



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter #453 - 16 June 2020

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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Crime Stats for May 2020

KURING GAI PAC Compass Incident count x Month

Suburb / Compass Category	2020-05
Arcadia	
Stealing	1
Asquith	
Break And Enter	2
Malicious Damage	2
Stealing	4
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
Berowra	
Malicious Damage	4
Stealing	1
Berowra Heights	
Malicious Damage	2
Brooklyn	
Malicious Damage	1
Stealing	1
East Killara	
Stealing	1
Gordon	
Break And Enter	3
Malicious Damage	5
Stealing	1
Hornsby	
Break And Enter	3
Malicious Damage	22
Stealing	36
Killara	
Break And Enter	2
Malicious Damage	3
Stealing	2
Mooney Mooney	
Malicious Damage	1
Mount Colah	
Malicious Damage	1
Normanhurst	
Break And Enter	1
Stealing	2
North Turramurra	
Malicious Damage	1
Pymble	
Break And Enter	4
Malicious Damage	6
South Turramurra	
Malicious Damage	1
Stealing	1
St Ives	
Break And Enter	2
Malicious Damage	7

KURING GAI PAC
Compass Incident count x Month

Suburb / Compass Category	2020-05
Stealing	7
St Ives Chase	
Malicious Damage	1
Thorndeligh	
Break And Enter	1
Malicious Damage	4
Stealing	1
Turrumunga	
Break And Enter	3
Malicious Damage	3
Stealing	4
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
Wahroonga	
Break And Enter	3
Malicious Damage	2
Stealing	7
Waitara	
Break And Enter	1
Malicious Damage	2
Stealing	2
Warrawee	
Stealing	3
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1
West Pymble	
Break And Enter	1
Westleigh	
Stealing	1
West Pymble	
Malicious Damage	2
Stealing	1
Westleigh	
Malicious Damage	1
Stealing	1

16 June, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: ANTI-THEFT NUMBER PLATE SCREWS.

With motor vehicle registration plates being targeted throughout the command, we are reminding you that there are anti-theft registration plate screws on the market that can deter would-be thieves from stealing your registration plate.

Offenders use stolen plates to avoid identification when committing serious offences such as major traffic offences, petrol theft, drug trafficking and break and enters.

You can help prevent serious offences and keep your number plates safe by following a few simple steps:

* Secure your number plates with one-way, anti-theft screws – they cost only a few dollars and can be fitted with a standard flat bladed screwdriver

* Park your car in a secure place – off the street in a garage or carport where possible

* Stay alert and report the theft of number plates to police as soon as possible.

Anti-theft screws:

Police, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch can in some instances supply anti-theft screws for free. Keep a lookout for these events via our Facebook page, but for now, Covid-19 is restricting such community events.

Hornsby Police have a limited number of these screws at the station, so please give us a call and come in and pick some up.

Anti-theft screws though, are also available from most major hardware stores and automotive outlets for only a few dollars. Some may even fit the screws to your vehicle for free.

15 June, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Today is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day and every day we must stand up for the rights of older people in our community.

[Watch video here.](#)

15 June, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

On Monday, 15 June most of our clubs around NSW will reopen.

When you come back to your local [PCYC NSW](#) club you'll notice a few changes.

One of the most important differences will be social distancing measures that will remind you to stand 1.5 m apart. Also all of the exercise equipment has been cleaned and moved to provide distance from other members while you are working

out. ☐

Also don't forget to use the hand sanitiser provided and bring your own towel!

We can't wait to see you. ☐ Please contact your club for activities and class details.

[Watch video here.](#)

13 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

With restrictions continuing to ease, there may be a few more opportunities to head out for some 🍷🍹🍺 with friends and family. Just remember, if you're having a few drinks, don't drive. Make sure you've got a Plan B to get home safely.

[Details here.](#)

12 June, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: 📰 Week in Review...

* This week a 30 year old male from Pymble attended Hornsby Westfield shopping centre and entered a chemist where he demanded prescription medicine from staff. The male was armed with a knife at the time and upon receiving the medication has left the store and entered the men's toilets. Police apprehended the male shortly after where he was arrested and charged. He has been charged with Robbery armed with offensive weapon and Malicious damage. He is bail refused and will appear before the court in August.

* An 18 year male from Sylvania and a 14 year old youth from Wheeler Heights were arrested this week for their involvement in a break and enter offence at Killara. The two males have entered a residential property and accessed the inside of the premises via an open window. Once inside they were confronted by the occupants at which point they have fled. Police attended and utilising a police dog tracked them to a nearby property where they were found hiding in a garage. They

were both arrested and charged with multiple offences.

