



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #484 - 19 January 2021

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 our local police at 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 another 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 and thank you for your support.

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18 January, from Marine Area Command: Across the weekend, 16-17 January 2021, Broken Bay water police were joined by Kuring Gai Police Area Command, Brisbane Water Police District, Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Hawkesbury Police Area Command, Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

and NSW Maritime in accordance with Operation Armada 2021.

Patrols were conducted on Brisbane Water including Ettalong Beach through to Gosford, Pittwater, Hawkesbury River and Cowan Creek up to Wisemans Ferry and Windsor. A large number of boaters and PWC's were spoken to and it was encouraging that the majority were doing the right thing and adhering to safety and compliance requirements. Across the two days, over 500 random breath tests and 300 compliance inspections were conducted as well as a number of random drug tests. In all 72 infringements and 4 court attendance notices were issued. Overall, police were pleased with the behaviour and attitude displayed. Stay safe and look out for your mates.



18 January, from NSW Road Safety: Double demerits are in force Friday 22 to Tuesday 26 January inclusive.

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this holiday period, and you'll face double the points.

14 January, from NSW Police: A teen has been arrested after a pursuit in Sydney's north west last night.

About 11pm (Wednesday 13 January 2021), officers attached to Ryde Highway Patrol were conducting patrols on the M1 Motorway, near Wahroonga, when they saw a white Audi travelling south bound on the M1 at high speed. Checks revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen and had allegedly been involved in a pursuit earlier that evening in the Tuggerah Lakes area. Police activated their warning lights and sirens directing the driver to stop; however, the driver allegedly accelerated away, and a pursuit was initiated. Police followed the Audi where it continued south towards Pennant Hills Road. A short time later the vehicle crossed over a median strip and onto Frith Avenue where it collided with a telegraph pole.

Police arrested the driver – a 17-year-old boy – at the scene. The teenager was subjected to a road-side breath test which produced a negative result. He was taken to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital for mandatory testing. Checks revealed the 17-year-old did hold a current driver's licence.

Inquiries continue.

14 January, from NSW Health: West Hornsby residents are being asked to continue getting tested if they have even the mildest COVID-19 symptoms, after the state's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at the treatment plant in West Hornsby.

This sewage system includes the suburbs of Glenorie, Wahroonga, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Cherrybrook, Castle Hill, Galston, Dural, Westleigh, Glenhaven, Waitara, Hornsby, Normanhurst, West Pennant Hills. Everyone in these areas is asked to be alert for symptoms, to get tested immediately if they appear and then isolate until they receive a negative result. The presence of SARS-CoV-2 in sewage may reflect the presence of known cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in

recent weeks in the areas served by this sewage treatment plant. However, NSW Health is concerned there could be other active cases in the local community in people who have not been tested and who might incorrectly assume their symptoms are just a cold.

There are more than 350 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit [here](#) or contact your GP.



**Sewage testing detects
COVID-19 fragments**



**If you live, work or are
active in West Hornsby**

Get tested immediately if COVID-19
symptoms develop.

nsw.gov.au/covid-19



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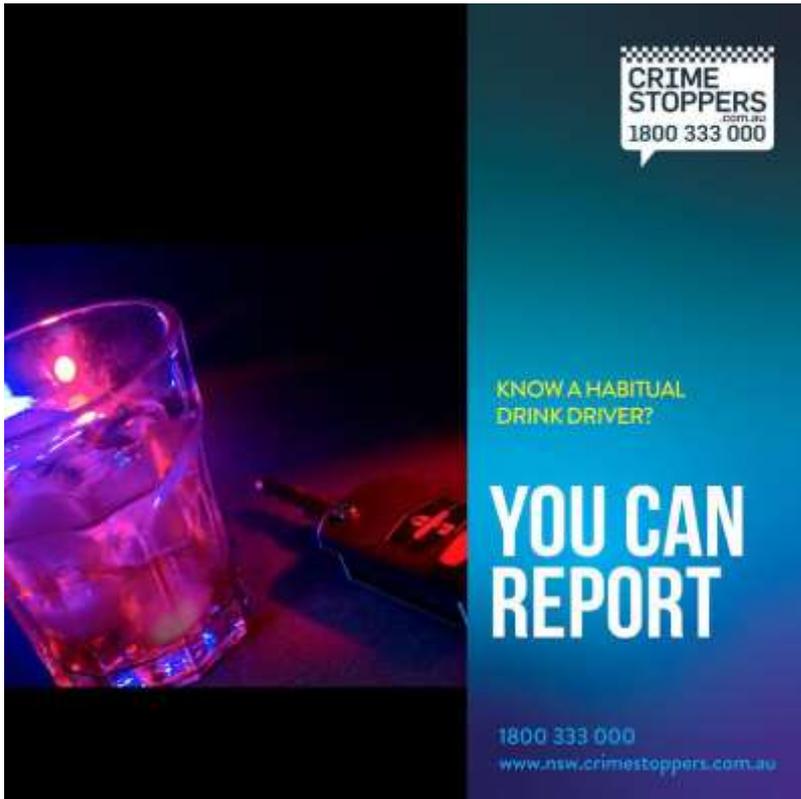
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19 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Alcohol affects people differently.

