



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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17 December, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: [#loadfail](#) @ Pennant

Hills Rd



**Don't drive if you're
tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen.**

Get a sober ride or call a cab.



**13 December, from [Roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au): Double Demerits 20
Dec - 1 Jan**

Double demerits are in force Friday 20 December to Wednesday 1 January

inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this holiday period, and you'll face double the points.

Watch video [here](#).

13 December, Ku-ring-gai PAC Week in Review:

A 20yo male from Berowra was charged with Larceny on Friday 06/12/2019 for a stealing offence he committed in August 2019 in company of a 14yo YP. The pair have entered a vehicle at 3:40am which was parked in the drive way of a residence in St Ives and stolen numerous personal items belonging to the victim. A search of the two males have located the stolen property as well as a pair of knuckle dusters. They will both appear before court early next year.

A 13yo YP from Thornleigh was charged with Enter inclosed land not prescribed premises w/o lawful excuse and Take & drive conveyance w/o consent of owner (x2) . On Monday 09/12/2019, the YP along with two other YPs have gained access to a car yard in Thornleigh where they have entered a number vehicles and driven them around the location. This has resulted in damage being caused to some of the vehicles. The YP has been given strict conditional bail including a curfew and will appear at Children's Court next month.

A 37yo male from Mount Kuring-gai was charged with multiple offences at Hornsby. including Behave in offensive manner in/near public place, Goods in Custody, Enter inclosed land not prescribed premises w/o lawful excuse and Sexually touch another person without consent .The male who was highly intoxicated at the time has touched a female whilst she was walking past him on the foot bridge towards Hornsby RWS. Police have stopped the male where he was arrested. A search of his belongings located stolen property from Hornsby Westfield, a location he is currently banned from entering. The male has been charged and bail refused. He will attend court later this month.

A 17yo male from Thornleigh has been charged with multiple offences including Malicious damage on the 08/12/2019 and Enter vehicle w/o consent of owner on Tuesday 10/12/2019 . The male was identified as being responsible for entering a parked vehicle at Epping 4 weeks prior and is also responsible for a malicious damage incident at Thornleigh where he damaged a vehicle on Sunday

08/12/2019. He has been bail refused and will appear at court later in the month.

A 36yo male from Collaroy was charged with Common assault and Refuse to submit to breath analysis on Wednesday 11/12/2019. The male who assaulted another male at a car wash in Turramurra also refused to partake in a breath analysis test at Hornsby Police Station. He has been placed on conditional bail and will appear at local court early next month.

13 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: Holding your phone while driving? Stop it ... Or cop it

In NSW, 16,500 police officers are out there. And all police officers can enforce the road rules. Watch our video or read a transcript [here](#).

Drivers, riders and all road users breaking the road rules can be caught anywhere and at any time.

Watch video [here](#).

There are penalties (click [here](#) for details) for not complying with the road rules, including demerit points, heavy fines and loss of licence. In 2016, around 620,000 fines were issued by police to motorists caught breaking the law. In the same year, NSW Police conducted almost 5 million breath tests, resulting in about 17,000 charges.

Full details of the campaign [here](#).

13 December, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade



Hi Berowra . Please be aware of street parking changes outside our station. These NO PARKING signs are to create space near the entry and departure points from our station for our tankers.

There will be further signage and changes coming. Please take note, so you don't get a ticket!

👉No parking signs rules👈

Vehicles must not stop where a 'No parking' sign applies, unless:

- * dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods, and
- * vehicles is not left unattended, and
- * drops off, or picks, and drives on as soon as possible and , in any case within the required time after stopping (2 minutes if no indicated time).

Penalty: Disobey no parking sign \$114

Please be more considerate towards the RFS when they need to depart from the entry points in their trucks.

12 December, from 9 News Sydney: St Ives car through house onto tennis court

JUST IN: A car has just broken through its garage wall at St Ives, falling down a sharp decline, before lobbing into the backyard tennis court.

