention Officer attended Asquith golf Club and presented to around 100 members of the Mt Colah Mixed Probus Club.

It was a well-attended event with topics of Senior Safety, safety in the home, visitors to your home, safety when travelling, shopping and banking safety tips being discussed. The questions and engagement were encouraging, with some sharing their own experiences with the group. Also talked about were scams; different types of scams, romance scams, internet scams, mobile phone scams; how to handle unsolicited offers of maintenance work from people going door to door offering to complete maintenance work on your home. Hopefully everyone was able to take away at least one piece of advice from the presentation.

If you know of a group of people who could benefit from a presentation such as this, could be from a retirement village or a community group, then please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.



27 September, from NSW Road Safety: Double demerits are in force Friday 4 to Monday 7 October inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seat belt or motorcycle helmet this long weekend, and you'll face double the points.

27 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai PAC Week in Review

A 38yo male from **Dural** was stopped for an RBT in **Galston**. A check of his licence revealed that it was suspended due to demerit point loss. He has been charged with Drive motor vehicle while licence suspended and will appear at court next month.

An 18yo female was caught stealing from Woolworths, **Hornsby** and upon being questioned she admitted having stolen several items from Chemist Warehouse also. The female has been banned from the two stores and Westfield. In addition, four other people were caught stealing from Coles and one male from **Waitara** was caught stealing from a newsagency in Hornsby.

A 19yo male from **Hornsby** will be charged with malicious damage after he smashed an eftpos machine at the 7 Eleven service station, **Berowra**. The male was intoxicated at the time and became angry after being refused service.

Two 16yo males from **Wahroonga and Turramurra** have been charged with Assault, Affray and Malicious Damage after assaulting a member of the public at Wahroonga railway station. After the assault they have left the area and entered a residential property in Wahroonga, smashing several windows. One of the males is bail refused and the other has been given strict bail conditions and will appear at court next month.

A 32yo male from Worrowing Heights was charged this week for break and enter after accessing a storage room at **Hornsby** Westfields as well as for Trespass after he entered the office area of KFC in the food court. The male has been bail refused and issued with a banning notice from the centre.

26 September, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: Which vehicle must give way?

Vehicle B

Vehicle A



TEST TIME ANSWER: In this scenario Vehicle B must give way to vehicle A. A driver entering a road from a slip lane must give way to all vehicles (except those performing a U turn) on the road they are entering.

25 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: If you saw or heard anything, please contact us.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to come forward in relation to an incident where a number of males were fighting near the park gazebo in **Wahroonga Park** about 6:00 pm on Sunday the 15th of September 2019.

If you saw or heard anything, please contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.**

24 September, from Northern Beaches command: At around two a.m. yesterday a white van pulled up in front of the Terrey Hills service station.

CCTV captures two men jumping out, forcing the glass front doors then propping them open with a wooden pallet. Both are wearing masks and hoodies. Inside, they cut the alarm before wheeling a bin to the counter and filling it with cigarettes; hundreds of packets worth tens of thousands of dollars. It's all over in minutes and investigating detectives are looking at possible links to a similar robbery last week at Hornsby. They're also asking anyone who saw the white van in the area in the early hours of yesterday morning or who might be able to help with information to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

And not long afterwards, down the hill at Church Point, two men have raided another small business. CCTV captures the pair arriving on foot just after 2.30, forcing the front door, then spending around ten minutes grabbing cigarettes, cash, a mobile phone and laptop. The first is thought to be in his late teens with light brown skin, wearing black beanie, jacket and track suit pants with white writing on the left leg, grey running shoes and carrying a red T-shirt. The second was wearing a two-tone hooded jumper, dark track suit pants with three white stripes on the sides of the legs, running shoes and possibly a beanie. Again, anyone who can help with information is asked to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



Hunt for Terrey Hills servo thieves

Possible link to
Hornsby raid



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Creating Safer Communities

01 October, from Crime Stoppers: School holidays are in full swing.

The weather is great and it's a perfect opportunity to take a well deserved holiday with the family. Sadly, thieves also use this opportunity to target unsuspecting home owners. Follow these simple tips to help safeguard your property from theft:

- 🚗 Display street number at the front of the house to assist emergency services to locate your home;
- 🚪 Ensure all perimeter fences are in good order and that gates are kept closed and locked to restrict unauthorised access to your property;
- ☐ Trim trees and shrubs from around doors and windows so as not to provide concealment to intruders and increase visibility to and from the street;
- 📞 Consider having a monitored intruder alarm system installed. Obtain at least three quotes from licensed security companies;
- ☐ Garden tools, equipment and ladders should be locked away when not in use to prevent them being used to gain access to your home.

