



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.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

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22 October, from Newtown Fire Station



21 October, from NSW Police Force

A man has now been charged after he allegedly kicked a police officer in the face at Hornsby this morning.

About 2.30am (Saturday 19 October 2019), officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command became suspicious of the behaviour of a man and woman near the train station and stopped them in Hornsby Mall.

Police will allege when the man was advised he was going to be searched, a scuffle broke out during which the senior constable was kicked in the face.

The 34-year-old officer was taken to Hornsby Hospital where he was treated for a broken nose and facial lacerations. He has since been released.

A 19-year-old Asquith man was arrested at the scene and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he has now been charged with assault police officer in execution of duty cause actual bodily harm and resist officer in execution of duty.

He was refused bail and will appear before Parramatta Local Court today (Saturday 19 October 2019).

18 October, from KuringGai Police Area Command

Kuring Gai Week in Review

A 25yo female from Bidwill was charged with Larceny x2 this week for offences she committed last month after she was identified on CCTV. She has entered the David Jones store at Hornsby and stolen numerous items of women's and men's clothing before leaving the store failing to pay for any items. She has returned the following day and attempted to steal further clothing only to be disturbed by security.

A 35yo female from East Gosford was caught shoplifting from the Hot Dollar store at Hornsby Westfield this week after she was seen exiting the store with numerous items concealed under her clothing. A further search located items from Coles. She has been given bail with conditions including not to enter Hornsby Westfield and will appear at court next month.

A 29yo male from Merrylands was caught attempting to fill a fraudulent script at a pharmacy in Hornsby Westfield. Police intervened and he was charged with Utter

prescription which includes pro. Drug. He has been given bail which restricts him from going within 200m of Hornsby Westfield.

A 20yo male from Berowra Heights was stopped for an RBT in Berowra earlier in the week. A reading of 0.116 was returned. The males licence was immediately suspended and he was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with Drive with middle range PCA. He will appear at local court next month.

A 27yo male from Strathfield was charged with numerous traffic offences after he was arrested on another matter. These included driving whilst disqualified on four separate occasions. This was the second time he had been caught driving whilst disqualified. He has been given strict bail and will appear at court next month.

18 October, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

How does your motorcycle helmet compare? It's Motorcycle Awareness Month and we've just released the comparative safety scores for 30 more motorcycle helmets.

[Click here.](#)

[Watch video here.](#)

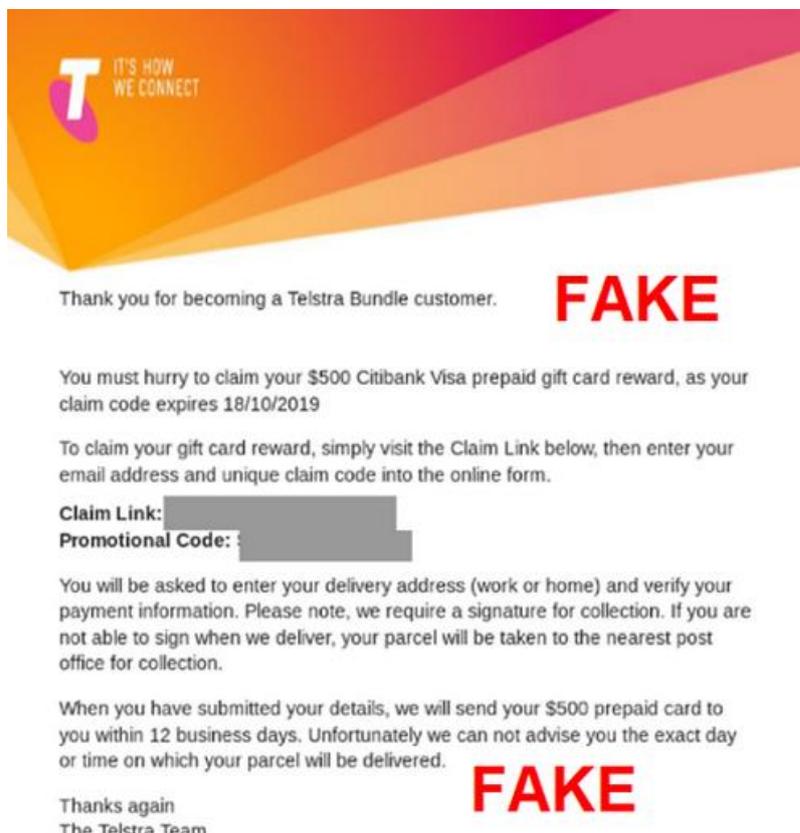
18 October, from youtube.com: Road Rules: Merging



Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community

have said they need more clarification on,like mobile phone laws, roundabout rules and how and why we enforce in school zones. Road safety largely depends on road users being able to understand and follow the road rules, so share the animation links with your friends and colleagues and refresh your memory! For more information on road rules download the Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW guide [click here](#). Also visit [here](#) or [here](#).

18 October, from NSW Police Force



SCAM ALERT! Watch out for a fake email pretending to be from Telstra advising you to claim your '\$500 Citibank Visa prepaid gift card reward' - it's a phishing scam! Check out [details here](#)

18 October, from NSW Police Force

Sunday, 13 October 2019

 Your parcel: 068077299909 will not ship from distribution center due to unverified shipping address . Track your package: <http://lgigly.com/c82> 6:00 pm

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 **Track your shipment** 

Your delivery has been picked up by us

FAKE

Your parcel

Barcode Number: 068077299909

 Preparation by sender

 **Processing by post**

 On the way to you

 Deliver at home

YOUR PACKAGE IS READY TO

SCAM ALERT!! This fake Australia Post message will deliver your info to a scammer.

Australia Post is warning the community of widespread scam text messages telling customers there are problems delivering a package, or that a parcel won't be delivered "due to unverified shipping address."

The text messages use AusPost as the sender name (which means it appears in the same text thread as other legitimate AusPost communications) and asks you to click on a link.

The link leads to a fake website with the Australia Post logo, asking you to verify your address and provide a payment. By entering these details, the scammer can steal your personal and financial information.

Delete the message.

17 October, from Inner West Police Area Command: If it is too good to be true

**NIGERIAN MAN DIES AND
AUTHORITIES FIND \$27 BILLION
IN HIS APARTMENT.**



**HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO GIVE IT
AWAY FOR 15 YEARS BUT NO
ONE WOULD RETURN HIS EMAILS.**

mematic.net

17 October, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

As children return to school this week remind them about road safety.

● STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Every time you cross the road.

🚶 Use a safe place to cross the road
pedestrian crossings and lights.

🚗 When driving in a vehicle to and
from school, ALWAYS buckle up
your seatbelt.

🚌 When getting off the bus in the
afternoon, wait until the bus is

gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.

  If walking to and from school, use the footpath – don't take shortcuts through bushland or other hidden-from-view areas.

  Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard

16 October, from Road Safety Education - NSW Department of Education



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months
Approved rear-facing child car seat



6 months to 4 years
Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



4+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



145cm or taller
Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

Are you being the safest you possibly can be?

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

Help keep children safe by remembering to model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child.

Remember:

- drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road
- never call out to them from across the road - it is very dangerous

- follow all parking signs - these help keep your child as safe as possible
 - park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
 - never double park - it is illegal and puts children at risk
 - never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school
 - always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Share this information with your families. [More here.](#)
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Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

22 October, from NSW Police Force

What do you call a person who sends sexually explicit photos to someone without their consent? A pichead.

22 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE... Talk to your children about these simple but important safety tips below:

- ✓ Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- ✓ Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- ✓ Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.

- ✓ Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- ✓ Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- ✓ If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- ✓ If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

****ALWAYS RING TRIPLE ZERO (000) IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN APPROACHED****

Dates for the Diary:

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

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.

Wednesday 13 - 20 November: Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week

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.

Thursday 28 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) [Email us any issue you'd like discussed.](#)

22 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Sound advice for life! ☺



21 October, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's Inner West.



Werner Schumacher, aged 79, was last seen at his home on Glen Street, Marrickville, about 11.30am yesterday (Sunday 20 October 2019).