Two people who drink the same amount can have different Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC). Consider the following factors...

- ➡ Size and weight – the smaller you are, the higher your BAC will be compared to someone bigger than you.
- ➡ Gender – a woman the same height and weight as a man, drinking the same amount, will have a higher BAC
- ➡ Liver function – an unhealthy liver will process alcohol slower than a healthy liver
- ➡ Recent consumption of food – lack of food in your stomach means you will absorb alcohol into your blood faster. However, eating food after you have been drinking will not reduce your BAC
- ➡ Fitness, fatigue and general health condition – your BAC can be higher if you are not feeling well, you are tired, stressed or unfit

We recommend that you don't drink ANY alcohol if you plan to drive! Alcohol affects different people in different ways and attempting to guess your blood alcohol concentration is difficult and inaccurate.



18 January, from Hornsby Shire Council: ON THE ROAD 🚧 | Lot's of work happening on our roads this month (and beyond).

Look out for traffic changes in the following areas:

- ⚠️ Bobbin Head – Road closure on Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd
- ⚠️ Thornleigh – Road repairs on Pennant Hills Rd
- ⚠️ Normanhurst – Road repairs on Pennant Hills Rd
- ⚠️ Brooklyn – Bridge repairs (Peats Ferry and Hawkesbury River)
- ⚠️ Berrilee – Guardrail fencing on Bay Rd
- ⚠️ Canoelands – Bus interchange upgrade on Canoelands Rd
- ⚠️ Hornsby – Pacific Highway (relocation of bus stop and extension of bus only lane)

Find all the details of this and other upcoming road works [here](#). Drive safely everyone!

18 January, from the Daily Telegraph.com.au: Behind a paywall.

A Thornleigh mother has warned other parents to be careful after her son and his friend were allegedly set upon by a gang who demanded his Nike sneakers. Police are investigating a spate of similar alleged incidents across northern Sydney and north-west Sydney.

Full article [here](#) [behind paywall].

17 January, from Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch: Not happy Jan!

After collecting copious amounts of hooks, lines and sinkers, here's today's highlight on the point. Yes, a poo! Mind your step.



Dates for the diary

Friday 22 to Tuesday 26 January: Double demerits

17 January, from Blacktown City Council: Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic we are seeing facemasks littered on footpaths, in car parks and even in shopping trolleys.

Littering these items can put other community members at risk of contracting COVID-19. Littering is illegal and a \$450 aggravated littering fine will be issued to anyone caught littering a facemask.



16 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Good Neighbourhood ABC's - R is for Responsibility.

Living in a safe and vibrant community is something we all aspire to and it is achievable if we all work together. Creating a good neighbourhood is everyone's responsibility. There are so many ways you can help, but here's just a few to get you started:

- Being the kind of neighbour you would like to live next door to.
- Getting involved in community groups and activities, like

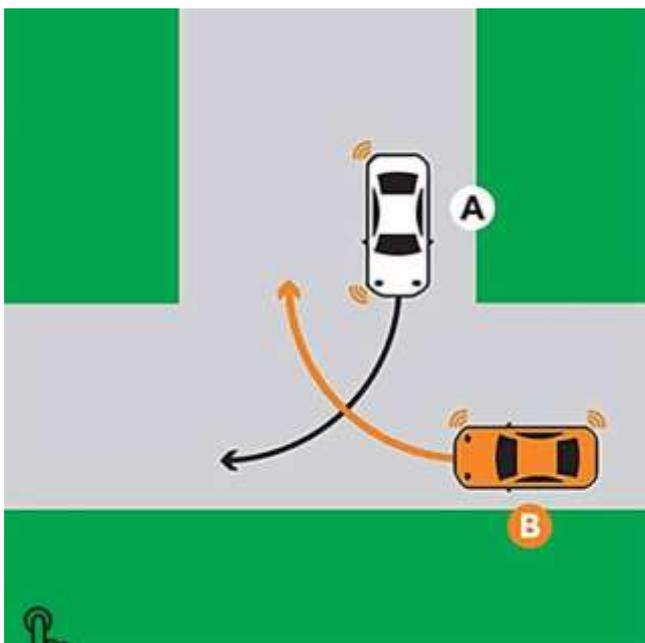
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- ✓ Getting to know your neighbours.
 - ✓ Reporting issues in your neighbourhood to the council, police or relevant authorities so that they can be addressed.
 - ✓ Supporting local small businesses.
 - ✓ Helping to keep the neighbourhood beautiful by keeping your house and yard well-maintained.
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16 January, from The NRMA: In what order do the vehicles go?

Vehicle A then B? or

Vehicle B then A?



Answer: Vehicle B then A

A driver turning from the terminating road at a T-intersection must give way to all vehicles on a continuing road (except those performing a U-turn).

