



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #384 - 19 February 2019**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

📧 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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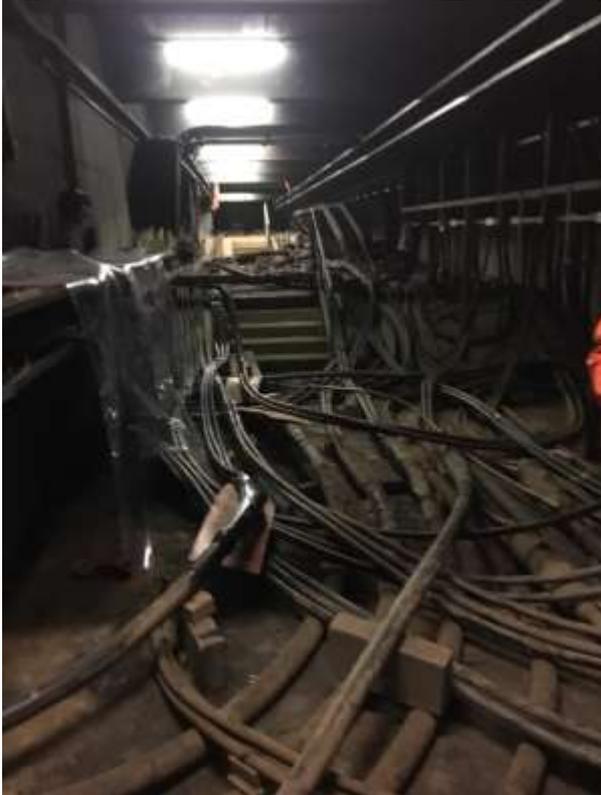
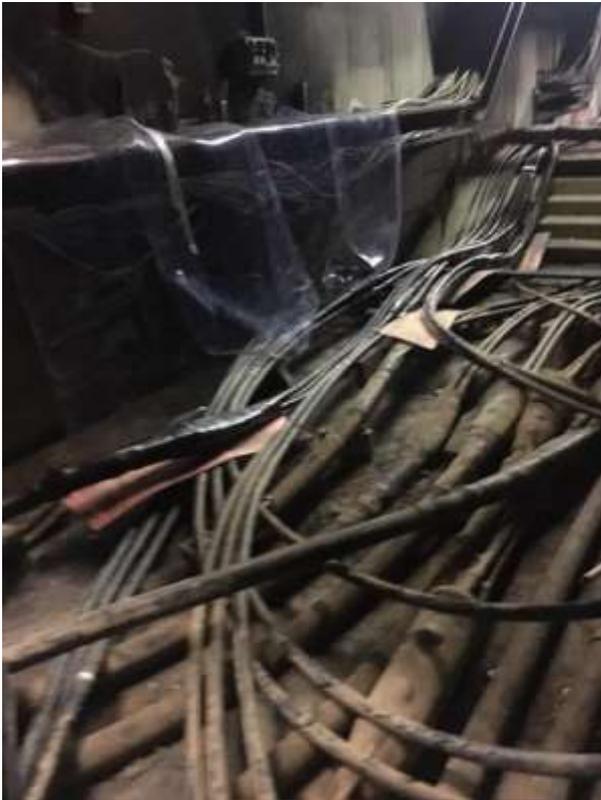
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**16 February, from Gordon Fire & Rescue NSW Rescue Station 037**

**Gordon: On Wednesday, Gordon firefighters attended an electrical fire in a substation in Hornsby which resulted in a loss of power to many homes in the area.**

Here's a photo of the complicated scene that greeted them. A jungle of ankle busting, very high voltage power cables hidden in a dark smoke filled room.



If you get a threatening call or email from a supposed government organisation threatening arrest because you haven't paid money, chances are this is a scam. Scammers will use any means necessary to frighten you into believing them. Furthermore, NO government organisation will require any kind of payment in the form of itunes cards or the like. If you get a call or email like this, hang up immediately or delete the email! If you are concerned it may be legitimate, research the number for the government organisation yourself and give them a call.



