



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!").

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03 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring-gai Police Area Command's -

Last week in Review:

An 18 year old female from Mount Kuring-Gai was charged with Common Assault last week after an incident at Hornsby Railway Station. The VIC who was walking to catch a train was approached by the female who pushed and punched her in the face. The VIC was able to move away with assistance from members of the public and catch a train from the vicinity. The young female will appear at court in March.

A 15 year old YP from Woy Woy was charged with Larceny x 2 last week for offences committed at St Ives Shopping Centre. On two separate occasions the YP has entered the complex and stolen cigarettes from the front service desk area at Coles. The YP will attend court in April.

A 30 year old male from Auburn was located drug affected in a parked vehicle at North Turramurra on Sunday 23/02/20. A person search located a small amount of methylamphetamine. He was charged with Possess prohibited drug and he will appear at court in March.

On Wednesday 26/02/2020, a 53 year old male from Turramurra was seen entering his vehicle and start the engine. Due to police observing his behaviour prior to him entering his vehicle he was asked to submit a breath test. The male became argumentative and refused. As a result, the male was charged with Refuse to submit to breath analysis and will appear at court in March.

A 20 year old male from Rooty Hill was charged with fraudulently using a credit card to make numerous purchases at Westfield Hornsby. The VIC who realised she had lost her wallet on the day of the offences, has checked her accounts and noticed the unusual transactions. Police were called and CCTV collected assisted in identifying the male. He will appear at court in April.

03 March, from Inner West command:

It's like a scarecrow for humans



03 March, from Killara Rural Fire Brigade: Bush Alight - Gordon - (Out):

Earlier this evening Killara responded to reports of Bush Alight in Gordon. Upon arrival a fire was located slowly spreading in the bush under benign weather conditions and was quickly contained and put out by attending crews. Great to see local residents vigilantly utilising their fires near me app to keep updated.

Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade , Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade and Kuring Gai Police Area Command for your assistance.



02 March, from Road Safety Transport NSW: Phone detection cameras are in operation on NSW roads

Mobile phone detection cameras, including fixed and transportable cameras, target drivers and riders illegally using a mobile phone across NSW anywhere, anytime. The system operates day and night and in all weather conditions, using high-definition cameras to capture images of the front-row cabin space of all vehicles to detect illegal mobile phone use.

More info [here](#).



01 March, from 7News Sydney: Pymble: A cyclist in his 60s is fighting for life after crashing his bike on Mona Vale Road.

He was treated for head injuries before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition.



29 February, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW: * WARNING: From tomorrow, if you are caught by the new mobile phone detection cameras there will be a \$344 fine and 5 demerit points *****



From Hornsby Advocate, Wednesday, February 26 [[Link here](#)]

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BEROWRA Investigations are continuing following a two vehicle crash on Sydney's upper north shore, about 1.30pm on February 19. Officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command attempted to stop a motorcycle travelling on the Pacific Highway at Mt Colah. When the motorcycle failed to stop as directed, a police pursuit was initiated. It was terminated a short time later due to safety concerns. The rider continued to travel north before it collided with a Toyota RAV4 SUV near Collingridge Way at Berowra. The rider, a 24-year-old man, was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. The driver of the Toyota, a 56-year old woman, was also taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. A crime scene was established, and investigations are continuing. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers.

PYMBLE A 35-year-old man from Galston was arrested on February 13 and more recently charged with 22 offences including 20 aggravated break and enters which occurred from the February 6 and February 7 in Pymble. Police were able to find CCTV which assisted in investigations and identifying the man. He was refused bail.

HORNSBY A woman, 57, from Hornsby and another woman, 53, from Berowra Heights were caught shoplifting at Hornsby Westfield Mall in two separate incidents on February 13. One woman allegedly stole groceries from Coles while the other allegedly stole perfume valued at \$69.95 from Terry white Chemist.

HORNSBY On February 11 two males, one from Thornleigh and one from Mount Colah, became involved in an altercation at Hornsby Westfield Mall where punches were allegedly exchanged. They were arrested after initially fleeing the area. Both were charged with affray, with one refused bail after breaching bail conditions.

HORNSBY A man, 35, from East Gosford was asleep on a late night train at Hornsby Railway Station when he was woken by staff on February 8. He threw an umbrella and began to yell obscenities. He followed staff into the office and urinated. He attempted to flee from police and resisted arrest by kicking out at police and scratched two officers. He was charged with behave in offensive

manner in/on public passenger vehicle, assault officer and resist officer in execution of duty.

Dates for the Diary:

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.

Saturday 30 May: Self Defence Workshop for Women. [Info](#). **Note:** NHW cannot endorse a product or service. You must do your own research.

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

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

02 March, from Crime Stoppers: ⚠️ SCAM ALERT ⚠️

❑ Tips for buying and selling on community selling sites. There are a few community selling sites around where members of the public will list an item for sale for other community members to buy. Unfortunately scammers are all over these sites and many people are losing out big time after being scammed out of their property or money.