16 January, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Hey everyone,

My credit card details got stolen somehow and were used in a bunch of large transactions on Monday buying mostly building materials and tires at a truck stop in Western Sydney. Thankfully the bank is going to refund me and I have already reported it to the police but I'm trying to work out the source of the leak. Let me know if this has happened to anyone else in the area recently. Thanks!

And in the comments:

- I had similar after the iGA east Lindfield
- My husband had the same yesterday and the bank is suspecting the ATM at Greengate, as that was the last time he used the card over a month ago.

14 January, from the North Shore Times: Paramedics have responded to a woman who fell from rocks on the Warrimoo Track in North Turramurra just before 11am today.

Upon arrival, paramedics treated a woman in her 70's for a number of head lacerations. She was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. NSW Ambulance Inspector Anthony Hansen said paramedics did a fantastic job to stabilise the patient and extricate her from a fairly difficult location in hot conditions. "These kind of accidents can happen in seconds, so it's important you take extra care when you are out and about walking in the bush," he said.

13 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: NSW Crime Stoppers is asking the community for two things:

EDUCATION

Be fire aware, throwing a cigarette butts from a moving car, leaving a fire unattended or lighting a fire during a high fire danger zone can easily cause a bushfire and are all criminal offences.

REPORTING

If you see someone throw a cigarette butt, light a fire during a high fire danger zone or carelessly leave fires unattended, report it to Crime Stoppers. The community can report a licence plate associated with throwing cigarette butts from a car window or details of someone who has left a fire unattended or deliberately lit a fire during a high fire danger zone.

Any piece of information, anything you have seen or heard, may be crucial in preventing or solving a crime. We don't want to know who you are; we just want to know what you know. Call or click **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000/** crimestoppers.com.au



**YOU DON'T NEED
A MATCH TO BE
AN ARSONIST.**

**CRIME
STOPPERS**
.com.au
1800 333 000

**Whether it's reckless or deliberate,
bushfire arson is a crime.**

See, know or suspect something, REPORT IT.

Report reckless or deliberate fire confidentially
to NSW Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or
www.nswcrimestoppers.com.au

Save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies



NSW Police Force

13 January, from Standup Speakout:

- ► Message to the Younger Generation
- ► Do Not Rush Marriage
- ► Experience Life Together as a Couple without the Ring First
- ► Make Sure You Really Know The Person You Will Marry

**Before you marry someone,
wait. Wait until you see them
when they're angry. Are they
abusive? Are they quiet? How
do they deal with anger?
Because your children can't
choose who gets to be their
parents, but you can.
Do it for them.**

13 January, from Snap Send Solve: We're partnering with Neighbourhood Watch NSW to spread awareness of the Snap Send Solve platform and help keep our neighbourhoods clean and safe for all.

Snap Send Solve eliminates the need for face-to-face interaction and is an easy way to report local issues in 30 seconds or less!

More info [here](#).



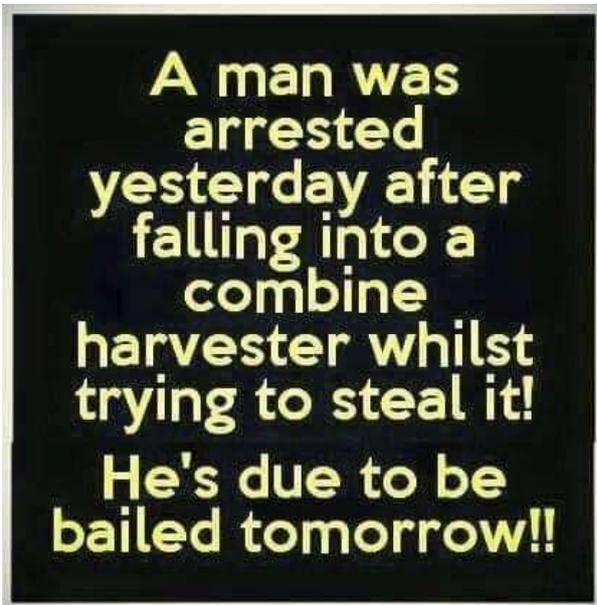
From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire Issues':

- **Tip #1:** MAKE A MENTAL NOTE IF THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED BUSH FIRES IN YOUR AREA RECENTLY. 70% of NSW bush fires are lit deliberately.
- **Tip #2:** BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA. Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 800 333 000.
- **Tip #5:** PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 021.
- **Tip #6:** FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

- **Tip #7:** FOR BUSINESSES, ARE ALL YOUR FIRE EXITS IDENTIFIED, ACCESSIBLE, UNLOCKED, CLEAR OF BOXES?

and... WHEN TRAVELING, PLEASE DO NOT USE THE HOTEL'S SPRINKLER SYSTEM VALVE IN THE CEILING AS A COAT-HANGER HOOK!

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try the 'Fires and Environment' page on our WatchOut website [here](#), for links to great information available on the internet.



Thanks to Whinging Old Bastards

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

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

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.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

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Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWatchOut)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

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