



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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9 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW



The NSW Digital Driver Licence is the digital version of the NSW Driver Licence available through the Service NSW app.

For all driver licence holders, the digital driver licence is now legal for use across NSW at no additional cost. It's optional and doesn't replace the plastic card.

There are conditions for using the digital driver licence that holders need to know about.

The NSW Digital Driver Licence is accepted by most pubs and clubs, and NSW Police.

It's illegal to access your Digital Driver Licence when driving, including when stationary, unless you're asked to do so by a police officer. Penalties apply.

For more information and links to download your digital licence visit [here](#).

8 March, from NSW Health

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): There is no need to bulk-buy products at supermarkets including toilet paper, paracetamol and canned food.

It is practical for households to have a small stock of non-perishable groceries to cover the event that in the coming months the household has been asked to self-isolate for 14 days. However, it's important to note the role of family and friends in

supporting those in isolation and also to note that online grocery delivery services are now available in most areas of NSW.

The best way to protect yourself is the same as you would against any respiratory infection. Practice good hygiene by:

- cleaning your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub
- covering your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or a flexed elbow
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- making sure you stay home if you are sick.

For more information visit this [site](#).

8 March, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

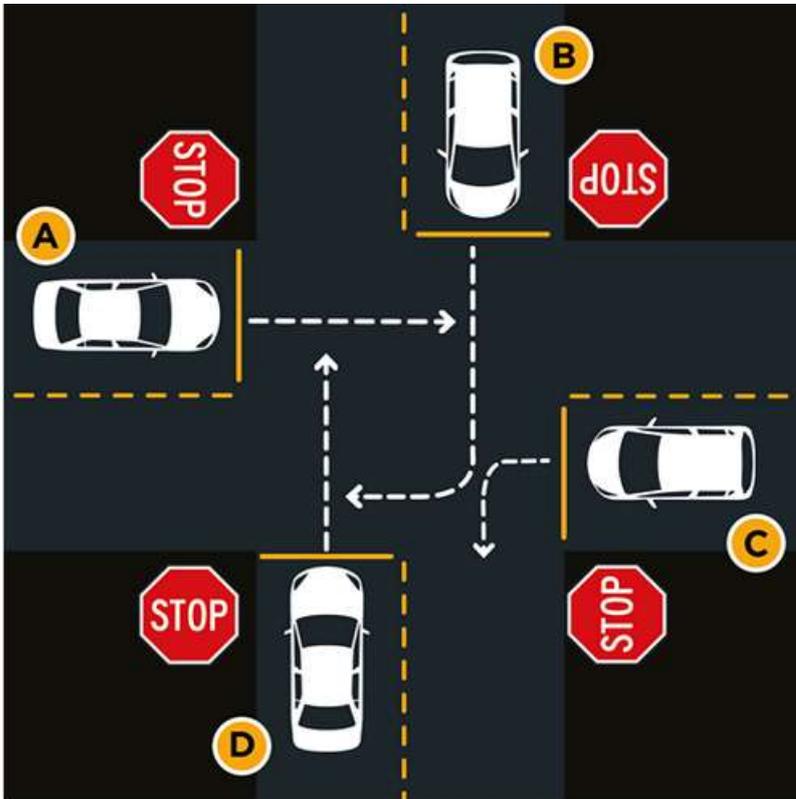
Happy International Women's Day! [#WD2020](#) 🚔♀️🚗



8 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

An intersection where the four entry points are all marked with stop signs are very rare but we've seen some interest on clarity of the road rules for this type of intersection.

In the below intersection, if each vehicle arrives at the same time what order from A to D do you think each person is permitted to go?



ANSWER: C and D, A, B if all the vehicles arrived at the intersection at the same time.

Vehicle C and Vehicle D can proceed into the intersection first simultaneously, followed by Vehicle A and finally Vehicle B because:

- Vehicle C is turning left and can proceed without obstructing Vehicle A and D.
- Vehicle A must give way to Vehicle D as they're approaching from the right.
- Vehicle B is turning right and must give way to oncoming vehicles going straight ahead; oncoming vehicles turning left; and any vehicle on the right.