Officers from Inner West Police Area Command were notified and have commenced an investigation.

Family and police hold concern for his welfare due to a medical condition.

Werner is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 175cm tall, of thin build with grey hair.

He was last seen wearing a blue jumper with a kangaroo emblem on the front, grey pants and black shoes. He is known to frequent the general Marrickville and Newtown areas.

Anyone who may have sighted Mr Schumacher or may have information is urged to immediately contact Marrickville Police Station on (02) 9568 9299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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

20 October,

Shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:



Has anyone lost this camera? Found at Mt Colah station on Friday arvo. Window closed so I didn't want to leave it behind, but will hand in on Monday if no one recognises it.

Photos mainly of building sites, trains/stations (Mt Colah and Cowan), local houses etc (plus a random bathtub one!)

20 October, from NSW Maritime

Download the [Deckee](#) app and get all your boating info in one place. You'll see real-time reports from fellow boaters, alerts and safety warnings. Plus, you can plan ahead with the weather forecasts and continue to check for updates on your trip. Visit [site here](#).

Watch [video here](#).

19 October, from NSW Police Force

A man is due in court today charged after allegedly kidnapping a woman at Macquarie Park and demanding cash.

Police have been told a 36-year-old woman was leaving a shopping centre carpark on Waterloo Road about 1.30pm yesterday (Friday 18 October 2019), when a man got into the back seat and allegedly threatened her with a knife.

He directed her to drive to Ermington where he allegedly bound her hands with cable ties, before removing the ties and directing her to withdraw cash from a bank.

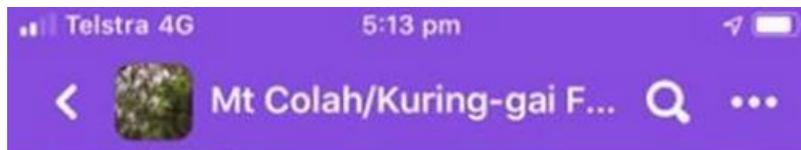
The woman entered the bank at Ermington about 2.15pm and alerted a staff, who called police.

The man was arrested by officers attached to the Public Order and Riot Squad (PORS), as he tried to drive away in the woman's car.

He was taken to Granville Police Station by officers from Cumberland Police Area Command where he's been charged with take/detain person with intent to obtain advantage, aggravated take motor vehicle with person in it/armed with weapon, and robbery armed with offensive weapon.

The man, from Lindfield, has been bail refused and will appear before Parramatta Local Court today (Saturday 19 October 2019).

17 October



Teon West

9 mins ·

Update* happened around 4:20PM

Just want to make people aware!

I was at parklands park this afternoon with my dog when a man approached me questioning about him. I had turned my back for less than 2 seconds and the man had my dog in his arms and was running to his car.

I chased him to his car attempting to grab my dog. the man threw my dog into his car and he told me to, stand back or he will use self defence on me. He became aggressive towards me. Sizing himself up against me. as he started to open his front door thankfully my terrified dog got out and ran away.

As I was extremely scared at the time I did not get his number plate. However I know he was driving a silver Rav 4 like the one I have put in images. He was of large figure, had a beer belly and Grey beard. He was also bald.

Terrifies me to think why he would want to take my dog.. or considering it's a park young children.

17 October, Shared from Berowra Community Page group yesterday:

The Berowra District Girl Guides Hall (next to the soccer club) has recently suffered a spate of vandalism. We are quite sad and upset that some individuals feel they have no other choice but to damage a community resource. The result is that the organisation has to spend unnecessary time and money repairing the

damage. We have better things to do with our time and money. As we have, may I encourage you to please report anti social behaviour, graffiti and the like through either the NSW Police Assistance line on 131 444 or through the Community Portal, listed below. Thanks for your attention.

16 October, from NSW Police Force

Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit are investigating the circumstances following a fatal crash on the Central Coast yesterday.

Shortly after 4pm (Wednesday 16 October 2019), emergency services were called to Woy Woy Road, Woy Woy Bay, after reports two cars collided head-on.

