



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

eNewsletter # 353A - 16 July 2018

**This special edited version eNewsletter #353A is the same as #353 but with a post removed regarding an article about Ronald Bobroff. Ronald has made threats to the volunteers at Neighbourhood Watch as to what will happen if this post remains accessible via Facebook. We have removed the original post that shared the article on our timelines. This eNewsletter #353A now replaces the original #353 version shared on Facebook.**

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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### **16 July, from Ku-ring-gai Council**

Planning for a disaster - incident simulation in Avon Rd Pymble . Watch video [here](#).

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### **13 July, from NSW Police Force [Edited]**

More than 1200 potential sports stars will compete in the sixth annual Nations of Origin tournament next week, celebrating Aboriginal culture across New South Wales.

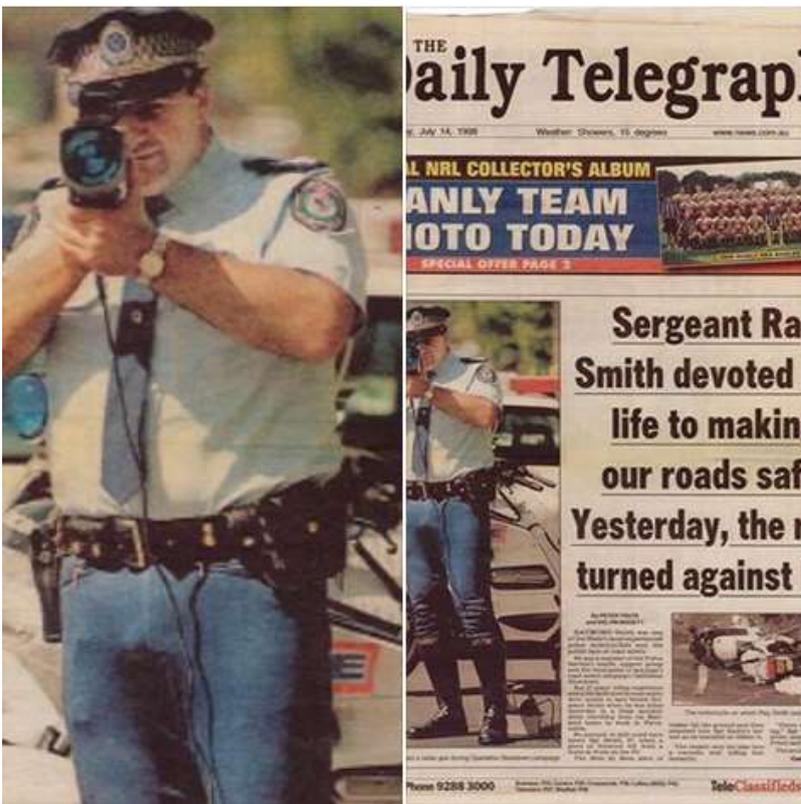
Nations of Origin is a multi-faceted sport, cultural, educational and leadership program that allows Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children from across the state to represent their local indigenous “nation” in five specific sports over four days from Monday July 16.

This year’s tournament will be held in the Hunter Valley with 97 teams from 25 Aboriginal nations competing in rugby league 7s, football (soccer) 5s, netball, three-on-three basketball and boxing.

Watch video [here](#).

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### **13 July, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force**



"At 6:10am on 13 July 1998, Senior Sergeant Ray Smith was patrolling the F3 Freeway at Calga on his police motorcycle when he was killed after a piece of wood fell from a vehicle. This moment marks exactly 20 years since the incident that claimed the life of Senior Sergeant Ray Smith. Cars and stations please observe a moment of silence to honour our fallen comrade....thank you."

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### 13 July, from Hornsby Advocate



FLASHBACK FRIDAY: The original fire brigade building at Brooklyn in the 1950s, served well by dedicated crews.

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**13 July, from 9NEWS.COM.AU: Man who attacked officers outside Sydney police station still violently resisting hours later**



The man charged with attempted murder after attacking officers with a knife outside a Sydney police station has been deemed "too volatile" to appear in court.

