



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 362 - 17 September 2018**

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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15 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



From 17 September, if you're caught using your phone illegally while driving, you'll cop 5 demerit points, an increase from 4.

For a full licence, that's nearly half your points. It's not worth the risk.

Find out more [here](#).

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15 September, from The Hills Police Area Command

## On Street Parking Rules

Please find below some common parking rules and the associated penalties. Council's Compliance Officers enforce all parking rules in The Hills Shire. Please read the parking rules below and park your vehicle safely and legally to avoid fines.

Please note there are increased fines and penalties for some offences when they occur in School Zones.



### NO PARKING

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

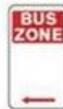
Penalty from \$183



### NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from \$330



### BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$330

### You cannot stop or park your vehicle:

Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there.

Penalty from \$330 & 2 demerit pts

Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop

Penalty from \$250



### Parallel Parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction as the adjacent traffic and parallel and as close as possible to the kerb.

You should be entirely within any marking lines and at least one metre from any other parked vehicle.

Penalty from \$110

If the road has a centre dividing line or central or painted median island you must position your vehicle at least 3m from the dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass unless otherwise indicated.

Penalty from \$250



### Obstructing Access to Footpath/Driveway

You must not park on or across a driveway or other access for vehicles.

Penalty from \$257



FINES CURRENT AS OF JAN 2018 For a complete list of parking offences visit [www.rma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rma.nsw.gov.au)

3 Columbia Court, Buskhill Hills NSW 2153  
PO Box 7064, Buskhill Hills BC 2153  
Phone 02 9843 0555 Email [council@thehills.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@thehills.nsw.gov.au)  
Facsimile 02 9843 0409 [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

THE HILLS  
Surrey's Garden Shire

15 September, from Queensland Health - Contaminated Strawberries

UPDATE to affected brands of strawberries contaminated with needles ⚠️⚠️⚠️

Donnybrook Berries is now affected.

Affected brands: Berry Licious, Berry Obsession and Donnybrook.

Reason for alert: Contamination of strawberries with needles.

If you have Donnybrook strawberries at home or are unsure of the brand, you should return them to the store or throw them away.

For all other brands our advice remains that you can continue to eat strawberries, but you should cut them up before eating.

Anyone in possession of the Berry Obsession, Berry Licious or Donnybrook Berries should dispose of them or return to the place of purchase. Donnybrook is currently in the process of being removed from sale nationwide. Berry Licious and Berry Obsession have been removed from sale.

If you're concerned call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or speak to your GP.

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#### **14 September, from NSW Maritime**

When towing there are rules concerning how close you may approach other vessels, objects and people in the water, and the areas off limits to waterskiing and wakeboarding. Know before you tow. Watch video [here](#).

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#### **14 September, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command [Edited]**

About 8.15am Wednesday 12th September 2018 the Heavy Vehicle and trailer combination was travelling in a southerly direction in lane 2 of 3 along Mona Vale Rd in a 70kph zone. The Heavy vehicle when nearing the intersection of Highlands Road collided into the rear of a black Hyundai i30 before veering left into lane 1 and colliding heavily into the rear and offside of a red Kia Rio sedan. This collision caused the red sedan to mount kerb and collide heavily into a retaining wall alongside the northern footpath. The heavy vehicle then collided into a white Alfa Romeo sedan before it mounted the kerb and came to a stop against the retaining wall along side the northern footpath.

As a result of being hit by the heavy vehicle the Alfa Romeo sedan collided into the rear of a silver Hyundai i20r pushing it into the rear of a white Volkswagen golf which collided into the rear of a silver Honda CR-X. All vehicles excluding the Honda required towing from the scene. The driver of the Kia Rio suffered an abrasion on her forehead from the deployment of the airbag. She was seen to by ambulance and did not require any treatment apart from cleaning of the injury. The driver of the heavy vehicle claimed brake failure and Heavy vehicle inspectors attended the scene. The Heavy Vehicle was issued a Red Major defect by and towed to Botany RMS for inspection. The driver returned a negative road side