An intersection that has stop signs on all cross streets has the effect of creating a safer environment for all road users particularly pedestrians. It ensures that all traffic is stopping as it approaches the intersection, and all turning vehicles have to give way to pedestrians. While it's the responsibility of all road users to comply with the Road Rules to minimise the risk of a crash, if another driver doesn't give way to you, don't force them or yourself into a dangerous situation.

06 March, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring-gai Police Area Command's - Week in Review:

An 18 year old male from Cowan was charged with Common Assault this week for an incident which occurred at St Ives shopping centre. The male has entered the centre with another young male who attempted to steal money from a register whilst he kept a look out at the front of the store. On being confronted by the shop

owner and attempting to flee the male has assaulted him to the shoulder area in an attempt to prevent him from capturing his accomplice. He will face court next month.

A 38 year old male from Eastwood was stopped in a vehicle near bridge Rd, Hornsby after the vehicle was found to be unregistered. Upon further questioning it was established the vehicle was also uninsured, the driver had failed to notify a change of address and the tyre standard did not comply. He was issued a number of Traffic Infringement Notices as well as a licence suspension advice and was not permitted to drive.

A 25 year old male from Karingong was stopped for an RBT test at Berowra and asked to produce his licence. A breath test returned a negative result however an oral fluid test returned a positive detection for Cocaine. A secondary test was carried out and sent for further analysis. Pending results the driver has been issued with a 24hour prohibition from driving notice.

A 16 year old young person from St Ives was charged with Larceny after he was identified through CCTV stealing from a cafe at St Ives shopping centre. The youth who was on conditional bail at the time was also found to be in breach of his bail conditions. He will appear at the Children's Court early next month.

05 March, from Newtown Fire Station



Whether you're stockpiling 2-ply or 3-ply in anticipation of the impending pandemic we urge you to keep it well clear of all egress points.

Remember: Keep it ten feet from the door to the street.

05 March, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: Mobile phone detection cameras



Cameras targeting illegal phone use across NSW.

[Details here.](#)

04 March, from betruckaware.com.au: We all need to look out for each other
[Watch video here.](#)

04 March, from Ku Ring Gai Police Area Command

With the panic buying of household items, Hornsby police are investigating the rapid disappearance of toilet paper from the shelves of retailers in the local area.

“We are on a roll and are hoping for an early break through that will help us get to the bottom of it. We will find out who these people are. We will flush them out and ensure they do not get off Scott free”, one spokesman said.

We have crime scene toilet paper to wrap things up once we have a break through we need.



4 March, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon

We saw a bunch of people scurrying off with toilet paper down the hill. One tripped and “rolled” all the way to the “bottom”. I asked him if he was ok and he said “Nah I’m wiped”. I then asked if he’d payed for it and he said “Nah I stole it. We informed him we’d notify Kuring Gai Police Area Command and report him as a toilet thief. But alas we don’t think you’ll catch him as there’s “nothing to go on”.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Hornsby Advocate, Wednesday, March 4 [\[Link here\]](#)

Street Watch [page 07]

A MIDDLEMAN who repackaged and posted replica firearms to Australian customers known as "gel blasters" was doing it as a favour for a friend of a friend, a court has heard.

Jeffery Ma, 33, of Artarmon, pleaded guilty at Hornsby Local Court after being charged with possess unauthorised prohibited firearms on February 11 at Roseville.

Despite being sent multiple letters from the Australian Border Force, the court was told Ma continued to repackage and post the items, which replicated military-style rifles and machine guns.

About two weeks ago investigators from the Australian Border Force and detectives from NSW Police attended a business in Roseville to issue an infringement over the prohibited importation of 71 gel blaster imitation firearms.

When police discovered the gel blasters they were seized, as well as a range of other parts and gel pellets.

