



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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18 February, from NSW Police: The NSW Police Force is developing its

Multicultural Policing Strategy 2020-2024.

We would like people who live, study or work in NSW to provide input on this plan. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and is entirely confidential and no personally identifying information will be collected at any stage.

Take the survey [here](#).

14 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring Gai PAC week in review

It's just another week in the office

A 35 year old male from **Galston** was arrested on Thursday 13/02/2020 and charged with 22 offences including 20 Agg break & enters in the The Hills PAC and also two in Kuring Gai PAC which occurred on the 06/02/2020 and 07/02/2020 in **Pymble**. CCTV at the premises assisted police in identifying the offender. The male is currently bail refused.

A 57 year old female from **Hornsby** and a 53 year old female from **Berowra Heights** were caught shoplifting from **Hornsby** Westfield Mall in two separate incidents on Thursday 13/02/2020. One female stole groceries from Coles after failing to pay for them through the self serve check out while the other female stole perfume valued at \$69.95 from Terry White Chemist.

On Wednesday 12/02/2020, a driver exiting a bakery at **Mount Colah** has negotiated a right hand turn when he saw a male pedestrian proceeding to cross the road. As he has passed the male, the male has kicked the drivers vehicle, The driver has stopped his vehicle and has confronted the male who assaulted him before leaving the vicinity. Police were called and the male was located a short distance away. He was subsequently charged with Destroy/Damage to property and Assault. He was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice and will appear in court later this month.

On Tuesday afternoon 11/02/2020 two males, one from **Thornleigh** and one from **Mount Colah** have become involved in an altercation at **Hornsby** Westfield Mall where a number of punches were exchanged. Security were able to break up the pair and both were arrested after initially fleeing the area. Both were charged with Affray, with one being refused bail due to also breaching his bail. They will appear at court later in the month.

A 45 year old female from **Mount Colah** was charged with GIC, Steal property in

dwelling and Armed w/i commit indictable offence after she was seen entering a unit complex in **Asquith** on the 09/02/2020. Each time she entered she has stolen a bike, three in total. She was subsequently charged and given bail including a curfew condition. She will appear at court later this month.

A 35 year old male from East Gosford who was asleep on a terminating train at **Hornsby** Railway Station was woken by staff just after midnight on Saturday 08/02/2020. Upon being woken he has thrown an umbrella at a staff member and begun to yell obscenities. He has then proceeded to follow staff into the office area and urinated on the office door and carpet. Upon police arriving, the male appeared unsteady on his feet and was found to have no Opal card. The male attempted to evade police and resisted arrest by kicking out at police. During the arrest he has scratched two officers while being escorted to the police truck. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he was charged with Behave in offensive manner in/on public passenger vehicle, Assault officer and Resist officer in execution of duty. He will appear at court later this month.

Have a safe and great weekend

14 February, from NSW Road Safety: Make sure your loved ones buckle up and stay safe. ❤️ #ValentinesDay



14 February, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby: Overnight we attended a unit fire in St Ives.

Gordon Fire station was first arriving to the reports of an elderly lady with burns and smoke inhalation. The fire was in a ground floor unit where the lady lived. She had made her way out to neighbours where they called for help. Police located the lady and carried her to the waiting ambulance for treatment while Gordon station got to work with Hornsby's pump and tanker not far behind. The fire was contained and other units evacuated due large volumes of smoke. Ryde Fire station was also in attendance to assist in fire fighting operations. Sorry no pics this time. We were a bit busy!!

13 February, from Parramatta command: Thursday bad Police Dad joke



12 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Hornsby police are conducting investigations into the theft of dozens of trees throughout the command these last few weeks. The interesting thing about the thefts is that the stolen trees are all the same genus. One concerned resident asked police why the thieves 'wood' be targeting a specific type of tree and police answered, "Well, it's a very 'poplar' tree you see". Police are asking residents that the seeds of complacency aren't allowed the grow in this matter and are encouraging victims to propagate the news among their neighbours, show vigilance and not to beat around the bush when it comes to reporting any further tree thefts. A photograph of similar trees is attached.



12 February, from Ku-ring-gai SES: The NSW SES has received nearly 19,000 requests for assistance as a result of the recent East Coast Low weather.

