



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 [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.

✉ Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

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26 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Here's some weekend crime and incident stats for Friday 23 to Monday 26 February.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from Motor Vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle
Suburb					
ARCADIA					
ASQUITH					1
BEROWRA	1				
BOBBIN HEAD					
BROOKLYN					
COWAN					
GALSTON					
GORDON					
HORNSBY	1	1	5		1
HORNSBY HEIGHTS					
KILLARA					
MT COLAH					
MT KURING GAI				1	
NORMANHURST					
PYMBLE	1	1		1	
ST IVES	2				
THORNLEIGH					
TURRAMURRA					
WAHROONGA		1			
WAITARA				1	
WARRAWEE					
WEST PYMBLE		1		2	
WESTLEIGH					
Date range	23 Feb to 26 Feb				

Asquith: Stealing from Motor Vehicles 1

Berowra: Malicious Damage 1

Hornsby: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 5, Steal Motor Vehicle 1

Mt Kuring-gai: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Pymble: Break & Enter 1, Stealing 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

St Ives: Break & Enter 2

Wahroonga: Malicious Damage 1

Waitara: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

West Pymble: Malicious Damage 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 2

26 February, from 7 News Sydney

Berowra: Police say an 84-year-old man has died after a BMW SUV struck a pedestrian on Berowra Waters Road at about 12.25pm today. The driver of the SUV, a woman believed to be aged in her 50's, was uninjured and taken to

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital for mandatory testing.

Police Statement: A report will be prepared for the Coroner after a fatal pedestrian crash in Berowra. About 12.25pm (Monday 26 February 2018), emergency services were called to Berowra Waters Road, Berowra, after reports a BMW SUV struck a pedestrian. The pedestrian, an 84-year-old man, died at the scene. The driver of the SUV, a woman believed to be aged in her 50's, was uninjured and taken to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital for mandatory testing. Investigations have commenced and anyone with information is urged to come forward. Local traffic diversions are in place.

Watch video [here](#).

26 February, from the Daily Telegraph: Parents top school zone phone offender list

Sydney's north shore drivers are the worst for driving through school zones while checking their mobile phones. Our cameras have been out and about snapping offenders in the act - anyone you know?

26 February, from the Daily Telegraph: Iranian couple on temporary protection visas caught selling large amounts of ice, police allege

POLICE became aware of the Iranian refugees that officers allege dealt almost 40kg of ice in Asquith after they busted a low-level dealer in Waterloo last March.

A seemingly normal couple, Ali Maleki and Yosra Rabieh — who came from Iran as refugees in May 2014 — raised their two daughters in their Asquith unit that they shared with co-accused Hassan Mohkamkar.

A neighbour of the family, Iman Aziminejad, told The Daily Telegraph that he thought the two little girls had gone to stay with Maleki's brother.

Since last week's raid by Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command and subsequent arrests the car spaces have been empty and three luxury vehicles seized by police haven't been seen.

"I think the police may have taken the cars for evidence, they aren't in the parking spaces anymore," he said.

Read more details [here](#).

22 February, shared from NSW Police Force



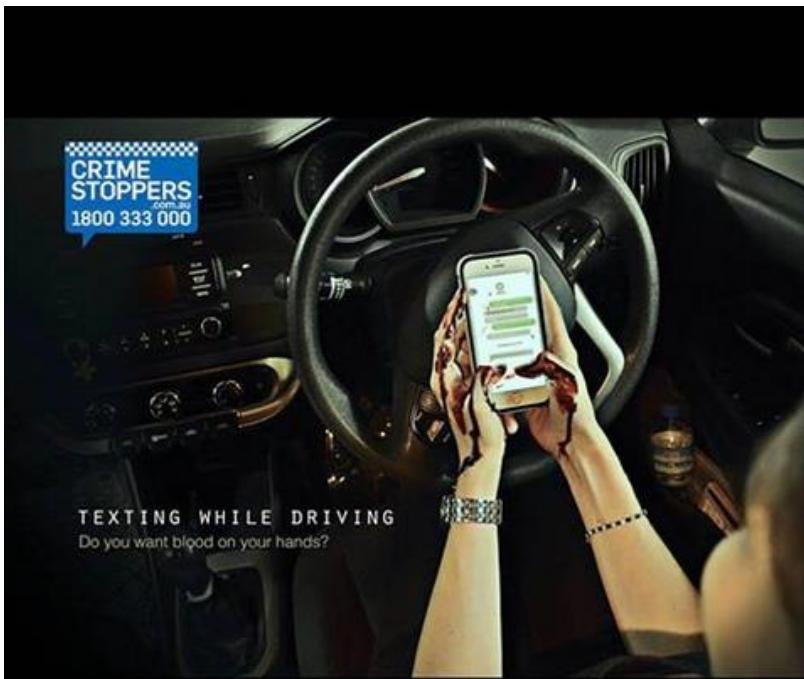
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Click [here](#) for Google play.

