

'eyewatch' & crime prevention in Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai

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Ku-ring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 326 - 08 January 2018

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai 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 [Kuring-gai LAC 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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UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO THE TIME OF YEAR THERE IS LIMITED LOCAL CRIME INFO AVAILABLE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

08 January from Traffic & Highway Patrol: About 2:54pm Saturday, Police from Macquarie Fields Highway Patrol attended the shopping centre at Oran Park after receiving a Triple Zero call about a distressed puppy locked inside a hot vehicle.

Police attended this location and smashed a window to retrieve the 7 week old puppy who was heat stressed. Police provided the dog with fresh water and some air conditioned comfort to assist in the dogs recovery. The NSW Fire Brigade arrived on scene about 5 minutes after the dog was removed from the car and they measured the inside car cabin temperature at 65° celsius, whilst the outside ambient temperature was approximately 40° celsius. With todays temperature expected to be in the mid 40's, it's a timely reminder not to leave children or animals inside an unattended vehicle. **#ahotdogisnotcool**



07 January, Mythbusters shared by Ku-ring-gai command: Could sitting with your legs on or against the dashboard in a car collision KILL YOU? We have the answer.

[Watch Mythbusters YouTube episode here.](#)



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MythBusters

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Could sitting with your legs on or against the dashboard in a car collision KILL YOU?
We have the answer.

If you missed the full episode, watch Heads Will Roll on SCI GO: <http://bit.ly/2zGKrHk>

06 January, shared from SBS Australia by Ku-ring-gai command: "A Junkie's Story".

'I was on an \$800-a-day heroin habit' and no one knew. Think you know what a 'junkie' looks like? Think again.

[View video here](#) (Facebook login required) or view via SBS Viceland.



10,623,864 Views

05 January, from NSW Roads' shared by Ku-ring-gai command: New year, new you?

Same goes for Pearces Creek bridge which will be enjoying a makeover in the next couple of weeks.

We're closing the bridge for maintenance on the following days so be sure to plan ahead:

- 8 January at night between 7pm and 5am
- From 3am 15 January to 3am 19 January
- 22 January at night between 7pm and 5am.

For a map of the 30 minute detour visit <http://rms.work/Galston>



04 January, from NSW Road Safety shared by Ku-ring-gai command: Be aware of where your kids are when you're at home these school holidays.

They're counting on you. Supervise them, separate play areas from driveways and see where they are at all times. [#TowardsZero](#)

[Watch NSW Road Safety video here.](#)



**04 January, from the Hornsby Advocate shared by Ku-ring-gai command:
Shattered families reveal pain as seaplane salvage mission begins**

A BARGE is the first at the scene this morning in a six-hour operation to retrieve the seaplane that crashed in the Hawkesbury River on New Year's Eve, killing five UK tourists and a Canadian pilot. Today, air crash investigators will get their first look at the wreckage.

[**Telegraph article here.**](#)

3 January, from abc news: Documentary captures young drivers using phones, taking selfies behind the wheel

What do you get when you take five young people and put cameras in their cars for 10 days? Shocking footage of the reality of mobile phone use while driving. Victoria's Transport Accident Commission (TAC) is so worried about young people's attitudes towards this phenomenon, it hired an Academy Award-winning filmmaker to expose the reality. "The results are pretty shocking," documentary maker Eva Orner said. "I think it's so much worse than we thought. And you don't realise how bad it is until you see it. "We told them we were going to put cameras in their cars and observe their behaviour, and just to act the way they normally did."

For details, click [here](#).

3 January, from traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force
[Edited]: 28 killed in 18 days on NSW roads at conclusion of Operation Safe Arrival
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Police are disappointed with the results of Operation Safe Arrival after 28 were killed during the 18-day operation. Disappointment often turned into frustration, as police continued to see drivers put themselves and other road user's lives at risk through dangerous decisions, despite numerous warnings and an increased police presence

on the roads. Deputy Commissioner Specialist Support, Catherine Burn, said lives will continue to be lost if the community doesn't work together and change their attitudes towards road safety.

