



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 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 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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30 July, from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade

A new road rule comes into force from 1 September, meaning motorists will have to slow down to 40 km/h when passing a stationary emergency service vehicle.

Over the coming weeks Transport for NSW will be carrying out a new public awareness campaign to help promote the road rule change.

28 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Tips for parents whose children are attending parties [Edited]

As a parent or guardian you have the responsibility to ensure the safety of your children.

 Make sure that your child has change for the phone, a phone card or a mobile phone. If you are going out, make sure that they can contact you or another responsible adult should they need assistance.

 You should ensure that your child has the Emergency + App downloaded onto their phone in case of emergency. You can download the app:

Apple: Click [here](#)

Android: Click [here](#)

Windows: Click [here](#)



 Check the level of adult supervision available at the party!

Where possible contact the adult responsible for the party and check if there is going to be supervision. You may suggest that they check out this information if they have not already.



 Is alcohol going to be served or permitted at the party?

Remember that it is an offence to supply alcohol to a minor.

🚗 Would your child be able to get home if he/she needs to?

Make sure that your child is able to get home should he/she need to. Consider giving your child enough money to catch a taxi home in an urgent situation or leave enough money in an agreed place at home.

For full coverage, click [here](#).

28 July, from Mike Lee

Cards in wallets upto 30 quid contactless gone in a second .share with young un's
Watch video [here](#).

27 July, from 9news.com.au: Boy charged with attempted murder of pregnant woman had 'not been violent before'

The father of a teenage boy accused of a shocking stabbing attack on a pregnant woman claims his son hasn't been violent before.

The 14-year-old was last night charged with attempted murder of Pei-Jiun Cheah, who was stabbed multiple times in the chest and abdomen after allegedly confronting him in her Mount Colah home on Thursday evening.

The child's father, who cannot be named, spoke briefly to reporters after being called in to speak to police investigating the attack in Sydney's north yesterday. He said he was "disappointed" but did not specify why.

Ms Cheah managed to fight off the boy before staggering, bloodied and screaming, to her neighbour's home where she banged on the door for help.

Her screams rang out through the stately cul-de-sac, neighbour Mark Bolger said today.

"She just knocked on our door and said 'I've been attacked help me, help me'," he told reporters.

Read details [here](#).

26 July, from police.nsw.gov.au: Crash Reporting FAQs

Information for motorists and other people involved in crashes in NSW. Click [here](#) for information for motorists.

24 July, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

About 6:50pm Sunday the 8th of July 2018 Southern Tablelands (Cooma) Highway stopped a tour coach on Sharp Street, Cooma following a driving complaint. The coach had 60 passengers on board. The driver was subjected to random testing and returned positive to Methylamphetamine.

The driver, a 37 year old male from Sydney was arrested and taken back to Cooma Police Station for secondary testing.

Arrangements were made for another driver to attend and continue driving the bus load of passengers.

An oral fluid sample was obtained from the driver and sent away for laboratory analysis. The sample has returned positive to methylamphetamine.

The driver has since been charged with drive with illicit drug in oral fluid sample.

The matter is listed for mention at the Cooma Local Court at a later date.

24 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Our drug testing video and education resource helps teach young adults the consequences of taking drugs before driving or being a passenger of someone drug driving.

Find out about the drug testing process and strategies to stay safe. View the resource [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

24 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



From today, children up to the age of 16 will be allowed to ride on the footpath in NSW. If your child rides their bike on the footpath or on a shared path remind them to:

- Keep to the left
- Give way to pedestrians
- Always wear their helmet.

Find out more about the new road rule [here](#).

24 July, from ACT Policing

With children returning to school, it's a great time to talk to your kids about strangers and what to do if they are lost or in trouble.

Watch [this video](#) for our tips to Stay OK.

Visit Constable Kenny Koala's website for more tips to Stay OK [here](#).



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29 July, from 9News.com.au: Facial Recognition Technology set for top sporting venues

Suspected terrorists and football hooligans will be locked out of Queensland stadiums under new cutting-edge facial recognition technology.

The equipment, which is expected to be installed at the state's major sporting facilities, will work by matching banned spectators and persons of interest against a national database to stop potential threats before they reach the venue.

It is expected the technology will be able to identify people up to one-kilometre away. Read details [here](#).

29 July, from 9News.com.au: CCTV rolled out in schools across New South Wales

CCTV has been rolled out in schools across New South Wales. In our command that includes Gordon West Public. Details [here](#).

28 July: Intruder Tips



This information was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION #2:

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR AN INTRUDER IN MY HOME?

Best advice is to scream, run and hide. Try and keep a line of retreat open at all times. If possible, lock yourself in a room. Barricade yourself in a room if you have to. Do NOT confront the intruder. PHONE 000. You might only have a few seconds to get the call in. State "I am at (give address) and there is person(s) on premises; I fear for the welfare of myself and family". Police will respond 'code red'.