9NEWS cameras have captured the man violently attacking police in the garage of Burwood courthouse as he was taken away.

Sean Matthews is lead handcuffed back to a paddy wagon. He sits on the step of the hold before standing up suddenly - elbows swinging at the four officers surrounding him.

Full story [here](#).

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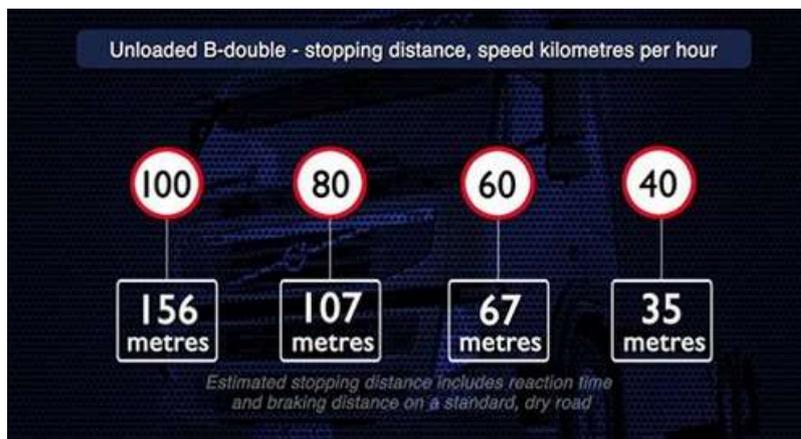
**12 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

View the latest Quarterly Bulletin of Serious Injury Crash Data and interactive crash statistics today [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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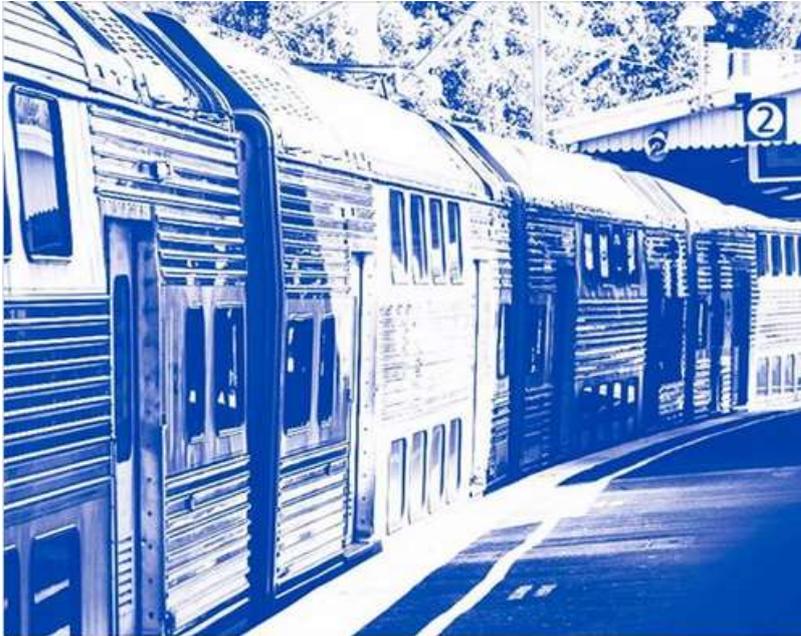


Trucks and buses take a lot longer to stop than cars and motorbikes. Take a look

at the distance it takes for a B-double truck to stop on a dry road. If the road was wet, the distance would be even longer. More info [here](#).

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## 11 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW: SAFETY IN TRAINS...



Have info about crimes on public transport?  
Report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au)  
or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

Travelling on a train is a convenient and cost effective way of travelling from A to B. However, there are things to consider to help increase your personal safety.



Travel in the guard's compartment identified by a blue light, or in the carriages that have groups of people that could assist if needed.



