

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 <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook</u> 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.
- A Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

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25 November, from NSW Ambulance

Please remember our staff are human, they deserve respect.

Call takers and dispatchers play a critical role in serving both our organisation and our community. As the first point of contact they're verbally abused, often on a daily basis.

When you abuse our control staff you risk delaying the response of an emergency ambulance.

Control staff are trying to provide often life-saving treatment.

Please don't abuse them. Watch video here.

25 November, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon



WE LOVE OUR PRE-SCHOOL VISITS. We really do enjoy spreading the message about basic fire safety to kids and babes who love every second of our visit.

But one thing we wish we could do more of is High school driver education (Rescue Ed). Reaching out to young adults and talking about the reality of life on the roads that is/will confront them in the next few years of their lives as they enjoy parties, good times and young adulthood. It seems so important yet is so few and far between.

We're not here to be Judge McJudgy we've all made mistakes in life. Primarily we just want you home safe at the end of the day.

On November the 23rd at approximately 1:00am Gordon crew attended yet another accident. Three young fellas, in their prime escaped death, barely. Alcohol

and drugs inevitably playing a factor. It takes it to a whole new low that the driver would do a runner when his mates where in such a bad way.

So, to those lads in the car, if you read this, if your family reads this, since you are now forever etched into our memories whilst we cut you out of that wreck you now owe us.

The cost is that you now have to be advocates for us.

Tell your mates and their mates and their mates mates about how your stupidness nearly killed you that night. When you see other people your age making mistakes like you've just made, man up and tell them not to be so stupid. Think twice act once.

Call them an Uber, notify their friends or family (family don't care what the time is, they'll come and get you). STOP them even if it means being the bad guy. Tell them about the months you spent recovering. Tell them about the pain you caused your family.

But......Mostly Matt, we're glad you're going to be able to spend Christmas with them this year & for many years to come although we both know it was only by an inch.

If you're a parent with kids learning to drive, be that nagging parent and impress the essentialism of road safety. Urge your school to call us and book a rescue Ed talk. It's not a hassle and it's free. We would much rather attend a school full of bored teenagers than attend a wreck full of broken terrified hurt and dying ones.

Most of all, to the cool kids look out for your mates and have a great festive season this year.

Thanks again to Kuring Gai Police Area Command Fire and Rescue NSW NSW Ambulance and our mates up the road at Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby for their great work and assistance as always.

21 November, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

"BEWARE, THERE ARE CRIMINALS OUT THERE - WANTING TO FLEECE YOU OF YOUR HARD EARNT MONEY!

If purchasing from on line advertising sites such as Gumtree, Facebook or any other buying or selling and trading platforms – PLEASE BEWARE – CRIMINALS ARE OUT THERE!

There has been a marked increase in fraud related scams involving online transactions through selling platforms.

When purchasing a product online from advertising websites please ensure you utilise the safest payment methods available to you.

Do not give out your credit card or bank details including PINS and passwords to anybody.

We receive on almost a daily basis, reports to police where a transaction has been entered in to, the payment made by the buyer and received by the seller ... and the goods not sent (IF THE GOODS EVEN EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE).

Images are often taken from legitimate sites as part of these scams.

We have received many reports where the tracking numbers given by the seller are either obsolete or never existed in the first place.

WHERE TO REPORT A SCAM

WHERE TO REPORT CYBERCRIME

WHERE TO REPORT FRAUD OR THEFT:

Police Assistance Line PAL - 131 444

21 November, from roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



Know the mobile road rules. Don't risk it.

21 November, from 7 News, Sydney

A manslaughter trial has begun for a Sydney man accused of driving so dangerously, he caused the death of another driver on the M1 last year.

The crash was captured on dashcam, along with the accused man's words right before and after the accident. Watch video here.

21 November, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Watch our video to brush up on the road rules for mobile phones.

Find out more here.

