



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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4 June, from 7 News Sydney

Truck drivers using Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta Road & King Georges Road are enjoying a green light run with new technology being used at 99 intersections.

Watch video [here](#).

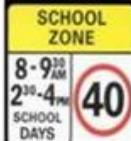
4 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

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

Double demerits are in force Friday 8 June to Monday 11 June inclusive— so think twice.

Watch video [here](#)

3 June, from The Hills Police Area Command

		SCHOOL ZONE	
Penalties that apply in School Zones – current from 1 February 2018			
	No Stopping Means that under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies. Aus Road Rule - 167		Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points
	No Parking Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. ARR - 168(1)		Penalty \$183 + 2 demerit points
	Bus Zone Means that you must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus. ARR - 183(1)		Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points
	Double Parking Means that you must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. ARR - 189		Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points

Police cannot give out fines if no one breaks the road rules or laws. Demerit points also apply to these school zone offences. A common response in a no stopping area is " I was waiting in a line of traffic" . Wait somewhere else- that is why it is NO stopping! Common sense.

2 June, from NRMA: Seven new school zone traffic offences

Get caught queuing across an intersection in a school zone and you'll now be hit with a \$439 fine. Recent changes by the NSW Government will see seven parking-based offences with harsher punishments when committed in a school zone, with fines increasing by up to 200 per cent.

Click [here](#) to see what the seven changes are.

31 May, from Mounted Unit - NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force Facebook page has created this hilarious comparison between our very own Troop Cat Ed v PC (police cat) Splashe from Bourke Police Station.

Rookie PC Splashe

Vs

Pro TC Ed



Thinks boxes are for playing in



Knows boxes are for sleeping on



Unsure of office equipment



Comfortable with technology



Wears casual clothes to work



Wears proper uniform

31 May, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Police warn of international phone scam targeting the Chinese-Australian community

Wednesday, 30 May 2018 01:56:45 PM

The NSW Police Force is warning members of the community about an elaborate international phone scam targeting Chinese expats, which has netted millions of dollars worldwide.

Thousands of people across NSW have reported receiving a call from someone speaking in Mandarin, and police are aware of people who have fallen victim to the scam.

Investigators have been told the calls involve demands for money under the threat of violence or harm to the receiver, their family and/or friends.

There have been reports victims across Australia, as well as New Zealand, USA, Canada, and United Kingdom, have been scammed of millions of dollars.

More info [here](#).

31 May, from NSW Police Force

Is your password on the list? Don't make life easy for scammers and hackers.

Listen up 'sunshine', we don't mean to 'dragon', but scammers 'welcome' an easy 'password'. In fact, it's as easy as 'abc123'. So it's a good idea to change your 'passw0rd' to a 'password1' cannot guess so easily the next time that you 'login' from your 'qwerty' keyboard. Oh, and don't be tempted by a prince or 'princess' online offering a 'flower' and telling you to 'loveme'. It's better to be 'master' of your own destiny, and go 'solo'. Your IT system 'admin' will appreciate it.

The top 25 common passwords (via Stay Smart Online)

[Top 25 most common passwords](#)

30 May, from Surry Hills Police Area Command

Do you know what to do after a car crash? This flyer has all the information you need including details of how to access the Emergency+ app which can help determine your GPS coordinates to pass onto emergency services if needed.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

To help reduce danger to road users and manage crashes more efficiently, you may no longer have to wait for police at a crash site in NSW.

Follow the chart below to find out what to do.

