



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 [Ku-ring-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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05 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: We have thought about the art of

politeness on our roads and found it isn't really rocket science.

Road rage - Here's a few tips on how best to avoid it.

When merging into another lane, indicate well in advance. Don't push in. If the other driver won't let you in then so what? ... another driver will.

This one is important...maybe thank them with a wave (a five finger wave we mean) in acknowledgement for them letting you in. They'll appreciate the friendly gesture and you might even get a friendly wave back.

Why push in? It creates a greater chance of having a collision.

Why shout and curse? You'll only get a sore throat and guess what...the other driver most likely can't hear you anyway. Plus, you don't know what the other driver has in their vehicle or what they are capable or prepared to do if they do hear you.

Why not let the person wanting to merge into your lane come in? It's a kind gesture and remember, a smile goes a long way and you help minimise the chance of a collision.

Now, we realise not everyone has grasped these important driving skills but if each of us practices them, our roads will be a safer place

Please drive safely with patience and courtesy and get to your destination safely.

05 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command [edited for local content

only]: An international licence holder – who was caught driving at 100km/h in Pymble – is only one of several people caught doing twice the limit at the weekend, shocking Traffic and Highway Patrol officers.

About 5pm on Friday 2 August 2019, a 20-year-old man, driving on an international licence, was issued a traffic infringement notice for motor vehicle exceed speed more than 45km/h after he was allegedly detected travelling 101km/h in a 50km/h zone in Bannockburn Street, Pymble. The man's licence was also suspended.

03 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Don't get caught up in online negativity.

Block, forget and move on with your day.



02 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Ku-ring-gai PAC Week in Review

* A time to remind elderly family members not to accept any unsolicited offers of roof repairs or tree removal from unknown persons who may knock on their door. A well known male from out of the area was spotted looking over fences around the **Wahroonga/Waitara** area. The male who is known for targeting elderly and vulnerable victims to carry out unsolicited work at their homes and charge high rates was stopped and spoken to by police. He was unable to provide police with a reasonable reason to be in the area apart from 'looking for work'. He and his vehicle were subsequently searched, after which he left the area.

* A 29 yo male from Green Point was stopped in his vehicle travelling north on the M1. A search of his vehicle uncovered over \$1,000 worth of grocery items including a large amount of packaged meat. Checks revealed he had stolen the groceries from a supermarket in **St Ives** earlier that day. He was charged with Larceny & GIC and has been bail refused.

* A 28 yo female from **Waitara** was caught shoplifting a large amount of Clothing from **Bonds, Hornsby** by concealing them in an eco bag in her pram. The female was issued a Court attendance Notice and will attend Hornsby Local Court later in the month.

* A search of a vehicle in **Hornsby** near the train station which was occupied by 4 individuals from out of the area uncovered numerous spray cans in a number of back packs. In addition, police located house breaking implements and clothing

belonging to a company that conducts repair work within the rail network. All four individuals which are known for graffiti offences were charged with a multitude of offences including Goods suspected stolen, Armed with intent commit indictable offence, Possess housebreaking implements and Malicious Damage.

* A 22 yo female from Morisset Park was stopped for an RBT travelling north through **Pymble**. The female failed to produce a licence and when questioned further admitted she did not have one after being disqualified from driving twice this year. A drug test was also carried out which returned a positive result. The female was charged with driving whilst disqualified with further charges pending drug results.

01 August, from NSW Police: Do you know a member of the NSW Police Force that has provided exceptional customer service?

Or perhaps you know someone who has contributing to community based policing, with a personal commitment to crime prevention and community engagement. Nominate them for an award at the 2019 Police Officer of the Year Awards, members of the public can submit nominations for the following awards:

Customer Service Excellence Award

IJ (Irene Juergens APM) Fellowship Award



31 July, from NSW Police: If you get an email like this one please DELETE IMMEDIATELY!

It is a SCAM!

