



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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26 October, from Parramatta command: We've been swooping on a number of persons of interest recently as part of an ongoing investigation into antisocial and violent behaviour of gang members across our police area.

The imagery of a swooping eagle is a powerful and old one. Our NSW Police Force insignia

features a mighty Australian wedge-tailed eagle in flight with wings elevated and carrying in its talons a scroll bearing the word, 'NEMESIS'. Here the eagle is a symbol of the law of New South Wales, and the word Nemesis, in Classical Mythology, is the goddess of retribution or vengeance. We might say this represents the Crown of New South Wales dealing out justice to wrongdoers.

Criminals should watch out - this is swooping season.□



26 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Going bushwalking?

Download the app It could just save your life.

App Store [here](#).

Google play [here](#).



25 October, from NSW Police Force: Attention Commonwealth Bank customers! Expecting a refund of fifty dollarydoos to hit your account?

Commbank fears scammers may take advantage of their \$50 refund program for customers

affected by recent outages. Eligible customers will receive automatic refunds. Do not engage with anyone claiming to be contacting you about the refund.

25 October, from Northern Beaches command: Crooks are smart.

They'll use technology to work out where you live, or just follow you home if you give them the chance. Then they'll come back in the middle of the night, equipped with gear to cut through chains and locks, break into your garage if that's where it's kept, to take your bike to rebirth and sell. Particular targets are those advertising their bike for sale or who visit motorcycle clubs, meetings or chat rooms.

So, if you're selling your bike:

- don't include your home address or the place where the bike is kept
- don't include pictures that identify where you live, either through the surroundings or geocoding
- don't arrange to meet buyers at or near your address or where the bike is kept
- do meet in a place that's busy; perhaps close to a shopping strip or car park
- don't go directly home from meeting with anyone you don't know, they could follow you.

If you're at rallies, meetings or in chat rooms,

- don't let people know where you live or your bike is kept.

In short, don't leave a trail to your bike for thieves to follow. It's what they do.



**Motor cycle owners
beware...
The thieves are
back**

24 October, from NSW Police Force: Police are appealing for dashcam footage after a roadworker was seriously involved during a crash on the M1 Motorway at Berowra yesterday.

Emergency services were called shortly after 3am (Wednesday 23 October 2019), after a roadworker was struck in the breakdown lane by a utility, driven between the roadwork safety vehicle and the rock wall. The 28-year-old roadworker was treated at the scene by paramedics

for head injuries before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a serious condition. The driver of the utility, a 72-year-old man from Kingsgrove, has also been taken to Royal North Shore for mandatory testing and to be treated for a minor head injury.

Officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene; however, inquiries are now been taken over by the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit (MCIU). As inquiries continue, officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit are now appealing for public assistance for anyone who may have been travelling southbound on the M1 between 10pm Tuesday 22 October 2019) and 3am and may have dashcam footage or anyone who may have witnessed the crash to come forward.

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

24 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: We arrived at the police station for work this morning and something felt strangely different.

After a quick look around, it was noticed that thieves had stolen all the toilets from the station. Of course, it was reported immediately, we're the police you see, but unfortunately, as of this afternoon we still have nothing to go on. Have a great evening!

And in the comments: Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon It reminds us of the officer who sat on the toilet. He had to perform his duty

24 October, from NSW Police Force



A man has been charged after he was allegedly found carrying an electronic stun device and a knife when he was searched at Hornsby Train Station yesterday.

Officers from the Police Transport Command were patrolling the station about 4.15pm (Wednesday 23 October 2019), when they spoke with a 41-year-old man.

As a result of that conversation, the man was searched with officers alleging they found an electronic stun device and a pocket knife in his pocket.

He was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with unauthorised possession or use of a prohibited weapon, and having custody of a knife in a public place.

He was given bail and will appear in Hornsby Local Court of Wednesday 13 November 2019.

24 October, from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade



Callout North Turramurra:

Crews this morning were responded with Killara Rural Fire Brigade and Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon assisting NSW Ambulance to assist an injured bush walker off a trail in North Turramurra.

