



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #417 - 07 October 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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07 October, from NSW Police: A crime scene has been established after a

West Pymble home was destroyed by fire this morning.

About 2.50am (Monday 7 October 2019), emergency services were called to a home on Wyomee Avenue, Pymble, after reports a home was well light. Fire fighters attended and extinguished the blaze. The occupants of the home were not home at the time. No other persons were injured. Officers from Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command attended and commenced investigations into the circumstances surrounding the incident. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined. As inquiries continue, anyone with information is urged to come forward.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

03 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring-gai Police Area Command's - Week in Review

A 15yo youth from **Wahroonga** was charged with Larceny this week after being identified through CCTV. The youth stole a number of branded clothing items from David Jones, **Hornsby** by removing the security tags and concealing the clothing in his bag. When approached by security he has run from the store. He was also charged with Trespass after breaching his banning notice at the mall. He will appear at court next month.

A vehicle was stopped on Old Northern Rd, **Glenorie** for an RBT this week. Further information led police to search the vehicle where drugs were located secreted within a tin. A 39yo male from The Ponds was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice and will appear at court later in the month .

Police spoke to a 48yo male from Halloran who had been verbally abusing and threatening passengers on a train to **Hornsby**. He was soon located after exiting on the footbridge of the station smoking and acting aggressively. The male was searched with nil found and moved on from the area due to his harassing behaviour. He was also issued a Traffic Infringement Notice for Smoke in or on public passenger vehicle/train or public area.

A 30yo male from **Lindfield** was travelling within a Sydney train prior to it stopping at **Hornsby** train station where he was seen acting erratically. Upon being asked to leave the area he has approached the train drivers door and kicked it. Police were called and located the male near Hornsby Westfield. He was observed to be

severely under the influence and aggressive and whilst speaking to police he has spat on them. He was subsequently charged with Assault Officer and conveyed by ambulance for further assessment.

A 34yo male from Eleebana was stopped in **Wahroonga** in his vehicle with two passengers on board. Police noticed the vehicle had mismatching number plates with a check revealing one plate was stolen and the vehicle had also been reported stolen. All occupants were searched with nil find, however, multiple items were seized from the vehicle including drugs, drug paraphernalia, tools and jewellery. The driver appeared under the influence and was conveyed to hospital for further testing. He has been charged with Drive conveyance taken without consent of owner and Drive motor vehicle during disqualification period. He also had a number of other outstanding incidents for which he was charged including Shoplifting and Fraud. He has been bail refused until 06/11/2019.

03 October, from MyNRMA.com.au: The 10 commandments of motorcycling

"... whatever your reasons, all riders should know the 10 Commandments of Motorcycling. Because following them minimises the risk and maximises the fun. And if you don't know them already, here they are, for your edification."

Full article [here](#).

02 October, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Meanwhile in Galston Gorge ...

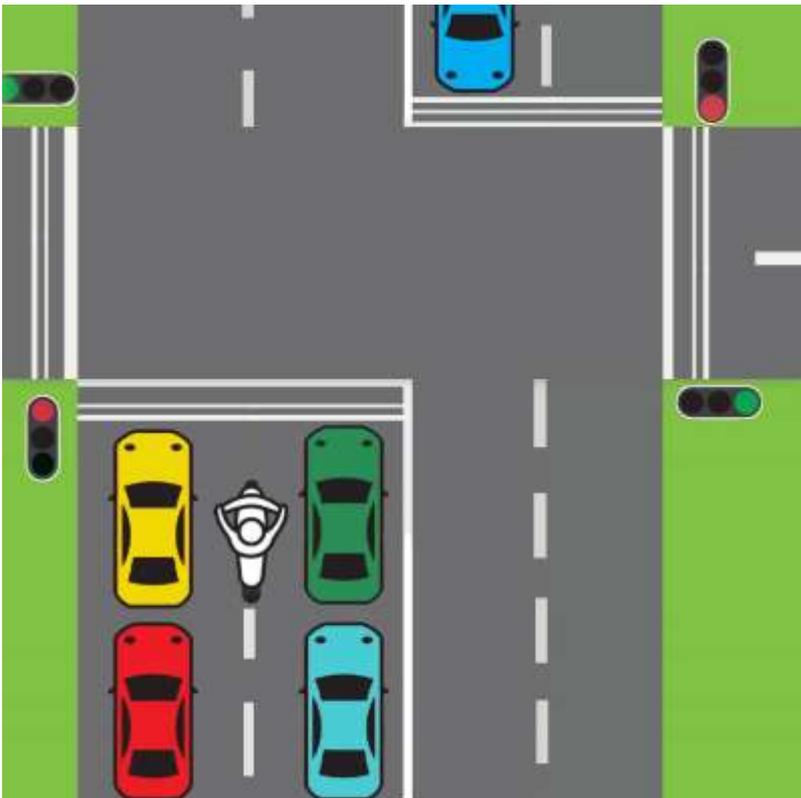
Cleared @ 1755hrs \$2306 & 3 month rego suspension !