21 November, from Napean Police Area Command



WHAT IS ATM CARD SKIMMING - Credit card skimming is a form of card theft where criminals use a small device (or "skimmer") to copy your card information from ATMs from skimming devices attached to ATMs designed to look like a proper card reader. The inforantion is copied onto a blank card and then used for theft.

WHAT CAN I DO? - ALWAYS SHIELD YOUR HAND when entering your PIN and regularly change your pin number.

Familiarise yourself with local ATMs and check for abnormalities such as extra plastic panels, pinholes for a camera, loose fitting components and scratches, adhesive or tape holding components on.

If you see someone acting suspiciously near an ATM or find what you believe is a skimming device, call police on 131 444.

Check your bank statements/account balances regularly.

If your card has been skimmed and money illegally withdrawn from your account, report it to your bank and to your local police.

If you have information regarding the installation of skimming devices or the persons involved, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

20 November, from NSW Police Force: Can you help police with their investigation into the serious assault of an elderly woman in Sydney's Upper North Shore?



Just before 12.30pm on Saturday (16 November 2019), police and emergency services responded to reports woman had been assaulted at a retirement village on Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra.

On arrival, officers located 84-year-old, Patricia, with serious injuries. She was subsequently taken to Sydney Adventist Hospital, where she continues to undergo treatment.

Police were told Patricia arrived home to an unknown man in her bedroom and was seriously assaulted by him before he fled out the front door.

A crime scene was established and examined by specialist forensic officers.

Detectives from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command have established Strike Force Calculus to investigate the assault and the break-in.

As part of their inquiries, strike force detectives conducted an extensive canvass of the local area yesterday (Tuesday 19 November 2019), which included speaking with residents within the retirement village.

Investigators are now seeking further assistance from the community, and will be joined by Patricia's daughter, Caroline, today (Wednesday 20 November 2019), to appeal for anyone with relevant information to come forward.

In particular, strike force detectives would like to speak with a man who was seen in the area at the time of the incident and has yet to be identified.

He is described as being aged between 30 and 50, about 175-180cm tall, possibly of Asian or Indian Sub-Continental appearance, with a medium build, brown eyes, dark hair, and clean shaven. At the time, he was wearing light coloured pants and a jacket, over a button-up shirt and tie.

Detectives would also like to speak with anyone who may have noticed anything suspicious in the area and ask motorists who travelled through the area to review dash-cam vision.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Calculus detectives is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.



25 November, from Alyssia Bilbi, Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area



My cat Sarabi went missing on Thursday, and came back on Sunday night with a bullet in her shoulder.

We are very thankful that she has come home safely, however her injuries are very concerning.

She has a shattered right-front leg, which today we discovered was caused by a gun-shot wound to her shoulder.

We are absolutely mortified and so angry that someone would do this or even has the means to cause this much harm to an innocent animal.

If you live in St Ives and have any kind of pet, please please be careful and aware. We hope to find out more about who could have done this, so if anyone has any information please let me know.

24 November, from NSW Police Force

A man who has been wanted for more than 15 years has been arrested in Sydney's Upper North Shore.

Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit commenced an investigation after an 81-year-old man was struck by a vehicle while crossing Bareena Street, Canley Vale, about 7.10am on Monday 24 February 2003.

The driver – a then 36-year-old man – was charged with dangerous driving occasioning death and negligent driving (occasioning death).

After he failed to appear at court on Wednesday 15 October 2003, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Despite extensive investigations at the time and over the years, the man was not located.

Following recent inquiries, officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit arrested a 52-year-old man at a home on Karinya Place, Wahroonga, about midday on Friday

He was taken to Hornsby Police Station, where the warrant was executed.

The man has since appeared at Hornsby Local Court, where he was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear at Liverpool Local Court on Wednesday 11 December 2019.