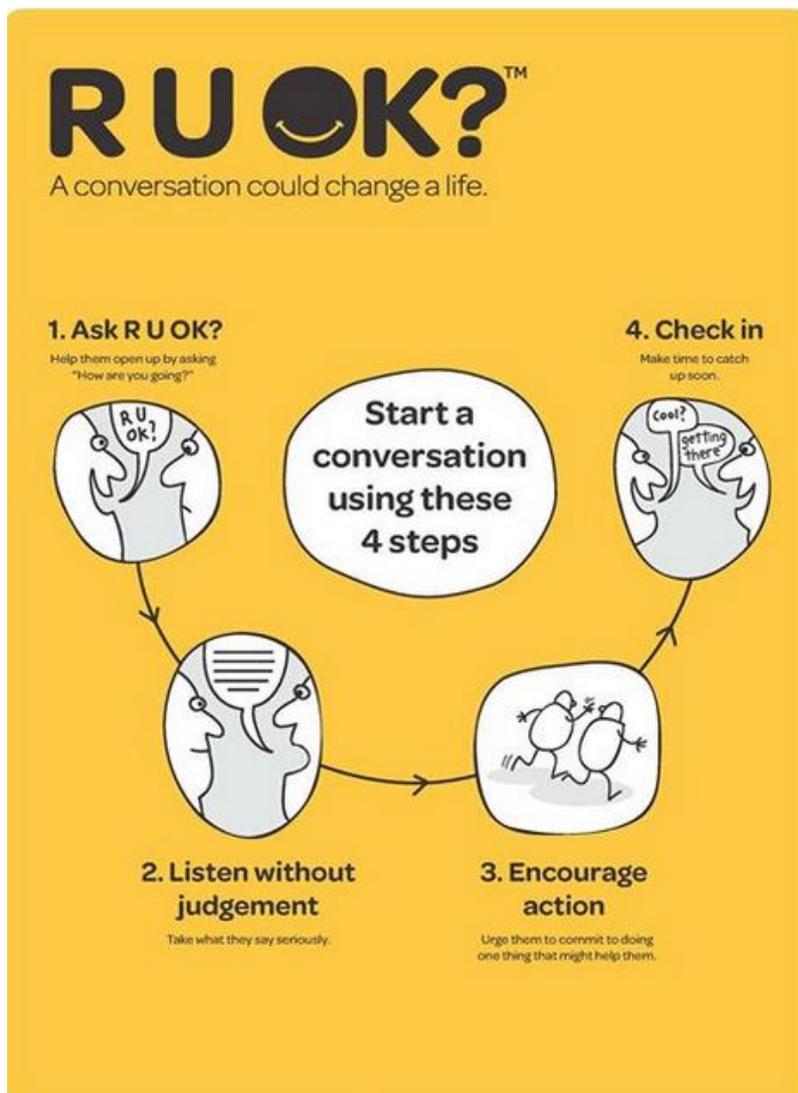
breath test. He was also subjected to a roadside oral fluid test which returned positive for Cannabis.

The driver was arrested for the purpose of a secondary oral fluid test which returned a positive result for cocaine. The driver was issued with a 24hr prohibition from driving.

Action against the driver is pending for the crash, the state of the truck, and final results of positive drug test.

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### 13 September, from The department of Education



Don't forget that a conversation can change a life!

Ask honestly and listen openly

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### **12 September, from NSW Maritime**

Not sure what the definition of 'a safe speed' on the water is? Take a look at this.

Stay safe on the water and remember, if you're the skipper, you're responsible

Watch video [here](#).

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### **12 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Mobile Drug Testing can occur anywhere, anytime and any police car could be an MDT unit.

Learn more [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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### **11 September, from The Daily telegraph: Teens dob in parents for dangerous driving**



FOUR out of five teenagers have witnessed their parents break the law while driving, an exclusive survey has revealed.

The survey, conducted by not for profit group Road Safety Education on behalf of The Sunday Telegraph, found that the majority of parents were providing poor role models for their children.

