



# Ku-ring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

**eNewsletter # 328 - 22 January 2018**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai 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.

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**20 January, from Crime Stopper NSW**

**LIGHTS AND SIRENS BEHIND YOU? WHAT SHOULD YOU DO....**

🚒📧 Do not panic

- 🚗🚓 Slow down (but do not brake rapidly)
- 🚗🚓 Use your indicators
- 🚗🚓 Be aware of other motorists; drivers should not play music at such a volume they cannot hear outside noises
- 🚗🚓 Do not move suddenly or move into the path of the emergency vehicle
- 🚗🚓 Move as far to the left of the road as you can and come to a stop
- 🚗🚓 If you cannot move out of the path safely, keep moving forward until it's safe to move over
- 🚗🚓 Remember, you are required to abide by road rules at all times

Always remember that seconds count in an emergency. If an emergency vehicle is approaching and is sounding an alarm or showing flashing lights, you must move to the left and out of the path of the vehicle as soon as you can do so safely.

### 18 January, from Brisbane Water LAC - NSW Police Force



**REMEMBER NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR ANIMALS IN A CAR!**

### 18 January, from NSW Police Force [Edited]

Police have launched a high-visibility operation for this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival to ensure country-music fans enjoy the event safely.

Operation Sherbrook will be in place for the duration of the event which starts tomorrow (Friday 19 January 2018) and runs until Sunday 28 January 2018.

Now in its 46th year, this is the largest music festival in the southern hemisphere, with a program featuring 700 performers, 2800 shows and 120 venues.

General duties officers from Oxley Local Area Command and across Western Region will be assisted by specialist police from the Operations Support Group (OSG), Dog Unit, Licensing Police, Bicycle Unit, and Traffic and Highway Patrol Command throughout the operation.

“Local officers and specialist police will be out in force focusing on road safety and crowd behaviour,” Operation Sherbrook Commander, Acting Superintendent Jeff Budd, said.

“Thousands of people make the annual journey to be involved in the festival, and while the vast majority of people are well-behaved, police will act swiftly if you choose to do the wrong thing.”

Police will be targeting alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour.

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## **18 January, from the Hills LAC - NSW Police Force: Nuisance or Barking Dogs**

Please note that this is not a police matter. Dangerous dogs may require a police response.

What should I do if my neighbour's dog is barking?

If you feel as though a neighbour's dog is barking as a result of neglect or abuse, you should contact the RSPCA or an animal welfare organisation.

If your neighbour's dog is barking and causing a nuisance, your first step should be to approach your neighbours or leave them something in writing advising them of the problem if you think they are unapproachable or not home often.

Alternatively, you could use the services of a Community Justice Centre (CJC). This is government funded centre who provide free mediation sessions for residents having problems with issues such as barking dogs, fences etc. Your local CJC is located at Level 1 & 5, Parramatta Justice Precinct, 160 Marsden Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. PH: 1800 990 777.

If all else fails, you can lodge a formal complaint with Council. Once lodged, Council will notify the owner of your complaint and will provide them with an educational pack on barking dogs and the law. To lodge a complaint, please use the link on The Hills Shire Council's website.

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### **18 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or helmet this Australia Day holiday period and you'll face double the consequences on your licence.

Double demerits will be in force from 25 - 28 January.

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### **16 January, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Tailgating is a key factor in the most common crash type on our roads. A driver must drive a sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front to avoid a collision.

Watch video [here](#).

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### **16 January, from the Daily Telegraph: Police Chase rogue 'roo over Sydney Harbour Bridge**



A WALLABY found hopping along Sydney Harbour Bridge about 5am this morning has been nicknamed "Skippy" by police.

It took several police officers to pin down the wild wallaby.

Chatswood Police Inspector Kylie Smith said the incident wasn't in the "police

handbook”.

“I was at Taronga Zoo not long ago and a bunch of Americans from Chicago started talking to me and said ‘so wallabies really do bounce down the Main Street of Sydney?’ And today it did,” Insp Smith said.

For details click [here](#).



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**'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting @ Hornsby Police station @ 6pm on Monday 22 January 2018**

High on the agenda at this meeting is the launch of our new website WatchOut! planned for Wednesday 14 February 2018. Please take a look at this innovative site. WatchOut! is your 'one-stop-shop' for crime prevention information on the internet. It has an A-to-Z index to help you navigate your way through all the useful links. We would welcome your feedback.



