



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.

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09 July, from St George command: WHAT TO DO AFTER A COLLISION

"You are required to exchange your details after you are involved in a collision, this includes collisions with a pedestrian and the other of any damaged property.

The infringement for not exchanging your details is \$337 and three demerit points"



WHAT TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

To help reduce danger to road users and manage crashes more efficiently, from October 2014, 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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For your own card to pop in your glove compartment, pick up from the foyer display at Gordon or Hornsby Police stations. Or [email us here](#) for the pdf.

09 July, from Little Blue Dinosaur: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS is a BUSY period in our communities and more children will be out and about

PLEASE mindful and watchful when driving. #SlowDownKidsAround

SLOW DOWN

KIDS AROUND!

It's

Holiday Time



The Holiday Time! Road Safety Initiative has been developed by the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation. Its primary aim is to raise the awareness of drivers that in Holiday Time! there is an increased risk environment for children on the roads.

The Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation was created in memory of Thomas Maxwell Evans McLaughlin (aged 4 1/2) who died following a pedestrian road accident in Mackinac Beach on 6 January 2014.



06 July, from NSW Road Safety: Getting ready for the week ahead?

Pedestrian crossings allow people to cross the road safely. If you're driving, remember to give way. #TowardsZero



06 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Pedestrian killed in Hornsby after being struck by truck

Just after 12.45pm today, emergency services were called to the intersection of Sherbrook Rd and Burdett St following reports a truck had struck a pedestrian. The female pedestrian died at the scene. She has not been formally identified.

[Full article here.](#)

06 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Suspect found dead after teens fatally shot

POLICE believe the man responsible for the murder of two teenagers inside the bedroom of their West Pennant Hills home has been found dead at Normanhurst.

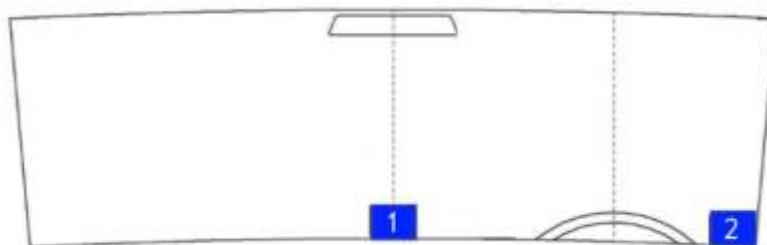


05 July, from the NRMA: Where should I mount my mobile phone or GPS?

As of 1 July, NSW drivers can be charged for using a mobile phone when driving via camera detection. If you use a GPS system or mobile whilst driving it must be mounted in a fit-for-purpose cradle and be operated without touching any part of the phone.

Recommended mounting positions

Mounting the screen as far down on the windscreen as possible will limit obstructions to the drivers' field of view. Ideally, the screen should be mounted towards the centre of the windscreen, to the left of the driver. If this is not practicable, the next best location is in the far right, bottom corner of the windscreen. These two locations are marked as locations 1 and 2 respectively in Figure 1 below.



1: Recommended location of windscreen mounted devices

[Full article here.](#)

05 July, from NSW Road Safety: Are you a learner driver looking to increase your log book hours?

Earn 20 hours in your log book and learn to become a safer driver by completing the Safer Drivers Course.

[More info here.](#)

05 July, from NSW Road Safety: Do not queue across any type of pedestrian crossing – including a zebra crossing, pedestrian traffic light or children’s crossing - as it can force pedestrians into the way of traffic. #TowardsZero



05 July, from NSW Road Safety: Do you know when you can and cannot make a U-turn? #TowardsZero



[Video and road rules here.](#)

05 July, from 7News: St Ives: Kangaroo has knocked a man off his bike.

Bike rider has chest injuries.



05 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Crime news

Man arrested after exposing himself in Hornsby A 32-YEAR-OLD man who spat on a police officer and indecently exposed himself to the public was arrested on Sunday. Police arrested the allegedly intoxicated man near Hornsby train station about 3.30pm. An off-duty officer witnessed the man expose himself to the public, including children, as well as verbally abuse people nearby. Police found the man at a bus stop near the station. He became aggressive and spat on an officer as he was arrested. He has since faced court on charges including assault on police, resisting arrest, offensive conduct, and obscene exposure.