Ma was convicted with a community corrections order for two years and was ordered to forfeit the imitation firearms.

HORNSBY

Two women were caught on CCTV climbing into the kiosk shop at Westfield Hornsby and forcing open the cash register. The incident happened on February 24 at 8pm, which ended up with the two culprits stealing the cash float from the cash register when the shop was closed down for the day. Police received reports that \$200 in cash was taken, with the crimes discovered at 9am on February 25. Police are investigating the incident.

TURRAMURRA

Police are following up CCTV after more than \$10,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from a home on Womerah St. Between 3.30pm on February 21 and 11.30am on February 23 it is believed a person or people gained entry by forcing the lock of the door on the ground floor. The offenders reportedly broke in and ransacked the main bedroom and second bedroom and stole several items of

jewellery.

COWAN

On February 21 about 8.40am a crash happened along the Pacific Highway at Cowan. It involved a blue Subaru Liberty, heading northbound, and the driver reportedly lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle plummeted into a sandstone wall, causing the car to spin, and the rear of the vehicle connected with the rock wall. Emergency services attended the scene and the man was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The fire brigade were at the scene placing sand on the road surface. Police are investigating what caused the collision.

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

A person has returned to their car to find a hole in the tyre, which is believed to have been made by an unknown person piercing it with a screw. The malicious damage incident happened between 5pm on February 18 and 8am on February 19. The victim reported to police they had previously had their tyres slashed and screws inserted into the tyres, with a number of screws found on the driveway. It's believed the act was driven by rage, with the Holden Captiva station wagon parked at the beginning of the driveway, impacting on pedestrian access. About \$350 worth of damage was caused, with police looking into the incident.

THORNLEIGH

A home has been broken into on Tillock St, with a number of gold jewellery items stolen. Between 7.30am and 4.45pm on February 17 an offender or offenders gained entry to the house by smashing the rear glass sliding door. Every room was searched, with gold jewellery rings, bracelets and chains taken. The thief left through the front door.

NORTH TURRAMURRA

Police were called about a man found unconscious inside his car on Bobbin Head Rd, with a passerby unable to wake him. Police attended and were able to wake up the man just after 10.50am on February 23, but it soon became evident he was affected by drugs as he was unsteady on his feet while slurring his words. The man admitted to using and being in the possession of methylamphetamine. Police allegedly seized the drugs and the man was arrested and cautioned. He's been issued with a field court attendance notice number, to attend court at a later date.

DURAL

A blaze ignited at Dural Squash courts on Old Northern Rd at 10.30am on February 21. A staff member working in a downstairs office heard a smoke alarm go off upstairs. She immediately evacuated the centre and by 10.40am NSW Fire and Rescue arrived to notice the fire had breached the exterior walls, with flames reaching 5m higher than the roofline. A witness reported hearing an explosion. The blaze was extinguished by 12.17pm and destroyed the bedroom of the apartment.

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.

8 March, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers

These popular workshops help parents and supervisors to:

- Plan driving sessions.
- Complete the Learner Driver log book.
- Give constructive feedback.

- Deal with difficulties that may arise during driving practice.

Next workshop for supervisors of learner drivers - this workshop is fully booked

Date: Thursday 26 March 2020

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

On-line bookings are now CLOSED

Contact for further information: 9424 0843.

Where: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Hwy, Gordon.

By attending you will have a chance to WIN 1 of 3 Safer Drivers Course Vouchers (includes Module 1 & 2) to be used at HART St Ives.

08 March, Received from one of our readers. We suggest you phone Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC) based at Hornsby police station on 9476 9799:

Hi there,

I'm relatively new to your Facebook page and have been reading your newsletters and came upon this email.

I would like to make anyone who uses Cameron Park in Turramurra aware that their has been a lot of antisocial behaviour by teenagers recently. This typically happens in the evenings and well into the night. The teenagers are of school age, and drink alcohol and take drugs. Usually a mess is left in the morning which my family has come upon and have cleaned up (broken glass which our dog stepped on).