3 January, from NSW Police Force

The last thing we want to do is tell your loved ones that you won't be coming home. Please, stay safe on the road this summer.

Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Where is the best crime prevention advice?

WatchOut! is an initiative of the Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Ku-ring-gai Police command. Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia's community funding, we have developed the **WatchOut!** website, which puts the best and most useful links right at your fingertips: www.watchout.org.au. We've listened to your problems - there's so much great advice on the Internet that residents aren't aware of, or are unaware of how or where to access it. Let us help you.

- NEW '**WatchOut!**' website with an A-to-Z Index pointing to the best crime prevention information on the Internet.

From Teens to Fraud; from Seniors to Apartment Living; Identity Theft to Mailboxes – we have hunted out for you the most pertinent advice, alerts, and post-crime advice, particularly from Australian government departments and Non-Profit Organisations.

Help us to improve 'WatchOut!'. We'd love you to take a squizzy and give us your feedback, so's we can improve it ready for the formal launch in February.

- Contact us with your request for advice.
- Contact us if you find a good webpage we should share with the community.
- Contact us if one of our links is broken.

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Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 18 January: First aid course for young people 8:45 AM -4:30 PM @ Gordon Library - Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon Cost \$90 (incl course & lunch) Ph: 9424 0981 [Info](#).

Monday 22 January: Alternate date for brought forward meeting of 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

Friday 26 January: Happy Australia Day!

Monday 12 February: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

Wednesday 14 February: Planned formal launch of www.watchout.org.au. (tbc)

Saturday 03 March: The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. [Info](#).

Monday 19 March: Ku-ring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) meeting.

05 January, from Stay Smart Online: One of Australia's richest people, John Kahlbetzer, has lost \$1 million to a classic Business Email Compromise scam. Scammers emailed his assistant using an address almost identical to Kahlbetzer's, asking for \$1 million to be transferred to the bank account of a British man. These scams are hard to spot and on the rise. Find out how to safeguard your business against CEO fraud: <http://bit.ly/2hSeMZw>



05 January, from Transport for NSW: Changes to T3 transit lanes are being

made to improve the reliability and efficiency of bus services on the Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore.

From 15 January, AM peak bus lanes will replace southbound T3 lanes in some areas.

[More details on the My Sydney website, click here.](#)

06 January, from Mikala

This is a long shot – however I need to try everything possible!

I lost a gold diamond tennis bracelet yesterday. It must have fallen off my wrist, could be anywhere between Hornsby and Circular Quay. I left work in Hornsby, drove to Killara where I caught a train into the city. I got changed next to my car in Killara, however searched and wasn't able to find it anywhere near my car (unless someone found it first?) Apart from financial value this has HUGE sentimental value to me and I am devastated. It's irreplaceable. If anyone found it, or anyone finds it / sees it, I will be forever grateful.

Mikala - 0439645252



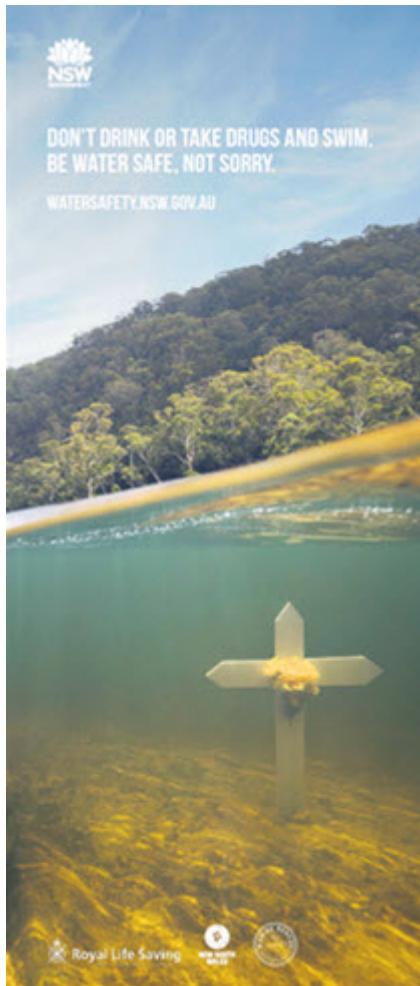
05 January, from [Rescue Hub](#): 11 STRAY DOGS AND 1 SURRENDERED TODAY ALONE!