How did it all go so wrong? The FULL STORY tonight at 6.00pm, including more incredible vision. Watch video [here](#).

11 December, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



One day some of us may finally work out that it isn't a race when driving on our roads, it is simply a method of getting from point A to point B. How we approach this, results in whether we arrive alive or don't arrive at all.

Some schools have already closed for the Christmas break with students and parents already on holidays. Others are soon to follow.

So, a timely reminder of the "DO NOTS" on our roads this Christmas holiday season:

- Please, DO NOT speed!
- Please DO NOT drive when tired!
- Please, DO NOT drive while under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs!
- Please, DO NOT use your mobile phone unlawfully when driving!

None of this is worth it!

Life changing collisions can occur anywhere and at any time on our local suburban roads, motorways and country roads.

Please drive safely these Christmas holidays.

11 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

It's a busy time of year for emergency service workers. If you see them driving with their lights flashing these holidays, remember to slow down, safely move out of their path and give them space. Find out more [here](#).

[Watch video here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

17 December, from NSW Police: Hello Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members,

The following is in relation to the Share Our Space (SoS) program at participating NSW schools.

This program has been run during the school holiday period for about three years. The SoS program is for schools to open their gates and grounds for local community to use their open spaces.

They will have open grounds every day of school holidays including public holidays.

Security or Rangers will open and close gates between 8:00am - 5:00pm.

It's important for NHW groups with participating schools in their area to consider the following:

- * Be aware of likely increase of reported offences on school grounds;
- * Take the opportunity to engage with the community;
- * Promote the Share Our Space, school infrastructure web link via group social media and include reporting suspicious behaviour and crime; and
- * Encourage NHW members to take a pro-active approach to monitoring schools

and reporting.

The Share Our Space program will continue to run at schools through school holidays in 2020.

There is a list of participating 232 schools on the Share Our Space web site which may change over the course of the year.

For more information about the program, click [here](#).

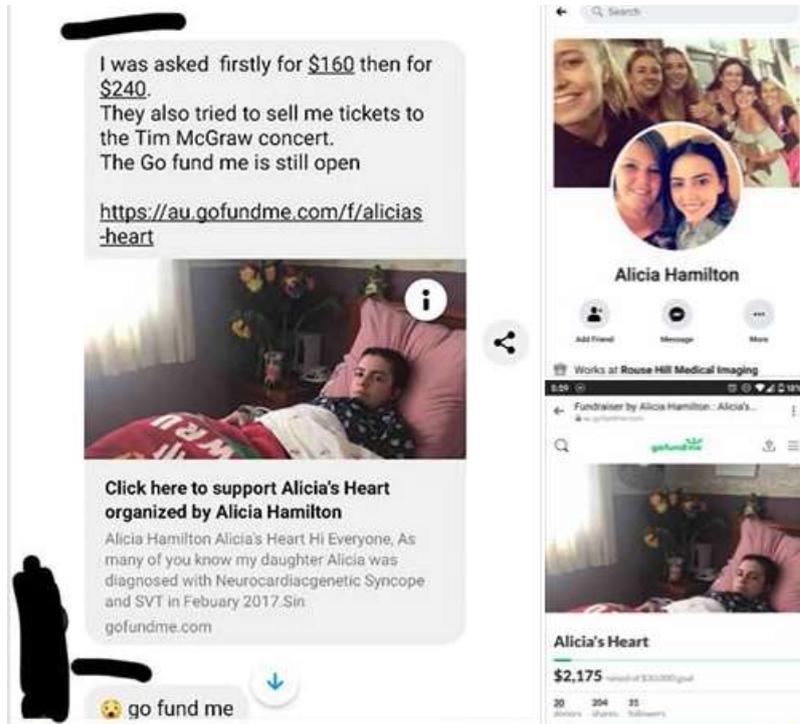
Kindest regards, Senior Constable, Robert MacFarlane.

16 December, from NSW Police: Body of man found in Hawkesbury River

Sunday, 15 December 2019 07:36:02 AM

Full Media Release [here](#).