Travel in groups of friends if you can



If alone, identify someone you would feel comfortable to sit near and smile at them – this will also reassure them that you are someone of good character



Arrive at the station as close to the departure time of the train as possible and stand where the station is well lit.



If you can, choose a seat where you have a good view of the carriage and there is nothing at your back



□ Do NOT fall asleep, be aware and alert



□ Make sure you secure your belongings by placing items at your feet and hooking your feet around straps, or hooking your arm through straps if items are beside you.

The Police Assistance Line (131444) takes reports daily from people who have fallen asleep and had their property stolen from right next to them.

ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

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### 11 July, from Quakers Hill Police Area Command



This is still occurring, the community are still getting scammed. DO NOT provide your credit card details over the phone, do not purchase iTunes Cards to pay off alleged debt. It is all a Scam.

Please advise members of your family, friends and neighbours.

Police are still urging the public to be aware of an iTunes scam where the public are receiving phone calls or emails from someone claiming to be from Telstra, Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions, Dept of Immigration or the Australian Taxation Office.

They will demand iTunes gift cards as a form of tax debt payment or to avoid an arrest. This is NOT a payment method of these agencies. If you receive one of these calls/emails, call the agency yourself directly by looking up their details through the phone book or an online search.

Please pass this information on to the elderly and vulnerable members of our community.

For more information about Scams 'google' click [here](#). or contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or your local Police Station.

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### **11 July, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

School holidays are here! Go online and visit our 'Out and about with Sophie and Tom – safe holiday adventures' activity with your child to identify risks in different holiday scenarios and help keep everyone safe. For details click [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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### **11 July, from NSW Police Force: Ask for Angela Safety Campaign**

The NSW Government today has teamed with the Police Force, the Australian Hotels Association and the City of Sydney to launch the internationally recognised "Ask for Angela" safety campaign within the Sydney CBD.

Under the program, which originated two years ago in Lincolnshire, England, when a patron "Asks for Angela" at a participating venue, the code-word triggers a response from trained staff who will discreetly escort that person to safety or contact authorities for further assistance.

The concept is already being successfully trialled by Police, the AHA and Liquor Accords in Wagga, Albury, Orange and most recently Byron Bay.

The Sydney CBD trial formally begins on Saturday 14 at Licensed venues across the Sydney CBD.

If one of the parties to a date feels uncomfortable or that encounter starts to take on a darker tone, then that person can approach staff and "Ask for Angela." Staff would then seek to discreetly escort that person to safety.

Watch video [here](#).

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*Creating Safer Communities*

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**16 July, from NSW Police Force: What not to do when you have gas...**



How many people does it take to realise that this is a bad idea...

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### 16 July, Stay Smart Online: TipTuesday



Be smart with social media! What you post on social media can give cybercriminals information to steal your identity or hack into your online accounts. Change your privacy settings so only friends and family can see your details. Find out more about using social media safely [here](#).

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### 13 July, Spam Report

Do you receive spam emails? Before you mark them as 'junk' and delete them, please also report them to the Australian Communications & Media Association (ACMA) by forwarding the email (without altering the message subject line) to: [report@submit.spam.acma.gov.au](mailto:report@submit.spam.acma.gov.au).

This and other information about scams can be found on our Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention WatchOut! Website Scams page [here](#).

## Spam Report Received

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  Inbox 



ACMA Spam Reporting

to me

10:36 pm [View details](#)



Thanks for your spam report. Please note, responses to this email address are not monitored. The ACMA will only contact you again if we require further information.

You can find out more about spam rules in Australia at <https://www.acma.gov.au/Citizen/Internet/eseconomy/Spam>

You can report scams at <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

You can view the ACMA's Privacy Policy, find out more about why the ACMA collects your personal information in spam reports, and how your personal information may be used at <https://www.acma.gov.au/pi>

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### From the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies':

**Tip #1:** IDENTIFY YOUR POWER TOOLS USING AN ENGRAVER, AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER OR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH . Stolen power tools are easily bought & sold at garage & car boot sales.