Again another timely reminder to ensure you have downloaded the Emergency+ app to help quickly give 000 operators your exact location if you were to get into trouble! Download it [here](#).

24 October, from Kuring-gai Police Area Command's - Week in Review:

A 39 year old male from Goulburn was charged with Possess prohibited drug x 3 and Possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit after he was seen in his vehicle with his hazard lights on at Asquith. The male when questioned by police provided a number of conflicting versions as to why he was in the area. Whilst speaking to the male, police smelt Cannabis emitting from the vehicle. The male was removed from the vehicle and the vehicle was searched. Police located Cannabis and two separate quantities of the drug Ice, In addition a taser disguised as a torch was located. The male is now charged and will appear before the court next month.

A 41 year old Hornsby man was charged with Possess or use a prohibited weapon without a permit x 2 and Custody of knife in public place after he was stopped and spoken to by police patrolling Hornsby Railway Station. A search of the male located a taser and a knife. The male was also wanted for a stealing offence from the previous month where he stole alcohol from Dan Murphys at Hornsby. In addition to the above charges, he was also charged with Larceny. He has been given strict bail conditions not to attend Hornsby Westfield or any Railway Station and will attend local court next month.

A 16 year old male from Blackwall and a 16 year old female from Surry Hills were seen by police

at Hornsby Railway Station acting suspiciously. Both were hostile with police refusing to cooperate resulting in the male grabbing a police officer and punching them numerous times before pushing the officer to the ground and kicking them in the face. The female has also stepped in to assault police before trying to flee. Both were stopped from leaving and arrested. Both have been charged with Assault police officer and Resist officer. The couple were also on bail for prior offences and were additionally charged with breaching their bail. They will face court next month.

Last week a male and two associates from Merrylands and Thornleigh were caught attempting to fill a fraudulent script at a pharmacy in Hornsby when they were caught by police and the main offender charged. This week one of the males has returned with another associate where they again attempted to fill two fraudulent scripts at Hornsby Heights and Mt Kuring Gai pharmacies. Police intercepted and were able to stop them both, arresting and charging them with multiple offences including Possess/attempt to, prescribed restricted substance x 3, Possess forged prescription, Utter prescription which includes prohibited drug and Custody of a knife. They will appear at court next month.

A 15 year old youth from Wahroonga was charged with breaching his bail conditions after failing to return home for curfew over the weekend. He was later located at Berowra Oval with a group of youths who had been engaging in anti-social behaviour at the location. The youth was searched and an amount of cash seized. He was additionally charged with Goods in custody. He will face court early next month.



Thanks to Reddit, our volunteer found this Halloween costume.



Dates for the Diary:

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.](#)

28 October, from NSW Police Force



A man has been charged after the execution of a search warrant in Kellyville located almost \$1 million worth of cannabis plants.

North West Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad's Strike Force Tassie-19 began investigating hydroponic cannabis cultivation in the North West metropolitan region last month, including a suspect house on Windsor Road in Kellyville

Officers from the North West Metropolitan Regional Enforcement Squad, with the assistance of the Public Order and Riot Squad and The Hills Police Area Command, searched the house on Windsor Road at 4.05pm on Sunday (27 October 2019).

Upon searching the house, officers located and seized 237 cannabis plants and hydroponic equipment.

The potential estimated street value of the cannabis plants is \$950,000.

A 34-year-old man was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station. He was charged with large commercial cultivation of cannabis and stealing electricity.

He was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court today (Monday 28 October 2019).

27 October, from designyoutrust.com: Random Acts Of Brilliant Vandalism

Still illegal. But funny. But illegal. So don't do this, just scroll down, watch and laugh.



[More here.](#)

27 October, Shared from Berowra Community group:

Found, 5:15 pm, Saturday. Carpark near Dog Park, Cultch type wallet with ID & money. PM me if yours.