ENSURE YOU ARE IN A SAFE LOCATION AWAY FROM THE TRAFFIC

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graph TD
    A[Is anyone trapped or injured?] -- NO --> B[Are police needed to direct traffic or deal with hazards?]
    B -- OR --> C[Do any drivers appear affected by alcohol or drugs?]
    C -- OR --> D[Does a bus or truck need to be towed?]
    D -- OR --> E[Has anyone involved failed to exchange details?]
    E -- NO --> F[Police DO NOT need to attend the crash site]
    E -- YES --> G[Does any vehicle require towing?]
    G -- NO --> H[1. Exchange details and leave the crash site.  
You are NOT required to report the crash to police.  
2. If anyone is later treated for an injury call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 as soon as possible.]
    G -- YES --> I[1. Contact your insurer or a towing company of your choice to arrange for your vehicle to be towed if required.  
If you cannot arrange a tow and exhaust all other options, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.  
2. Exchange details and leave the crash site.  
3. After leaving the crash site report the crash to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 as soon as possible.  
You will be provided with a report number to assist with any insurance claims.]
    I --> J[Be prepared and download the Emergency+ app now by using your smartphone to scan these codes. The app can help determine your GPS coordinates to pass onto emergency services if an incident occurs.]
    J --> K[Record your insurance and preferred towing company details below. Keep this card in your car glove box for future reference.]
    K --> L[Registration No.: _____ Insurer: _____  
Policy No.: _____ Phone: _____  
Towing Company: _____ Phone: _____]
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CRASH DETAILS

Date: _____ Time: _____
Street: _____
Suburb: _____
Cross St/Landmark/Nearest street No.: _____
GPS coordinates (use Emergency+ or car "SATNAV" to obtain)
LATITUDE: _____ LONGITUDE: _____
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VEHICLE 1

* Denotes minimum legal requirement for exchange of details.

Registration No.*: _____ State: _____
Make: _____ Model: _____
Driver Name*: _____
Address*: _____
Licence No.: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____
Owner Name*: _____
Owner Address*: _____
Insurer: _____ Policy No.: _____

VEHICLE 2

Registration No.*: _____ State: _____
Make: _____ Model: _____
Driver Name*: _____
Address*: _____
Licence No.: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____
Owner Name*: _____
Owner Address*: _____
Insurer: _____ Policy No.: _____

For more information or to download extra copies of this flyer, visit www.police.nsw.gov.au

NSW Police Force

Emergency+ app

QR Codes

iPhone **Android**

29 May, from ROADSAFETY.TRANSPORT.NSW.GOV.AU :

Pedestrian Safety Tips Video

29 May from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



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Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 09 June: Ministry of Rock charity concert 7-11pm @ Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Road. \$10 at the door.

Wednesday 20 June: Friends Of Mount Colah Meeting 2 for 2018. 6:15-8:15pm @ Mt Colah Pizzeria, 5/599 Pac Hwy, Mt Colah

Saturday 23 June: Aussie Rock for KYDS. 730-11pm @ Pennant Hills Bowling Club. [Info & Tix.](#)

Sunday 01 July - Sunday 30 September: NSW Firearms Amnesty

Sunday 09 September: St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival 10am-4pm. [Info](#).

Friday 21 September: Colour of KYDS Fundraising Lunch 2018. [Info](#)

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

2019:

Sunday 07 April: Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

From Hornsby Shire Council Community Connections: Healthy Brain Aging
Description

Dementia Australia presents Healthy Brain Ageing, a discussion that addresses the myths surrounding dementia and provides information relating to normal ageing and memory loss. This session is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning 5 Simple Steps to Maximise Brain Health and to help reduce their risk of developing dementia.

Thursday 07 June 2018, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Event cost: Free

Contact Details:

Phone: 9847 6614

Email: library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 31 May: [[online edition here.](#)]

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W O L L S T O N E C R A F T

1 A 25-year-old man has been robbed by an offender wielding a box cutter in Wollstonecraft. The man was walking on Russell St at 8.30pm on May 22, when he was approached by the accused and asked for a lighter. The offender then produced the weapon and demanded the victim's backpack. After the man handed it over the offender left the scene. The robber is described as caucasian and 25 to 35 years old.

C R E M O R N E

2 THREE break and enters took place in the Cremorne area on the night of May 25 have been reported to police. The incidents occurred on Young St, Waters Rd and Oaks Ave. In two of the break ins items were stolen, including a television and cash. Police are investigating and urge anyone with information to contact them. It is not known at this stage whether all three incidents are connected.

M O S M A N

3 TWO mountain bikes valued at \$5000 each were stolen from a garage in Medusa St. They were stolen on the morning of May 25 when the thieves broke into the garage and used pliers to cut the chains. This is the latest in a string of reported bicycle thefts in the area and police are urging owners to secure their bikes inside if possible to avoid theft.