[Look at WatchOut! here.](#)

[Look at our re-vamped NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website here.](#) Did you know there is a new 'Borrow' page? Might be worth a quick shuftie?

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**21 January, from Cass Hall**

**SCAM, SCAM, SCAM**



This site is the same as HOOUTLET.COM I got scammed by this one, still waiting for MasterCard to refund my money through their Fraud team. Saw this one today gooclubs.com Power Tools. It looks exactly the same except they added a fake phone number. Please do not buy anything.

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### 20 January, from ANZ Australia: Scam Alert!



If you receive this text message that appears to be from us, please do not click on the link & delete immediately. If you have already clicked on the link, send us a Private Message & we'll assist. These messages are reaching both ANZ & non-ANZ customers so please share this post to warn your family & friends.

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### Dates for the Diary:

**Monday 22 January:** Alternate date for brought forward meeting of 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

**Friday 26 January:** Happy Australia Day!

**Monday 12 February:** 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

**Wednesday 14 February:** Planned formal launch of [www.watchout.org.au](http://www.watchout.org.au). (tbc)

**Saturday 03 March:** The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. [Info](#).

**Monday 19 March:** Gordon 3/4 (Turrumurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church Lounge area, Turrumurra Ave, Turrumurra

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### 18 January, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner



Bullying is never okay! 

Here's four steps you can share with your mates to tackle bullies online. Look out for your mates online/offline and remember you can find advice or report cyberbullying [here](#) (Under 18) and Over 18 cyber- abuse [here](#).

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### 18 January, from the Herald Sun: New Laws that will affect Australia

FROM January 1, there are a raft of changes coming to welfare, health, education, housing, gay marriage and many other living expenses.

This is what's coming and how it will affect you and your family across Australia.

Click [here](#) for details.

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**18 January, from the North Shore Times: Vandalism ‘racially motivated’ Jewish community chief condemns despicable behaviour in St Ives**

THE community of St Ives has been left shocked by what has been called an act of “racially-motivated vandalism”.

During the evening of January 6, several vehicles in St Ives were defaced with spray-painted symbols of swastikas and abusive words. Given the large Jewish population in St Ives, the crime is being interpreted as having racial undertones.

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies chief executive Vic Alhadeff strongly condemned the incident.

“Racially-motivated vandalism has no place in civil society,” Mr Alhadeff told the North Shore Times.

“Nazi swastikas represent the ultimate in racial hatred, and all well-meaning people should condemn these attacks and those who engage in such despicable behaviour. We hope that the authorities catch the thugs responsible.”

For details click [here](#).

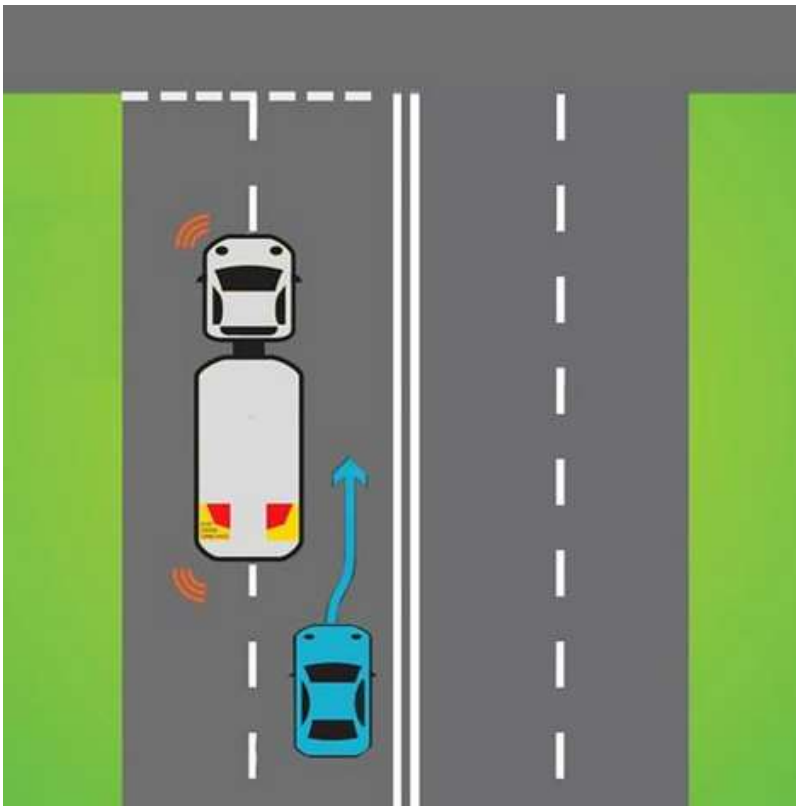
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**18 January, from the NRMA**

