



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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28 January, from Inner West Police Area Command



NEW PENALTIES ANNOUNCED

Throwing lit cigarette butts from cars and trucks is dangerous. Cigarettes can start bush and grass fires, and place lives at risk. It's also bad for the environment.

From 17 January 2020, motorists caught tossing a lit cigarette will be penalised **FIVE DEMERIT POINTS AND A FINE OF \$660**. This is the first time a demerit point penalty has been imposed on this type of offence.

If a motorist commits the offence during a total fire ban, the penalty will double to **TEN DEMERIT POINTS AND A FINE OF \$1320**.

Penalties will also apply to passengers caught tossing a lit cigarette on or near the roadway. They will be fined \$660 – this will double during total fire bans.

To report someone who has thrown a lit cigarette out the window of a vehicle, record the vehicle registration and contact the NSW Rural Fire Service hotline on 1800 679 737.

28 January, from NSW Health Media Release

27 January 2020

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AHEAD OF SCHOOL RETURNING

With students returning to school next week, parents of children who have had contact with a confirmed case of novel Coronavirus are being urged to keep their children at home and monitor for symptoms.

NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant explained that any child who has been in contact with a person confirmed as having novel coronavirus must not attend school or childcare for 14 days after the last contact with the infected person.

"14 days represents the internationally recognised likely incubation period for the disease," Dr Chant said.

"After this time the child is considered to be not be at risk of infection."

Students who have travelled to Hubei Province, including Wuhan, during the school holidays can return to school but should be carefully monitored for symptoms of coronavirus infection.

"The most common symptom is a fever," Dr Chant said.

"Other symptoms include, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath."

Any traveller who exhibits these symptoms should be isolated immediately from other people and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

If you develop a fever, a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, you should immediately isolate yourself from other people. Contact your GP or your emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222** and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard explained that NSW Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

"Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts," he said.

There are currently four confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

NSW Department of Education issued guidance to the education sector across NSW on 24 January 2020, which included information to guide school staff in the event of a child becoming sick.

28 January, from policensw.gov.au: Appeal after teen assaulted, stabbed - St Ives

Police are appealing for public assistance after a teenager was stabbed and assaulted on Sydney's Upper North Shore last night.

About 6pm (Saturday 25 January 2020), police have been told a 17-year-old boy was waiting for a friend at a sports oval on Burraneer Avenue, St Ives, when he was approached by five males.

One male struck him with a large tree branch before another stabbed him twice in the shoulder.

Another male struck him with their skateboard while a fourth male threw a metal object at him; causing the 17-year-old boy to drop his phone.

The group, all described as being of Caucasian appearance, with one in his early to mid teens and the others in their mid to late teens, stole the phone and fled the

area on foot.

The teenager was taken to Hornsby Hospital in a stable condition.

Officers from Kuring Gai Police Area Command were notified and commenced an investigation.

As part of their inquiries, investigators are urging any witnesses or anyone who saw anything suspicious at the time to come forward.

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.

24 January, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged with drug offences following an investigation in the Sydney CBD yesterday.

About 10am (Thursday 23 January 2020), officers attached to the Sydney City Proactive Team were targeting the supply of prohibited drugs on Liverpool and George streets, Sydney.

Police observed a number of persons believed to be conducting drug transactions on Liverpool Street.

At 1pm, a man was stopped by police, and prescription medication found.

The 37-year-old man was arrested and taken to Day Street Police Station where he was charged with possession of a prohibited drug, and possession of a prescribed restricted substance.

The man, from Paddington, was granted conditional bail to appear at Downing Centre Local Court on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

24 January, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

ITS THE LONG WEEKEND - AUSTRALIA DAY - How good is that? Just back at work and we get another day off! - Well, not me, I'm working, but that's ok.

Already this January, including yesterday the 23rd, we have had 18 deaths on our roads in NSW alone. (That's nearly one person killed as a result of a motor vehicle collision each day). That's 18 families and all the relatives of those 18 families who have been directly affected by these tragedies.

So, a message from us to you

Please drive carefully this long weekend. Remember, double demerits are running now and are in place for this weekend until midnight Monday 27th January 2020.

Plan your trip and take regular breaks.

Pay attention to what you and others are doing on the roads.

Buckle up and make sure your passengers do the same.

Don't speed – If double demerits aren't enough to change your driving manner then please think about this – speeding does have a tendency to maim and kill.

Please do not drink and drive and don't drive whilst under the influence of other illicit drugs. It's not fair to the other road users and your own family and friends.