26 October, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara/Pymble

AREA 24 (South of Park Av) COORD: Julia Eagles 949
 AREA 12 (North of Park Av) COORD: Bruce Edwards 944
 AREA 24/12 TROUDBRIDGE: Patrick Winsbury 942
 AREA 24/26 (E. Killara) COORDINATOR: Val Knowles 940
 ---> Email us via NHWGordon@gmail.com
 HORNSBY POLICE STATION (Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command) 942
 CRIME STOPPERS (Suspicious behaviour) 1 800
 POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL) (non-emergency reporting) 1 800
 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE

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Summary of Police Reports for our Residential Area (April – September 2019):

CRIME	2019-APRIL	2019-MAY	2019-JUNE	2019-JULY	2019-AUG
Non-DV	3				2
Unlawful Entry - Dwelling	9	5	2	5	5
Unlawful Entry - Non Dwelling	2				1
Property Damage		4	1	8	2
Motor Vehicle					
Person					
Retail Store			1		
Vehicle					2
Other					
Non-DV	3				
Unlawful Entry - Dwelling	5	1	3	4	2
Unlawful Entry - Non Dwelling			1		
Property Damage	5	1	1	1	4
Motor Vehicle					
Person	4	1	1	2	1
Retail Store					
Vehicle					

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is for everyone! We try and offer help with crime prevention affecting anyone - can we help you? We also try and keep residents and businesses in the area safe/warnings for the area. Do you follow us on Facebook or Twitter? Do you have a newsletter? Then, we can send you stuff - engraver, UV pen, shredder, driveway lock, give you window stickers, rego plate locking screws, Little Black Book of Scams, or other webinars. NHWKillara.org.au and WatchOut.org.au and you in some way. "Prevention is better than cure!" *Julia, Bruce, Val & Patrick*

**Tuesday 26 November
Gordon Library Meeting**
 (Thankyou Ku-ring-gai)

AN UPDATE ON CRIME IN THE AREA & THE BEST APPROACHES TO PREVENT THEM
 Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station
COL MITCHELL, Ku-ring-gai Police Area

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTE RESOLVING CONFLICTS & FINDING SOLUTIONS
 Amelia Priest, Conflict Resolution Specialist

Bring your own ideas for crime prevention. We'll be discussing with people parking across your driveway? Borrow the driveway line-marking stencil to deal with sales people at your door? Request an official 'Do Not Knock' sticker. Dog poo on footpaths? Download a 'Pick up Your Poop' poster. NHWKillara.com has new ways Neighbourhood Watch can help you! Because the loan of the driveway line stencil is so popular, we are looking at clearing stencils to loan out to residents for members on kerbs. What do you think? More ideas? If you can't come along to the meet hal us at: NHWGordon@gmail.com. We'd love to know what you're thinking.

If you're going away for a long time, bolt your garage door. Most doors come with a bolt which is not hard to install. Using the bolt prevents someone from getting in with a remote control for outside access. The door also cannot be lifted manually. Copy/scan both sides of all the cards in your wallet (the back has emergency contact details) and put them in a safe. NHWKillara.com.au / 755A Pacific Hwy, Gordon / 9488 8588

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Here's the latest October 2019 Neighbourhood Watch newsletter which is being delivered to resident's letterboxes in some of Gordon/some of Killara/East Killara/some of Pymble/some of St Ives.

26 October, from Stay Smart Online

□ ALERT □ Widespread email with malicious software (malware) called Emotet, targeting Australian businesses and individuals.

[Read more here.](#)

26 October, from Hornsby Shire Council



ROAD SAFETY CALENDAR | “Frayed tempers cause accidents” - our retro 1950s style road safety calendar is full of witty quotes and eye-catching images for each month of 2020. Grab a free copy while they last. These annual calendars are very popular and usually go quickly...

Find them at the libraries and customer service centres around Hornsby Shire, Ku-ring-gai Council, Lane Cove Council, North Sydney Council, City of Ryde and Northern Beaches Council.

26 October, from Hornsby Shire Council



ALGAL BLOOM □| An estuarine bloom has been sighted in the Berowra Creek estuary in the vicinity of Berowra Waters Marina and Dust Hole Boat Ramp at the end of Bay Road, Berowra Waters.