15 December, from Jeff Vlaar Scam Watchdog Australia: Facebook and GoFundme scammer alert.



Alicia Dawn Hamilton is her name

She contacted my girlfriend two months ago on Facebook (they previously worked together) saying she needed money to purchase meds and that she would pay her back the next day with an extra interest on top. The next day came but no money

sadly my trusting girlfriend continued to believe her lies and even sent her more money to assist her (about \$900) for apparent medical treatment with the promise of paying her back. Once I found out I told my girlfriend to contact the police and bank as it's clearly a scam. Unfortunately we found out she actually lives in Wales and that shes been contacting numerous people atleast 20 that we know of so far with same stories also selling concert tickets and never sending tickets and running a GoFundMe too. So far we've had no luck getting anything from her and bank is busy investigating her so are the local police in Sydney and North Wales.

I urge anyone that knows her to avoid falling for her lies and scams and that if you see her name popup in ticket sales groups etc avoid at all cost.



COFFEE IN HAND, SUPPLIES AT THE READY,
ALICE SETTLES IN, WAITING FOR THE
FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.

Thanks to Rod Cleaver-Woolley

14 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Both females and males can fall victim to drink spiking – it is important for EVERYONE to be diligent and consider the following safety tips...

- Never leave drinks unattended
- Buy your own drinks
- Watch your drink service closely
- Don't accept drinks from people you don't know
- Recognise out of character behaviour and report suspicious behaviour
- Refuse strong tasting drinks
- Don't drink or taste other people's drinks
- Tell someone where you are going and who with
- If you feel strange tell a friend and go to a safe place
- If you feel strange don't leave the premise with people you don't trust

MOST IMPORTANTLY! Look after your friends and monitor their behaviour!

14 December, from David Wrightson



Very shitty right now... On our way out for a Christmas party and got side swiped. If that's not bad enough, the swiper didn't stop and I didn't get a plate Merry Christmas 😊

(PS, this happened in front of a traffic cam but police advise that they aren't recorded, live stream only)

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 15 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Santa Fun Run 8:30am.

Friday 20 December to Wednesday 01 January 2020: double demerits

Wednesday 15 January 2020: Ku-ring-gai Council First Aid Course for Young People. 8:45am-4:30pm Info [here](#).

Wednesday 15 January 2020: PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara Driver Education Program, Safer Driver Course. 9:30am-1230pm Info & bookings [here](#).

Thursday 13 February 2020: PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara Driver Education Program, Safer Driver Course. 4:30pm-7:30pm Info & bookings [here](#).

14 December, from Stay Smart Online: Alert Service: Ever wonder if an email is safe to open? Subscribe to our free alerts for simple advice about online

risks.

This is a free service for Australian internet users, to explain recent online threats and how they can be managed. Check details [here](#).



14 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas

Hi there, Another break in on Edwards Rd middle Dural. so far about 5 Fishing rods & reels valued at over \$1000.0 each & A petrol remote control car. We are still having a look through as the entire shed looks as if it's been tampered with. They actually used our drill to get into the fishing gear cabinet 😂 It has been reported to the police.

14 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas

Posted on Arcadia site.. 2 days ago. This is just how low these people stoop!!! 😞

Hi all. Just advising that there had been an attempted break in through a side door at the RFS station. It has been reported to the police. Thankfully they didn't get in. We do have security lighting around the station. Would appreciate it if everyone could keep their eyes out. The last thing we need is a break in.

13 December, from staysmartonline.gov.au: Australia Post SMS scam targeting Australians



With millions of parcel deliveries expected around the country, Australia Post is seeing widespread scam text (SMS) messages being sent to people, using their brand.

These fake SMS messages may tell you that your parcel is 'detained', 'you've missed a delivery' or there's an 'important update' to your delivery – and include a link to click on for more details. As scammers use technology that imitates a caller ID, these scam texts can even appear in the same conversation thread as a legitimate Australia Post conversation.