* A 54 year old male from Cobar was stopped in his vehicle north bound on the M1 at Mount Colah for a road side breath test which returned a negative result. He was then subjected to an oral fluid test which returned a positive result for methamphetamine. Police commenced a search of the vehicle locating a substance believed to be methylamphetamine in a clear plastic bag. They also located a set of electronic scales and six rounds of high calibre rifle ammunition. The accused was subsequently arrested and charged with Possess and Supply prohibited drug, Possess ammunition w/o holding licence/permit and Acquire ammunition subject to prohibition order. He has been refused bail till he appears at court later in the month.

* A 17 year old male from Thornleigh was charged this week with a break and enter at a business premises on Pennant Hills Rd, Thornleigh that occurred in March this year. The male has entered the premises causing damage to the door and stealing various items of property from inside. He has left behind a set of fingerprints which consequently led to his identification. He has been charged with Break, enter & steal and will face court later in the year.

* In recent times there have been a couple of individuals frequenting the Ku-ring-gai area attempting to gain unsolicited work from elderly residents. Typically they approach residents claiming they are there to fix roof tiles or lop tree branches. Often they will carry out little to no work and charge large sums for the 'work' carried out. On occasion if the resident has no money at hand they will drive them to local banks so they can obtain cash cheques. Please be aware of these individuals that may show up in your area and inform your elderly neighbours, friends and family of their MO. Report any suspicious behaviour including registration numbers to Hornsby Police 9476-9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

11 June, from NSW Government



Good news NSW! 😊

From this Saturday 13 June, you can have up to 20 people visit your home at any one time, and gather outdoors in groups of 20.

[Click here for details.](#)

10 June, from NSW Police Force

A man will appear in court today charged following an investigation into alleged prescription fraud across Sydney.

In February 2020, officers from North Shore Police Area Command and Kuring Gai Police Area Command commenced a joint investigation after reports of fraudulent prescriptions being used at a pharmacy in St Leonards.

Following inquiries, a 37-year-old man was arrested during a vehicle stop on Dorset Drive, North Epping, about 2pm yesterday (Tuesday 9 June 2020).

He was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with use false document to obtain property (x25), utter prescription which includes prohibited drug, goods in personal custody suspected being stolen (x2) and possess forged prescription.

Police will allege in court that the man altered documents to obtain prescription medication at various pharmacies across Sydney between 2018 and 2020.

The Ryde man was refused bail and is due to appear at Liverpool Local Court today (Wednesday 10 June 2020).

10 June, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

About 8:00am on Monday 8th of June, 2020, a 41-year old male from Cessnock was detected driving a grey Honda Civic sedan north on the M1 Motorway, Berowra, with altered registration plates by the Kuring Gai Highway Patrol. He was stopped and enquiries revealed the driver was disqualified from holding a licence until 2028. A subsequent search of the vehicle located 1 gram of Cannabis which was seized. The driver failed a roadside sobriety assessment and was arrested for the purpose of a blood and urine sample, before being conveyed to Hornsby Hospital. He was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for Drive whilst disqualified – subsequent offence, Possess prohibited drug and Use Class A vehicle with altered plates. Further legal action is likely, pending blood sample results.



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Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 19 July: **Note - CANCELLED due to Covid19 pandemic ** - new date

tbc** NHW NSW Inc Inaugural AGM 1-5pm @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club

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

Tuesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm @ Gordon Library meeting room #2.

15 June, from NSW Police Force

Strike Force Raptor investigators have seized two shortened firearms and charged three men, including a former Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) member, following a Firearms Prohibition Order search on the state's Central Coast.

As part of ongoing targeting and disruption of criminal networks, police from the State Crime Command's Criminal Groups Squad Strike Force Raptor conducted a Firearms Prohibition Order (FPO) search at a home at Woy Woy just before midday last Friday (12 June 2020).

During the search, officers seized two shortened firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, an amount of GBL, mobile phones and documentation.

Three men – aged 29, 37 and 49 – were arrested and taken to Wyong Police Station.

The 29-year-old Kincumber man was charged with firearm found at premises (subject to prohibition order) and possess unauthorised prohibited firearm.

The 37-year-old Umina Beach man, who is a former Bandidos OMCG member, was charged with firearm found at premises (subject to prohibition order), possess ammunition without holding licence/permit/authority and possess unauthorised prohibited firearm.

Both men were refused bail and appeared at Newcastle Bail Court on Saturday 13 June 2020, where they were both formally refused bail to reappear at Newcastle Local Court today (Monday 15 June 2020).

The 49-year-old Woy Woy man was charged with firearm found at premises

(subject to prohibition order), two counts of possess unauthorised firearm, possess shortened firearm without authority, not keep firearm safely and possess ammunition without holding licence/permit/authority.