TEST TIME: Is it legal for the blue car to drive past the turning truck in this scenario?

- a) Yes
- b) No





The NRMA ANSWER: The correct answer is no. You cannot overtake a long vehicle signalling to turn unless it's safe to do so.

Long vehicles displaying a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' sign are allowed to take up more than one lane to turn at corners, intersections and roundabouts.

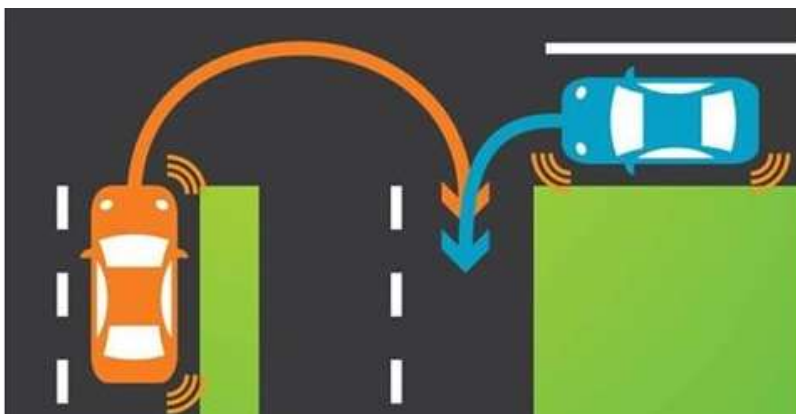
For further clarification, check out truckies top 10 tips [here](#).

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### Answer to Quiz presented last week:

Last week, 15 January, we presented a quiz on U-turn. The correct wording of the quiz should have been:

The blue car's turning left and the orange car's doing a U-turn. So who has to give way?



The answer is the driver of the orange car has to give way.

Remember—when you're making a U-turn you have to give way to ALL vehicles

and pedestrians.

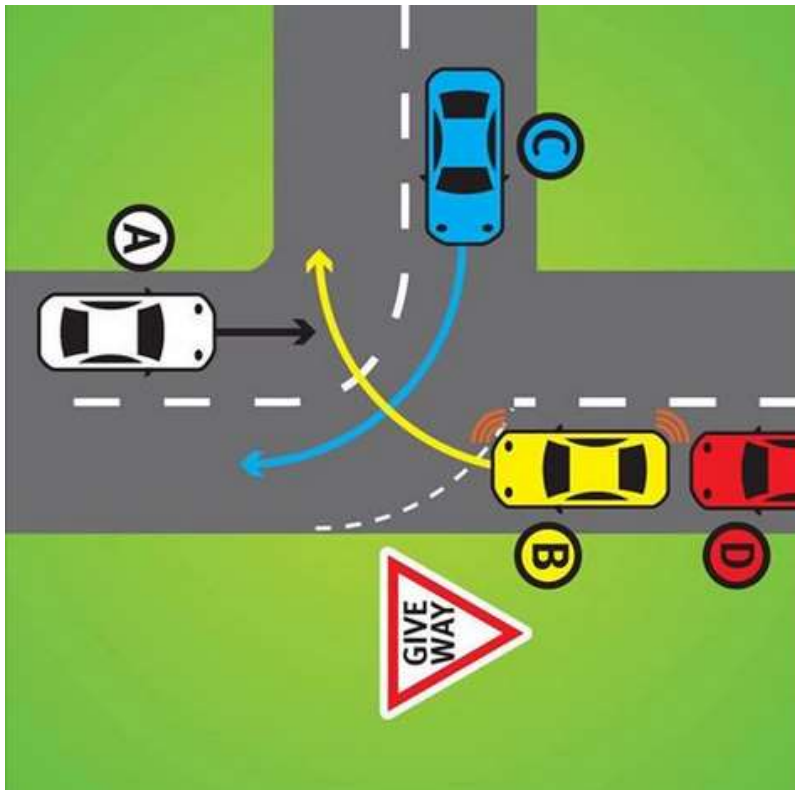
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**Answer to second quiz presented last week:**

The second quiz presented in last week's newsletter was:

In what order do the vehicles go?