By clicking on the links in a scam message, you are usually taken to a fake Australia Post website to enter your personal or financial details. Clicking on these links can also infect your device with malicious software (malware).

[Read full article here.](#)

Thank you to the Hornsby Advocate [online](#) Thursday 12 December 2019:

Street Watch [Page 13]

THORNLEIGH An expensive sports car valued at \$80,000 was stolen from Thornleigh on Saturday, about 11.46am. The victim had advertised the 2010 Porsche Panamera Turbo 970 AWD for sale. A man who posed as an interested buyer attended the seller's address for a test drive and negotiations. However, while the owner of the vehicle was preparing the paperwork his keys were stolen and his car taken. Police are investigating the matter.

NORMANHURST A group of offenders has stolen a large sign from Normanhurst Eagles Football Club. According to a police report it's believed the offence

happened between noon on December 3 and 5.30pm on December 4. The sign was blue and white and it advertised girls and women's soccer. Several other signs were also stolen.

MOUNT KURING-GAI A bicycle and helmet, valued at \$1190, have been stolen from a shed. Between Wednesday, December 3, and Thursday, December 4, a person of interest broke into the shed at a home on Crawford Rd, Mount Ku-ring-gai. According to police the shed had been left unlocked. Police are warning residents to lock their homes, garages and sheds. Police are continuing investigations into the incident.

WAHROONGA A driver has had his licence suspended after recording a positive breath test. On Sunday at about 11.50pm the driver was stopped at a random breath testing site on the Pacific Highway, Wahroonga. The test returned a positive result, the accused was arrested and conveyed to Hornsby Police Station. A breath analysis recorded 0.060 grams of alcohol in 2010 litres of breath. The man's licence was suspended and a court date has been set.

ST IVES About 1am on Monday the Caltex service station at St Ives was broken into. A person of interest smashed the alarm external strobe light and shattered the lower section of the front door, where the person gained entry. The thief attempted to gain access to the cigarette cabinet but was unsuccessful. According to police reports \$2000 worth of damage was caused. Police are investigating the incident.

12 December, shared from Berowra Community group: Check your cars and belongings in your driveways.

We are in Waratah Road and had someone try to break into our car at 3:43am this morning. Didn't get anything but I have reported to police just-in-case anyone else got things taken. They are coming to fingerprint.

[CCTV image withheld - email us [here](#) for image.]

12 December, from Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force

Safe boating during major events

During major events the harbour is busy with small and large craft, which is why it is important to follow these principles of safe navigation:

- Keep a proper lookout
- Maintain a safe speed. Limit your speed to 6 knots or less (equivalent to a slow jog) and minimise your wash when within 30 metres of another vessel
- Remember that creating wash which impacts unreasonably on other vessels, structures or the shore is an offence
- Don't rush. Allow additional time for delays at boat ramps and longer travel times due to reduced speed limits in the special event areas
- Keep to the starboard (right-hand) side of channels

- Keep clear of seagoing ships, ferries and other large vessels with limited manoeuvrability. For some simple steps to stay safe near ships, download the *Big Ships Small Boats* flyer from rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime and visit portauthoritynsw.com.au/lookout
- Keep at least 60 metres away from people in the water
- Keep at least 60 metres away from naval installations
- Stay inside Sydney Heads unless you and your crew are experienced, you have the right safety equipment and your vessel is seaworthy
- Avoid taking unnecessary risks
- Don't set off flares for fun, it is dangerous and illegal
- Obey navigation restrictions and follow the instructions of all control vessels.

Spectator areas get crowded with boats of many different types and sizes during the major aquatic events and get busy dangerous for small craft. Watch your speed and wash, stay outside exclusion zones and follow any directions from official control vessels.



and exclusion zones

Exclusion zones are areas of water where certain activities are prohibited or restricted. These zones are established to ensure the safety of all vessels and people in the water during major events. They are marked with buoys and signs and are enforced by control vessels.