02 October, from The NRMA: TEST TIME

Is the motorcycle allowed to ride between the cars and stop at the traffic lights?

- a) Yes
- b) No



October is Motorcycle Awareness Month which celebrates motorcycling and aims

to raise awareness of riders on the road.

TEST ANSWER: The motorcycle is allowed to ride between the cars in this scenario.

To minimise safety risks, lane filtering is:

- Only allowed when safe to do so
- Not allowed at a speed greater than 30km/h
- Only allowed by fully licensed riders
- Not allowed next to the kerb or parked vehicles or in a school zone during school hours
- Riders are warned not to lane filter near heavy vehicles or buses. Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and cyclists.



07 October, from Stay Smart Online: It's Stay Smart Online Week and you might have noticed things look a little different!

We've reversed our website to black and white to draw attention to cybercrime and how you can take control of your online identity.

Many of our partners including ANZ Australia, Westpac, St.George Bank, Bank of Melbourne and BankSA, have joined us and reversed their websites today to help raise awareness to reverse the threat of cybercrime, together.

Find out how you can help reverse the threat of cybercrime, visit www.staysmartonline.gov.au/reversethethreat

07 October, shared from St Ives Community Group: Missing Car in the St Ives/Pymble area

It was last seen potentially last seen around Selwyn St, Pymble. If anyone has seen the car please message of contact me on **0406 020 820**. **REWARD** will be given to the finder of the car.



07 October, from PhilippinesLifestyle.com: One Nigerian shot dead, seven arrested, after police raid 'love scam' den

Article [here](#).

05 October, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Residents Group: Can anyone help with this?

Hi there. Apologies for the seeming randomness of this request, however we're at a loss of what to do. My car was struck by a truck three times today in Thornleigh, West Pennant Hills Rd, just before the Comenarra Parkway, travelling southbound and drove off. We did not get the details of truck and Police have asked us to reach out to the community but we are not from your community so cannot ask our own community group as we live further southwest. Is there a place where I could put a call out to see if anyone saw the accident? We've just got out of the hospital and are keen for this driver to be charged with negligent driving. Any advice would be welcome on how to communicate with Thornleigh community members would be gratefully received. Kind regards, Valerie Charlton - Thu 6:41 PM

05 October, shared from West Pymble/Pymble Community group: Last night two cars alarms went off in Dunoon Ave, and a house alarm yesterday morning.

Please be vigilant with safety.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 07 - Monday 17 October: Stay Smart Online Week [Info](#).

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

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: 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.

04 October, from News.com.au: 'Stop driving now': 20,000 cars affected

ACCC issues urgent warning on 20,000 cars with 'critical' Takata airbags

The consumer watchdog has urged owners of these 20,000 vehicles to stop driving them "immediately" due to a potentially deadly defect.

Article [here](#).

04 October, from David, Scam Watchdog Australia: Hi Guys, I would like to report a possible Online Tutor Education scam.

I want to study an accounting course called Xero which my boss new company use. I come up with this online tutor called SpotEd. They cost range from \$149 standard course and \$298 advanced course. The thing it worry me/red flag is: that they don't have a legit website no social media and not a single review about them. I couldn't find any registration about them. Their official website only have 1 page sign up mailing page. They offer a certificate upon completion of training. They had called me saying you have today only special discount of \$150 tomorrow if not pay \$298, this instantly worry me it could be a scam because no other education does this.

Their main official website is: <http://spoted.com.au>

I find them in <https://www.tafecourses.com.au/course-listing/xero-advanced-certificate-spoted/> [404 page not found - Ed] which the advertiser it self doesn't look legit.

While official tafe website is <http://tafensw.edu.au>

I had also find that nsw government education must be registered to offer training certification. <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/buying-products-and-services/buying-services/education-and-training>

Xero Email:

Hey David - so sorry it took me a couple of days to get back to you - I just wanted to check with our education team if they knew of this education provider. And the answer is no. That does not mean they're not legit - but we're not affiliated with them at all. It's worth noting that no external organization can offer Xero Certification, only we do that for our partners. So you might just want to check that their certification is certifying that you did a course with them, not certified in Xero. Hope this helps ☐ -OG

What do you guys think have anyone tried any online course?

