



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.

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Kids return to school in the coming days.
Remind them about stranger danger and staying safe when you aren't around.

As kids return to school in the coming days, it is important to arm them with the right advice to help keep them safe.

1. Walking with a friend or group of friends is safer and more fun.
2. Always look left and right for traffic before crossing the road.
3. Always use a pedestrian crossing.
4. Know the people in your community you can trust. These people could include teachers, doctors, nurses, shopkeepers, bus drivers and police.
5. Find places you feel safe that you can go to when you feel unsafe or unsure. These places could include hospitals, schools, shops, neighbours, friend's houses and police stations.
6. Never talk to strangers or get into strange cars.
7. When on the train, travel in a crowded carriage or the guards compartment (it's the one with the blue light).
8. Try to always walk where there are lots of people.
9. Don't take short cuts. Remember, it's okay to say NO if you feel unsafe or unsure.
10. Call 000 if you are scared or in danger.

28 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Do you know what to do if your car was to break down? Our tips will help keep you safe on the road these holidays.

Breakdown safety tips

1. Activate your hazard lights.
2. Find a safe spot to pull over.
3. Park your vehicle away from the traffic.
4. Do not attempt to change a tyre unless it is safe to do so.
5. Activate your parking lights in poor visibility.
6. Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.
7. Call roadside assistance.
8. Check for traffic if leaving your vehicle.
9. Leave your vehicle from the safest side, away from traffic.
10. Avoid crossing the road.



28 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

School zones are back in operation on Monday January 29. Keep our kids safe, slow down and stick to the 40km/h school zone speed limit.

Watch video [here](#).

27 January, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

Dangerous state of mind

Cannabis – marijuana, weed, hash

Cannabis slows down your reactions and reduces your ability to respond to situations. The drug changes your perception of distance and time, lowers your concentration, reduces coordination and makes you drowsy.

Cannabis users often don't realise their driving is affected until they are faced with an unexpected situation. It is only after they are in danger that they realise they are incapable of making a quick or correct decision.

Stimulants – speed, ecstasy, cocaine

If you take stimulants such as ecstasy, cocaine or any form of amphetamine (speed, crystal meth, base) you are likely to:

Believe you drive better than you actually can

Drive aggressively and take more risks

Be overstimulated and lose concentration

Have blurry or limited vision

See things on the road that aren't where you think they are

Driving when you're coming down is also dangerous, when the effects of the stimulants wearing off can be just as damaging to your coordination and ability to concentrate. You may also fall asleep at the wheel.

Opiates – heroin, methadone, codeine

Using heroin and other opiates such as morphine, codeine and methadone:

Makes you sleepy

Slows your reaction times

Makes you lose balance, coordination and concentration

Reduces your ability to pay attention to what's happening on the road

Combining alcohol and opiates multiplies the depressant effects of both drugs, even if only small quantities are used. You will feel drowsy, uncoordinated and be more at risk of falling asleep at the wheel.

Other illegal drugs also affect your driving. Do not drive if you have taken any illegal drugs.

25 January, from the Daily Telegraph: Riders show no fear after almost 100 incidents on Old Pacific Highway at Cowan

ANOTHER fatality on a stretch of the Old Pacific Highway in Cowan has prompted residents to call for urgent action to avert more tragedies.

Ku-ring-gai police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash just before noon on Saturday, January 20, after a 19-year-old man suffered critical injuries and died at the scene. It prompted Cowan residents and witnesses to call on the State Government to enforce tough new strategies to save lives on the deadly road.

For details, click [here](#).

Hawkesbury LAC - NSW Police Force



Saint Michael pray for us.

Our thoughts are with Detective Sergeant John Breda and his family as he continues to fight for his life after being stabbed making an arrest of a wanted man in Sydney yesterday.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

REPORT FROM 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting @ Hornsby Police station @ 6pm on Monday 22 January 2018

Our Acting Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Mal Baker of Ku-ring-gai Police command, warned us about a few issues in our area:

- An increase in the amount of number plates stolen. (This is directly linked to the increase in petrol prices).
- An increase in letterbox theft, especially around Gordon, Killara and St Ives. This is particularly happening at unit blocks. Ku-ring-gai Police have cctv they are working with, showing a person using a PIN code and entering the building to access the mail. DO NOT give out building PIN codes to friends/family/tradies.
- Break & Enter into a unit building car park area - a car broken into was reported to the police, but not other cars that had been attempted. The Police need a complete picture - please report all attempts at crime, which

are just as important. Please phone Hornsby Police Station if this happens to you: **9476 9799**.

The launch of our new website WatchOut! is planned for Wednesday 14 February 2018, Valentine's Day: "Love our Links". Please take a look at this innovative site. WatchOut! is your 'one-stop-shop' for crime prevention information on the internet. It has an A-to-Z index to help you navigate your way through all the useful links. We would welcome your feedback.