The bloom appears as an orangey-red discolouration in the water. Tests have confirmed the presence of *Heterosigma akashiwo*, a potentially toxic marine species.

Due to the tidal influence it is possible for this bloom to move around and present in other areas of the Berowra Creek estuary. Contact should be avoided and as a precaution consumption of any seafood (oysters, mussels, clams, crabs) caught within the area should be avoided. Ensure fish caught during the bloom period are thoroughly cleaned and the guts disposed of.

Hornsby Shire Council are erecting signage around Berowra Waters. Council will continue monitoring the situation and further testing will be conducted.

25 October, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives: Shared from St Ives Community Group:



I don't know if it is ignorance or just bad manners, but how appropriate to witness a person getting booked for not picking up after their dog in St Ives Chase yesterday. There are regular offenders and may they miss the \$500 fined.

Thanks to Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 24 October [online edition [here](#)]

Street Watch [Page 07]

IT has been a busy start to the official storm season for Hornsby SES with crews receiving more than 20 calls for assistance last week.

Eleven of those calls came on Thursday as wind gusts of 80km/h battered suburbs right across the Bushland Shire, including Mt Colah, Galston, Brooklyn, Cowan and Middle Dural.

One house in Westleigh had a particularly close call when two large trees came loose at the root ball and caused some damage to the veranda.

A two-man team from Hornsby SES responded to the scene and took one-and-a-half hours to remove the fallen trees while battling fading light.

The dangerous start to the storm season comes after Berowra Heights was named the state's most storm damage-prone suburb over the past 12 months.

For emergency assistance in a storm or flood, contact NSW SES on 132 500.

For life threatening emergencies, call triplezero (000).

HORNSBY

A 35-year-old woman from East Gosford was arrested after being caught shoplifting from the Hot Dollar store at Hornsby Westfield. The woman was apprehended after she was seen leaving the store with multiple items concealed under her clothing. A further search also found multiple items from Coles. She has been given bail with conditions including not to enter Hornsby Westfield and will appear at Hornsby Local Court next month.

BEROWRA

A 20-year-old man from Berowra Heights will face court in November after being caught driving with a mid-range blood alcohol level. The man was stopped for a random breath test in Berowra when he returned a reading of 0.116. His license was immediately suspended and he was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with drive with middle range PCA.

HORNSBY

A 29-year-old Merrylands man has been caught attempting to fill a fraudulent script at a pharmacy at Hornsby Westfield. However police intervened and the man was charged with utter prescription which includes prodrug. He has been given bail which restricts him from going within 200m of Hornsby Westfield.

HORNSBY

Police have arrested and charged a 25-year-old woman from Bidwill with two counts of larceny after she was identified by CCTV footage stealing numerous items from the David Jones store at Hornsby Westfield last month. Footage showed the woman enter the store and take numerous items of men's and women's clothing before leaving without paying for any of the items. She then returned to the store the following day and allegedly attempted to steal more items before being interrupted by security.

24 October, from Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission



Before clicking on a link to donate online, make sure you know who is receiving your donation. In Australia, check the Charity Register [here](#) to ensure you are donating to a registered charity.

23 October, from 9news.com.au: 'Shame guilt and a moment of madness': Illegal online gambling sites preying on young Australians



Thomas Vives-Kerl, a keen surfer and skater from Sydney's northern beaches, had just started a locksmith apprenticeship when he fell into an online gambling trap that would make his life unbearable.

The 21-year-old thought he'd hit the jackpot when he put \$200 into the website Emu Casino and won \$30,000, but within weeks he went from a happy-go-lucky winner to the depths of despair. He never got to spend the \$30,000 and instead put almost every cent back into the site, until he only had \$2 left. One day in desperation he took his own life.

[Read full story here.](#)

23 October, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

An elderly person in our street has been done over by some dodgy tradies/gardeners ... possibly the same people who were dodgy tree cutters a few years ago. If anyone has had any similar encounters and they are driving a new black double cab Toyota ute, can you please call the

police and let them know as they are looking into it (rego plate details would be awesome too).

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! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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



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