04 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Tips on avoiding driver fatigue:

- ☐ Get plenty of sleep before starting off
- ☐ Avoid starting a long drive at the end of the day
- ☹️ Avoid driving between 10pm and 6am or when you would normally be asleep
- ☺️ Share the driving if you can

- 😊 Aim to stop for 15 minutes every two hours
 - 😊 Pull over and stop when you notice the warning signs of fatigue
 - 😊 Have light snacks rather than fatty foods
 - Avoid too much coffee or sweet soft drinks
 - 😊 Drink plenty of water – dehydration can cause fatigue
 - Stay away from alcohol at all costs
 - Stop before you're tired.
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04 October, shared from St Ives Community Group yesterday: White car out there with damage to the front of your car?

Last night I had an unpleasant experience at 9.35pm driving on The Chase Rd. As I slowed down over the first speed bump turning into The Chase from Eastern Rd, a white vehicle hit me from behind. Then instead of pulling off to the side of the road to check if I'm okay, apologise and swap details, the car reversed and took off at speed. I have extensive damage to my car and disgusted that anyone can do this and drive away. Unfortunately in the shock of all this happening I was too late to see the registration number or what the make of the car was. If anyone has any info or saw anything, please PM me.

04 October, from NSW Police: Police are re-appealing for information from the community to locate a man wanted over offences committed on public transport.

Raymond Cornwall, aged 64, is wanted over alleged sexual acts committed on public transport. Mr Cornwall was last seen at Central Railway Station just after 1pm yesterday (Thursday 3 October 2019). He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, with a fair complexion and grey hair. He was last seen wearing a blue polo shirt, black pants and white sneakers. Mr Cornwall is known to frequent Campbelltown and Eagle Vale areas. Police have conducted numerous inquiries and are appealing for anyone who may have seen him to contact police. There are also concerns for his welfare.



If sighted, members of the community are urged not to approach him, but to contact **Triple Zero (000)** immediately. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/> Information is treated in strict confidence.

02 October, from IDTheftCenter.org: HELP! MY PARENT OR FRIEND IS THE VICTIM OF A SCAM

This is a good article from an American source. The message is relevant to all Australians - and that is to always contact Law Enforcement if you believe a loved

one is being scammed . Police have access to specialist units who can also assist so please always call us if you are worried or concerned.

Article [here](#).

01 October, shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: Thornleigh Station commuters be aware!!!

At 5:32 pm on 30/09 Monday this guy approached my parked car on Eddy St, scraped off badge on rear of the car which is now left with peeled paint and scratches. Don't think he realized I had dashcam. Report is filed with police, they'll come out and retrieve fingerprints on the car, hopefully will identify the person soon. As soon as he took the badge off the car he ran towards Eddy Avenue so possible he too might be a local resident commuter! So frustrating to see these culprits polluting our friendly community !!!

If any chance this culprit is YOU, I'll give you 24 hours to contact me and apologize your offense which then I am willing to close off police file otherwise burden is on you to carry criminal record god knows how long!



02 October, from Hornsby Shire Council: Bin Collection Changes

We have recently reviewed our waste collection services to streamline our bin collection number across certain suburbs within the Hornsby Shire. These changes will improve the consistency and reliability of our service to you. Changes commence **Monday 11 November 2019**.

More info & Find out if your dates have changed [here](#).

Thanks to Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 03 October [online edition [here](#)]

Full article on Page 7: Accused dealer to stay behind bars [edited]

THE alleged ringleader behind a sophisticated drug ring operating out of a brothel on Sydney's upper north shore has been refused bail in Hornsby Local Court —

despite the three other co-accused being released with strict conditions. Strathfield man, Jun Jia, 28, was arrested during a raid on a brothel at 142 George St, Hornsby, by police Strike Force Kilday on September 13 and appeared by video link in Hornsby Local Court yesterday. Police allegedly found Mr Jia with up to 250g of methamphetamine during the police operation. The operation was planned out during a six-month investigation, resulting in eight charges including: four counts of supply prohibited drug; supply prohibited drug (commercial quantity); participate in a criminal group; possess prohibited drug and be found on drug premises. The defendant's lawyer offered a series of strict bail conditions in an attempt to have Mr Jia released, including daily reporting to Burwood Police, avoiding Sydney Airport, a \$40,000 surety from his father and an order to stop the 28-year-old from entering the Hornsby CBD or contacting his co-accused.

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WAHROONGA Vandals have caused about \$16,000 in damage to the Wahroonga Adventist School during a break and enter. Sometime between 4pm Thursday, September 26, and 9.30am on Tuesday, October 1, someone gained entry to the empty property through the Sydney Adventist Hospital grounds next door and ransacked a number of classrooms. They also threw orange and white paint around and left graffiti. Seven windows were also smashed. Police investigations are ongoing.