**Tip# 2:** DO HIDE AND LOCK ALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN YOUR VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY YOUR LAPTOP, ETC.

**Tip #3:**DO SECURE ANY DOGS INSIDE, OR ON THE BACK OF A UTE. The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 requires you to prevent the dog falling from the vehicle—or 6mths imprisonment! Please remember air, water and uncontrolled barking.

**Tip #4:** BEWARE OF NON-ANCHORAGE POINTS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Secure to the main chassis frame, in order to take the full force of the load.

**Tip #5:** ALWAYS DISPLAY A WARNING FLAG ON ITEMS PROTRUDING 1.2M BEHIND THE VEHICLE.

**Tip #6: DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE.** Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

**Tip #7: SAY 'HI' TO NEIGHBOURS AROUND A BUILDING SITE OR JOB.** They are the eyesears of the community.

[Email us here to request any of the 20 Tips series](mailto:info@nhwkuringgaihornsb.org.au), or view them on our website [NHWKuringgaiHornsb.org.au/Tips](http://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

**13 July, from ABC News: !! □ FOOD RECALL !! □**



There has been a recall on sliced mushroom products from Coles, Woolworths, ALDI and independent supermarkets in Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania & ACT.

The product is being recalled due to the potential presence of large pieces of white plastic in punnets stamped with best before or use by dates up to and including

19/07/2018.

Only product with the relevant vendor number displayed on the punnet label is affected. These are Brand Vendor number Woolworths brand 30274, Coles brand 922646, Karidale (ALDI brand) VN 0110.

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### 13 July, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance after two girls were indecently assaulted at Circular Quay Railway Station earlier this year.

About 5.30pm on Sunday 25 March 2018, two 15-year-old girls were entering the turnstiles at the station when a man came up from behind and indecently assaulted them.

Officers from Sydney City Police Area Command were notified and commenced an investigation.

Investigators have released an image of a man who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

He has been described as being of Indian Sub-continental appearance, aged in his 30s, of a large build, and with short black hair. In the image, he is depicted wearing

an orange polo shirt and black sunglasses on his head.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#). Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**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.

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**From the North Shore Times Thursday, 12 July** [\[Online Edition here\]](#)

### **Streetwatch, Page 15**

#### **ST IVES**

3 A man has sustained serious injuries after hitting a kangaroo while on his mountain bike. The 48-yearold man was riding his bike through Garigal National Park at 4pm on July 5, when he hit the kangaroo. He sustained major injuries to his chest and abdomen and had to be flown to the Royal North Shore Hospital. He is now in a stable condition.

#### **GORDON**

4 A landscaper has had \$2000 worth of tools stolen from his work site in Rosedale

Rd. At some time on July 9 the worker had left the site and secured his tools under a covering. When he returned to the worksite he discovered the tools had been stolen. The man contacted police, however there are no leads at this stage as to the whereabouts of the tools.

### **Firebug at large**

Police are searching for a man who is accused of starting three fires in the St Leonards and Crows Nest area. Around 4.20am on July 8 police were called to the St Leonards Forum after reports of a man setting fire to a garbage bin. Upon arrival, security informed police the same offender had set fire to a dumpster at a nearby premises. A short time later police received a call regarding a third fire being lit in a dumpster in Hayberry St. All three fires were extinguished, with only minimal damage caused. The offender is described as male aged between 40 and 50 with a large build.

### **Page 17: Road now 'safer': Safety improvements complete on Lady Game Drive [Edited]**

Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Jennifer Anderson on Lady Game Drive in Killara where a range of road safety measures. THE Mayor Of Ku-ring-gai says nearly 400 metres of new guard rail and eight new drainage pits will ensure a safer drive during wet weather for motorists on one of the area's busiest thoroughfares. The road works have been finished on a notorious stretch of Lady Game Drive between Blackbutt Creek and De Burgh Rd in Killara.