Only fight an intruder if you have no other choice. Just think, if you get killed or incapacitated then who is going to protect your partner/kids, let alone support them if you die? Possessions are not worth dying for. Keep a pre-programmed mobile phone by the bed. And a large million candle power torch is recommended, as it has the added bonus of being able to blind an attacker. A flash (just a flash) of light in their eyes will rob them of their night vision, so they are going to be severely hindered if they try to run off in the dark, where as you have the advantage of knowing the layout of your place. When you flash, just-in-case, keep one eye shut.

If someone is prepared to enter a home knowing someone is in residence, it can be taken as a fact they would be prepared to confront anyone who challenges them.

RELATED FACTS: Is the front gate to your property locked? If so, then you must provide a bell, buzzer or method for a person to alert you they are there. Otherwise they have a common law right to go to your front door. Even if that includes jumping the fence or gate.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799

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ENGLISH

Neighbourhood Watch has an FAQ series under development. Here is FAQ #2 - What should I do if I hear an intruder in my home?

Would you know what to do if you heard an intruder in your home? We will be uploading this and more to our website. [Click here.](#)

27 July, from the Office of eSafety Commissioner

Back to school! Teachers register now for preventing & managing cyberbullying & other webinars [here](#). New Office of the eSafety Commissioner PL program. Learn more about evidence-based strategies for preventing & dealing with cyberbullying issue & processes for reporting.

26 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW

DID YOU KNOW that the NSW Government has developed the Terminal Illness Cannabis Scheme (TICS) to extend compassion to adults who have a terminal illness.

The scheme provides guidelines for members of the NSW Police Force to help them determine when not to charge adults who use cannabis and/or cannabis products to alleviate their symptoms.

You can find out more information about this scheme by visiting [here](#).

26 July: Road Rules: Merging

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community have said they need more.

Click [here](#) for road rules.

26 July, from startsat60.com: The smartest ways to carry and spend your holiday money abroad

Our love affair with overseas travel shows no signs of easing up, with [Aussies taking more than one million trips overseas](#) in the 12 months to January 2018, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. That's up six per cent for the same

period the previous year. And older Aussies are the keenest travellers of all, making up to 80 per cent of all leisure travel purchases!

But before you head off, it's worth planning how you'll carry and access money when you're overseas. Banks and travel companies change their product offerings and fees from time to time so the most cost-effective and safest ways of paying for your adventures may've changed since last time you went abroad.

Cash, debit, credit cards and travel money cards – there are pros and cons for each, which we've set out so you can decide which combination is right for you.

Click [here](#) for details.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Friday 14 September: FREE Hornsby Shire Council Library 'Be Scam Aware' Presentation by Dept of Fair Trading @ 1pm. [Info](#).

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

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

Sunday 21 October: Graffiti Removal Day

2019:

Friday 08 March: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter fundraiser - Strength is her Superpower. International Women's Day 2019.

Sunday 07 April: Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

From the North Shore Times Thursday, 26 July [Online Edition [here](#)]

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CHATSWOOD

1 A 30-year-old Inverell man has been charged with drug possession. Around 12.40pm on July 22, police said, the man entered Chatswood police station, seeking assistance as he could not remember where he had left his car. Officers alleged they detected the smell of cannabis and that the man's eyes were glazed and his speech was slurred. They said they asked the man for identification and that, while searching his pockets, he removed a container full of a substance believed to be cannabis. Police allege the man then left the police station and placed the container on the ground and then claimed he had no knowledge of the container. The man was arrested and will face court.

CHATSWOOD

3 A 13-year-old boy has been charged with snatching a bag. A woman boarded a North Shore Line train to Lindfield. As the train arrived at Chatswood, the offender snatched the woman's bag and ran from the platform. Four males tackled and held the boy until police arrived and arrested him.

25 July, startsat60.com: The sneakiest holiday money scams and how to avoid them

Travelling can be one of the most enjoyable experiences ever, but falling victim to a fraud can put a big dampener on your holiday.

In a series of stories, we're exploring some of the most common travel money scams, different options for travelling with money, how to get the best foreign exchange rates and how to ensure you're adequately insured for your holiday – all so when you jet, sail or drive off on vacation, it's enjoyment all the way!

For details click [here](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday, 26 July [Online Edition here]:

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Man threatened to kill and dismember terrified mother

A MOTHER of three says she is having trouble sleeping and is anxious going out in public after a man threatened to kill and dismember her in a tirade of abuse at Westfield Hornsby.

The woman was in the parents' room on Monday about 12.30pm after taking her children aged one, two and four to the library.

A man entered the room without any children.

The mum, who did not want to be named, said when she turned around the man was staring at her family.