The police are aware and have been out on numerous occasions but it still keeps on happening. The police said that the kids live locally and will try to patrol more frequently.

Just a heads up if you go to the park in the early mornings look out for broken glass and if you see any antisocial behaviour just simply call Gordon LAC.

Thanks.

08 March, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hi everyone, letting you know I think someone attempted to break in to my home on Holt Ave, North Wahroonga around 4-7pm today (Saturday). Police on the way to fingerprint. My front window was open and flyscreen pushed in. Nothing stolen, we were home for most of that time so maybe we disturbed them.

07 March, from Moneysmart: How to spot a scam and protect yourself.

Please spread the word about fraud and scams.

This is an excellent [video](#) that can be used to inform people of all ages about risks and what to look out for. Our thanks to the Commonwealth Government - MoneySmart for this production.

06 March, from NRMA Insurance

Do you safely strap in your pets when your drive? If you said no you're not alone. With close to 60% of Queenslanders owning dogs, what are the rules when it comes to driving with pets and are you covered if anything happens? Find out how you can best protect your four-legged passenger [here](#).

06 March, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Group:

LOST HANDBAG - ST IVES VILLAGE CARPARK - LAST NIGHT 4 MARCH

Really really hoping some kind person found my navy blue handbag in the top under cover section of St Ives Village carpark last night 4 March (or this morning).

I was parked in the very middle section next to the long zebra crossing going down to the pet store.

I must have left it on the floor after packing the kids and pram into the car at about 6.30pm

It is a navy blue handbag with brown handles.

It had my wallet with all my ID documents among other important things.

Really really hoping it turns up 🙏

6 March, from Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Can you spot a scam? Australians aged 55 and over lost over \$46 million to online scammers in 2018 . Learn how you can spot a fake when you see one with our webinar presentations, [click here](#).

5 March, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:

Hello Everyone, Re: Burglaries

I have been advised by one of the Residents on Kintore Street that there have been recent burglaries on Kintore St, Lochville St, Junction Rd, and Barina Ave Wahroonga.

These burglaries have occurred during the day. One resident was home when the burglary occurred.

The suspects seem to be wearing hoodies.

Please advise your neighbours.

And from the comments:

* Wahroonga Avenue also.

* Someone attempted to break into our house in Kintore Street recently but fortunately didn't get in. They tried to prise open the door with a flat edged screwdriver. The police said it would most likely have been an opportunistic day time event! We will be getting security cameras!

5 March, from police.nsw.gov.au: Former scout leader to face court over alleged historical sexual abuse

A former scout leader will appear at court today charged over the alleged historical sexual abuse against a boy on Sydney's North Shore.

In October 2018, detectives from North Shore Police Area Command established Strike Force Span to investigate reports of ongoing sexual abuse against a 14-

year-old boy by a man known to him in the 1990s.

Following extensive inquiries, strike force investigators arrested a 56-year-old man at Sydney International Airport about 8.30am yesterday (Wednesday 4 March 2020).

He was taken to Mascot Police Station, where he was charged with five counts of aggravated sex assault- victim under the age of 16 years, and two counts of aggravated indecent assault- victim under the age of 16 years.

Police will allege in court that the man, who was a scout leader, sexually and indecently assaulted the boy at scout camps held overseas, across NSW and at a home in St Ives between 1994 and 1995.

The man was refused bail to appear at Central Local Court today (Thursday 5 March 2020).

Investigations under Strike Force Span are continuing.

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

**5 March, A scam shared with us from one of our readers. Thanks Maria.
Maria says she doesn't even have an account with Western Union.**

Western Union: Your action is required to verify your identity on March 1, 2020.



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mariagouras@hotmail.co.uk

7:34 pm



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Too many failed login attempts made from [6.92.58.6](#).

We're letting you know that we've detected some unusual activity on your Western Union account on 04/03/2020.

For your security we have temporarily disabled your account access until we confirm your identity.

Please [click here](#) and complete the **application form**.

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](#)



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