If you do commit any of the offences above, there's a pretty good chance that either we the police, or your next life will catch you earlier than expected.

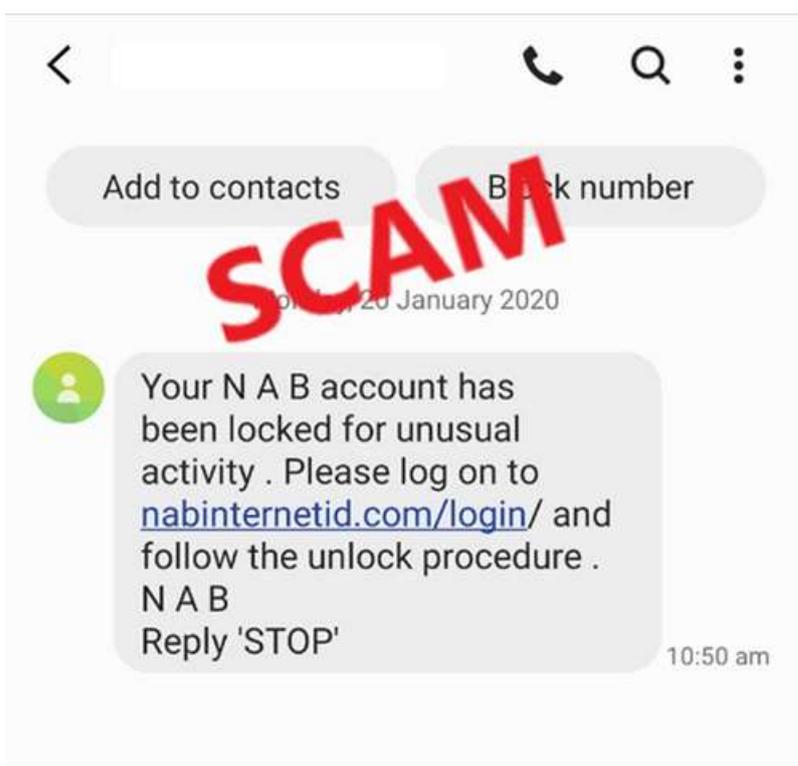
(Photographs are of a single vehicle collision where speed was the main factor)

Please drive safely and have a great weekend.

23 January, from NSW Police Force

SCAM ALERT! Watch out for an sms phishing scam targeting NAB customers with a link to a fake website that will 'unlock your account'.

Don't click on any links – delete the text if you receive it. Info and  via Scamwatch



23 January, from NSW Police Force

Police have received numerous reports of a person advertising hay bales on social media for a discounted price.

In each of the cases, the seller has taken an initial deposit for the fodder but has not delivered any product.

The fraud is not isolated to a specific area. Police have received reports from the Mid North Coast, the Hunter Valley, the Southern Highlands, the Hills, and the Oxley, Nepean, and Port Stephens areas.

A number of people have lost money as a result of the scam.

Police advise anyone buying supplies online to only deal with people and businesses that have proven to be genuine in the past.

Where possible, it is best to only hand over money until the goods are in possession

If you have any information that might assist our investigators in relation to these crimes, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or visit [their website](#).

22 January, from NSW Police Force

Two men will face court today charged with drug supply offences after cannabis and cash were seized by officers from Redfern Region Enforcement Squad last month.

About 8.20pm on Friday 27 December 2019, officers stopped a Hyundai Elantra on Church Street, Randwick, and spoke with the 36-year-old male driver and 42-year-old male passenger.

Police searched the vehicle and located 440g of cannabis in 55 individual vacuum sealed bags, more than \$8200 cash and three mobile phones.

The items were seized and will undergo forensic testing.

The men were arrested and taken to Maroubra Police Station where they were both charged with two counts of supply prohibited drug.

The older man was also charged with deal with property proceeds of crime.

Police will allege in court that the men were involved in the supply of cannabis through a "Dial-a-Dealer" service.

The men were granted strict conditional bail to appear at Waverley Local Court today (Wednesday 22 January 2020).

22 January, from NSW Police Force

Police have released CCTV vision of a vehicle of interest as they continue to investigate a home invasion in Sydney's Inner West earlier this month.

Emergency services were called to Unwins Bridge Road, Sydenham, just after 9.30pm on Sunday 12 January 2020, after two men forced entry into a home and confronted three occupants.