[Look at WatchOut! here.](#)

[Look at our re-vamped NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website here.](#) Maybe you'd like some FREE car rego plate locking screws? Menu option - **BORROW**.

From Hornsby Council:

Shared Zone



A Shared Zone is a road or network of roads where the road space is shared safely by vehicles and pedestrians.

There may be no road lines, kerb or gutter in a Shared Zone to show that pedestrians and vehicles are equal. Drivers must travel at a lower speed to better able to control their vehicles and safely avoid impact with other road users.

For details click [here](#).

Photos

Do you have any photos of snow that fell on Hornsby Shire in 1965 and 1986? If so upload your photos to [this site](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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

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

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](#).

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

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

Sustainability events calendar. Book your place online

Click on the link below for each event to learn more and book online. You will have the option of registering your details on our booking system, making it easier for frequent attendees of our events. If you have any issues with the booking system, please call 9424 0893.

For details click [here](#).

Introduction to bushcare and WHS Workshop

Click [here](#) for more information

From the Hornsby Advocate, 25 January

Street Watch, page 11

HORNSBY

1 A man allegedly stole almost \$5000 worth of cosmetics from a shop on Sunday, but was detained by store detectives before police arrived. The 38-year-old Potts Point man was charged with taking \$4350 of Estee Lauder products and being in possession of prohibited goods. He was refused bail and appeared before Hornsby Court on Monday. He is due to front court again on March 6.

WESTLEIGH

2 A 26-year-old man and 23-year-old woman will appear in Hornsby Court after being charged with multiple offences including fraud and receiving and disposing of stolen property. Police searched a Westleigh property where police found a large number of stolen goods. The man and woman were arrested at the property. The man was charged with 12 offences including receiving offences and several fraud offences as well as stealing goods in custody and possession of a prohibited drug. He will appear before Hornsby Court on Wednesday January 31. The woman was charged with fraud offences and will appear before Hornsby Court on Wednesday February 7.

WAITARA

3 A 21-year-old Ingleside woman will face Hornsby Court on February 7 after being found in possession of prohibited drugs on Saturday. She allegedly drove away from police at Myra St at 4.30pm. A search of her handbag allegedly revealed cannabis. She received a court attendance notice.

HORNSBY STATION

5 A 17-year-old Lindfield boy has been charged with graffiti offences on Friday January 19. The teenager was arrested after allegedly spraying graffiti on a train. Police said they found him passed out in a carriage.

WESTLEIGH

6 POLICE are investigating several incidents involving theft from cars across the Hornsby Shire and are urging residents to ensure the removal all belongings out of cars overnight. Ku-ring-gai crime manager Neil Higgins said offenders were using stolen credit and debit cards in a number of fraud offences. "We are reminding motorists not to leave anything of value in your car while it is unattended," Insp Higgins said.

Dog attack sparks call for action. Owner wants better signs and simpler safety procedures, page 4 [edited]

A WOMAN whose dog was attacked at a beach in Mosman has taken a stand to work towards making the community safer.

Monica Watts, owner of four-year-old rescue dog Hunter, said she was determined to help change the way people report and react to dangerous animals in the community, following an unexpected incident which hospitalised her pooch.

Hunter, a beagle-fox terrier cross, had to undergo a round of surgery, she added, after being attacked by an off-leash, unmuzzled dog at Sirius Cove on January 12.

Thieves net tools:

NORTHBRIDGE business owners are appealing for public assistance, following the theft of \$4800 worth of tools in recent weeks. Sailors Bay Plumbing's Charlotte Hunter, 38, said the team of three were devastated when they discovered the tools missing and asked the public to keep an eye out for a used Ridgid NaviTrack scout locator (example pictured above), a battery sonde, a milwaukee m18 vacuum, two-piece drill kit, hammer, saw and angle grinder in red casings. The robbery occurred between January 13 and 15, at either Northbridge or Killarney Heights.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Slow Down Sticker



Use our [online form](#) to order your bin sticker.

27 January, from the Sydney Morning Herald: Fact or fiction: Every third victim of intimate partner violence is a male

A Men's Rights Activist website, One in Three, recently updated their infographics with information from the latest Personal Safety Survey (PSS) and Australian homicide reports.

They claim "the proportion of men experiencing current partner violence between 2005 and 2016, rose more than fivefold, a 552 per cent increase".

Read more [here](#).

26 January, from NSW Police Force SCC Financial Crimes Squad

Good day to you all!

Please see information supplied by our colleagues at the New Payments Platform.

Inside this link is a video detailing information about how this new system will work as well as providing very timely information on scams and how they occur.