01 October, from NSW Fair Trading: 🚫🚫🚫 PUBLIC WARNING 🚫🚫🚫

Do not deal with MHD Holdings Pty Ltd, trading as Pacific Fencing Solutions or its

director Matthew Geoffrey Rixon who often operates under aliases Matthew or Matt Douglas. Mr Rixon has not held a valid licence since 2010 and has already been fined over \$140,000 for offences relating to the residential building work he has undertaken. We're reminding consumers to check that a tradesperson is appropriately licensed, before paying a deposit or entering a contract.

More info [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall at this event, along with kids colouring-in, police dress ups etc.

Do you live in Asquith? Will we see you there? 10-12noon Sunday 10 November 2019



Party @ ASQUITH PARK

Come and meet your neighbours at this FREE party! BBQ, facepainting, mini guided bushwalks, singing, games, prizes and more.

Join us, have fun and connect with your community.
Something for everyone!

When: Sunday 10 November, 10am-12pm

Where: Asquith Park, Mills Avenue, Asquith

Cost: Free.

For more information call Jian on 9847 6994
or jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

In case of rain, the party will be cancelled.

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au



Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 16 October: Ride2Work Day

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 October: Garage Sale Trail weekend. [Info.](#)

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 October: Ku-ring-gai Council Household Chemical Cleanout 9-3:30pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

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, Police dress-ups, 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. Police dress-ups, colouring-in and photo booth for the kids, etc.

Thursday 21 November: White Ribbon Day

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.

29 September, from the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: At 12:29am Ryde HWP were performing RBT on Beecroft rd, Beecroft when a white Land Rover was signaled to stop.

The vehicle had difficulty stopping upon approaching the vehicle a strong scent of alcohol could be smelt emanating from the drivers side window. The driver was asked to produce his licence. The driver then stated; " I'm sorry sir, I'm a learner and I haven't got my L plates on and have been drinking." He then produced a NSW learners licence which revealed he was 16 old. He has returned a positive reading for alcohol and was arrested. Due to being a learner driver the front passenger who was the driver's father was also tested and returned a positive reading and was also arrested. Both were conveyed to Hornsby where the driver returned a reading of .072 falling in the low range category he was issued a field court attendance notice to attend Surry Hills children's court in November. The boy's father has returned a reading of .201 and was issued a field court attendance for "supervisor driver drive with high range PCA second or subsequent offence" to attend Hornsby local court in October. It should be noted that seated in the rear seats was the boy's mother and 13 and 9 year old sisters. Family & Community Services will be advised. It was revealed that the father was aware his son has been drinking with them at a nearby party.

26 September, from Queensland Neighbourhood Watch: What happens when you hear an alarm!!!!

Many of us have security alarms and set them each time we leave home – so what happens when they are activated!!!! The reality is that in many cases nothing

happens and thieves are able to break into our homes in spite of the alarm. Alarms “**alarm**” intruders but they should also “**alert**” our neighbours who are quite often our best form of security. So what do **YOU** do when you hear an alarm in your neighbourhood?

What you can do: [full article and crime prevention tips here](#).

26 September, from Richard to Scam Watchdog Australia: Hi. Just been scammed through Gumtree trying to get tickets to the AFL Grand Final.

Be careful if trying to acquire tickets to the Grand Final. The scammer claims to be from Albany and couldn't make the game and wanted the money. It all appeared to be legitimate. She sent a copy of her if. Can I post it here if?? She gave me her number. I called and said I'm nervous about the transaction and advised a courier company would be collecting the tickets and as soon as they had them I would pay. On the phone she seemed fine and very very calm. Making me feel that this is a legitimate cause. In saying that after the call, she requested half payment. I refused. Being desperate to get tickets I said as a show of good faith I would pay \$100. The moment I paid the \$100 my messages went unanswered and my number was blocked. I have a history of the conversation on Gumtree and SMSs. Bank is looking into the fraudulent transaction, but the steps you have to go through to report to the police is just not worth it.

25 September, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural (Rural areas): This was sent to our Neighbourhood Watch. Cattai Ridge Rd be on alert just-in-case this is casing. Better to be safe than sorry. Lock up and please do not leave valuables in cars or outside!