Berowra A 33-year-old man was charged with mid-range drink driving after being stopped on the Pacific Highway on Sunday about 9pm. He returned a blood-alcohol level of 0.086. He will face Hornsby Court on July 26.

Asquith The driver of a vehicle which ploughed into a tree near the intersection of Mills Ave and Pacific Highway on Monday about 3.15am was taken to hospital in a stable condition. The driver was trapped and had to be freed by firefighters.

Hornsby A shoplifter who was chased by an off-duty police officer outside a fruit shop on Monday is being sought by police. The man stole fruit from FreshCorp at Westfield Hornsby about 5.40pm. He was confronted and ran away. An off-duty officer chased and restrained him but, after a tussle, which included bystanders, he got away.

Hornsby A 32-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday after urinating near Hornsby police station. Police were called to Hornsby Railway Hotel about 3.30am when they asked the allegedly intoxicated man to leave the premises but he refused. He was taken to Hornsby police station before a person was contacted to take him home. However, when he left the station he urinated on a footpath. Police detained him again and issued

him with infringement notices.

Pennant Hills A resident got a huge scare when an intruder broke into her home on Maple Ave about 1.40am on Wednesday. The resident heard a scuffle in another room and went to check it out. A man, dressed in black, of large build, was standing in the kitchen looking at a handbag. He escaped out the back door. Police and the dog unit searched for the man and found his scent at other properties nearby, where he may also have tried to break in.

Asquith An 18-year-old man was assaulted at KFC Asquith on Saturday night. An argument broke out at the fast food restaurant and the man was assaulted by a group of men about 9.15pm. His friends intervened and the offending group left.

Contact police Anyone with helpful information about the above crimes should contact police via **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

03 July, from The Hills command: How many have you had?

See the attached standard drink guide.

[More information here.](#)

KNOW YOUR STANDARDS



[Request your copy from us via email here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

ONLINE SCAMS - Australian Government, Be Connected! Every Australian Online.

Book a free eSafety with Be Connected presentation. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is hosting free webinar presentations to help older Australians stay safe online. It's our way of helping the 4 million older Australians that are keen to improve their digital literacy, but want help addressing online safety concerns. Bookings are limited so don't miss out!

Can you spot a scam? Following our successful pilot in May, we are once again offering our online scams presentation to help older Australians spot a fake when they see one. In this 1-hour webinar you'll learn:

- the most common scams targeting older Australians
- tips on how to spot them
- what to do or not do
- who to speak to when you need help.

Thursday 12 July: 930am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking](#).

Wednesday 18 July: 930am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking](#).

Friday 20 July: 900am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking](#).

More info and booking here.

From the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel':

Tip #7: DO NOT CHANGE THE ANSWERING-MACHINE MESSAGE to indicate you are away. Similarly, don't post on Social Media that you are going away; no check-ins, no cruise ship as your public profile picture, no sharing of travel photos – wait until you return. Keep your travel SECRET! Consider NOT setting up a holiday auto-response email.

Tip #8: IF YOU DROP ANYTHING on train tracks, ask staff for assistance, or use the emergency help point, or phone **CityRail's Security Hotline 9379 4444**. If you go onto railway tracks, it's not only incredibly dangerous, it's a criminal offence!

Tip #9: IF YOU FEEL INTIMIDATED by someone with you in a train carriage, jump out at the next exit, go down a carriage and hop back on.

Tip #10: TEXT TO A FRIEND OR RELATIVE, the Uber/taxi number, driver's name, driver's licence number, and to/from locations. DISCRETELY (and only if possible), send photo(s).

Tip #11: WHEN WAITING AT NIGHT, stand at the platform "Night safe" area (indicated in blue) to make sure you board the train at the carriage closest to the guard's compartment. Wait at a bus stop in a well-lit area. If possible, always wait near other people rather than on your own. Sit near the bus driver, especially if the bus is relatively empty or at night. Only use travel services and taxis recommended by the hotel.