HORNSBY A woman has stolen about \$900 in items from David Jones at Westfield Hornsby. About 4.30pm on Friday, the woman left the store without paying for a \$170 puffer vest and eight T-shirts of mixed brands valued at about \$750. Police are reviewing CCTV footage from the area and continuing with inquiries.

GLENORIE An empty property in Harrison Lane, Glenorie, was broken into last month with vandals causing about \$1000 in damage. Sometime between 11am on Wednesday, September 4, and 2pm Wednesday on September 18, someone gained entry to the property and ransacked the premises, stealing six tap faucets and stripping copper pipes from the bedroom, kitchen and laundry. The victim had only recently purchased the property and was planning to demolish it and build a new home in its place.

BEROWRA Police are investigating after a group of about 12 youths lit a small fire on Berowra Oval. The group were drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana about 2.25pm on Monday, September 30, before gathered kindling from the surrounding

bushland and lighting a fire. Firefighters from the nearby Berowra Rural Fire Station witnessed the group and quickly extinguished the fire. The kids ran off and police are currently reviewing CCTV footage of the area.

THORNLEIGH A kitchen fire has resulted in \$8000 damage to a house in Lovett St, Thornleigh, after disassembled cardboard packing boxes left near a stovetop in the kitchen accidentally caught on fire. About 8.15pm on Sunday, September 29, firefighters were forced to gain entry into the property after a nearby resident reported seeing smoke. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and ventilated the property. The tenants weren't at home at the time of the incident.

HORNSBY Goods worth \$910 have been stolen from David Jones by a group of four women. The incident occurred at 8.30pm on Thursday, September 26. The stolen items included three hoodies and five shirts. Police investigations are ongoing.

**Thanks to The Hills Shire Times, Tuesday 01 October [online edition [here](#)]:
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GLENORIE/ARCADIA A Nissan Navara burst into flames at an Arcadia nursery after a police pursuit through Glenorie on Thursday. Police were called to Cattai Ridge Rd in the early hours of the morning after calls from witnesses who saw the white Nissan rip an electrical substation from the ground. A Hills Police spokesman said the incident caused a large explosion, which woke several neighbours. "Police were making their way to the scene when the white ute passed officers in the other direction, still dragging the sparking electrical substation down the street," he said. "Police engaged in a pursuit, which went through several back roads in Glenorie ending in a dirt road." The spokesman said officer lost the ute during the chase but the Nissan and substation were found alight in an Arcadia nursery.

Taken from our Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention website, Phone page: <https://watchout.org.au/phone/>

[WatchOut.org.au](https://watchout.org.au) is a 'one-stop-shop' of important crime prevention information to keep you safe online and offline. Please take a look, and... WatchOut!

Your phone's International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number is usually printed within the battery cavity. Alternatively, to locate your phone's IMEI 15-digit

number:

1. Press * # 0 6 # on your keypad,
2. Press 'Call' or 'Send' as if making a call
3. Your IMEI number will be retrieved and displayed on your screen

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

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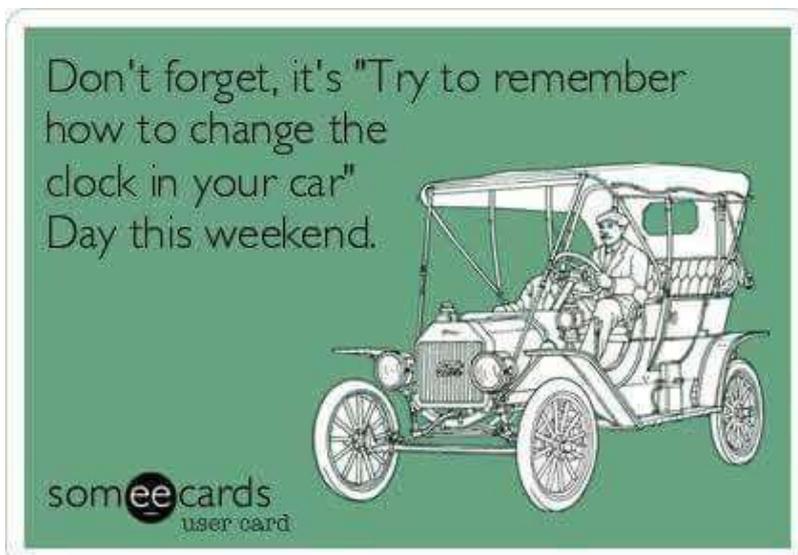
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FREE basic version Where's my Droid? App

FREE Find my iPhone, iPad, iPod, mac watch etc. App

Plan B – Track Lost Phone App Android – can be remotely installed on the lost phone

Disclaimer: NHW cannot recommend any product or service. Please do your own research.



Thanks to NRMA

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



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



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