Hi,

Our house was broken into 9 weeks ago. Today mum came home from work and saw a short man of ethnic decent with indian(?) accent at the top of our driveway with a white van.

She stopped to talk to him to which is response was running away climbing the neighbours property and yelling "i have to fix the line".

Mum proceeded to enter the house and when she checked again he was looking at the house before he drove off.

Very dodgy, especially now being on high alert. Police and mentioned neighbour have been informed.

25 September, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: One of our volunteers was approached on Messenger by a friend whose Facebook account was hacked.

This is the conversation. Hopefully it acts as a warning to others. If it happens to you, please block the Messenger account and ensure the hack is reported to Facebook.

Here's a great article to advise you of the problem and what you can do: <https://www.hoax-slayer.net/what-is-facebook-cloning-and-how-can-i-protect-myself-from-it/>

TUE AT 9:12 PM

Hey

How are you doing!

I was just thinking about u today!

You can now call each other and see information like Active Status and when you've read messages.

How r u? Back from ur hols?
Looked wonderful

I've been trying to get in touch with you but i couldn't get a chance to do that because of the grant money in received. Hope you have also heard about the United Nations democracy fund helping program?

No. Pls share. U got a link?

Yes, I did. Let me check on the link and forward it to you.

Wait a minute

undef0.webnode.com/about-us/

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Application form :: Undef0

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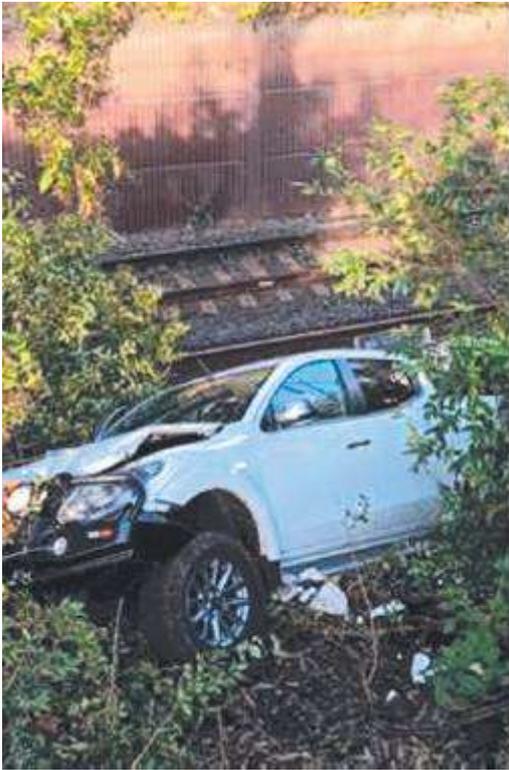
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Page 7: Valium driver's 'lucky' cop stop [edited]

A YOUNG man's dream of owning his own pharmacy may have slipped through his fingers, after he was found asleep at the wheel of his car with Valium in his system. Epping man Rohan Rapyal, 27, was found asleep at the wheel of his blue Toyota Corolla at the intersection of Lorne Ave and the Pacific Highway, Killara, by an off duty police officer. The police officer watched the 27-year-old sit idle through two phases of signals shortly after 5am on November 9, 2018, before approaching the car to find Mr Rapyal slumped over the steering wheel and the car in neutral. In a fact sheet by NSW Police, the officer revealed he called Triple-0 after several attempts to wake the man. "The accused was physically removed from the vehicle and placed on a stretcher (by paramedics)," the officer said. The magistrate issued Mr Rapyal a 12-month disqualification of his licence, as well as a \$1000 fine for driving under the influence of a prescription drug.

Page 11, street watch: THERE were major train delays on Sydney Trains' northern lines after the driver of a white ute drove through a fence and came dangerously close to a rail line near Hornsby train station on Friday. About 7am, emergency crews were called to the scene at Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. The man had ploughed his ute through a fence and down an embankment. The car had caught some wires and cables which provided enough tension to stop the car from sliding any further down the embankment and on to the train tracks. The driver was treated at the scene and was taken to hospital for observation. With the assistance of the state rail emergency unit and Fire and Rescue NSW Hornsby, the car was removed later that day with a crane. The train routes affected included the T1 Berowra to the city via Gordon, Emu Plains or Richmond to the city and the T9 Hornsby to the north shore via City.