If your dog is missing, and you're in the Hawkesbury, Hills Shire, Hornsby or Penrith council areas, PLEASE check the pound website by going to <http://bit.ly/HawkesPound> to see if your dog is there. 12 dogs entered the pound today alone, this is VERY BAD. In less than 24 hours, the pound went from about half full to now close to dangerously full. One more influx of dogs, and lives may be at risk. Please, for the sake of your own dog and other dogs who have been left behind by their owners, pick up your dog!

05 January, from NSW Dept of Justice: IT CAN TAKE JUST ONE SWIM

Last summer, 41 people drowned in NSW. Many were young men swimming at unpatrolled beaches. No flags means no lifesavers. [#bewatersafenotsorry](#)

[Water Safety info here](#). Beach Safety, Rock Fishing and Boating Safety.



05 January, from Stay Smart Online: UPDATE: Yesterday we alerted you to a widespread vulnerability requiring you to update your computer.

Today major operating system vendors such as Intel, AMD, ARM, Google, Microsoft Windows and Lenovo, have issued patches to address two security flaws affecting microprocessors. You should install these as soon as possible. Our partner US-CERT has issued a list of available patches for you here <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-004A>



From the Hornsby Advocate Facebook page.

04 Jan: Police probe seaplane pilot as parents fly in

DETECTIVES are investigating the state of mind of the pilot at the helm of the doomed seaplane which crashed into the Hawkesbury River killing all on board. Officers are poised to search the Enfield house Gareth Morgan rented with three flatmates and will...

[Full article here](#) (may need subscription).

04 Jan: Operation underway to retrieve crashed seaplane

A BARGE is the first at the scene this morning in a six-hour operation to retrieve the seaplane that crashed in the Hawkesbury River on New Year's Eve, killing five UK tourists and a Canadian pilot.

[Full article here](#) (may need subscription).

03 Jan: Teen injures foot while bushwalking at Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park
The 19-year-old male was hiking at Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park when he became trapped when his foot got caught.

[Full article here](#).

From the North Shore Times Facebook page.

01 Jan: THE NEW year is here, and so are a range of new laws relating to issues from vaccinations and same sex marriage to gift cards and childcare subsidies. Find out more about the changes.

1. **VACCINATION CHANGES FOR CHILDCARE — JANUARY**
2. **STRATA BUILDING BOND — JANUARY**
3. **SAME SEX MARRIAGE — JANUARY**
4. **GIFT CARDS AND VOUCHERS — MARCH**

5. CHILD CARE SUBSIDY — JULY

[Full article here.](#)

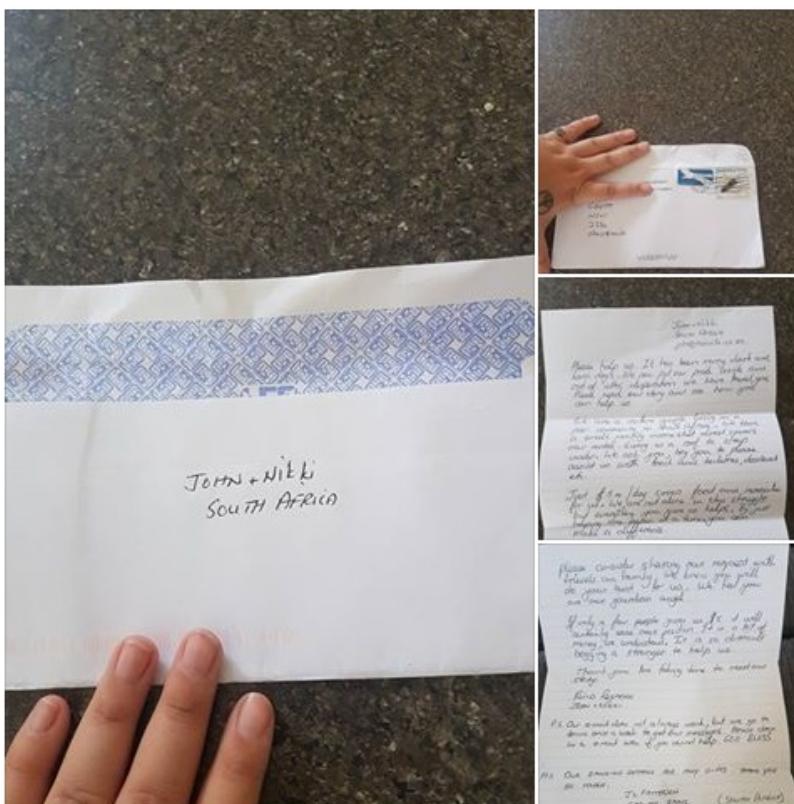
03 January, King tide pic from the Berowra Community group. Thanks Mick.



