



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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18 January, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Let's Celebrate - Australia Day

Sunday 26 January 2020 5-9pm at Bicentennial Park, West Pymble. Stage show featuring an Indigenous smoking ceremony and dance, bush band and a Aussie rock finale The Great Southern Land. Other activities include face painting, Shaun the Sheep & Bitzer meet and greets, inflatable rides, Australiana children's craft, lamington decorating and roaming performers.

More info [here](#).

18 January, from NSW Historic Patrol Vehicles: Granville Train Disaster, Tuesday 18th January 1977.

The day a nation stopped to lend a hand

The 06:09 train from Mount Victoria, in the Blue Mountains, to Sydney had at least 469 passengers aboard by the time it left Parramatta station in the city's west. At 08:10, its electric locomotive derailed on an 80km/h (50 mph) curve in a deep cutting at Granville and speared into the supports of the Bold Street bridge above the tracks. The locomotive tipped on its side and dragged the first two carriages off the rails. Eight people were killed in carriage one, which tore open as it hit a power stanchion. Everyone survived in the second carriage. The bridge, with four cars on its deck, teetered for a few seconds, then rained at least 470 tonnes of concrete and steel on carriages three and four. The weight crushed the roof of the wooden-framed carriages to within 60cm (24 inches) or less of the floor. Some areas were crushed to floor level.

Full report [here](#).



18 January, from NSW Road Safety: 📱 Double demerits are in force Friday 24 to Monday 27 January inclusive. 📱

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

15 January, from NSW Road Safety: Native and farm animals are facing a number of challenges as a result of the bush fires in NSW.

If you're driving in bush fire affected areas, slow down and watch for animals on the roadside that could be looking for food or shelter.

Tips on staying safe [here](#).

- **Be aware** – animals are more active near waterholes and creeks, and harder to see at sunrise and sunset
- **Reduce your speed** – slow down when you see animal warning signs
- **Stay alert** – animals are unpredictable, so expect the unexpected
- **Brake safely** – always apply your brakes in a controlled manner
- **Never swerve** – it is safer to hit an animal than swerve and lose control of your vehicle

- **Report injured wildlife** – call WIRES on 1300 094 737
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15 January, from Ku-ring-gai command: While patrolling last night Kuring gai police saw a suspicious male who appeared to be breaking into vehicles which were parked in a dimly lit street in Hornsby.

When the police got nearer they saw the offender opening unlocked car doors and rummage inside the vehicles. The officers started running towards him and the thief took off like a startled rabbit, weaving in and out of the parked cars, up on to the nature strip, across driveways, in and out of gardens, seeking any darkness he could find to avoid being caught. After a short foot pursuit, 'caught' is what the police did. The offender was handcuffed and escorted back to the police station where he was charged, locked up for the rest of the night, then put before the court the very next morning. As the offender entered the courtroom the magistrate recognised him immediately. Groaning, the magistrate steadied himself, raised his gavel, striking it on bench a number of times in frustration, and shouted at the defendant,

"I TOLD YOU THE LAST TIME I NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU IN MY COURT AGAIN".

The defendant replied, "Your Honour, that's exactly what I kept telling these police officers, but they just wouldn't listen to me".

Now on a serious note, please be vigilant when parking your vehicles, either at home, work or at the shops. Make sure you lock them, even if parking them in your garage. Way too often vehicles are left unlocked in the street or in driveways. A thief will always target the easiest target, that being one that is left unlocked. If you see or hear something suspicious report it to police at the time.

HOW TO REPORT CRIME:

- **Triple zero '000'** for emergencies or life-threatening situations
 - **131 444** - for non-emergencies Police Assistance Line (PAL)
 - **1800 333 000** - to provide crime information – Crime Stoppers
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Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Tuesday 18 February: 'All Areas' NHW coordinators & volunteers meeting. 6-9pm in upstairs meeting room @ PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara

Would you like to help your community by assisting with our Neighbourhood Watch online presence, such as Facebook pages and groups, or websites? We would love to meet you. There's an opportunity for you to come along and meet the team at the upcoming 'All Areas' NHW meeting. It's the kind of role that can be fitted in when and where you are available, whether it's a quick 10 minutes on Facebook, or an hour in the evening updating a WordPress website. Does that sound like you? Please email us [here](#) for more information. It's fun, educational and rewarding.