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Save You

26 Jul

To [REDACTED]@hotmail.com

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Hi, I know one of your passwords is: [REDACTED]

Your computer was infected with my private malware, your browser wasn't updated / patched, in such case it's enough to just visit some website where my iframe is placed to get automatically infected, if you want to find out more - Google: "Drive-by exploit".

My malware gave me full access to all your accounts (see password above), full control over your computer and it also was possible to spy on you over your webcam.

SCAM

I collected all your private data and I RECORDED YOU (through your webcam) SATISFYING YOURSELF!

After that I removed my malware to not leave any traces and this email was sent from some hacked server.

I can publish the videos of you and all your private data on the whole web, including the darknet, where the very sick people are, social networks, over email of all contacts.

But you can stop me and only I can help you out in this situation.

Transfer exactly 800\$ in bitcoin (BTC).



Reply

SCAM

31 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Your assistance is required please.

About 4pm on Tuesday the 30th July 2019 an assault took place on Pretoria Parade Hornsby. The assault was witnessed by several by-standers who attempted to intervene. It is believed that at least one witness recorded the assault

on a mobile phone.

Police are urging any witness to this assault and or who recorded the assault to contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.

30 July, from Ku-ring-gai command: Break and enters along with stealing from motor vehicles continue to be prevalent within the command.

Some of the suburbs where this type of crime occurred in the last two weeks are Asquith, Brooklyn, Dural, Galston, Gordon, Hornsby, Killara, Normanhurst, North Wahroonga, Pymble, St Ives, Thornleigh, Turramurra, Warrawee, West Pymble and Westleigh.

- If you see someone or something suspicious then report it to police at the time
- This is a timely reminder to lock your homes, your doors and windows.
- Set your house alarms if you have them and watch out for your neighbours.
- Consider sensor lighting and installing CCTV cameras. Whilst the cameras don't stop all crime, they can assist police in identification of the thief or would be thief.
- Keep your wire security doors locked.
- Don't allow any person you don't know or trust inside your home.
- Lock your vehicles, even if they are garaged.
- Lock your garage doors.
- Don't have valuables showing from inside your car.





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Get Well Soon! to Carroll, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) 🌸 🌸 🌸

06 August, from ABC News: Knox swimming teacher charged with possessing child abuse material

A teacher from exclusive Sydney private school Knox Grammar has been charged with possessing child abuse material after a mobile phone was found at the school's aquatic centre.

Nick Warby, 30, the school's director of aquatic sports, was arrested on Monday afternoon. Police had searched his home and found six USB drives and allegedly found substances, believed to be ice and GHB, in his car. Four phones and a laptop were also seized from his home, car and from Knox Grammar. Mr Warby was charged with possession of child abuse material and drug possession and today appeared in Hornsby Local Court, where his parents watched from the public gallery.



[Full article here.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 07 August: Sizzle in the Mall FREE Youth BBQ 2-4pm @ the Fountain, Hornsby

Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 August: National Missing Persons Week. [Info](#).

Saturday - Sunday 10 & 11 August: Ku-ring-gai Council eWaste (computers, TVs etc) event 9am - 4pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

Thursday 29 August: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) [Email us any issue you'd like discussed](#).

Thursday 05 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers. 6:30-8:30pm @ council chambers. **Bookings essential.** [Info](#).

Saturday 14 September: Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade Open Day 10am-2pm 'Let's Get Ready! @ 127x Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

Monday 30 September: TBC Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting. 7:30PM in the lounge area, Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave. All welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

Sunday 27 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Wednesday 13 - 20 November: TBC Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week - Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall

06 August, from ABC News: Mobile phone payments ban at takeaway drive-throughs spark motorist backlash

Victoria Police inflamed public outrage on Friday when they posted a social media quiz to illustrate that a fine of \$484 and the loss of four demerit points could be imposed on motorists who used a phone to pay for food from a car.