!!❑ 5 IMPORTANT TIPS !!❑

1. Be aware that scammers are using these sites – if something feels 'off' be extra cautious proceeding with any transactions.
2. Insist on using reputable pay services such as PayPal.
3. Don't automatically BELIEVE their copy of a transaction receipt.

Many scammers are sending the sellers a receipt of payment that is fake, whilst insisting the seller sends the item straight away. ALWAYS confirm with your financial institution or PayPal on your end first that payment has gone through BEFORE sending your item to anyone.

4. When meeting someone who wants to purchase a vehicle and take it for a test drive, go along for the ride! You wouldn't hand your keys over to any stranger on the street – this is no different. Many cars are being stolen because the owners are letting potential 'buyers' drive away with their vehicles. Make sure you take a photo of their CURRENT drivers licence before you let them test drive your vehicle.

5. If you are meeting someone you have never met to sell or buy an item, arrange to do so in a public place. Even better, choose somewhere where you know there is CCTV footage.

If you have been scammed, contact the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7)** who will complete a fraud incident with you.

If you have information about scammers, contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**.

02 March, shared with permission from the Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group: If anyone sees someone riding a black with white branding Giant ATX 27.5 with bright red hand grips.

Can you please call the police. It's been stolen from our garage

01 March, from Katie Camerena: We have been having issues with people coming into our neighborhood to try and steal tools out of vehicles (And anything else they can get their hands on)

Our flood light didn't seem to scare them off, so we decided to have a little fun with a motion activated sprinkler that has an impressive amount of pressure 🤩💧 *Feel free to share the video if you, or someone you know is having the same problem!

*Many have asked where it's from. Just got it on Amazon! Here's the [link](#).

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01 March, from Bark: A 37-year old mom goes undercover as an 11-year old girl to expose the dangers facing kids on social media platforms like Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and Kik.

Left unsupervised, young children can be exposed to online predators, grooming, and psychological abuse within minutes.

In 2018 alone, Bark alerted the FBI to 99 child predators. In 2019? That number is more than 300 — and counting. Each of these cases represents a real child experiencing real harm, and our challenge is to help parents and schools understand this new reality. But how do we tell stories without asking families to divulge too much? We started this project to explain online grooming to a generation who didn't grow up with this danger.

Watch video [here](#).

For more information on this project please click [here](#).



01 March, from ABC.net.au: Mobile phone-tracking technology coming soon to Australia to show location of triple-0 callers

- The inability of emergency operators to pinpoint a mobile phone caller's location can cause delays in dispatching first responders
- The rollout of automatic mobile location (AML) technology is expected to improve the way the triple-0 service can manage emergencies
- Telstra will make the information available from June after agreement from phone giants Apple and Android

Full article [here](#).

28 February, from NRMA Insurance: Child restraint buckle recall:

If you've purchased an InfaSecure child restraint between August 2019 and February 2020 it may be unsafe to use due to faulty Holmberg buckles. Batch numbers B18002, B18003 or B19009 found stamped on buckles are hazardous and unsafe. If your child seat buckle contains any of these numbers stop use immediately and contact InfaSecure on 1300 924 632 or www.infasecure.com.au for a free replacement buckle kit.

28 February, shared with permission from Pymble and West Pymble Community group yesterday:

At 3.30 am Tuesday morning I was awakened by our barking dog. I called Gordon police after seeing 2 men going up and down people's driveways. Please take extra care locking your homes.

27 February, from EPA: Don't be misled by the free shed - EPA warns residents about dirty fill deal

Residents in the Hills District are being warned to treat any offers of "fill with a free shed" with suspicion after the EPA responded to multiple incidents of property owners being delivered contaminated soil and material by a waste company. Several residents across the Hawkesbury, the Hills and Hornsby Council areas responded to an ad on Gumtree and accepted the offer of a new, free shed

in exchange for receiving tonnes of soil on their property. The delivery business then delivered the soil, flattened it out and built the large shed (large enough to hold equipment like tractors and boats).

However, EPA officers investigating this dodgy delivery company tracked down the fill recipients and tested the soil which showed that many of the delivered loads were contaminated with building and demolition waste, and in some cases even showed up traces of asbestos.

Full article [here](#).

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated".

- Tip#14: Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "***We can't come to the phone right now...***", even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary roommate that you will answer it, "***Don't worry—I'll get it!***" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.
- Tip#15: Don't give out date of birth, credit card or bank account details, ever!
- Tip#16: Don't leave door unlocked when expecting a visitor.
- Tip#17: DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS! If they require your help in an emergency, offer to phone on their behalf.
- Tip#18: If you are a carer, leave notes for the next carer out-of-sight, never on the front door.

For more tips, see the Tips page of our Neighbourhood Watch website [here](#).

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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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