"At that point I said 'What are you doing in here?'

"He immediately lost the plot and was not reasonable. He just went off."

She said he had saliva coming out of his mouth and was threatening her.

"He was shouting names and threatening violence."

She said he threatened to kill and dismember her and told her to go back to New Zealand and that she did not belong in Australia.

The man was standing between her and the door and she frantically tried to find a number on her phone to call mall security.

Another mum in the room managed to escape past the man while another, who was behind a curtain breastfeeding, managed to contact security.

By the time security arrived the man had just left.

The woman said the man seemed mentally ill but there was still no excuse for the tirade.

"My children have been asking 'Why did he want to kill you mummy?,' she said.

"And my four-year-old said it was the scariest thing she has experienced."

She contacted police after anxiously racing home. Police visited her house that day and took a report.

Ku-ring-gai police crime manager Detective Inspector Neil Higgins said police were taking the complaint very seriously. He said they were reviewing CCTV footage and were investigating the incident.

25 July, from 9news.com.au: M2 fatal: Truck driver killed by ute after break-down

The death of a Sydney man hit and killed by a ute while checking on his broken-down truck on a busy motorway was witnessed by his girlfriend, who'd just arrived on the scene.

Jesse Barclay was on his way home from work when he had to pull into the emergency lane on the M2 at Baulkham Hills last night.

Police say the 23-year-old was moving around the vehicle when he was hit by a ute travelling westbound just after 7.30pm.

For details, click [here](#).

24 July from neighbourhoodwatch.org.au: Driveway Marking

Are you impacted by drivers blocking your driveway? Paint white lines at each side of your driveway. These can be a deterrent.

Click [here](#) to borrow.

24 July, Shared from Mt Colah/Ku-ring-gai Families:

I got back to my car tonight that was parked all day in Pierre Close, just opposite MCPS, and someone has stolen both front and back numberplates. I've reported to the police already, but just thought I'd post here in case anyone saw anything... Not the ideal start to a new term!

Rego plate locking screws are available FREE from Neighbourhood Watch. Click [here](#).

24 July, Sutton Police Department

Have any of you answered one of these posts on social media lately? You may want to be more careful of what you're sharing.

Please be aware of some of the posts you comment on. The posts that ask what was your favorite teacher's name, who was your first grade teacher, who was your childhood best friend, your first car, the place you born, your favorite place, your first pet, where did you go on your first flight, Etc...Those are the same questions asked when setting up accounts as security questions. You are giving out the answers to your security questions without realizing it. Hackers are setting these up as a get to know each other better game. They then build a profile of you from several different data sources. They use this data to hack your accounts or open lines of credit in your name.

24 July, from NSW Police Force



If you're on your way to Netflix and chill, remember this important message...

24 July, Shared from West Pymble & Pymble Community:

37 Princes St also broken into 2weeks ago. Took handbag from kitchen while we were all home. Keep a look out and lock up your houses.

24 July, Shared from East Wahroonga Community.

❗❗Please everyone be aware❗❗last night someone attempted to break into our house opposite the dog park on Westbrook Ave again. There was nothing to take but all bbq area cupboard doors were left open. Police have been informed. We have a large dog but he is inside with me as I don't feel safe in the house. I have lived on the north shore 15 years and have never felt this unsafe. We have lived on Westbrook since April and this is the second break in over that time.

24 July, from IDCARE

Blackmail/extortion scams are a common occurrence in the cyber world and during

the month of July, IDCARE has observed a noticeable increase in such reports. The reports have risen by 90% since June and scammers are displaying new behaviour. Based on those stats, the scammers are experiencing a greater success rate since changing their techniques. These events are a constant reminder of the creative ways in which criminals will use seemingly innocent technological advancements and even years old data exposures to their advantage. For more information about this scam and for tips on how to avoid your data being at risk please go to the linked article on our website [here](#).

24 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WHAT TO DO IF A LOVED ONE GOES MISSING?

As soon as you become aware that a friend or family member might be missing you can contact police. Contrary to popular belief, you do not need to wait for 24 or 48 hours to make a missing person's report.

Missing Person reports must be made in person at any police station or you can contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) to request a police car is dispatched to your location.

When making your report, it will help Police if you bring along the following information:

- 1/ A recent photograph of the missing person
- 2/ A list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of friends and associates
- 3/ Likely destinations such as favourite places, work locations or places with past connections
- 4/ Any medical requirements or medications they need
- 5/ A full description of the missing person including height, weight, colour of eyes and hair
- 6/ Bank account details.

Always call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

We are trying to create a poster/sign for residents to display on their grass areas where there is a dog poo problem. Is there a volunteer who would like to knit some dog poo like in the photo? (Photo thanks to Oregon Rainy Day Woman.) Or anyone else have any good ideas we can incorporate please?



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



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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 [Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

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