"If you intend to use your mobile phone to pay at the drive-through window, apply the hand brake, switch the engine off and then access your mobile phone," Victoria Police wrote in a social media post. "In doing so, you are not considered driving."

[Full article here.](#)

06 August, Shared from St Ives Community Group: A neighbours home was broken into this afternoon.

Please be vigilant. Near to St Ives Primary.

06 August, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural: This morning at about 7.45 am I saw a car driving very slowly past the SunArise nursery at Maroota Old Northern Rd, heading North.

It stopped out front. An older fella got out & I ignored for a bit as I thought he might be from the council looking at a dying tree. Then I heard a weird noise, I looked up and there was a drone above. As soon as I am into vision and made my way towards him he landed drone put in back seat jumped in and took off Bit sus I thought. Charcoal coloured Mazda 3 I think I have tried to call Wisemans Ferry police, but no answer.

05 August, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural: Hi community.

Just to inform you, I have reported to crime stoppers a recent drone sighting that was hovering around my property for around 30 minutes yesterday afternoon around the corner of Old Northern Road and Bangor Road, Middle Dural.

05 August, from the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre: Today is the start of National Missing Persons Week and we are focusing on #IndividualsNotStatistics - the theme for this year's campaign.



[More info here.](#)

04 August, shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: Hi everyone

Just want to let you all know that some little s**t decided to deflate the tyres on both mine and my husbands cars tonight...both on the left hand side..... Used pliers and took the caps off..... Luckily we have CCTV installed on our property.... and we have some great footage....so we will now be passing the video over to the police..... Just wanted to let you know to be vigilant.... This happened literally

tonight between 6-8pm..... **on Wareemba Av, Thornleigh.**

04 August, from the Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community News: Horse rescue

Galston RFS assisted with a night-time horse rescue. The animal fell down an embankment in the bush and was lucky to land on a small ledge before a further large drop. Thanks to all involved, the animal was able to be rescued successfully.

[Full article here.](#)



01 August, from NSW Police: Police are re-appealing for information to help identify a man who they believe may be able to assist with inquiries into a stabbing in March. [edited]

About 9.20pm (Sunday 17 March 2019), two men – aged 29 and 30 – attended Flemington Railway Station on The Crescent, Homebush West, where they arranged to purchase two mobile phones that were advertised online. They met with two males and asked to see the phones prior to paying, when one of the men snatched a sum of cash from the younger man and ran away. Following a chase, an altercation took place, where the younger man suffered stab wounds to his back and stomach. The two men fled the scene with the cash in a silver Toyota Camry.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Auburn Police Station 9646 8699 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.



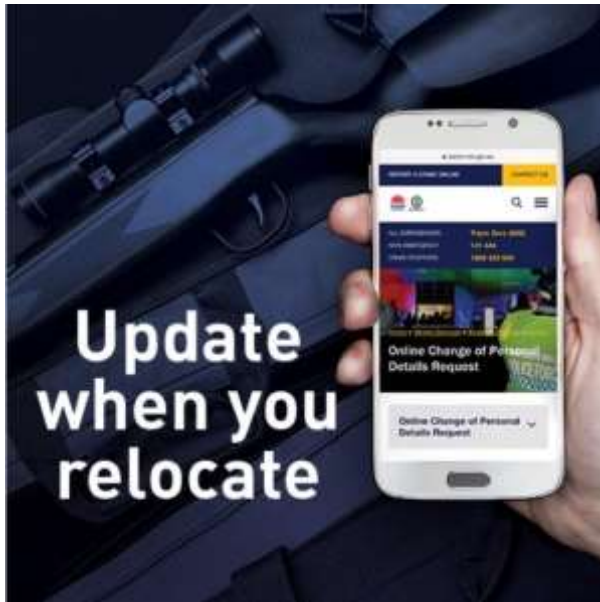
[Full Media release here.](#)

01 August, shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: I witnessed a car hitting a parked car in the carpark under Pennant Hills Marketplace this morning and have the number plates of the cars involved.