22 February, shared from Cime Stoppers NSW

Please think of the two police officers who had their lives changed forever last week.



There is no excuse. Don't touch your phone whilst driving.

21 February, shared from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Between 2012 and 2016 around 30% of fatalities and serious injuries occurred on country roads when people were driving too fast around curves. Slow down and follow advisory speeds and signs when approaching curves, bends and crests.

Read more [here](#).

21 February, shared from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Police Command Consolidation Announcement

The NSW Police Force is currently undergoing organisational and geographical changes under re-engineering that will see it into the future.

Previously our Command was called a Local Area Command. However it will now be changing to a Police District.

This is a name change only to align with the new corporate structure of the organisation. There will be no change to our service provision going forward.

In the next week or so the name of this page will change to reflect the new structure.

Thank you for your continued support.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

25 February, Connect stretched to breaking point

A lack of volunteers and sheer manpower has put the future of reduced price food distribution point Hornsby Connect in jeopardy.

Unless more people come forward to collect food, drive trucks and serve in the store in Burdett Street Hornsby which sells reduced-price food to over 320 registered low income recipients, the service will be forced to close its doors.

“Unless we have an influx of volunteers soon, the service levels that we currently offer could be compromised,” said Hornsby Connect President Steve Hopwood.

“Connect is more than just cheaper food though – there’s a cafe so people can meet, plus we offer assistance to the socially isolated as well as a counselling and referral service and help for the long-term unemployed caught in the poverty trap.

“We’re regularly helping lots of local people so closure is something we definitely don’t want to happen. People will go hungry if we have to close.”

Opened for 16 months now, the service provided by this not-for-profit in Burdett Avenue is staffed by 22 volunteers but, says Steve, they need double that to keep the service going. “We have a particular need for drivers. Call me on the number below if you have even a few hours a week to help out.”

Call Hornsby Connect president Steve Hopwood on 0401 778 124 if you can spare a few hours a week to help serve in the shop or drive the food trucks.

25 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW [Edited]

How secure is your home or residential building?

Making sure your home or residential building is safe and secure from intruders is of upmost importance. Below are some tips that can help:

- Street numbers should be displayed at the front clearly
- Fences should be in good order and gates kept locked and secure
- Trees and shrubs should be trimmed and clear around windows and entry points
- Security lighting helps provide effective illumination at night
- Perimeter doors should be of solid construction and fitted with quality lock or for even more protection fitted with Security Access Control Systems*.
- Perimeter windows should be secured with key operated locks
- Glass within doors should be reinforced or covered with metal security grilles or shutters.
- Consider having CCTV Security Cameras or an alarm installed
- Garages and sheds should be locked and secured.

Please Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service.

From The North Shore Times, Thursday 22 February [[View online edition here](#)]
Streetwatch (page 16)

P Y M B L E

2 A 91-year-old woman discovered an intruder in her home in Greendale Ave. The woman woke at 6am on Monday, February 19, and walked from her bedroom to the kitchen. She saw the figure of a man and thought it was her husband but after calling his name the man ran off through a rear window. The man is described as 180cm tall and of medium build. Nothing is believed to have been stolen.

K I L L A R A

4 More than \$4000 in property has been stolen from a home in Culworth Ave. Between 9am and 4pm on February 16, the house was broken into by jemmying open a rear floor window. Once inside, the offenders stole cash, watches and a wallet before making their escape. Police are asking anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 22 February [[view online edition here](#)]

Streetwatch (page 8):

HORNSBY HEIGHTS

1 Allegedly filming himself doing burnouts on a car-mounted GoPro saw a 37-year-old Somersby man handed an aggravated burnout charge after he was stopped by police at Hornsby Heights. The Holden Commodore P-plate driver was pulled over by police on Galston Rd at 11.30pm for a random breath test and while his test proved negative, officers spotted the car-mounted GoPro and checked it out.

Police said the camera footage showed the man doing burnouts on public roads. He was also charged with a defect notice for having bald tyres and will appear in court at a later date.

COWAN

2 A 59-year-old Cowan motorcyclist pulled over for an early morning stationary random breath test returned a high range blood alcohol reading at 9.45am Sunday. The Triumph bike rider recorded a positive test at the roadside and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where a further test revealed a high range reading of 0.168. The man's licence was suspended and he will appear in court in the coming weeks.