1. Vehicle C, B, A and then D
2. Vehicle C, A, B and then D
3. Vehicle B, A, C and then D



The correct answer is:

C, A, B then D. Even though C is making a 90 degree turn it is effectively continuing straight, note the line markings. A is second because it is on the main road and is making a right turn. B goes next once C and A are clear and then D.

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**18 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Police investigate puppy scam**



Cardinia Crime Investigation Unit detectives are investigating after a number of victims have come forward regarding a puppy scam.

Investigators believe that victims have been asked to make cash deposits into a bank account for a puppy, interstate transport of the puppy, insurance and registration fees.

At the end of the payments the victims don't receive a dog or their money back.

It's believed there may be victims across Australia, dating back to the start of 2017.

Investigators have released images of the dogs falsely advertised.

For more info click [here](#).

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### **18 January, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Social Engineering**

The person or group behind the act will commonly use social pressure, deception or threats to influence a person into doing something against their interests.

Social engineering is not hacking. Hacking involves the use of computer technologies to gain unauthorised access to systems and networks. Students sometimes use the term 'hacking' when in fact they have shared their password.

Why is social engineering an issue?

Social engineering can be used to steal identities, violate people's privacy and to obtain 'high-value' information, such as intimate images. This type of cyber-threat can be subtle, and may appear as a simple request to help a friend. Spotting social engineering attempts can be challenging.

Find out more about social engineering [here](#).

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## **From Hornsby Advocate, 18 January:**

### **Strike plan to halt trains**

Train drivers to walk out over pay dispute

RAIL workers have voted to stop work for 24 hours on Monday, January 29, as part of a pay dispute with the state government.

The timing coincides with the return of workers and school students from holidays, and follows the recent week of rail chaos when driver shortages crippled the network.

The Rail, Tram and Bus Union NSW secretary Alex Claassens said workers wanted to give commuters as much notice as possible.

“There’s never an ideal time to take this kind of action, but the reality is, we have to,” he said.

for details click [here](#).

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### **HORNSBY**

1 It’s not easy to move a sixmetre shipping container but if you are a thief with a crane the job is certainly easier. Police believe a crane was used to steal a container being used as an office on a building site at the corner of Burdett St and Sherbrook Rd between 5.15pm on Friday and 6.50am on Monday. Police are searching for a truck and a crane and are going through CCTV footage on nearby roads to track the criminals down.

### **DURAL**

2 A horse float and the vehicle to tow it were stolen during a break and enter at a property on Old Northern Rd between Sunday January 7 and Thursday January 11. The thieves forced open a ground floor rear door between 5pm on Sunday and 11pm on Thursday. From the house they stole a laptop, horse saddle, iPod dock, iPad, handbag and the car keys to a gold-coloured Nissan Patrol. The value of the property taken from the house is \$3000, while the vehicle and float are worth tens of thousands of dollars. Police are urging anyone who is offered a good deal on a vehicle and horse float to come forward.

### **ST IVES**

3 A 38-year-old woman returned to her car parked outside her home overnight to

find the rear window had been smashed and her wallet missing. A credit card was used at seven different service stations for purchases each below \$100 and totalling \$380. Police are investigating and collating CCTV footage from the service stations and nearby roads.

### **HORNSBY HEIGHTS**

4 A 17-year-old boy on green P-plates will front court this month after being stopped for a police random breath test on Saturday. The teen from Mooney Mooney was driving his Holden on Somerville Rd at 12.10am when police pulled him over. He gave a positive breath test and was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where he allegedly returned a mid-range drink drive blood alcohol level. He will appear at Hornsby Court on January 25.