C R O W S N E S T

4 A CROWS Nest resident has been the target of a phone scam. The scam involves a caller claiming to be from the Chinese Embassy requesting personal information and money be transferred. The victim received the call on May 12 and provided personal details, before realising it was a scam. Police are urging people to remain vigilant with all phone calls.

C H A T S W O O D

5 TWO men have been charged with drug possession in Chatswood Oval. Plain clothed police were walking through the oval at 4.30pm on Thursday, April 24, when they came across two men sitting across from each other at the picnic tables. As they approached they saw one of the men inhaling smoke from a plastic bottle water pipe. The officers arrested the pair, before questioning and searching them. A search of one of the men found 8.2g of cannabis. The 41-year-old will face Hornsby Court in June.

A R T A R M O N

6 A 31-year-old Lane Cove man has been charged with mid-range drink-driving in Artarmon. Police were conducting a stationary RBT on the Pacific Highway at 11.40pm on May 25 when they pulled over the driver. Officers detected a strong smell of liquor on the driver's breath and a test returned positive and the driver was taken to Chatswood police station. A further breath test returned a result of 0.081. The man's licence was suspended and he will face Hornsby Court.

Suspicion of Arson

ARSON is expected to have been the cause of a large unit fire in Milsons Point. Crews from the NSW police and Fire Services were called to a property in McDougall Street around 6pm on Monday May 28, after reports of fire bellowing out of the unit. The owner of the unit was home at the time of the fire, however was able to escape via the balcony. The man required medical attention at the Royal North Shore Hospital due to burns and smoke inhalation. Fire crews were able to

extinguish the flames and upon assessing the unit determined the cause of the fire to be suspicious.

2 June, from 7 News

Disgusting! 😡 This footage shows just how quickly your property can go missing from right under your nose. Always be vigilant, keep an eye on your valuables and if you're the type of person that would do this to someone else... just don't. You WILL get caught.

CCTV has captured the moment an 81-year-old woman has fallen victim to a brazen bag snatch in Fremantle. Watch [here](#).

2 June, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Wondering what The Office of the eSafety Commissioner does?

We provide a range of online safety resources & programs to help all Australians have safe & positive online experience.

Find safety resources about Aussie youth cyberbullying & report processes, information about digital literacy & safety tutorials for your parents/ grandparents or get help for cyber abuse/ image based abuse reporting.

Download the fact sheets [here](#)

2 June, from NSW Maritime

Those joining us on the water this weekend for [#VividSydney](#) are reminded that entry into Sydney Cove is not permitted for recreational vessels. We also ask that you don't stop or drift in the transit zone during the event. Otherwise, stay safe and enjoy!

More info [here](#).

2 June, from Australian Redcross Blood Service: We need new donors before Winter

With cold and flu season on its way, many regular donors are feeling under the weather. If you're fit and healthy, be the sunshine in someone's life by becoming a blood donor.

Click [here](#) to register.

2 June, from Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

Is Your Home Fire Safe?

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR INSIDE YOUR HOME

Have you given your family the best chance of surviving a house fire?

- Have at least one installed and operating smoke alarm on each level of your house
- Know two safe ways out of every room in your house
- Have a written escape plan in case of fire, and practise it regularly with all household occupants
- Ensure that keys to all locked windows and doors are accessible in case you need to escape

DID YOU KNOW
It only takes three minutes for a fire to take hold!

Simple home fire safety tips you should follow are:

- Test smoke alarms regularly and change the battery at least once every 12 months.
- Have a licensed electrician check your wiring and install a safety switch.
- Don't overload power points and switch off household appliances when not in use.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never leave open fires unattended and always screen with a proper fireguard.
- Heaters should be kept at least one metre from curtains, furniture and other flammable items.
- Never place clothing over heaters.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

House fires can cause serious injury or death, and can destroy your most cherished possessions and home. The area of the house where most fires occur is the kitchen, followed by the lounge and bedrooms.

PREPARE **ACT** **SURVIVE** | BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737

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Feeling the cold? Before you rug up in bed tonight, do some simple checks. Heating appliances, fire places and clothes dryers are the cause of many house

fires each winter. Do your home fire safety check.

Click [here](#) for safety checks.