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**15 February, from RSPCA NSW: Great idea! 🐶🐱🐼**

**Emergency services might not always know to rescue pets in a fire or that they are home alone when someone is in an accident. 🚒🚑**

No one likes to think about if the worst should happen, but that's why RSPCA has created the FREE Pet Safety Kit to help you be prepared for any emergency. To register for your own FREE copy, [click here](#).

The Pet Safety Kit comes with an emergency wallet card, a key ring, and a window sticker to let others know that you have pets at home in case anything happens to you. You'll also receive a booklet filled with advice including what to do for your pet in the event of an evacuation, what human foods to avoid giving your pets, and so much more! 📖 It's not too late to request your FREE kit today, so make sure you

get yours now.



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### **15 February, from the AFP/ACT Policing: Man to face court over multiple sex offences**

“As a result of our investigation, we suspect this man may have committed similar acts in the ACT, NSW and New Zealand. “We certainly suspect there could be further victims out there, and we are urging anyone with information about this man’s activities to come forward and speak to police.” Police urge anyone who may have any information about this matter to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**, or via the Crime Stoppers ACT website. **Please quote reference 6298421**. Information can be provided anonymously.

A 53-year-old man will face the ACT Magistrates Court today charged with sexual intercourse without consent and acts of indecency. Police will allege the man, a Senior Pastor involved with a Canberra-based church, used his position within the church to conduct ‘prayers of deliverance’ on members of his congregation, which involved sexual acts. It is also alleged the man would tell female members of the congregation they would be cursed and their family members would die if they did not engage in sexual behaviour with him. The man will face court today charged over multiple acts of indecency and one count of sexual intercourse without

consent.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

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**15 February, from Ku-ring-gai command: Not our usual kind of post on a serious topic but it gets the message across - with a chuckle.**

Scamming a Gumtree Scammer | Joe Lycett



[Watch full video here.](#)

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**13 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Knife pulled on woman in attempted robbery at Westfield Hornsby**

Police are searching for a young man who pulled a knife on a woman at Westfield Hornsby in a failed robbery attempt yesterday. A mother and her daughter were walking to their car in one of the mall's carparks about 5.15pm. As they got into their car, a young man forced the driver's door open. Police said he was holding a knife, about 20cm long, and pointed it at the mother. He then threatened her to give him money. Police said she screamed, grabbed her handbag and told him to get lost. He threatened her again and she screamed a second time. Police were told he looked up and ran away. A woman was also walking with him before the incident described as being caucasian in appearance, in her mid to late 20s, with dark blond hair and baggy clothing.

Contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** if you have information that could assist police.

[Link to article here.](#)

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**12 February, from Newtown Fire Station: It's going to be another stinking hot**

day!

Leaving children in an unattended car is extremely dangerous, illegal and can be fatal. The same goes for our pets.

Our mates at [Fire & Rescue NSW Station 030 Lidcombe](#) had to rescue this pup from a locked car a few days weeks ago.

Even with the window cracked this fella was in a distressed state.





**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

**10 February:** A great day at the Everything for Seniors event today at the **St Ives Village Green.**

Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for organising. A successful crime prevention stall for Neighbourhood Watch. We engaged with over 50 people, discussing problems, answering questions and sharing goodie bags stuffed with advice, pens, fridge magnets, Little Black Book of Scams, car rego plate locking screws and Do Not Knock stickers, etc. Thank you to our volunteers: Stan, Peter, Julia, Gay, Wal and Fiona our Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLLO) from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command.

**Good News:** Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Council, we will soon have a supply of No Junk Mail stickers to share :)





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**Crime Stats are available for Oct 2018 thru Jan 2019.**

We will share on the appropriate suburb's Neighbourhood Watch pages. Please email us your suburb: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com) and we'll try and get them to you.