Police have been told the males – armed with crow bars – threatened the residents – two women, aged 20 and 52, and an 18-year-old man – before assaulting the man and detaining him and the younger woman in a room.

Upon arrival of officers from Inner West Police Area Command, the men ran from the scene.

The older woman and man were taken to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital suffering minor injuries. They have since been released.

A crime scene was established which has been examined by specialist forensic officers.

As part of ongoing inquiries, detectives have released CCTV vision of a vehicle, which was seen on Unwins Bridge Road shortly before the incident.

The vehicle is described as a silver sedan.

Anyone who has any information about the vehicle or who has dash cam vision from the area about 9.20pm the same day is urged to come forward.

Investigations are continuing.

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



27 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW



As kids return to school in the coming days, it is important to arm them with the right advice to help keep them safe.

-  Walking with a friend or group of friends is safer and more fun.
-  Always look left and right for traffic before crossing the road.
-  Always use a pedestrian crossing.
-  Know the people in your community you can trust. These people could include teachers, doctors, nurses, shopkeepers, bus drivers and police.
-  Find places you feel safe that you can go to when you feel unsafe or unsure. These places could include hospitals, schools, shops, neighbours, friend's houses and police stations.
-  Never talk to strangers or get into strange cars.
-  When on the train, travel in a crowded carriage or the guards compartment (it's the one with the blue light).
-  Try to always walk where there are lots of

people.

 Don't take short cuts. Remember, it's okay

to say NO if you feel unsafe or unsure.

 Call 000 if you are scared or in danger.

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.

26 January, from Ku-RIng-Gai SES



Great news today that Murray Lennon has been recognised in the 2020 Australian Honours and Awards for his outstanding service to the community and especially his over 30 years as a volunteer with the Ku-ring-gai SES.

The full citation for his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is as follows.

Mr Murray Stuart LENNON, North Wahroonga NSW 2076

For service to the community of St Ives.

Ku-ring-gai Unit, New South Wales State Emergency Service

- Deputy Local Controller, since 2006.
- Duty Officer, 1993-2017.
- Emergency Officer.
- Fundraiser, North Wahroonga Headquarters fitout, 2012-2013.
- Volunteer Member, since 1988.

Rotary International Rotary Club of St Ives:

- President, 2015-2016.
- Vocational Director, since 2013.
- Involved in establishing and co-ordinating, Food and Wine Festival on 'Village on the Green'
- Member, since 2005.

Rotaract Club Lindfield

- Member, 1970s.

Employment

- Former Employee, Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited (CBC) and National Bank of Australia (NAB).

Awards and recognition includes:

- Recipient, Life Membership, New South Wales State Emergency Service, 2018.
- Recipient, 30 Years Long Service Award, New South Wales Emergency Service, 2018.
- Recipient, Paul Harris Fellow Award for services to the New South Wales State Emergency Service by the Rotary Club of St Ives, 2011.
- Recipient, Certificate of Recognition in the International Year of Volunteers, 2001.

Congratulations Murray Lennon OAM – well done mate.

26 January, from NSW Food Authority



Only buy fresh cut produce that is refrigerated or surrounded by ice.

26 January, from NSW Food Authority



Did you know food scraps may spread disease that is harmful to our pigs?

Do your bit this Australia Day and Chinese New Year long weekend, and protect our pigs by disposing of food waste thoughtfully.

More information is available on the DPI [website](#).

25 January, from Meredith Ingoldby, Scam Watchdog Australia



My husband saw a Facebook ad for a self-cleaning cat litter box. It was just the thing he needed, and 'a steal' at \$40. He went ahead and ordered one.

It was a steal, all right!

The first pic is of the product he ordered; the second is what was delivered yesterday: One cheap plastic tray, one cracked 'lid' and one scoop. (The toilet rolls are there only to give you an idea of the tray's size.) 😊 The company has since

disappeared from Facebook. The website he ordered through has gone too.

At least he didn't lose too much money - and it gave us both a good laugh.

24 January, from [dailytelegraph.com.au](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au): 'Shut the f* up': Man punches police officer on crowded train**



An off-duty police officer stepped in to stop a woman's racist tirade on a train. Next thing he knew a man launched a flurry of punches at his head.

23 January, from Rural Crime - NSW Police Force

A man has been charged by NSW Police Rural Crime Investigators over an alleged scam targeting farmers from drought-stricken communities across NSW.

Earlier this week, police became aware of posts on social media advertising hay bales for a discounted price. The seller then requested an initial deposit for the fodder, but allegedly did not deliver any product.