The 52-year-old driver of one vehicle, a Toyota Hiace van, suffered multiple fractures and was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital where he remains in a serious condition.

The 51-year-old male driver of the second vehicle, a Holden Barina, suffered fatal injuries.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information, or who may have dash-cam vision, is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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

Thanks to Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 17 October [online edition [here](#)] Waste plan to increase recycling [Page 04]

HORNSBY Council wants to increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill by 10 per cent over the next three years through its new Waste Matters Strategy.

Currently, 44 per cent of the 66,000 tonnes of waste produced by the Hornsby Shire each year is sent to recycling and resource recovery centres. The new waste management strategy aims to increase that number to 54 per cent by 2022.

Initiatives outlined by the strategy include banning ewaste (computers etc) from council clean-up services, seeking an expansion to the local Return and Earn network, seeking an annual chemical cleanout service and reducing the use of single-use plastics.

The strategy will be on public exhibition until Friday, November 8.

Street Watch [Page 09]

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to come forward after \$10,000 in smart watches was stolen from the Apple Store at Westfield Hornsby earlier this month.

Released CCTV footage shows three male suspects entering the store at about 1.30pm on Wednesday, October 2, before grabbing 17 watches from the counter and running away.

Despite appearing identical to the real thing, the stolen items were only display models and have limited functionality.

Police believe the incident is linked to the theft of 12 smart watches from a store at a Charlestown shopping centre, near Newcastle, in September. Members of the public are being asked to come forward with any information they have on the incident and have released CCTV images of three males who may be able to assist with their investigation. They are described as being of caucasian appearance and between 15-20 years old. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.

TURRAMURRA

A 16-year-old male from Turrumurra has been arrested and cautioned after he ran away from police on to the railway tracks near Turrumurra Station. Police were patrolling railway stations along the North Shore line when they observed the teen walking along the rail platform. Upon seeing police, he ran on to the railway tracks and managed to evade them before later being spoken to and arrested and cautioned for entering running lines and breaching his bail conditions.

WAITARA

Police attending the residence of a 45-year-old male in Waitara have stumbled upon a number of growing cannabis plants. A further search of the property revealed more cannabis plants, cash and a large amount of prescription drugs. The man was charged with several offences including cultivate prohibited plant, possess/ supply prohibited drug and resist officer. He will appear at court later this month.

TURRAMURRA

A 15-year-old male from Cherrybrook has been charged with assault and shoplifting after he attempted to steal a phone charger from the IGA at Turrumurra Plaza. He is due to face court next month.

16 October, from amca.com.au: How to avoid distractions while driving

We all think we're safe drivers but glancing at your mobile phone for even two seconds while driving at 60 km/h means you will travel for 33 metres blind.

Most people working in the commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry have to drive a vehicle as part of the job and often face distractions on the road.

Driving distractions are a leading source of vehicle accidents, whether it's a mobile phone, food, a fellow passenger or billboard.

Inattention behind the wheel has become much more prevalent with the rise of mobile phones, with research showing that using a mobile phone while driving increases the risk of crashing four times.

Mobile phones aside, drivers face a range of dangerous diversions all the time and must keep their eyes on the road to ensure a safe journey.

Here are some key driver distractions and tips for avoiding them.

16 October, Shared from Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai Families group;

I lost my black Samsung J5 this morning on enroute to Mt Kuring-gai train station. It is has a cracked screen and cracked camera lens so not really of value to anyone but me. I have tried calling it a couple of times but will continue throughout the day. I walk along the path that runs adjacent to the fence along the motorway (so not anywhere over the bridge or Pacific Highway.) If you happen to find it could you PM me with pick up details. Much appreciated!

From Tena Smith, Long Beach Peninsula Friends of Facebook

I'm worried about crime, so I asked a friend from Texas what I needed to defend my home. He said a 9mm, a couple clips, and a box of shells. I put it together pretty quickly. Still not sure how it's suppose to work, though...



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



Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



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



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)



Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra \(technical issues\)](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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