21 January, from Brisbane Times: School hall at Lane Cove Public School catches fire



Read more [here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 13 February 2020: PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara Driver Education

Program, Safer Driver Course. 4:30pm-7:30pm Info & bookings [here](#).

Tuesday 18 February: 'All Areas' NHW coordinators & volunteers meeting. 6-9pm in upstairs meeting room @ PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara.

Thursday 20 February: Hornsby Council Seniors Week celebration. Info & bookings [here](#).

Thursday 27 or Friday 28 February: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Wednesday 26 February: Hornsby Council Tech Savvy Seniors - Korean @ Hornsby Library 10:30-12:30. Bookings [here](#).

Sunday 19 July: **Note date change - new date tbc** NHW NSW Inc Inaugural AGM 1-5pm @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club

Tuesday 31 March: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm @ Gordon Library meeting room #2. Everyone welcome. Bring a plate and mingle with like-minded neighbours. Pick up a Neighbourhood Watch goodie bag and learn more about crime prevention. Speakers: Snr Cst Colin Mitchell (Crime Prevention Officer with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command based at Hornsby police station) - giving an update on crime in the area and appropriate advice; Chris Pitts (Bridge Mediation Pty Ltd) - Neighbourhood Disputes - "Finding Solutions".

Sunday 19 July: NHW NSW Inc AGM 1-5pm @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club.

18 January, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural News (17 January @ 12:51am): Make sure your cars are secure.

This just happened in Glenorie Village - Someone has tried to break into our ute tonight, lucky for us it set the car alarm off and neighbours scared them away. Police have been called. We are located in Parkview Avenue.

18 January, from NSW Disaster Recovery: BUSHFIRE RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FOR NSW BUSHFIRES 2019 - 2020

The NSW Disaster Recovery page provides official news and information for communities recovering from a natural disaster in NSW. The current recovery focus is on NSW fires. Updated on January 6th 2020. This post will be updated regularly, so please return to see updates.

"A range of assistance measures are available to support people affected by

bushfires. These are aimed at providing for immediate and short term needs, to support recovery from the bushfires across NSW. Please note, a number of these measures have eligibility requirements."

Full and comprehensive information can be found on the **NSW Disaster Recovery page** [here](#).

16 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas: From another person; please be aware.

Can you please post that our car was stolen last Thursday night and not found at all yet? It's a Honda CRV number plates CJU-68F it has roof racks and is blue grey. Please DM if you've seen anything.



16 January, from Australian Federal Police: TRIGGER WARNING: CHILD ABUSE

Protecting children and prosecuting anyone who seeks to exploit and harm them is our mission. Earlier this week we charged a 30-year-old South Australian man for possessing a child-like sex doll under new Commonwealth laws targeting child abuse-related offences. These life-like dolls objectify children as sexual beings and have the potential to desensitise anyone who uses them to the physical, emotional and psychological harm caused by child sexual abuse.

Research by the Australian Institute of Criminology says the use of these dolls may

lead to an escalation in child sex offences - from viewing online child abuse material to contact sexual offending. When activity like this reinforces the sexualisation of children we take action. There is no line when it comes to our children. Our tolerance for harming children is zero.

Read more [here](#):

16 January, from NSW Police: Detectives have charged nine people as part of an investigation into a prohibited firearm supply syndicate [edited].

"In January 2019, detectives from the State Crime Command's Drug and Firearms Squad established Strike Force Colenso to investigate the supply of prohibited firearms across NSW. As part of their inquiries, strike force investigators arrested a 34-year-old man outside a court in Hornsby and a 22-year-old woman at a home at Woy Woy on Thursday 7 November 2019." ...