- Exclusion zones**
- Exclusion zones for the Sydney Harbour and other major events are marked with buoys and signs.
 - All vessels must stay outside these zones unless they are a control vessel or have a permit.
 - Control vessels will enforce these zones and may issue fines for non-compliance.
 - If you are unsure, contact the Port Authority of NSW on 131 123.



Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is one of the world's most challenging and prestigious offshore yacht races. It starts in Sydney Harbour and finishes in Hobart, Tasmania, covering a distance of approximately 3,000 nautical miles.



It is nearly that time of year in the Sydney Harbour area. With several upcoming major events, the harbour will become busy with a variety of water craft and exclusion zones in place.

If you intend on being on the harbour over Boxing Day, New Years Eve and Australia Day, it is important to know and follow principles of safe navigation. Here is some information relating to Boxing Day ... New Years Eve and Australia Day to follow as we get closer.

For more information check [Sydney's Summer Aquatic Events online here](#). Plan ahead and have a fun, safe day on the water.



11 December, from Luna Park, Sydney

We'd like to say THANK YOU to the hard working and dedicated volunteer NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) personnel who sacrifice their time and lives to help save others during the recent and ongoing catastrophic fires.

From 20th Dec 2019 – 27th Jan 2020, we're offering all volunteer firefighters from NSW RFS, International and Interstate, 4 x Twilight Saver tickets, free of charge, to join us in Park and experience unlimited rides with your families.

With extended opening hours across summer, we're hoping these tickets, which permit unlimited rides from 6pm, will allow volunteer fire personnel the opportunity to recoup and spend some quality time and FUN with their own families after work and late into Sydney's summer evenings.

There is a limited number of tickets to manage crowding and ensure access for as many NSW RFS personnel as possible.

11 December, Shared from Wahroonga Community group:

Does anyone know someone called J Miller-Kovacs? Their wallet was returned to an address in Wahroonga recently but it's a different family at that address. If you know them, please get them to contact me so we can return the wallet. Thanks.

side of your driveway. These can be a deterrent.

Contact us for **FREE** use of a **stencil** and all the rules & info you need. We can even supply a few traffic cones and high-vis vests. Request use of the stencil via our Neighbourhood Watch website Borrow page, click [here](#).

Currently DIY lines are available only to Ku-ring-gai residents - please [email us](#) with questions, or for instructions about pick-up, what paint to buy etc, or for advice if you are in another area.



17 December, from Ku-ring-gai Council: New traffic and transport policy on exhibition until February

A different way to slow traffic and changes to parking around new developments are some of the measures proposed by the draft policy.

Full Media release [here](#).

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect Your Identity':

Tip#4: Never share your PIN. Beware sharing the 3-4 digit Card Verification Value (CVV), usually on the back of a credit card. Immediately sign new cards. Check internet sites are secure for payment by looking on the address bar for the the padlock symbol, green background colour, or the 's' in the 'https' prefix. Untick the box: 'Keep these payment details on file'.

Tip#5: Encrypt and password protect all sensitive files. Consider encrypting your device. Use encrypted messaging systems (such as Signal). Consider using Virtual Private Networks (VPN). Forget wi-fi networks once used. Browse using 'incognito' mode, in order to stop the logging of browser history.

Tip#6: Be aware of wi-fi security, especially items such as baby monitors. Ensure you set a new secure password on all items, especially wi-fi devices, internet router, computer, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, telephone answering-machine,

smart TV – look around your home – also known as the ‘Internet of Things’ (IoT).

Tip #7: Install Firewall software, anti-virus and anti-malware systems on all internet devices, including your mobile phone. Keep up-to-date – consider setting updates to ‘Auto’. Ensure you install the latest software updates and patches to your devices, as these close any vulnerabilities to threats. Install/use only one anti-virus at a time. Download Apps from only the official stores.

Email us [here](#) for more tips.

Cop Humour Australia

[First day as a cop]

Me: Suspect is dancing naked in the middle of the road

Dispatch: Copy that

Me: I’ll try but I’m not much of a dancer



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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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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



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