It's all happening today at Bobbo (Bobbin Head)!

03 January, from Steph, Scam Watch Australia group: Im just wondering if anyone else has received this letter?

I have alerted scam watch and taking to local police tomorrow.



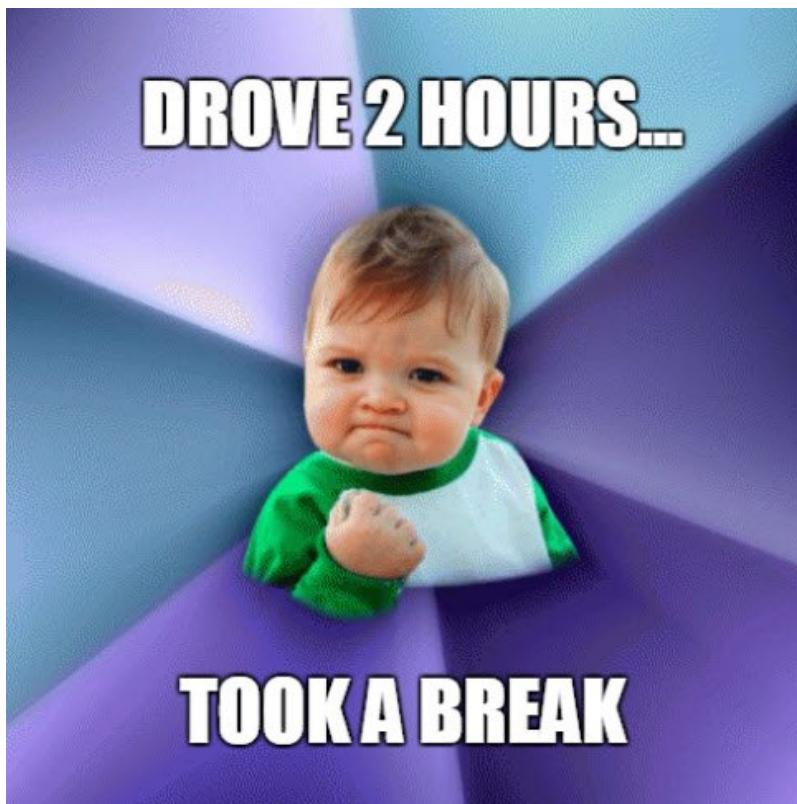
If you have received something that looks like a scam, [report it to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission \(ACCC\) Scamwatch here](#).

[This is the kind of link you'll find on our www.watchout.org.au website - Ed]

02 January, from the [Identity Theft Resource Center \(USA\)](#): New Year, New Data Security - Take the time to visit your personal identifiable information and launch some good habits for 2018.

1. “I will secure my accounts.”
2. “I will update my accounts.”
3. “I will protect my accounts with 2FA.”
4. “I will monitor my accounts all year long.”
5. “I will ask the hard questions.”

[See complete information here](#) (including some good links).



Thanks to NSW Police Force

Remember it's not a race

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/fatigue/index.html>

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)

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 the Kuring Gai LAC:



Website nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au



WatchOut! Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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