It follows a road safety audit of Lady Game Dr after a number of accidents occurred involving cars losing control on the roadway. Council worked closely with the Federal Government to obtain funding of nearly \$1.4 million towards the cost of the work. It involved removing trees to install new guard rail on the northern side to prevent cars leaving the road

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### **13 July, from [au.news.yahoo.com](http://au.news.yahoo.com): Man accused of grooming 14-year-old girl for sex**

A Sydney man has been charged with trying to lure a teenage girl online after being caught in a police sting.

Detectives posing as a 14-year-old girl began communicating with the man online last month.

They allege he had sexually explicit conversations and made arrangements to meet the teenager.

“Last month, detectives from the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad’s Child Exploitation Internet Unit... began engaging online with a man from Sydney’s north-west,” a NSW Police statement read.

Full story [here](#).

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### **Page 03: Murders a wake up call**

LAST week’s double homicide has provided a “wakeup call” for women trapped in domestic violence, a community worker said.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter manager Hylette Evans said more women were contacting the shelter after John Edwards killed his children Jennifer and Jack.

Edwards, 68, fatally shot the teenage children in a bedroom at their West Pennant Hills Home before taking his own life.

“One thing here is that we have had quite a few clients ringing up to escape,” she said.

“They’re not ready for it but that incident, that was a real wake-up call for our clients.

“It’s a reality for a lot of clients and they were quite affected by it.

“It’s horrific and it’s happening here and I think people don’t realise it’s happening here but it is.”

Mrs Evans initially thought the murder could have involved a family under the shelter’s care.

“As soon as I saw that I said to my husband ‘That’s domestic violence and he’ll be dead in the morning’ and then you feel guilty if it’s a client when you don’t have a bed available for them,” she said.

“We’re full over here but we always try to refer them to someone else.”

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## 13 July, Spam SMS Messages



Do you receive spam SMS messages? Before you delete them, please report them by forwarding to the Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA) on 0429999888.

To forward a message press down and hold on it to get the menu which includes 'forward'.

Information like this can be found on our Neighbourhood Watch WatchOut! crime prevention Phones [page](#)

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### 13 July, from [au.news.yahoo.com](http://au.news.yahoo.com): What to do if you get this text message offering you a gift card

Woolworths and Coles have warned customers of a national mobile phone scam, after multiple reports of suspicious text messages being received, claiming to be sent from the retail giants.

Dozens of messages have landed in SMS inboxes claiming to be from Coles or

Woolworths, advising the receiver they have won a gift card, and asking them to click a link to claim the prize.

Samantha Payne's message on Thursday came from a number that appeared to be listed as from "Coles", so she brought it to the supermarket's attention.

Read full story [here](#).

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### 12 July, from Beds R US Dapto and Warrawong: BUYERS BEWARE.



Buying online ? BEWARE.

A customer was recently telling me a few years ago they bought a ( supposedly ) new mattress online , they told me they didn't like it from day 1.

We delivered a NEW mattress and picked up their old one to dispose of it for them. Often before we do, I will cut them open to see what is being put in our oppositions old mattresses, well I must say this was a first for me.

An old mattress just recovered and sold as new, I would not have believed it if I didn't see it with my own eyes.

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12 July, from Surry Hills Police Area Command

## 10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



**Calculator%**  
This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



**Hot or Not**  
Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



**Omegle**  
A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



**Burn Book**  
Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



**Yellow**  
This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



**Wishbone**  
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



**Whisper**  
An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



**Kik**  
Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



**Ask.fm**  
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



**Instagram**  
Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves conversation.

FOR MORE INFO: [APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM](http://APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM)

Do you have teenage children? Keep a look out for these apps which may contribute to cyber bullying, grooming and other negative on line interactions. (image courtesy of [AppsolutelyApril.com](http://AppsolutelyApril.com)).