23 November, from theconversation.com: It's hard to breathe and you can't think clearly – if you defend your home against a bushfire, be mentally prepared



Are you physically and psychologically prepared for a bushfire? If you are planning to defend your property, you need to know what that really means. Here is an interesting article to help. Also refer to Myfireplan.com.au.

Read details here.

Dates for the Diary:

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Tuesday 26 November: Gordon/Killara/E Killara/St Ives NHW AGM/get together.

7pm @ Gordon Library meeting room#2. Everyone welcome! Bring a plate. Pick up a Neighbourhood Watch goodie bag and learn more about crime prevention.

Speakers; Amelia Priest, Conflict Resolution Practitioner: Neighbourhood Disputes – Resolving Conflicts & Finding Solutions; Snr Con Col Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: An Update on Crime in the Area and the best advice!

Thursday 28 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) Email us any issue you'd like discussed.

Monday 02 December: Gordon Baptist Church 'English Plus' hosting The NSW Police Band 10am-12noon. Come and enjoy this FREE concert, share a yummy morning tea and get into the Christmas Spirit. To find out more: Phil Wilson 0451

Wednesday 04 December: 1pm - #1minuteofsilence4violence. Hornsby, Westfield Mall 9am to 3pm and Chatswood, The Concourse 10am to 3pm. <u>Info here</u>. Check your relationship. Take the quiz <u>here</u>.

Thursday 12 December: PCYC, 1 Park Ln, Waitara Driver Education Program, Safer Driver Course. 4:30pm-7:30pm Info & bookings here.

23 November, from mailchi.mp: Don't Get Scammed While Trying to Save A Bundle



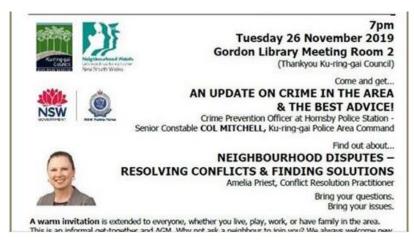
Full story here.

23 November, from getprepared.applink

Free app for all emergencis.

22 November, Gordon Area 24/12 & East Killara Neighbourhood Watch AGM

7pm on Tuesday 26 November 2019 @ Gordon Library GORDON AREA 24/12 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM & GET-TOGETHER



A warm invitation is extended to everyone, whether you live, play, work, or have family in the areas of Gordon, Pymble, St Ives, Killara and East Killara (we have representatives coming from NHW groups in all these areas).

This is an informal get-together and AGM. Why not ask a neighbour to join you? We always welcome new

faces and offer a goodie bag packed full of helpful advice & freebies, hoping to tempt you to come ©.

It's a great opportunity to meet your local police, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and like-minded

residents. Please bring a plate. We look forward to seeing you!

Amelia Priest is a Nationally Accredited Mediator (NMAS). She can assist you in resolving conflicts and

finding solutions to move forward. She holds a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Education

and is currently pursuing a Master of Laws in Dispute Resolution. Amelia will talk about the most common

neighbourhood disputes and how to resolve them. Do you need advice?

22 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MAIL THEFT!

- Always install a lockable mailbox.
- Always use a quality lock on your mailbox.
- Never allow your mailbox to become full or overflow. Protect your mail
- Always arrange to collect new credit cards from the bank or post office.
- Always have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when you're away for extended periods.
- Always have your mail cleared daily. Protect your identity
- Always beware of 'cold calling' and confirm who you are talking to.
- Never give any of your personal details to people you don't know or trust.
- Always contact your bank, financial institution or service provider if you think you have been contacted by a scammer.

If you are aware of mail being stolen and used to obtain fraudulent identity, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online here.

Thank you to the Hornsby Advocate online Thursday 21 November 2019:

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BEROWRA

On November 19, a double-car crash occurred at 8.30pm on the M1. Witnesses told police a vehicle was driving dangerously, swerving and overtaking vehicles while speeding at about 130km/h. Soon after it reportedly hit the rock face on the side of the freeway, just 3km south of the Pacific Hwy entry.