[Email us here to request](#) any of the 20 Tips series, or view them on our website NHWKuringgaiHornsb.org.au/Tips

- Apartment Security, Businesses, Car Owners, Fire Issues, Homes, Protect your Identity, Mailboxes, New Neighbours, Pedestrians, Personal Safety, Retirement Communities, Seniors, Socially Isolated, Staff in Aged Care, Tradies, Travel

09 July, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Frozen Vegetables (various)

Greenyard Frozen Belgium NV has recalled various frozen vegetable products from Woolworths, Metcash (IGA) and Aldi, Campbells and Independent grocery stores due to possible microbial (Listeria monocytogenes) contamination.

[More info here.](#)



09 July, from Crime Stoppers: INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE...

Most families have arguments and it's pretty normal for family members not to get along at times. But if an adult in your family is hurting, humiliating, threatening or frightening you, this could be domestic violence. The violence might also be towards your mother, father, siblings or other members of your family. If you're living in a house where there is domestic violence, remember:

- don't put yourself in danger to try and protect someone else
- no matter what the circumstances, violence is never justified and is never your fault. The only person who can be blamed for the violence is the person who is being violent
- you are not alone. There are people who can help you.

You have the right to be safe, cared for and live in a place where you feel loved and accepted. If (in your home) there is violence and abuse, there are things you can do to

get help.

When domestic violence is happening in your home you should call Police on Triple Zero (000). Please give your address and stay on the line to answer the questions the operator asks you. If you want to talk to someone about what is happening you can call:

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Child Protection Helpline: 132 111

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 12 July: 930am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking.](#)

Friday 13 July: 930am FREE eSafety Shopping & Banking webinar. [Info & Booking.](#)

Wednesday 18 July: 930am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking.](#)

Friday 20 July: 900am FREE Online Scams webinar. [Info & Booking.](#)

Monday 23 July: 11am (4 weeks) Self Defence Short Course for Women @ FunFit, Gordon. [Info & Booking.](#)

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

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, 05 July [[Online Edition here](#)]

Page 9: Seven-day clearways to begin on July 23 [edited] As of July 23, parking will no longer be permitted along the Pacific Hwy between Wahroonga and Pymble, as part of the state government's \$121 million clearway program. The clearways will operate in both directions between 6am and 7pm on weekdays and between 9am and 6pm on weekends and public holidays.

Page 15: 'Telstra' scam alert Residents are being warned to be on alert after a

Lindfield resident was almost scammed out of \$100,000. On June 28, a woman told police that she received a phone call from a man with an Asian accent. He claimed he was from Telstra and there was a problem with the Lindfield exchange and that her computer had been hacked. He then stated he would deposit \$99,000 into her account, which she was told she needed to transfer into another account. Luckily the woman realised it was a scam and didn't make the transfer. Police are investigating.

07 July, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Loving Earth Coconut Chocolate Butter

Loving Earth Pty Ltd has recalled Loving Earth Coconut Chocolate Butter from health food, organic and grocery stores nationally due to the presence of higher than expected levels of tree nuts. The product is labelled 'MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS'.

Product details:

- Loving Earth Coconut Chocolate Butter, 175g, glass jar with metal lid
- Best Before 15/9/2019



From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 25 July 2019 Edition 1001

Page 5 Shock tactics to stop speedsters [edited]: Run out of Royal North Shore Hospital and supported by Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean, the Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) program sees students visit intensive care units, witness footage of deadly crashes and hear stories of survivors and their rescuers.

Page 8 FISH HEAD SPILL CAUSES BIG STINK [edited]: An unpleasant fishy smell is still lingering in Dural days after a truck spilt 5000kg of salmon waste — including heads,



06 July, from the Australian Federal Police: SCAM ALERT

Scammers have set up a clone of the myGov website to trick you into sharing your login and bank account details. The scam starts with a phishing designed to look like it is from Medicare, asking you to update your bank details as part of your tax return process. Tax time is hard enough, don't add a scam into the mix.