### **ASQUITH**

5 Two mountain bikes and a helmet worth \$5000 were stolen in a break and enter inside a block of apartments on Amor St between mid-December and last Thursday. Thieves stole the bikes from inside the locked storage cage in the building's basement. Given the long period of time during which the theft took place, a Ku-ringgai police spokesman said residents of all apartment buildings should become familiar with their surroundings so if they notice anything unusual or suspicious it would ring warning bells.

### **SURGE IN CAR PLATE THEFTS**

KU-RING-GAI police are warning of a spike in thefts of numberplates from vehicles and are reminding residents they have anti-tamper screws available. There have been as many as 10 reported incidents in the area during the past month. When there is a rise on petrol prices the thefts incidents climbs because plates are often stolen for cars used to steal fuel at petrol stations where CCTV is fitted. Police have devices to remove tamper-proof screws if required such as when selling a vehicle or when putting personalised plates on.

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### **From the North Shore Times, 18 January:**

Many Airbnb hosts ignoring council rules

WILLOUGHBY Council rules regarding short-term holiday renting are being routinely flouted.

While having no specific policy for short-term rentals, such as Airbnb, the council's

Local Environmental Plan 2012 prohibits tourist and visitor accommodation, except for bed and breakfasts, in low-density residential zones.

Other residential zones, such as medium and high density, do not permit any form of tourist accommodation.

Yet a quick look at available Airbnb properties in the Chatswood CBD shows numerous rentals available in apartment blocks located in medium and high-density zones around the city's shopping centres.

A council spokeswoman said as Airbnb provides a wide range of short-term accommodation privately, not all of their listed properties conform to the definition of bed and breakfast.

for more info, click [here](#).

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### **16 January, from Kids Helpline: Cyberbullying**



If you're experiencing cyberbullying, you're not alone. It can be upsetting and difficult to escape. Find out what cyberbullying is and what you can do to protect yourself.

Click [here](#) for more info.

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### **16 January, 'Mum only has mild dementia, she's fine'**

GOLD Coast lawyer Marie Fedorov "smelled a rat" when an elderly woman came into her office with her adult daughter to change her will.

The daughter did all the talking and told Ms Fedorov that her mother wanted her to be the sole beneficiary of the will.

"When I questioned the elderly lady to confirm that this was what she wanted, she appeared to not understand what she was at my office for. When I explained this to

her she appeared very confused,” Ms Fedorov said.

“The daughter then said to her mother: ‘Remember mum, we’re here to change your will to leave everything to me.’ The elderly lady said: ‘Oh yes. I’m happy to do what my daughter wants me to do, so just tell me where to sign.’”

For details click [here](#).

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**15 January, from Pat Symcox: Oh if only EVERY friend I had on FB would watch this...if it is at all possible PLEASE do it. Thanks, Pat.**

Watch video [here](#).

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**15 January, from Sydney Criminal Lawyers: Defamation Law: Naming and Shaming Suspected Thieves.**

Shopkeepers are engaged in an ongoing battle with shoplifters, who pilfered a whopping \$2.4 billion from retailers in 2013, despite cutting-edge technologies such as CCTV cameras, advanced security tags and alarm systems.

Frustrated with shoplifters, some store owners are creating in-store ‘walls of shame’ depicting photos of people label as thieves or, in other cases, sharing photos of suspects on social media.

The NSW Police Force has warned that such actions could land store owners in hot water, potentially exposing them to lawsuits for defamation or even criminal charges. Police say that the job of punishing thieves should be left to law enforcement through criminal infringement notices (for amounts of less than \$300), or to the courts.

For detail click [here](#).

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**15 January, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner**



Do you say online what you'd say face-to-face?

Respect online starts with you! Set a good example this Safer Internet Day.

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## READER'S FEEDBACK

**Q:** One of our readers asked if a video they'd seen showing thieves pinching a car WITHOUT KEYS was really possible.

**A:** Yes. Here's the [video and explanation from West Midlands Police, UK](#) Nov 2017.

One of our readers liked the advice to use an LED torch to temporarily blind thieves in your home.

**Extra advice:** Close one eye when torches are being used. You can then use the other eye if you are temporarily blinded.

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**Love Style**





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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723**

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)**

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 the Kuring Gai LAC:



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Our Crime Prevention website [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)



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