The car collided with another vehicle before it became airborne and landed on its roof, across three lanes. A 32-year-old woman, who was driving a 1987 Hyundai Getz, became trapped. Emergency services attended the scene and took 40 minutes to free the woman. She was sedated and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for surgery. The woman suffered fractures to both of her lower legs and was still in hospital in a stable condition yesterday. Police confirmed blood tests were taken which will assess if alcohol or drugs were involved. The two vehicles were towed at the drivers' expense and witnesses have provided police with statements.

WAITARA

A push bike was stolen between 5.40am and 7.45pm at Waitara Railway Station on Monday. Police are searching for a suspect or potential suspects who used significant cutting tools to break the lock. The bike is valued at \$650. There were a number of other bikes at the location which were not taken. If anyone has information or CCTV which could help police with investigations, they are urged to contact Crime Stoppers or Hornsby Police.

ARCADIA

Police are investigating a break and enter that occurred at a rural property which took place between November 12 and 18. An unknown offender broke into a detached garage and stole a hidden generator worth \$1800. Generators are used as an alternative source of power and are often run by petrol or diesel. Police have no suspects and there was no CCTV. However, a forensics crew has taken fingerprints and investigations are ongoing.

GALSTON

Police received reports of property being stolen from a truck between 7pm on Tuesday and 6.30am the following day. A truck was parked at a bay and it's believe an unknown person gained entry to a toolbox which was bolted onto the vehicle's roof tray. A thief stole a number of power tools including a power saw and a nail gun. While there is no CCTV, police have said investigations are ongoing.

WAHROONGA

On Sunday, a 19-year-old green Pplater who was driving a Nissan Skyline was allegedly caught speeding on the M1. Drivers who hold their green P's are only permitted to drive up to 100km/h and in this instance the driver was allegedly speeding 45km over the speed limit. At one point the man was recorded driving at speeds of 180km/h. His license has been suspended for three months and the vehicle has been confiscated. He is due to face court at a later date.

BEROWRA

Between 4pm on Friday and 9.30am on Saturday, a large window was smashed at Berowra Public School, causing \$1000 worth of damage. A security contractor came across the damage and police were notified. The window has since been repaired but it's unknown how or why the window was broken. Police do not believe entry was gained into the property or any of the classrooms. Officers searched the area and have appealed for witnesses. If anyone knows any information they are urged to contact police.

ASQUITH

TWO days after the South Turramurra bushfires (pictured) where hundreds of residents were on the verge of losing their homes, police were called to Asquith Oval over reports of a small fire.

Hornsby Crime Prevention Officer Senior Constable Colin Mitchell said a small fire had been lit by someone with a stick near Mills Ave at about 2.45am last Thursday.

"Police and the fire brigade attended and extinguished the blaze," Snr Constable Mitchell said. "It was a small fire which was about 1m by 1m and it had not caused any damage as it was on the footpath."

Police patrolled the area in search of a suspect and searched for witnesses and CCTV. Anyone with information, should call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

22 November, from Party-Safe Workshop

Happy to share this new workshop. Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

So excited to be changing lives for the better! If you know any teenage girls, please encourage them to sign up for the Party-Safe workshop on the 7th of December! This workshop teaches teens what they need to know to look out for themselves at parties and sleepovers. Please PM me if you are interested, or email me on nicky@personalstrength.com.au.

21 November, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Bidwelll bike burglar awaits sentencing



A woman who appeared in court over a string of crimes across Sydney, including the theft of two motorcycles from a garage in Arcadia, is set to be sentenced.

21 November, from smh.com.au: Public urged to be eyes and ears of police for potential firebugs



<u>Please read this article</u> about different ways the NSWPF interact with the public when asking for assistance during the fire season. The SCC Financial Crimes Squad Arson Unit investigates bushfire arson and prosecutes offenders for this crime. All information is valuable and it is treated confidentially. Information can also be made via CrimeStoppers (1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au).