At another unnamed, multicultural school in Western Sydney, Year 11 students, all aged 16 to 17, were asked by The Blue Datto Foundation, another charity road education provider, if they too had witnessed their parents do something illegal while driving. The majority put their hands up.

With the protection of anonymity, they drew the misdemeanors they have witnessed. The sobering exercise revealed 'Mum drink drives' 'Dad speeds up to get through orange lights' 'I see mum on the phone while driving' 'Dad texts while driving'. One admitted her mother encouraged her to speed, even though she is on her Ls, another says 'Dad illegally takes a right hand turn. Don't do it.'

Full story [here](#).



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 13 September: [\[online edition here\]](#)**

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Domestic violence assaults fall but battle not over

AS DOMESTIC violence continues to rise in other areas of the state, Ku-ringgai had a significant decrease in reported cases in the last five years.

The Ku-ring-gai local government area recorded the lowest rate of domestic violence assaults in the state last financial year, followed by Hornsby and Lane Cove.

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### **HORNSBY**

Thousands of dollars worth of goods were stolen from a garage on Peats Ferry Rd last week. Poker machine parts, a bass guitar, amplifier and leads were stolen from a storage cage inside the garage between last Monday and Friday. The goods were valued at up to \$10,000. A hole was cut to gain entry to the goods.

### **HORNSBY**

Two teenagers were involved in a scary incident outside Westfield Hornsby after two adults allegedly tried to steal their bicycles on Sunday. The teenagers locked their bikes on George St near the Hornsby train station. After returning from Westfield about 12.30pm, they allegedly found a man and woman trying to steal their bikes. The man became aggressive with the teenagers and allegedly raised his fists and said: "I will bash you." The man also allegedly threw the bike lock he'd cut into a nearby bush. The boys managed to flee without harm and without losing their bikes. The man was described as caucasian, aged 35-40, with short blonde hair, wearing a beige knitted sweater and with a blue backpack. He was with a woman described as 30-35, thin build with long black hair in a bun and wearing a white hooded jumper.

### **HORNSBY**

A man has caused about \$200 in damage after cutting a cord to a security camera in the carpark at Hornsby RSL. The incident happened during the afternoon of August 18. The incident was reported after the man was spotted on CCTV footage causing the damage.

### **BEROWRA**

A man has been charged with low-range drink driving after being stopped on the Pacific Highway at Berowra. He was pulled over about 6pm on August 23 and failed a random breath test. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he returned a blood-alcohol reading of 0.053. The man will front Hornsby Court on September 27.

## **DURAL**

A fire hydrant was stolen from a property on New Line Rd between last Monday and Thursday.

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

**Friday 21 September:** Colour of KYDS Fundraising Lunch 2018. [Info](#)

**Saturday 22 September:** Westleigh Rural Fire Service Annual Open Day from 10am - 3pm @ Warrigal Drive, Westleigh. Live fire demonstrations, kids activities, famous BBQ, bush fire safety information and much more!

**Sunday 23 September:** Get Ready Weekend & RFS Open Day 10am - 2pm @ Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade, 7 Esk St, Wahroonga

**Monday 24 September:** NHW Area 3/4 (Turrumurra) meeting @ 7:30pm in the lounge area at Turrumurra Uniting Church, Turrumurra Ave, Turrumurra.

**Friday 05 October:** Walk to Work Day

**Saturday 06 - Friday 12 October:** NHW Australasia Week

**Saturday 13 October: Day for U** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ Warrawee Public School, 1452 Pacific Hwy, Turrumurra. NHW Crime Prevention stall run by our NHW volunteers.

**Sunday 21 October:** Graffiti Removal Day

### **2019:**

**Tuesday 05 February:** Safer Internet Day [Info](#)

**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 13 September** [Online edition [here](#)]  
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### **LINDFIELD**

3 At 11.15pm on September 6 a Tyron Rd business was broken into. The unknown offenders gained entry to the premises by smashing open the rear door. Once inside they made their way through several rooms, stealing a number of laptop computers. Chatswood Police, on 9414 8499, are asking anyone with information to contact them.