**Here's Gordon's January 2019 figures:**

FURTHER\_CLASS OFFENCE\_TYPE ADDRESS SUBURB P/C PREMISE\_TYPE  
START\_DATE START\_TIME

ASSAULT COMMON ACTUAL CHURCH HILL LN & HENRY ST GORDON 2072

PUBLIC TRANSPORT 11/01/2019 1840

ASSAULT COMMON ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY GORDON 2072

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 17/01/2019 1350

GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM(INCL MAL WOUND) ACTUAL GORDON 2072

OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 18/01/2019 2250  
ASSAULT COMMON ACTUAL WERONA AVE && ROBERT ST GORDON 2072  
OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 28/01/2019 1945  
ASSAULT COMMON ACTUAL CECIL ST GORDON 2072 RESIDENTIAL  
28/01/2019 2126  
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL ATTEMPTED LYNN RIDGE AVE GORDON 2072  
RECREATION 30/01/2019 1500  
GRAFFITI ACTUAL CHURCH HILL LN && HENRY ST GORDON 2072 PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT 9/01/2019 1340  
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY ACTUAL CHURCH HILL LN && HENRY  
ST GORDON 2072 PUBLIC TRANSPORT 23/01/2019 2150  
OTHER STEAL ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY GORDON 2072  
BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 2/01/2019 1225  
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ACTUAL DARNLEY ST && BALDWIN ST  
GORDON 2072 OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 10/01/2019 1315  
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ACTUAL DARNLEY ST && ROSEDALE RD  
GORDON 2072 OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 12/01/2019 2245  
STEAL FROM DWELLING ACTUAL MERRIWA ST GORDON 2072  
RESIDENTIAL 24/01/2019 1  
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ACTUAL NELSON ST GORDON 2072  
RESIDENTIAL 31/01/2019 1900

**And here's Berowra's January 2019:**

FURTHER\_CLASS OFFENCE\_TYPE ADDRESS SUBURB P/C PREMISE\_TYPE  
START\_DATE START\_TIME

ASSAULT COMMON ACTUAL CROWLEY RD BEROWRA 2081 RESIDENTIAL  
2/01/2019 1000  
ACTUAL BODILY HARM ACTUAL GULLY RD BEROWRA 2081 RECREATION  
15/01/2019 1100  
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY ATTEMPTED PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA  
2081 BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 3/01/2019 1700  
GRAFFITI ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081 PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
13/01/2019 2230  
GRAFFITI ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081 PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
26/01/2019 2150  
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 3/01/2019 1700

GRAFFITI ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081 PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
26/01/2019 2210  
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
CARPARK 12/01/2019 1450  
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
LICENSED PREMISE 14/01/2019 1243  
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
LICENSED PREMISE 11/01/2019 1225  
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
LICENSED PREMISE 10/01/2019 1715  
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
LICENSED PREMISE 9/01/2019 1236  
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE ACTUAL PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
LICENSED PREMISE 21/01/2019 1625  
OBSTRUCTION ACTUAL M1 MTWY & PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA 2081  
OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE 27/01/2019 1855  
ACTUAL BODILY HARM ACTUAL BEATRICE CL BEROWRA HEIGHTS 2082  
RESIDENTIAL 26/01/2019 2315

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**February 16, from Glenorie, Galston & Hills Rural Community News: NEW  
COMMUTER PARKING FOR HORNSBY**

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP is pleased to announce Transport for NSW and TAFE NSW have agreed to terms to transfer a parcel of land adjacent to Hornsby Train Station for a new commuter car park.

[View article here.](#)

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**Community Group yesterday:**

Families with young girls/boys please be aware that 2 men in a white Ute with red P's are approaching girls getting out of the car and chasing them. It happened yesterday afternoon on Eddy St, Thornleigh, between 3.44-3.53pm. Thank goodness my daughter and her friend got away, but the next person might not be that lucky. Let's keep our young ones safe. It has been reported to the police but unfortunately the girls didn't get a number plate.

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**February 15, from 9News.com.au: Dangerous and almost undetectable EnergyAustralia email scam flooding inboxes** [This article also details most of the other current scams to watch out for.]