HORNSBY

3 A 31-year-old Hornsby man, who allegedly didn't stop at a random breath test stop, refused to take a breath test, or give his name, was also found to be driving unlicensed, Hornsby police discovered. Police said the Land Rover driver sped past the police stop on Peats Ferry Rd at 11.05pm on Saturday and had to be pulled over by a pursuing police car. He stopped around 30m down the road. Police said the man refused to take a breath test and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station. Police allege the man refused to give his name, saying he would say nothing until his solicitor arrived. He again refused to take a breath test even though officers said they believed he was under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The man was searched and a P2 licence carrying his image was found. The licence had expired on February 13 and had been previously suspended. The man has been charged with failing or refusing to give breath for an analysis, and driving unlicensed. He will appear at Hornsby local court on March 15.

THORNLEIGH

4 A Waitara man, who flipped his car onto its roof on The Esplanade after colliding with a parked car and a traffic island, is set to appear in court charged with mid-range drink driving. The 41-year-old had the accident in his Mazda at 11.50pm on Friday. When police breathalysed him he returned a positive reading and was

arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where he returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.144. His licence was suspended and he will appear in Hornsby local court on March 8.

HORNSBY

5 Travelling on the train without a ticket proved the undoing of an 18-year-old Wyoming, Central Coast man on Monday as police discovered he was wanted for an alleged aggravated break and enter at Surry Hills last year. Transport Command police stopped the man at Hornsby train station at 7.30pm on Monday and while checking his identity found he was wanted in connection with the break and enter. The officers searched the man and found 1.6 grams of cannabis. He was arrested and charged with aggravated break and enter. He was given conditional bail and will appear in court next month.

CHERRYBROOK

6 A 14-year-old injured his leg after falling from his mountain bike on Schofields Trail, near the Benowie Walking Track, just before last light on Sunday, February 11. Paramedics went to McKinley Place, Cherrybrook, after the alert was raised and the place given as the location where the group of three entered the fire trail. Castle Hill and Special Operations Team paramedics teamed with locals who were familiar with the area and together they searched for the trio. The group was found in Tudor Ave a short time later, having made their own way out of the bush. The teen was taken to hospital by ambulance in a stable condition.

HORNSBY

7 CCTV played a crucial role in the arrest of a 17-year-old Hornsby teen who not only allegedly attacked a man in Albert St on Monday morning but who was also on bail for an earlier offence. At 8.40am the alleged offender and two other men approached a man on Albert St and asked for a cigarette. He passed one over but the 17-year-old then asked for his whole tobacco pouch. The victim said no and the teen grabbed the pouch and attempted to take it. The owner got his pouch back but was allegedly punched several times in the head. On Tuesday at 7.50am,

police attended a Hornsby residence and arrested the teen, charging him with robbery and breach of bail. Bail was refused by police and he will appear at Surry Hills Childrens Court.

GLENORIE

8 Two siblings racing around on quad bikes crashed into each other at their rural property in Glenorie just after 6.30pm on February 11. Paramedics arrived to find the two boys, aged seven and four, walking around at the scene following the collision. Following assessment by paramedics, the four-yearold — who was knocked from the bike — was taken to The Children's Hospital at Westmead in a stable condition with abdominal injuries.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Sunday 04 March: Clean Up Australia Day

Monday 19 March: Gordon 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church Lounge area, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra

Sunday 25 March: Neighbour Day

Sunday 25 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Supporting Lifeline, Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby Women's Refuge & Rotary. [Info](#).

Wednesday 04 to Sunday 15 April: 2018 NSW Seniors Festival

Sunday 06 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10am-4pm. [Info](#)

23 February, Crime Stoppers NSW

Want to know what is going on specifically in your local area?

Check out [here](#) and look under the heading: EYEWATCH PAGES

23 February, NSW Police Force [Edited]



Police investigating the circulation of counterfeit notes in the Hunter Valley region believe the criminal operation might be bigger than first thought.

On Tuesday, 20 February 2018, police attended a service station at Gateshead in relation to the receipt of counterfeit 50 dollar notes.

Inquiries by Lake Macquarie Police District officers led them to a hotel room in a nearby tavern where they arrested a 20-year-old man and 24-year-old woman.

A search of the room allegedly uncovered numerous counterfeit notes of various denominations, mobile phones, tablet devices and equipment used in the production of fake currency.

23 February, Northern Beaches LAC - NSW Police Force



Have you seen Robert?

Police hold considerable fears for the safety and welfare of Robert TURNER.

Robert has a moderate intellectual disability. He is 19 years old with the mindset of a 14 year old.

Robert was lives in Davidson and was last seen at 2:30pm on Monday 19th February 2018 from his place of employment at Chatswood.