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**17 September, from au.news.yahoo.com: 'Please be aware': Mum's warning over toddler's pool fence stunt**

A mother has shared a chilling video revealing how quickly and easily a Perth toddler scales a backyard pool fence.

The footage posted to Facebook last week shows a little boy using a trampoline ladder in attempt to climb over an outdoor pool's safety fence.

The boy, identified as three-year-old Jordan, can be seen removing the trampoline ladder and dragging it across the yard towards the pool fence, while a little girl watches on.

For details click [here](#).

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**16 September, from Department of Justice NSW**

## HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH A CORONIAL INVESTIGATION INTO A MISSING PERSON?

First raise any questions about the coronial investigation with the officer in charge. You can also contact the relevant Coroner's Court and ask if they are able to provide information about the process, timing, access to records, and check if you are listed with the court to receive written notifications about the progress of an investigation.

For coronial investigations in New South Wales you might find the following guide helpful - [Link](#)

In other jurisdictions you might find the The National Missing Persons Coordination Centre information sheet helpful. Please contact Families and Friends of Missing Persons - FFMPU with any questions and we will seek to direct you to the relevant agency that can assist.

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### **15 September, Hornsby: Man threatens teenagers while trying to steal bicycles**

Read details [here](#).

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### **15 September, from [rms.nsw.com.au](https://rms.nsw.com.au)**

	<p>RMS.NSW.GOV.AU <b>Pacific Highway upgrades between Turramurra and Wahroonga</b> Pacific Highway upgrades between Turramurra and Wahroonga</p>
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14 September, Open Day

**These volunteers do so much for us**  
**Now it's our turn to support them!**



Ku-ring-gai SES and the Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade

**OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Fire extinguisher demonstrations - Fun for the kids - Chainsaw demonstrations - BBQ

Golden Jubilee Field 7 Esk Street North Wahroonga



10.00 am – 2.00 pm



Bring the family to SES and Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade Open Day - Sunday 23 September! Kids will love the interactive displays: Fire Drill & Over-run Demonstration; Tanker and equipment demonstrations; Ku-ring-gai Kids Fire Unit; Fire extinguisher demonstrations; Bushfire safety advice & Hazard reduction talks; SES Rescue Truck and Flood Rescue Boat; Chainsaw demonstrations; Hands on First Aid; Meet the SES mascot "Paddy the Platypus"; Enjoy a sausage sizzle at our fund-raiser BBQ.

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**14 September, From Pymble & West Pymble Community page:**

My front door was egged around 10:30pm last night... Was anyone else targeted or see anything last night?

And in the comments: A friend's parked car was written off by a speeding driver in Livingstone ave last night - but I doubt it was connected to your eggs!

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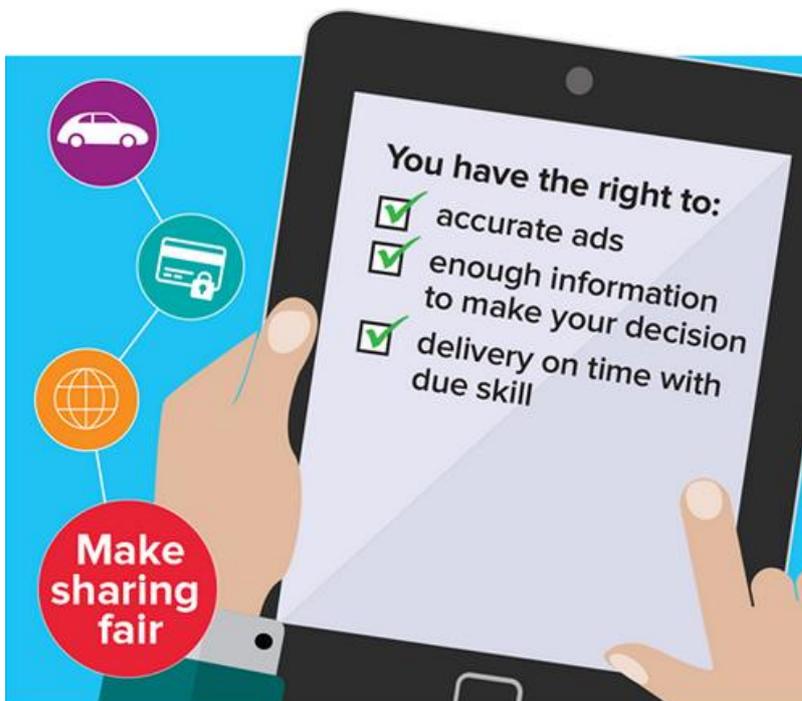
**13 September, from [businessinsider.com](#):** 12 things everyone should have at home in case of a natural disaster