21 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas

If anyone knows or has seen these people pls report to police. 131444 or crime

stoppers on 1800 333 000





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20 November, from news.com.au: Why you shouldn't print your boarding pass

At a time when it seems like nothing online is safe – especially when it comes to travelling – an old-school, paper boarding pass might seem like the safest option.

But cybersecurity experts say that's a fallacy – a hard copy boarding pass is just as valuable to cybercriminals as anything else.

And they're warning travellers to reconsider having boarding passes printed out and sticking to the digital ones sent to phones instead.

According to a new Forbes report, travellers who don't carefully dispose of their paper boarding pass – or who share it online – are making it easy for hackers to

crack into their frequent flyer accounts and steal points that are hugely lucrative on the black market.

Read full story here.

20 November, from NSW Police Force



SCAM ALERT! Watch out for this convincing phishing scam pretending to be from Woolworths.

There are reports of a sophisticated new 'Woolworths' scam doing the rounds on Facebook today.

The post states that 'Woolworths' has announced that every customer that shares this link will be sent a \$100 coupon for its anniversary. TODAY ONLY.

It also includes an image of the coupon, featuring an official-looking barcode, with the Woolworths' logo, catch phrase and other branding.

According to New Idea Food, who first reported the scam, Woolworths have informed SCAMwatch - and have urged customers to be vigilant.

'We encourage our customers to be vigilant of online and mobile phishing scams, which seek to imitate well-known brands to collect personal information,' a Woolworths spokesperson told New Idea Food.

We will never ask our customers for their personal or banking details in unsolicited communications.

'We report scams to the ACCC's SCAMwatch and regularly update our Scam Alerts page on our website to help keep customers secure online.'

19 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW

There's no such thing as a smart criminal, so when burglars break into your home, they are usually predictable as to where they look for your valuables.



The places burglars usually look are:

☑ □ Jewellery Box

☑ Office or desk drawers

☑ □ Master Bedroom

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☑□ Safe or filing cabinet

☑ □ Under the Mattress

☑ □ Unused purses or handbags

Try hiding your valuable items somewhere different.

19 November, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Council Areas



Altrex is proud to present "Curb the Rage", a road safety initiative by David Reynolds. NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

"Curb the Rage" is a road safety initiative by Supercars driver David Reynolds of Penrite Racing (Erebus Motorsport). It is, as the name suggests, about reducing the prevalence of Road Rage.

David's mission is to use his profile in motorsport to bring awareness to the issue and reduce the number of abusive, often violent, incidents on Australian roads.

There will be a multi-pronged approach with three campaigns over 12 months, commencing in November. Support has been secured from Carsales.com.au, Supercars, Fox Sports, Channel 10, Triple M and a number of corporate sponsors.

Altrex has created a limited-edition air freshener for the campaign to sell via retailers and other outlets to help promote "Curb the Rage", reach as many people as possible and raise funds for this important initiative. The part number is "CURB5737" and can be ordered from Altrex via telephone, fax or email. The RRP is \$2.99 - \$3.49 and your cost price is \$1.20 + GST each.

The air fresheners will be supplied/are available in bespoke CDUs of 24 units (refer attached photos).

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: okarring 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

Facebook @NHWKuringgaiHornsby

NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group

Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:

Our Crime Prevention WatchOut! Facebook page Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (technical issues) Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural (Rural Areas)

- NHW Glaston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural (Rural Areas) Facebook Group
- Neighbourhood Watch Gordon
- Gordon (NSW) Community (incl NHW) Facebook Group
- Neighbourhood Watch Hornsby
- Neighbourhood Watch Killara
- Neighbourhood Watch Mt Colah
- Neighbourhood Watch Normanhurst
- Neighbourhood Watch Pennant Hills
- Neighbourhood Watch St Ives
- Meighbourhood Watch Turramurra
- Neighbourhood Watch Wahroonga

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