"Acting on information from investigators, officers from Police Transport Command arrested a 41-year-old Thornleigh man near Fairfield Train Station about 10.45am yesterday (Wednesday 15 January 2020). He was taken to Fairfield Police Station and charged with supply firearm to person unauthorised to possess it and refused bail to appear at Fairfield Local Court today (Thursday 16 January 2020)."

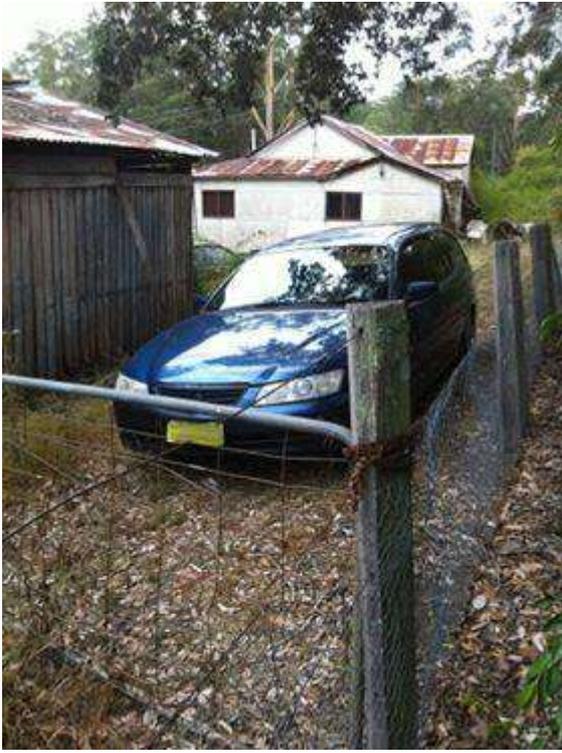
Full Media Release [here](#).



15 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas: We have been contacted as follows:

Hey just a heads up there was another theft on Cranstons Rd, Dural. A suspicious character going by 'Andrew' was spotted lurking around midday yesterday on a property next to where my mum works, knowing no one should be there she took a photo of his car and asked what he was doing. He responded with 'a bloke called Nathan down the pub said the property was abandoned and he could come pick up the old car in the shed'. After calling the owner and informed that he should not be there 'Andrew' apologised and tried calling Nathan. At no point did he seem worried. Shortly after he left.

I believe I have seen this car posted here before but I am unsure, unfortunately my mum did not get a photo of the man. The police have been notified and a report filed.



Thanks to the **Hornsby Advocate Wednesday 15 January** [digital edition [here](#)]

Street Watch [Page 9]

BEROWRA A 37-year-old Berowra man has been charged after he triggered a police pursuit in Sydney's inner west on January 6. About 2pm, officers attached to Traffic and Highway Patrol Command were conducting stationary speed enforcement when they saw a black Kia Rio travelling in excess of the 50km/h speed limit. Officers stopped the car and asked the driver for a current licence but the man allegedly accelerated away from police, initiating a pursuit through Annandale, Stanmore, Newtown and Petersham. The driver allegedly smashed into three parked cars and didn't stop. Eventually, the police pursuit was terminated due to safety concerns and the man was located a short time later. Police searched his car and seized drugs, money and drug paraphernalia.

NORTH WAHROONGA Two dirt bikes were allegedly stolen from a garage in a break, enter and steal on Boundary St in North Wahroonga on the morning of New Year's Eve. A woman reported the matter to police and said the bikes were chained together in a locked garage. The items had been advertised on Gumtree with the address. The public have been warned to be wary and not to advertise their address online.