Here in Ku-ring-gai our volunteers continue to receive and respond to calls, with 719 received to date. With more rain forecast at the end of the week, please:

🔗 Take time now to prepare your property, family and pets

☎️ Know when to call the NSW SES - <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/when-to-call>

📱 Download the Floods Near Me, Live Traffic NSW and Bureau of Meteorology apps and keep up to date with travel, weather warnings and conditions

⚠️ Do not drive, ride or walk through floodwaters; and

⚠️ Stay at least 8 meters away from fallen power lines or objects that may be energised.

Here are some ways in which you can help us:

✂️ Please share this post with as many of your friends, family and community groups as possible, so that our community receives this important information (we are also on Instagram and Twitter @KRGSES)

✂️ If power is involved and hasn't been reported (or you aren't sure if it has been reported), please phone Ausgrid on 13 13 88📞

✂️ If Ausgrid has attended your property and removed power and you still require SES assistance, please call us back on 132 500

✂️ If you no longer require SES assistance, please call us on 132 500 or send us a Facebook message with your job number or details (note: we cannot take new jobs via Facebook) so we send our resources where they are needed.



This evening's 'All Areas' Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch meeting...

Thank you to attendees, as well as to the PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai for providing the meeting room. A collection of 18 coordinators and volunteers were joined by the local police, Senior Constable Colin Mitchell (Crime Prevention Officer) and Chief Inspector Luke Spurr. The first meeting in two years meant there was plenty to discuss. Too much to detail here. But the main question for our readers is, would you like a crime prevention stall in your suburb? Please email us [here](#).

that could advise on home security?

I would like to make my home safer and perhaps there are professionals in this area?

Our reply was: Unfortunately Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We suggest you go to the Choice appraisals. Choice is independent - click [here](#) for Choice articles on Home Security Products

Thank you for your questions. This one will prompt us to update our [WatchOut.org.au](#) website HOMES page. Please keep the questions coming.

Dates for the Diary:

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 February: POSTPONED 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

Sunday 29 March: Bobbo - the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

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".

Wednesday 29 April: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

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

Wednesday 14 October: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate, Wednesday 12 February [[Online edition here](#)]

A KNOX Grammar School pupil was put into an induced coma after choking on his food last Wednesday. The eight-year-old boy lost consciousness and was flown to Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick. A CareFlight rapid response helicopter was called about noon and reached the scene within seven minutes. Paramedics incubated the child and placed him in an induced coma to stabilise him. He was flown in a serious but stable condition. The incident was shared on a community Facebook page where residents shared messages of support.

HORNSBY A 43-year-old man from Asquith was charged with larceny after he stole from an aged care staff member's bag. On February 4 the man entered the aged care centre and asked a member of staff for directions. He then snuck into an unattended office and stole a packet of cigarettes from a staff member's handbag. A short time later the employee realised items were stolen from her bag as well as a large amount of cash. After a short search of the surrounding area, the man was located in a nearby office by police. It was discovered he was wanted for breach of bail. He was charged with larceny and breach of bail. He was refused bail and will appear in court next month.

HORNSBY A Newtown man entered a liquor store at Hornsby Westfield and stole alcohol on two separate occasions worth \$800 on November 23. The 29-year-old man was caught on CCTV attempting to conceal the alcohol down the front of his

pants. Police were able to identify him and on February 3 he was charged with two counts of larceny.

BEROWRA A 17-year-old boy from Hornsby Heights was charged on February 2 with goods in custody and possess prohibited drugs. Police were alerted by the teenager's suspicious behaviour in December. A search was conducted and he was found with cannabis, a large amount of cash and alcohol. He is set to appear at the Children's Court in March.

ST IVES A 57-year-old man was charged with malicious damage to property following a road rage incident. He exited his vehicle and approached another driver who was stopped in traffic on Mona Vale Rd on December 23. The man attempted to open the stranger's car door and kicked it a number of times, causing damage. He was charged on February 4.

ASQUITH A 45-year-old man wanted for three separate stealing offences from a liquor shop in January was arrested and taken to Hornsby Hospital for a mental health assessment. While waiting he made threats towards police and was charged on February 4 with three counts of larceny and intimidate police officer in the execution of duty. Bail was refused.

15 February, from NSW Health: If you have been to mainland China in the last 14 days, you must stay in isolation at home.

Don't risk infecting other people at the supermarket. If you need groceries, ask a family member or friend to deliver them to your home or shop for groceries online. To prevent infecting other people, make sure you wear a mask when receiving a delivery or have the groceries left at your door.

Read more [here](#).