Click [here](#) for details.

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**13 September, from NSW Fair Trading**

## Buying, renting or riding through a website or app?



australian consumer law 

A joint initiative of Australian state and territory governments

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Did you know you have the same rights when you buy goods or services from online platforms, like Uber or Airbnb, as you do when you make in-store purchases?

Click [here](#) for more information.

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12 September

# MISSING



**Cecilia or Kristen** (she is known by both names) is missing from Waratah NSW. **Last seen Wednesday 5 September 2018 at approximately 11am.** She is 41. She has blonde hair with an undercut at the back and sides and a long blonde length of hair at the top which can be worn up or down on any side.

She will be travelling either on foot or by public transport.

Cecilia has a medical condition and may appear disoriented. She may not be wearing shoes.

Her family and friends are frantic with worry about her, if you have seen Cecilia please contact **Waratah Police on 4926 6599 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000**

4,061 people have been reached, 101 engagements and 343 clicks.

## Crime Stats for July for Gordon

INC_CATEGORY	ADDRESS	PREMISE_TYPE	START_DATE	START_TIME
BREAK AND ENTER	LYNN RIDGE AVE	RESIDENTIAL	5/07/2018	1500
BREAK AND ENTER	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	25/07/2018	2133
BREAK AND ENTER	CECIL ST	RESIDENTIAL	22/07/2018	600
FIRE	CARLOTTA AVE	RESIDENTIAL	22/07/2018	1720
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	PACIFIC HWY && RYDE RD	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	8/07/2018	1350
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	PACIFIC HWY	UTILITIES	9/07/2018	2209
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	RIDGE ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	22/07/2018	2030
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	HENRY ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	30/07/2018	1415
STEALING	CHURCH HILL LN && HENRY ST	CARPARK	2/07/2018	745
STEALING	CECIL ST	RESIDENTIAL	3/07/2018	1030
STEALING	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	6/07/2018	1540
STEALING	BUSHLANDS AVE	RESIDENTIAL	4/07/2018	800
STEALING	ROSEDALE RD	RESIDENTIAL	7/07/2018	1200
STEALING	MERRIWA ST	RESIDENTIAL	23/07/2018	26
STEALING	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	22/07/2018	1345

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## 12 September, from Australian Federal Police

Beep... Beep... Beep Tests can be stressful and difficult if you're not prepped.

We've created a six week pre-course fitness program to help you prep for the next AFP police recruitment round. Click [here](#).

If you're fit, active and live a healthy lifestyle – meeting our minimum fitness requirements should be no sweat!

Get ready and get active now. We'll let you know dates for the next AFP police recruitment round once we've got them.

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11 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW



**ARE YOU FIT TO DRIVE?**

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
1800 333 000

**Medications may make you unfit to drive.**  
Have information about those with unsafe driving practices?  
Report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au)  
or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

Driving whilst taking Medications and Over-The-Counter Drugs....

Many prescription and some over-the-counter medicines may make you unfit to drive. They can affect your concentration, mood, coordination and reactions as a driver.

Do not drive while taking medicines with a warning label that tells you not to drive.

Medicines that affect driving:

- Some pain killers
- Medicines for blood pressure, nausea, allergies, inflammations and fungal infections
- Tranquillisers, sedatives and sleeping pills
- Some diet pills
- Some cold and flu medicines

For further information you can visit [here](#).

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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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)



Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)



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

## Local Facebook pages:



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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