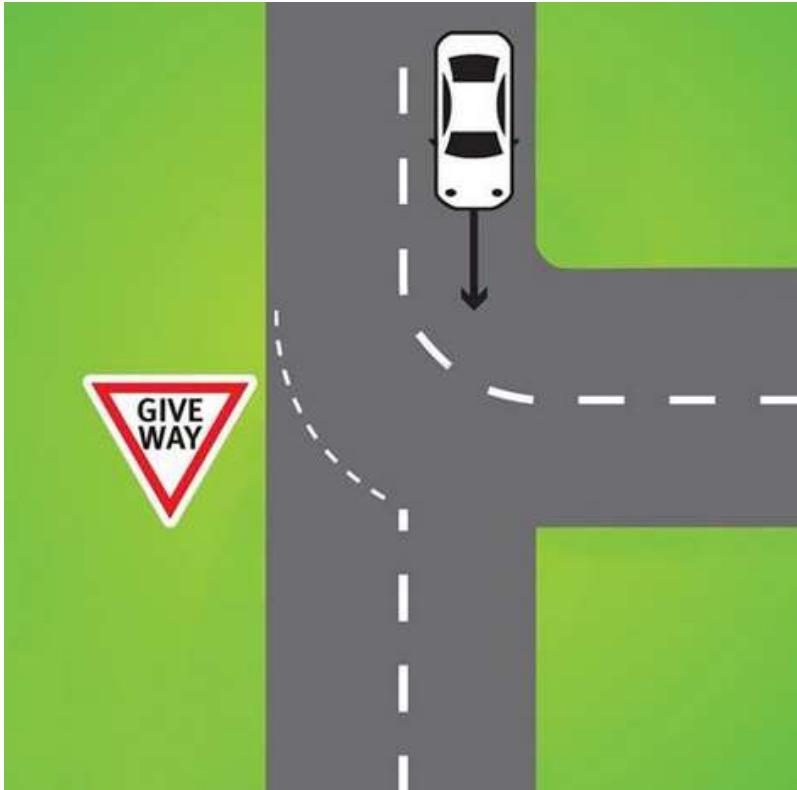
Watch youtube video [here](#).

26 January, from Sunrise: Tradie's scathing message on back of the ute goes viral



25 January, from the Sydney Morning Herald: 'Nanging' out: the rise of nitrous oxide as a Sydney party drug Click [here](#) for details.

25 January, from The NRMA



TEST TIME: Is the white car required to indicate right in the above scenario?

- Yes
- No

The NRMA TEST ANSWER: The correct answer is Yes. The vehicle is travelling onto the terminating road at a T-intersection (the continuing road marked with broken white lines goes around the corner) In this scenario, the vehicle must signal right to leave the continuing road to enter the terminating road. Did you get this one right?

24 January, from Australian Federal Police

Thatta' boy!

After 8 years, 9 months and 1 day with his nose to the ground as an AFP Firearms and Explosives Detection dog, Keogh's finished his last shift at the Sydney Airport.

He's spent his career working for one simple reward – a towel to play with.

So we surprised him with ALL of the towels, so he could play as much tug of war and fetch in the terminal as he liked.

Over his career he's had a few highlights- he's screened a couple of high profile events and got some pats from some pretty big VIPs (he doesn't like to name drop, but we hear he met former POTUS Barack Obama, Her Majesty the Queen, and

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge along with Prince George); he's been involved in some high profile counter-terrorism and organised crime operations; but his biggest career highlight of all is his friendship with his handler, Luke.

They graduated from the canine course together, and have worked their entire careers side by side for nearly a decade.

And now, Keogh's retiring to Luke's backyard, where he'll get to spend time with his brother (and former AFP detection dog) Koby.

Thanks for all your service buddy.

Watch video [here](#).

24 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Has someone stolen something that belongs to you? Contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) to report.

Always call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Watch the funny video [here](#).

23 January, from NSW Police Force

A man will face court today on animal cruelty charges after allegedly shooting a dog with a spear gun on the state's Central Coast.

Police will allege in court a 45-year-old man forced entry into a home on Cogra Road, Woy Woy, about midday on Monday 22 January 2018, and allegedly hit the dog over the head, causing several lacerations.

It will be further alleged after becoming stuck between a fence and garage wall, the man fired a spear gun, striking the animal in the head.

Officers attached to Brisbane Water Local Area Command were alerted and attended the location.

The 45-year-old man was arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with commit act of aggravated cruelty upon an animal, fire spear gun manner likely to injure person/property and break and enter house etc steal value less than \$60,000.

The Woy Woy man was refused bail and is due to appear at Gosford Local Court

today (Tuesday 23 January 2018).

The dog was taken to a veterinary clinic where she underwent surgery.

From LMAO Cop Humour



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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