如果您过去14天去过中国大陆，则必须在家隔离。不要去超市以免有传染他人的风险。

如果您需要食品蔬菜，请家人或朋友帮忙购买并送到家，或者在网上采购。为避免传染他人，请确保在收货时戴口罩或让其他人把货物放在家门口。

更多信息：www.health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

17 February, from Road Safety Education - NSW Dept of Education: Do you know what schools teach about safety on wheels?

Students in kindergarten to year 4 learn to:

- always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- ride your bike away from the road, such as parks and in the backyard

Students in years 5 and 6 learn to:

- always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- ride your bike away from busy roads

We need you to help your children keep safe- reinforce these messages at home. And model what safe behaviours look like by you also wearing a securely fitted helmet and riding on the footpath with your child.

More info [here](#).

15 February, from Daily Mail Australia: Don't eat and drive: How snacking at the wheel can land you a \$500 fine and three demerit points under a little-known road rule

- Eating and drinking at the wheel comes under offence of driver distraction
- Driver distraction is broadly covered under Road Rule 297(1) in New South Wales
- These types of offences are assessed on a case by case basis by police

Full article [here](#).

14 February, from News.com.au: Meaning behind secret supermarket symbol

A Woolworths customer's complaint over the amount of beef mince contained in what was supposed to be a 500g packet has drawn attention to a little-known code commonly found on supermarket products. But while the meaning of the tiny "e" symbol next to the weight marked on the package is a revelation to many, the supermarket says it's not to blame for the error.

Full article [here](#).



13 February, from the AFP: Have you talked to your kids about staying safe online?

Did you know 79% of parents and carers don't think child sexual exploitation – that's real time sexual interactions via online channels - can happen to their child? Would it shock you to know four out of five children aged just four are using the internet? Put those two statistics together and you have a recipe for abuse on a staggering scale. According to new research from the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation - online child exploitation - is happening right here, right now.

We need to have a conversation with our kids that removes the stigma - and encourage them to reach out for help. You would expect it in the real world, so why not about their online world where so many more dark corners exist. If you're a parent and not sure where to start, head to ThinkUKnow Australia, Australia's only nationally delivered law enforcement online child safety program.

Find out more [here](#).

ONLINE USE & ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Generally parents/carers are pro-technology and acknowledge its importance in their children's future.



4 out of 5 children aged 4 are using the internet; **30% of these children** have access to their own device.



1 in 2 children under 12 have their own personal device.



1 in 2 children have access to 3+ devices.

AWARENESS & PERCEPTIONS

Information seeking and discussion about online child sexual exploitation are generally only undertaken in response to a specific event.



Only 16% of parents/carers seek information on the topic of online child sexual exploitation.

Only 3% of parent/carers listed online grooming as a concern.



20% of parents/carers would not be comfortable talking to their children about online child sexual exploitation.



89% of parents/carers assume that their child would tell them if something negative happened online. This is not always the case.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

By 11 years of age, most children are using the internet unsupervised.

70%

of parents/carers allow their children to use the internet "anywhere" in the house.



22%

with no oversight whatsoever.

23%

of parents/carers sit with their children while they use the internet.

EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Preventative measures tend to be reactive, ad hoc and inconsistently applied.

Only 52% of parents/carers talk to their children about online safety.

51% of the participants did not know what they could do to keep children safe from online child sexual exploitation.

62% of parent/carers believe parental and other filters are enough to keep children and young people safe online.

Only 27% of parents/carers carry out proactive behaviours such as reviewing the content of emails, social media or messaging apps.

13 February, from NSW Fair Trading: Australian's lost more than \$28 million to romance scams last year.

Valentine's Day is a popular time of year for scammers, visit the ScamWatch website for tips on how to protect yourself on dating apps, click [here](#).



Tip of the Month

IF YOU'RE GOING AWAY FOR A LONG TIME, BOLT YOUR GARAGE DOOR. Most doors come with a bolt system but if not, one is not hard to install. Using the bolt prevents someone from getting in with a remote or using your keypad for outside access. The door also cannot be lifted manually.

One from the Archives [01 July 2013 - just as applicable today - Ed]

Just a reminder about ATM security. "**The day I caught an ATM card catcher**" - A link to a Naked Security article followed by a video with some useful advice, click [here](#). Note: This is a UK article. For emergencies in Australia, phone **000**.



Thanks to Cop Humour

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



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Local Facebook pages:



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](#)



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