Read more about the scam and how to protect yourself online [here](#).

06 July, from 9News.com.au: Pedestrian dies on Sydney street after being struck by truck

A woman was killed at an intersection on a busy street in Sydney's north today when she was hit by a truck. NSW police officers were called to the intersection of Sherbrook Road and Burdett Street in Hornsby around 12.45pm following reports a truck had hit a pedestrian. Authorities confirmed in a statement that the woman, who has not been formally identified, died at the scene of the incident.

[Full article here](#).



06 July, from 9News.com.au: Two teenagers killed by their father in West Pennant Hills shooting

The father who shot dead his two children in their north-west Sydney home “premeditated and planned” the execution-style killings during a long-running custody battle with his estranged wife. John Edwards shot dead his 15-year-old son Jack and daughter Jennifer, 13, in their bedrooms at the home they shared with mum Olga in West Pennant Hills late yesterday afternoon. He then drove to an address in Normanhurst, five kilometres away, where he turned the gun on himself.

[Full article here.](#)



06 July, from Yahoo! 7News: This proves that your dashcam footage may be useful and is welcomed by the police.

Two P-platers have lost their licences after their “potentially fatal” stunt was filmed on dashcam and handed into police.



Police praised the concerned motorist for submitting the footage, saying it greatly assists

them keeping the roads safe. "Police are very grateful for this type of footage and are asking the public when reporting any types of traffic incidents, if you have video footage please consider submitting this with the complaint as it greatly assists police in their investigations to help keep our road users safe," the police spokesperson said.

[Full article here.](#)

06 July, from NSW Police: We are making an 'a peel' for the public to identify the offenders of this malicious damage and stealing incident...! 🤬🍊🔍🔍

For information on keeping your residential home safe, please

visit: https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/home



06 July, from News.com.au: 'Ghost scam' hits Australian shores, women warned to be careful

POLICE across Australia are warning women to watch out for an elaborate scam that tricks them into parting with their valuables.



The three women police want to talk to. Picture: WA Police. Source: Supplied

[Full article here.](#)

05 July, from the Pymble Community group on Monday.

Hi everyone, I found a watch while walking along the road on Hesperus Street, Pymble. If anyone has misplaced/lost a watch, please send me a private message so I can get it back to you. Thanks!

04 July, from Cop Humour Australia:

HOW TO AVOID BEING DONE BY A SPEED CAMERA

1. Do a high speed sideways skid as you pass the speed camera. It won't be able to see your registration plates.
2. Paint the word 'ambulance' on your car.
3. Wear a teaspoon in your top pocket. The flash from the speed camera will bounce off the teaspoon, causing the photo to come out all white.
4. Duck under your steering wheel when you pass the speed camera. If you can't see it, it can't see you.
5. As you pass the speed camera, wind down your window and shout out the phrase: "What a lovely holiday." You'll be mistaken for a tourist and won't get a ticket.
6. Play the speed camera at its own game by taking a photo of it. It will think you're also a speed camera and let you on your way.
7. Have your passenger dress as a burglar, put a gun to your head and shout at you to drive faster. As you pass the speed camera, gesture that you're speeding under duress and there's nothing you can do.
8. Disguise your car as a horse.

04 July, from 7News Sydney: The blood service is making an urgent call for people with O-negative blood to make a donation.

Their reserves are down to just a two-day supply because of a drop-off in donor numbers due to cold and flu symptoms.

04 July, from NSW Government: Defamation laws may soon get a rewrite to include trolling, digital bullying and misrepresentation on social media.

A NSW review advised a cyber-age reboot for laws across the country to be more tech-savvy, so they strike the right balance between freedom of expression and protecting a person's reputation.

03 July, from Firefighting Australia: 🔥🚒 Research has revealed that 53% of children charge their phone or tablet either on their bed or under their pillow.

This is can be extremely dangerous. The heat generated cannot dissipate and the charger will become hotter and hotter. The likely result is that the pillow/bed will catch fire –placing the child (as well as everyone else in the property) in great danger. Think....where do you & your family charge your mobile phone?



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 - Hornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Hornsby)



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