He was refused bail and appeared at Newcastle Bail Court on Saturday 13 June 2020, where he was granted strict conditional bail to reappear at Newcastle Local Court on Friday 3 July 2020.

Strike Force Raptor was established in 2009 and conducts proactive investigations and intelligence-based, high-impact policing operations to prevent and disrupt conflicts, and dismantle any network engaged in serious organised criminal activity.

Anyone with information, including relevant photos and videos, that may assist Strike Force Raptor can report it directly to investigators via the Strike Force Raptor online reporting page [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Information provided to investigators will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

From Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation

There are many great ways to be a part of the [#ChildProtection](#) industry, and study is a great entry point.

This week we had students from [The University of Queensland](#) visit the ACCCE for a meet and greet. Bec and Rebecca are UQ thesis students who are studying trends in child protection.

It was great to be able to show them the new building and spend some time discussing their ongoing research in this space.

Read more [here](#).

14 June, from the Act for Kids: Well done to our very own Detective Inspector Jon Rouse who is a national ambassador for Act for Kids, a not-for-profit organisation providing free services to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect in Australia 🙌



We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Detective Inspector Jon Rouse APM as a National Ambassador for Act for Kids ❤️👍

Jon is a leading crime fighter who heads Queensland's anti-online child exploitation unit, Taskforce Argos.

When asked to join Act for Kids as a new National Ambassador, Jon said he 'jumped at the opportunity'.

"I've spent more than 30 years investigating people who harm kids, so to be supporting such a dedicated team helping child victims overcome their trauma was a no brainer for me," he said.

Read more about Jon [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

14 June, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command

A 29-year old man convicted of daylight break-ins across large parts of Sydney, including the Northern Beaches, has been gaoled for five years and three months.

The man was arrested early last year by detectives investigating break-in and property related offences on the Beaches and North Shore as well as the St. George, Sutherland and Inner West areas.

Led by officers from the Northern Beaches Proactive Crime Team, the investigation led to the man being charged with close to 50 offences.

He pleaded guilty in the District Court to:

- break and enter a house
- furnish false information/statement to licensee
- dispose property - theft
- receive property - theft
- dishonestly obtain benefit by deception.

He'll be eligible for parole in three years and three months.

From there he'll face the prospect of extradition to Queensland on an outstanding warrant for revocation of parole.

14 June: A warning from one of our residents on Friday:

Hi there - I live in Turramurra and this afternoon at about 15:30 I spotted some suspicious activity in my street.

A man in his about his 40's was walking onto each persons properties with a long stick and a mirror and taking pictures of their gates and intercoms. He was on each property for no more than 1 minute and didn't knock at the front door or anything. I watched him go up and down the street doing this. It felt very suspicious to me. He didn't see me and I did report it to the police.

He had short brown hair, no facial hair, navy trousers, a yellow high vis vest, a backpack and some kind of phone/device.

Not sure if anyone else has reported anything similar?

It was central Turramurra, between Bobbin Head Road and Bannockburn Street.

14 June, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

More graffiti at BPS. It's just so disappointing.



11 June, from Australian Federal Police

Have you seen
disturbing images
of children online?

REPORT IT



What do you do if you find disturbing images of children online?

If you come across this type of content, do NOT share it or comment on it. While it is tempting to jump in the comments and tag the AFP or other law enforcement groups, this is not the way to go.

The first thing to do is report it to platform you've seen the content on using the built-in reporting options. A lot of these are very easy to use. This is the quickest way to get the content removed and ensure the right information gets to the right police. Platforms work closely with the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation and international counterparts when it comes to protecting our children; they are required to report all suspected child exploitation material to law enforcement.

You can also report content directly to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation by heading to [this site](#).

Offensive, illegal or harmful content online can be reported to the [eSafety site](#).

Importantly, If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 000 or your local police.

11 June, from beconnected.esafety.gov.au

We have been asked about calls from the NBN. This government article gives general information, with section 12 detailing scams. Please share the link with friends and family not on Facebook.

Note: never give personal or banking details over the phone to a stranger.

[Read details here.](#)

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10 June, from Hornsby Shire Council



ROAD SAFETY | Dropping someone off, picking someone up? No Parking zones come in really handy in these situations...make use of them!

You can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You can even get out of the car to help your passengers as long as you stay within three metres of your vehicle.

[Here is a handy summary of the different parking sign rules.](#)

10 June, from Fairfield City Police Area Command



23 years after his death it is still important to ensure the memory of Constable David Carty lives on in the Fairfield area.

He made the ultimate sacrifice serving the local community and the fact that his name is now on the primary police response vehicle will ensure his memory lives on.

This registration plate will provoke conversation among the community and new police recruits to know Dave's story and the sacrifice he made.

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



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[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



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



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)



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