Police received reports from victims on the Far North Coast, Mid North Coast, Hunter Valley, Southern Highlands, Hills District, and the Oxley, Nepean, and Port Stephens areas.

NSW Police Force Rural Crime Investigators established Strike Force Woden to investigate the scam.

About 7.40am today (Thursday 23 January 2020), Strike Force Woden investigators, assisted by Bass Hill Region Enforcement Squad, executed a search warrant at Villawood.

A 27-year-old man was arrested at the property and taken to Fairfield Police Station, where he was charged with 13 counts of dishonestly obtain financial

advantage by deception.

Police will allege in court that the man fraudulently obtained more than \$40,000 from 13 victims.

Officers also executed two outstanding warrants for fraud offences, and a third outstanding warrant for assault offences.

He has been refused bail to appear at Fairfield Local Court tomorrow (Friday 24 January 2020).

Inquiries are continuing. Wat6ch video [here](#).

**Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate Wednesday 22 January [digital edition [here](#)]
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WAHROONGA

Boating equipment valued at \$185,000 was stolen from Cambell Drive sometime between 10pm on Saturday, January 11, and 6.15am the next day. A black-white bar crusher boat and the Easytow silver trailer it was sitting on were taken by unknown offenders. Police are continuing their investigation into the incident, anyone with information should call Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

HORNSBY

A shopping bag containing a mobile phone was stolen after it was momentarily put down at a store inside Hornsby Westfield. Between 5.20pm and 5.25pm on Monday, January 13, a man placed his JB Hi Fi bag on the floor of a store to check on his young daughter. By the time he realised he'd left the bag unattended it was gone. Police have reviewed CCTV and saw a man aged 30-35 walking towards the carpark with the bag. He is described as caucasian, of medium build and with short, dirty blond hair. He was last seen wearing a high-vis green jumper and dark pants.

GLENORIE

Sometime between 6pm on Tuesday, January 14, and 3pm the next day unknown people gained access to a shed on Old Northern Rd. The thieves rummaged through the shed and it is believed a circular saw was stolen.

BEROWRA

A bicycle worth \$450 was taken from a home after the occupants left the garage door open from 6.30pm last Wednesday until 2pm the next day. Police said a member of the family had driven to the shops that morning but had not closed the garage roller door. Later that day, the victim walked out the front of the home and noticed the bike was gone.

HORNSBY

An iPad was among \$1000 worth of property stolen from a parked and locked car in Burdett St between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on Saturday, January 11.

MT KU-RING-GAI

A man made off with a Dyson vacuum cleaner from Aldi about 4.10pm on Monday, January 13. CCTV footage shows a man in his mid-30s with brown hair pick up the vacuum and then leave without paying. He was wearing a maroon polo shirt with "L.M.O.N" written on it.

23 January, from Marine Rescue Botany Port Hacking

Logging ON and OFF with Marine Rescue NSW is not restricted to larger vessels. If your on a Kayak, Paddleboard, Canoe or other small non powered craft you can also Log ON/OFF with us via our Smartphone App or with a handheld VHF marine radio.

This weeks sudden thunderstorm is a great example of how conditions can change and become very dangerous, especially whilst on the water.

Our team at Botany Port Hacking are here to help but its important that you also remember to check the weather conditions, wear your safety gear and Log ON/OFF with us on every journey.

22 January, from [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)



From the eSafety Commissioner newsletter 16 January:

Big Ted to the rescue! Good online habits start early in 2020

We've teamed up with Big Ted, Jemima and the rest of the Play School gang to help families with young children kick off good online safety habits.

Our new Family Tech Agreement is designed to make it easier for parents and carers to set boundaries around the use of digital devices like tablets, smart TVs and gaming consoles. Our trusted friends from Play School will help young children understand each rule.

The Family Tech Agreement is the first of eSafety's newly developed Early Years resources, being rolled out in 2020 to support children under 5, their families and early childhood educators.

Download your Family Tech Agreement [here](#).

22 January, from Australian Federal Police



It's almost Lunar New Year, which means an increase in the importation of 'joss paper' – or Chinese Training Notes which when printed, can resemble Australian banknotes.

Traditionally used as part of money ceremonies and Lunar New Year festivities, they can unintentionally enter into general circulation to be used as legal tender.

We urge retailers to keep an eye out for potential 'fake cash' which may be in circulation in the lead up to Lunar New Year celebrations on 25 January.

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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Local Facebook pages:



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



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)



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