HORNSBY Police are looking for a Caucasian man who stole \$10,000 worth of phone accessories from a secured kiosk at Westfield Hornsby on Tuesday between 8pm and 9pm. Police investigations continue after a review of security camera footage of the man who was carrying a black backpack. The man has been described as being aged about 35-40, with a fair complexion, was wearing a long-sleeved black T-shirt or jacket, black trousers, a blue cap, and black and orange Nike shoes.

THORNLEIGH Thieves broke into a Greek Orthodox church and stole several items. The thieves took the goods between 2pm on Sunday and noon on Tuesday, and stole a laptop, a safe and a briefcase containing personal documents and church papers. When police attended the scene, there were no clear signs of a forced entry. However the ground floor rear window was found open.

THORNLEIGH A car parked at Thornleigh train station last Wednesday was stolen. The owner parked the 2004 silver Ford Falcon ute at the station at 12.30pm and when they returned at 4pm, the car was no longer there. The owner still has the keys for the ute. Police continue investigations into the incident and are reviewing security camera footage.

COWAN A 41-year-old woman was given an automatic three-month driving suspension for drink driving. Police saw the woman allegedly speeding southbound on the Pacific Highway about 1.50pm on Saturday. Officers pulled the woman over and she was breath-tested. The initial test allegedly returned a positive reading

and she was placed under arrest and taken to Hornsby police station where she took a breath analysis test, which allegedly produced a reading of 0.057. The woman was charged with low range drink driving.

WAHROONGA A thief broken into a Toyota Hilux and stole about \$1125 worth of trade tools this week. The tool box in the rear tray of the ute, which was parked along Bundarra Ave, was forced open between 7pm on Monday and 6.45am on Tuesday. Two drills, an angle grinder and three rechargeable batteries were stolen.

BROOKLYN The doors of two shipping containers on a work site on the Pacific Highway — one housing a mobile office space — were tampered with. A thief has removed the padlock from the door of one shipping container along with the bottom hinge and bent the door to enter the shipping container between 5am on Saturday, September 14, and 4.30pm on Monday, September 16. Several items, which are still being identified but included a pressure washer, were stolen. If anyone has any information, they're encouraged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

PYMBLE Police are warning people to remain vigilant of scams and frauds after a resident fell foul of a malicious online scam. The victim was contacted by an individual last Tuesday, September 17, who claimed they were from Telstra and that their account had been compromised by other scammers. They told the victim they would be able to investigate the breach if they were paid \$6000. The victim agreed and withdrew the sum from an ATM and deposited the cash in two payments to the scammer's account, through a legitimate money transfer business. The scam had an address in Mumbai, India and the Nicobar Islands. That night the victim's daughter realised they had been scammed. Anyone can report illegal activity at scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam

We've included the Garage Sale Trail in the diary dates above. IT'S SAFER DOING IT IN NUMBERS!

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales':

Tip#1. NEVER ANSWER PERSONAL QUESTIONS about your alarm system, regular habits, living situation, children's schools, what's in your house, etc.

Tip#4. KEEP THE ITEMS inside the property boundary, ie not on your council

strip. Despite the name 'garage sale', it is advisable to have the items on your lawn/driveway. Collect expensive items all in the one place nearest to you/ the intended checkout table. To avoid concealment opportunities, put large items around the outside of the area. Video the whole area outside your home as a simple inventory of items for sale AND any not for sale (see #6 below).

Tip#6. AFTER THE GARAGE SALE, check that all home security systems are operable & have not been disabled to help facilitate later unauthorised entry. Conduct an inspection (using video inventory in #4 above) to identify any missing items. Please remember to remove all advertising after the event.

Tip#7. CHECK WITH YOUR INSURANCE company to ensure you are covered for any thefts that occur as a result of a garage sale at your dwelling. Look online for council rules.

Tip#11. BE CAREFUL OF DISTRACTIONS, eg by a request for water, or to borrow your phone. Beware of criminals working as a team. One person may engage you chatting, whilst the other steals items, or enters your property (see #9 above!).

Tip#16. ACCEPT ONLY CASH. Keep all money on you, eg use a 'bum belt/fanny pack', rather than a cash box. Remove accumulated cash during the day. Beware large notes – they could be used in an attempt to see how much money you have, or counterfeit. Familiarise yourself with the checks for counterfeit notes:

<https://banknotes.rba.gov.au/counterfeit-detection/counterfeit-detection-guide/>

Request your copy from us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Denmark Police in the Great Southern Region of WA have changed their focus after their sign was tampered with overnight!



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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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