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11 July, from NSW SES - Hornsby Unit

**HORNSBY SES 60TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**OPEN DAY - SAT AUGUST 4TH**  
 DEMONSTRATIONS - KIDS ACTIVITIES - FREE BBQ - PRIZES

OPEN FROM 10:00 AM | 33 SEFTON ROAD, THORNLEIGH

SES.NSW.GOV.AU  
 FACEBOOK.COM/HORNSBYSES

Hornsby NSWSES is excited to invite everyone in our community and beyond to our special 60th Anniversary Open Day at our Local HQ in Thornleigh on Saturday 4th August. Tours, demonstrations, FREE sausage sizzle, special guests & MORE. Come enjoy a great family day out!!

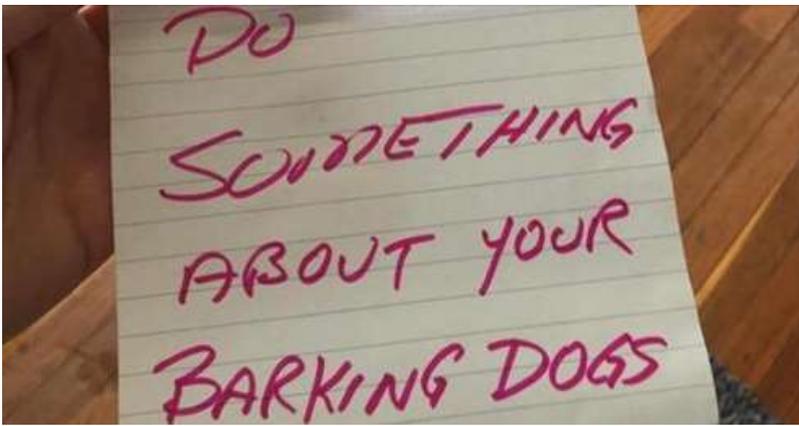
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**11 July, From St Johns Parker Bowls: Random Act of Kindness**

What will your random act of kindness be this Do Something Day? 25 July.  
 Watch video [here](#).

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**11 July, from MOBILE.ABC.NET.AU: Barking dogs are affecting woman's health but says laws not enough to silence them**



A woman who says her mental health is deteriorating as a result of barking dogs near her home believes urgent change is needed to stop people being driven crazy.

For four years Jane in Adelaide's inner south-east has been trying to cope with barking from two neighbouring properties, including a little "shrill" dog just metres from the interior of her home.

"I think she's got separation anxiety," she told [ABC Radio Adelaide Mornings program](#).

"She could go from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at night, barking most of that time."

Jane recorded evidence of the dog barking relentlessly for nearly an hour-and-a-half from a backyard while its owners were out on Australia Day in 2015.

The dog is excited and does not appear to be barking at anything in particular.

See full story [here](#).

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### **10 July, from SWSLHD Consumer and Community Participation**

By the end of 2018 all Australians will have a My Health Record which will be accessible through HealtheNet. It will bring all your electronic health records together into the one place and with your permission, hospitals, GPs, specialists and pharmacists will be able to access your My Health Record to ensure they are providing safe, quality and consistent healthcare. You can go online to view and control who sees your health information and add in your own notes. If you choose not to have a My Health Record with HealtheNet, there is a three month opt out period from 16 July to 15 October. Learn more [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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**10 July, from Rachel Mills, on Credit Card Fraud**

Please everyone watch this - I would of fallen for this trick 🤪🤪🤪🤪🤪🤪



Watch video [here](#).

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### 10 July, Shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group.

Tuesday update: Yesterday, as some of you would of seen my home was broken into at 330am. If you happen to find a coach pink handbag, wallet with any medical equipment (stethoscope, goggles, thermometers etc) may you please get in touch with me. Thanking you in advance.

They woke us up when they threw a pot plant through the back doors to our home.

House broken into just now  
Woke to window smashed in  
handbag stolen: Pink coach bag with wallet  
Car drove off when we turned lights on, anyone have  
surveillance camera footage around 330ish leaving St  
Helens Ave please hand to police to catch these  
bastards!



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**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](http://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au)



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



Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)



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Email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

**Local Facebook pages:**



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



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[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

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**Our mailing address is:**

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