1 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

FACT: Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

Fire and Rescue NSW recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

- 🔥🔥 Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”
- 🔥🔥 Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
- 🔥🔥 Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- 🔥🔥 Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- 🔥🔥 If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated
- 🔥🔥 If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- 🔥🔥 Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- 🔥🔥 Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- 🔥🔥 Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.

For more information on fire safety click [here](#).

31 May, from The Daily Telegraph: ‘Suspicious’ body found in Greenwich home

Police are investigating after a body was found in a Greenwich home. It is being treated as suspicious

Read details [here](#).

31 May, from NTD Australia: Did you know?

Samsung's safety trucks show the road ahead on the back of the truck, so that car can pass safely.



31 May from NEW.COM.AU: Escalator pervert sentenced for upskirting

A FORMER Sydney university employee has been jailed for filming up women's dresses after one of the many women he targeted caught him in the act.

A 60-YEAR-OLD former university staff officer who filmed up women's dresses on his way to work has been sentenced to 18 months prison.

Magistrate Jacqueline Milledge told Karl Edwin Skow that the sheer volume of his filming and his “predatory behaviour on young women” warranted a jail term.

The court heard that Skow, who will serve a minimum 12 months in jail, had “sexual fantasies” and alcohol problems.

The Unanderra man, who was dressed in black trousers, a grey jacket and tie, and had his grey hair neatly trimmed during his sentencing at the Downing Centre Local Court on Wednesday, went red in the face as Magistrate Milledge discussed the sheer “volume” of his filming women’s private parts up their skirts.

Details [here](#).

31 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Have information about habitual driving offenders?
Report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au
or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

Poor driving practices, delays, or just general traffic can cause frustration and lead to aggressive behaviour whilst you or others are trying to get to your destination.

This can

lead to accidents, aggressive or predatory driving or even violent conflict by road users.

Protect others on the road:

- NEVER allow yourself to be distracted whilst driving. Leave your mobile alone when you're in the car. Get Your Hand Off It.
- ALWAYS try to be courteous and patient. Stay within the speed limit. Drive defensively.
- DO NOT engage in or encourage aggressive behaviour in others.

Protect yourself on the road:

- ALWAYS stay in your car if confronted by another motorist. Do not take things personally.
- NEVER over use your horn. It is designed as an immediate warning device, not a substitute for yelling.
- ALWAYS report dangerous driving or aggressive motorists to the Police.

For dangerous driving occurring now ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or otherwise contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7).

30 May, from CLOUDMANAGEMENTSUITE.COM: FBI Warning: Reset Your Routers

The FBI, DHS and UK authorities have issued a warning for the VPNFilter malware threat. According to Alert TA18-145A, there are concerns that actors will use VPNFilter to target routers and “collect intelligence, exploit local area network (LAN) devices, and block actor-configurable network traffic.”

For details click [here](#).

30 May, from news.com.au: Cycling road rule Australian drivers want banned

TENS of thousands of Australians have signed a petition pushing to ban a “hazardous” road rule. And they’re sick of being told they’re “bad drivers” for complaining.

THE war between motorists and cyclists is one that we likely won’t see the end of any time soon.

Many drivers think that cyclists shouldn’t be on the road while riders say they deserve the same right to travel on the road as any other vehicle.

But there is one particular rule that is a point of much contention for Aussie drivers. In fact many feel so strongly about it that more than 82,000 people have signed a petition to have the rule overturned.

For more details click [here](#).

May 29, From the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre.

Have you ever been asked a sensitive question by your child that you weren’t sure how to answer without upsetting or alarming them?

The short film ‘Gone’ addresses how a father responds to his young son when he is questioned about a missing child.

For International Missing Children’s Day some film industry dads, including GO Director Justin McMillan, got together to make an impactful little film and a website for parents to learn more about child protection.

We are proud to support this film, and hope it will equip parents and guardians with the skills and confidence to have uncomfortable but necessary conversations with their children about safety.

[Please have a watch!](#)

Did you know, like us hoomans, our Five-O Doggo companions also have to submit an IR after attending an incident.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

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: [@KuringGaiPAC](#)

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 council areas:



Website nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au



WatchOut! Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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