Robert is known to frequent the North Shore/ Chatswood area, has no vehicle and travels via public transport.

Please contact police if you have seen Robert.

23 February, Hornsby Shire Council



This illegal dumper felt the sting of Hornsby Shire Council's enhanced illegal dumping campaign, copping a \$4,000 fine for his efforts at Cowan on January 29.

There are 17 new cameras hidden throughout the Shire, which are much smaller and easier to hide than our previous equipment. They are monitored by a person who learned the trade spying on dangerous criminal gangs for law enforcement agencies.

"The message to illegal dumpers is clear: we are watching and we will catch you," Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock said. "Illegal dumping is not only an ugly blight on our landscape, it is also a significant threat to the native wildlife that makes our Bushland Shire so special. Council has no tolerance for people who show such disrespect for our community."

23 February, From Pymble and West Pymble Community group.

Thanks Maddison.

Hi,

Just would like to spread a word of caution my boyfriend's car was broken into some time the last 2 days on Kamilaroy Road off Yanco. Nothing was taken but his

car was left unlocked and it was evident someone had gone through his compartments trying to find something of value. His car was parked on the road in front of our next door neighbours house.

Please just keep an eye out and avoid leaving valuables in your cars

And someone had commented: Our car was broken into last night as well on Grayling Road, so was the neighbours!!

21 February, NSW Food Authority

NAME & SHAME LIST

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 63 premises added
- 28 premises publication period expired

Click [here](#) for details.

21 February, From North Shore Mums group.

Thanks Tanya.

Does anyone have any ideas please?

Dog owners who walk their dogs past my house - is there anything else I can do to help you be more responsible?! I pick up my dog's business when she deposits in

front of your house, I'm wondering why you can't do me the same courtesy?!?!



20 February, International Women's Day

Hello!

A small group of local women got together to bring a bit of sparkle to the area with a Hornsby Kuringgai international women's day festival from the 2-9th March this year!

There are a whole load of events for women to empower, to question and to support themselves as women and mothers and we need a bit of help letting people know about it!

Check website [here](#).

As you will see there is a real mix of events that hopefully inspire you to come along! All the events are low cost and fundraisers for a local women's wellbeing fund that will nurture these women's health initiatives throughout the year.

The events span all ages - Mother daughter pamper night and Embracing Menopause on the Friday, Women and their relationship with Overwhelm on

Saturday then on Sunday we have a great opportunity to have the conversation about why we find it hard to put ourselves higher up the list of priorities till we get sick - that is an event for men and women.

All the events are listed on the website but please feel free to email us if you have any questions hkinternationalwomensday@gmail.com

20 February, Shared from Australian Tax Office: Fringe Benefits Tax

Watch video [here](#). Learn more about FBT [here](#).

20 February, From FunFit, one of Gordon Neighbourhood Watch supporters:

Workshop: Self Defence for Women

Studies have shown that women who've had assertiveness and self defence training are less likely to get attacked, and more likely to get away safely in the event of an attack.

Where: FunFit, 1/786 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Cost: \$50 pp (new) / \$25 (refresher)

Who: Women (and their friends) who want to improve their mental, verbal and physical self defence skills.

When: This Friday! --> 23rd Feb - 7:00-8:45pm

This Workshop has only 4 places left - please RSVP ASAP!

More info [here](#).

From the draft 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Pedestrians':

Tip#1. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing any road, even on a pedestrian crossing.

Parents—teach your kids this life skill. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you. Your life—your decision.

Tip#2. Consider what you wear—dark colours may not be seen by drivers. Wear bright, lighter-coloured clothing walking from dusk onwards or in reduced visibility conditions. Just because you can see the car (or their lights) doesn't mean the driver can see you. Their vision may be affected by the sun. Consider reflective clothing and/or shoes with reflective strips. It is possible to buy reflective strips and armbands.

Tip#3. Put away your phone. Unplug your earphones. Give all senses to the job of keeping you safe. Concentrate whilst you are on that road.

Even pause any involved conversations with those near you. 100% concentration please!

Tip#4. Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you. The driver may have different priorities than you today.

Trust no one! Get that eye contact and notice the car slowing before you consider stepping onto the road/crossing. Do NOT assume that a vehicle is doing the displayed speed limit and that you “should have enough time to cross”. Even cyclists can break the speed limit and it's very difficult to assess their speed from straight on. Rain and wet roads make stopping distances a lot further.

Tip#5. Always use pedestrian crossings where possible. Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses or large vehicles. Do not ‘Jay walk’. Use a crossing, or cross at an intersection if it is close by.

Get a copy in your inbox by emailing us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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