I've emailed them to centre management, but if this was you or a family member's car that was scratched on the back passenger side corner today, please get in touch.

01 August, from NSW Police: Own a firearm?

If you're planning a change of address, or moving your firearm to a different location, it's a condition of your licence to let the Firearms Registry know. To update when you relocate, visit the **NSW Police Online Change of Personal Details Request**, [click here](#).



31 July, shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural: Another suspicious report

WHITE VAN !!! At 4.45am this morning (30/7) my husband was leaving for work in Calabash Rd when he noticed a white Toyota Hiace van that was driving slowly so he just waited and watched it was driving slowly and then reversed into a neighbors driveway and sat there with the lights of , my husband drove past it and then turned around then the van tried to run him off the road . It followed him out of Calabash Road and eventually turned down a side street . Very unusual. Unfortunately he couldn't get the number plate as it was dark. This has been reported to the police

31 July, shared from Scam Watchdog Australia: Community awareness | Sent in

Can you tell which one is fake?? Today mum received a letter from "Telstra" that had her full name in the letter saying we've been trying to contact you, please call us with a phone number supplied. Mum is a sceptic so rang Telstra direct only to be informed it's a fake with someone trying to steal her information. Please share to make others aware of this, it is a pretty good fake!!



31 July, from Pain Australia: A batch of widely prescribed pain medication has been pulled from pharmacy shelves nationally after the discovery of a drug four times its strength inside one packet, prompting concerns of potential overdoses across Australia.

Endone 5mg tablets batch number CW612, expiry November 2020

For full Alert from the Therapeutic Goods Administration, [click here](#).



**30 July, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural:
From Senior Constable Mitchell | Your Crime update in a nut shell**

Over the last two (2) week period were only two (2) reported incidents in the Galston, Dural suburbs. Both related to "Steal from motor vehicle". This equates to around 2% of offences in our command over the same period of time. I note that a couple of Facebook reports have been made with regards to suspicious vehicles in your area. It was good to read that those incidents were reported to police at or near the time. There have been no recent reports of sightings of drones in the area, but if you see one, please report it to police as soon as practically possible.

Even though the crime in your area is significantly less than the incidents throughout the command, rest assured that we are patrolling your area regularly.

What can you continue to do?

- Keep being vigilant
- Keep reporting as soon as possible
- Keep being on the lookout for yourselves and your neighbours

How to report crime:

- Triple zero “000” for emergencies or life-threatening situations
- The Police Assistance Line “131444” for non-emergencies
- Crime Stoppers “1800 333 000” to provide crime information

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours":

Tip #1. IDENTIFY YOUR 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS — 2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS FROM AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swap contact details.

Tip #2. SUGGEST AN ARRANGEMENT WITH NEIGHBOURS FOR WHEN ANY OF YOU ARE ON VACATION, eg for clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, etc.

Tip #9. CONSIDER HAVING THE LOCKS CHANGED/UPDATED/RE-KEYED. RE-PROGRAMME NEW ALARM CODES FOR THE BURGLAR ALARM.

Tip #10. HAVE THE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM CHECKED. CLEAN THE SENSORS. CHECK BATTERIES. CONSIDER NEW ATTACHMENTS—there are some amazing new technologies available! Eg balcony sensors, broken window sensors. Spray insect products around sensors to prevent spider webs.

Tip #20. REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VIEW IN YOUR CAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OR ON THE STREET. This includes any GARAGE REMOTE CONTROL, as these can be used to get into your home at a later time.

[Email us here](#), for your copy of this, or others in the 20 Tips series. View them all at our website, [click here](#).

Thanks to Frankston Community Noticeboard: Chris... Can you please just call her before she destroys the whole city?

Don't forget if you see graffiti, you can report it to council via [VandalTrak](#) or [Snap Send Solve](#)



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: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)

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:



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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