HORNSBY A man will face Hornsby Court tomorrow (Thursday) following a triple-

car crash which killed a 63-year old woman. The collision happened on Doomben St, Eastwood, on November 13. A woman died at the scene while two men were taken to hospital for the treatment of injuries. Soon after, a man was arrested and charged with dangerous driving occasioning death, dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm, cause bodily harm by misconduct, negligent driving (occasioning death) and negligent driving (occasions grievous bodily harm). Investigators are appealing for anyone who may have any information to contact Crime Stoppers.

PENNANT HILLS Two men appeared at Hornsby court on December 19 after reports a 29-year-old man had been stabbed multiple times at a unit on William St, Condell Park. He was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics, but he died at the scene. A 59-year-old woman was also treated for minor injuries. An investigation led to the arrest of two Pennant Hills men. One man, 52, was charged with accessory after the fact to murder. The younger man, 20, was charged with conceal serious indictable offence. The matter remains before the courts.

A MAN has been charged after allegedly making a risky decision to get into a car and drive after New Year's Eve celebrations. Police allege they flagged down a 45-year-old driver for a random breath test about 9.15am on New Year's Day on the Old Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney. The driver of the Ford Festiva hatchback had been suspended from driving until 2023 and returned a positive breath test result of 0.158. The man was charged with drive motor vehicle during disqualification period and drive with high-range PCA. He was granted bail and is set to appear at Hornsby Court on February 20.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS Celebrate Australia Day at Storey Park Oval in Asquith with four hours of entertainment, including a special indigenous performance by David Barnett and Guringai Culture, and Aussie bush folk music from family trio Highly Strung. Details: Jan 26, 1-5pm, Oval, 10 Old Berowra Rd Asquith.

15 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas: We have been contacted as follows:

STOLEN STOLEN STOLEN 1994 Toyota Landcruiser GXL 1HD-T 4.2LT in Grey.

Saturday morning we woke up to find my brother's beloved 80 series cruiser stolen from inside our driveway in Glenhaven NSW. The vehicle was found rolled on

Cattai Ridge Rd Glenorie, NSW between 7am to 8.30am. If you saw this vehicle between the hours of 1.30am to 8.30am Saturday 11th January 2020, please send me a message.

There are a number of things stolen from inside it. If you see a dash cam, Darche swag, Darche stretcher, prescription black RayBan sunnies, portable air compressor, 12" slimline Pioneer subwoofer, please message me as these are the things missing.

The 3 males were stuck in the vehicle. A passer by pulled over and helped them out. They then walked away from the scene and were desperate to get away.

The police have photos of the 3 young males and have taken the vehicle and its contents off for forensics. One of the males is blonde. They've been described as young skinny males. One had a small bag described as a bum bag/small satchel around his waste.

If you have any information please inbox me. Thank you!

Accident location: <https://goo.gl/maps/LCydH55pPmjcqNze6> 33°34'54.0"S
150°56'52.7"E



Inconsiderate Parking?

For various parking offences, ***'Please park better next time!'***

On the reverse, this slip also gives details of the road rules for common parking issues, such as the blocking of driveways.

Download the pdf of a 'With Compliments Slip' to pop under their windscreen-wipers. See it on our Neighbourhood Watch website Borrow page [here](#). (Prints three to a page, double-sided.)

Warning –
next time
we call the
council
ranger!

Please park better next time!

We have copied overleaf the common Road Rules that must be adhered to. Please Turn Over or read them for yourself at:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html

Warning –
next time
we call the
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You must not stop your vehicle within **10 metres** of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there.



You must not stop your vehicle on, or across a driveway

You must not stop your vehicle on footpaths and nature strips

You should be at least one metre from any other parked vehicle

You must not stop your vehicle within **3 metres** of an Australia Post letter box, unless dropping off or picking up, passengers or mail.



www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html

do not regret past mistakes.
all decisions, good or bad,
led you to where
you are today.

disregard this
if you are in prison.

Thanks to Inner West command.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): **000**

TTY: **106**

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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-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)
-  [NHW Glaston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)
-  [Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)
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