A highly dangerous and almost undetectable scam has started flooding inboxes across the country, with a strong warning for people to show extreme caution when opening emails. The email scam uses the large database and established brand credibility of EnergyAustralia to lure victims into downloading a malicious file – a file that can steal, encrypt or delete sensitive data, hijack core computing functions or monitor your computer activity without permission. The fraudulent email appears to be sent from "EnergyAustralia" and includes the authentic subject line the company use when sending bills to customers.

[View full article here.](#)



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**14 February, shared from Scam Watchdog Australia: I was in Big W & there was an elderly man trying to buy \$1400 worth of iTunes cards.**

The sales lady asked him what they were for & he said he had to send them off to a man & then he would get triple the amount back. The lady refused to sell them to him & he got upset. She tried to explain it was a scam but he didn't believe her. He didnt understand at all ☐ I feel sorry for the elderly people that don't understand. I hope no one else sold them to him.

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**14 February: We have a driveway marking stencil to borrow, to paint white lines at the edge of your driveway.**

Here's a lovely note that we received that makes it all worthwhile! A street near a

school. ♥♥

Hi, we have done everyone on our street except one person who is doing it today. Would it be ok if I dropped the stencil kit off tomorrow or Friday - whichever suits you better? It has already made an impact on our street which has been amazing and so appreciated by all of us living here so thank you so much for giving us access to it.

You may borrow the stencil through our website borrow page. There's a small queue at the mo: <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/borrow/> **Note:** only available to Ku-ring-gai Council residents.

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**13 February, from Stay Smart Online: Do you have a WhatsApp account? [If you use WhatsApp, PLEASE READ THIS WARNING!]**

Look out for this scam that could give hackers access to your WhatsApp account and lock you out in the process! Don't let a scammer get into your WhatsApp account:

- Turn two-factor authentication on for your WhatsApp account.
- Update your phone's voicemail PIN

[Read more here.](#)

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**From Hornsby Advocate, 14 February [[link here](#)]**

**Street Watch [page 13]**

**WAHROONGA** A P-plater has been charged with mid-range drink driving. Police attempted to pull the 17-year-old Turramurra boy over on Coonanbarra Rd about 3am. Police said he allegedly turned into a street and attempted to park in a driveway where he did not reside. He allegedly failed a breath test and was taken to Hornsby police station where police say he returned a breath analysis of 0.093. The alcohol limit for P-platers is zero. He will appear in court at a future date.

**WAHROONGA** A nine-year-old boy was approached by a stranger outside Knox Grammar Prep School last week when he allegedly told the boy "you need to come with me". The boy had finished school and was waiting outside with a group of

friends about 3.30pm last Tuesday. He was alone for a short time when a man approached the boy and asked him to “come with me”, to which the boy declined, police have been told. A minute later, the boy’s mother picked him up and reported the incident to the school. The man has been described as being of Asian appearance, slim, with a bald head. He was wearing sunglasses, a red T-shirt, beige shorts and white shoes at the time of the incident. The boy told police he had seen the man a couple of times before but did not know him. **MT COLAH** A 41-year-old man has been charged with cultivate a prohibited plant after police allegedly found three cannabis plants in his backyard on Parklands Rd last Wednesday morning. He is due to appear in court at a later date.

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**From the North Shore Times, Thursday 14 February** [\[link here\]](#)

**[Page 12] Temporary Road Closures - Wahroonga Sunday 17 March 2019**

Ku-ring-gai Council has approved the temporary closure of the following roads on Sunday 17 March between 8am and 11am for the Ku-ring-gai Chase Fun Run coordinated by Special Olympics Sydney Upper North Shore.

- Westbrook Av at Esk St, Junction Lane and Kintore St.
- Hampden Av at Bunyana Av, Gladys Av and Cherrywood Av.
- Cherrywood Av at Delray Av, Fiona Av and Clissold Rd.
- Clissold Rd at Kokoda Av, Bunyana Av, Broula Rd, Cherrywood Av, Maclean Av and Devon St.

Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

**Street Watch [Page 15]**

**ST IVES** Neighbouring homes in Luton PI had break-ins around 1am on Wednesday last week. Thieves used a remote control found in an unlocked car in the driveway of one house to open the locked garage and rummage through it, police said. It was a similar story at the second home, where a remote control was taken from one of two unlocked cars in the driveway. In another St Ives break-in last Saturday, thieves stole a handbag, wallet, two mobile phones, a laptop computer and keys.

**[Page 21] Be scam aware**

Fair Trading NSW will be running an information session at **Gordon Library** on

**Monday, February 25, from 10am-noon.** The session will highlight a range of common scams, how to recognise them and how to protect yourself from financial and emotional risk. This free event will be presented in English at 10am and Mandarin at 11am, with light refreshments served in between. For bookings call **9424 0120** or email **Gordon.library@kmc.nsw.gov.au**.

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**Dates for the Diary:**

**Monday 25 February:** Fair Trading NSW Be Scam Aware Info session, Gordon Library 10am and 11am. **Fully booked.**

**Thursday 28 February:** Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting. **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

**Friday 01 March:** Streetwork Annual Golf Day. [Info](#)

**Sunday 03 March:** Clean up Australia Day

**Friday 08 March:** Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter fundraiser - Strength is her Superpower. International Women's Day 2019.

**Sunday 17 March:** Ku-ring-gai Chase Fun Run [Info](#)

**Wednesday 20 March:** Tech Savvy Seniors - Intro to online shopping 10-12, Gordon Library. [Info](#).

**Sunday 24 March:** Bobbo Cycle Classic [Info](#)

**Sunday 05 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command crime prevention stall.

**Saturday 25 May:** Novus Foundation 2019 Almost Winter Ball [Info](#).

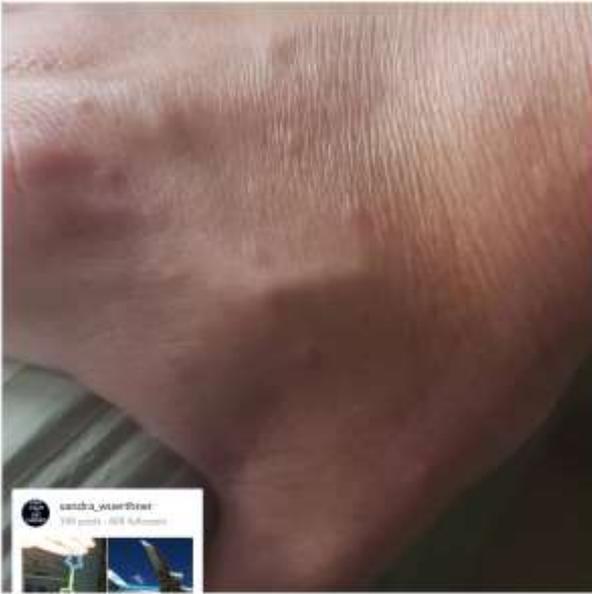
**Sunday 07 April:** Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

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**13 February, from Brightside.me: No need to carry a door key.**

People in Sweden Are Upgrading Their Hands, and It Makes Us a Little Scared  
Many people in Sweden have been starting to get chipped since the spring of 2018. People get a chip surgically inserted between their thumb and index finger which then replaces all plastic cards, keys, and other things that people usually have to carry with them. And if last year around only 100 people had these chips, then now, according to Daily Mail, this number has risen to more than 4,000 people and it's still growing.

[Full article here.](#)



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**13 February, from Code9 Parent: Find out if your child has a secret or second account on Instagram with this simple check.**

Whilst it's not fool-proof as savvy or less lazy kids wont leave their second account logged in, many teens will.

- On your child's phone open Instagram
- Hold down the profile picture icon found in the lower right-hand corner of Instagram
- Secondary or alternate accounts that are logged in will appear here.

HOW TO FIND YOUR  
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@Code9Parent

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council: FREE Slow Down in our Street Bin Stickers**

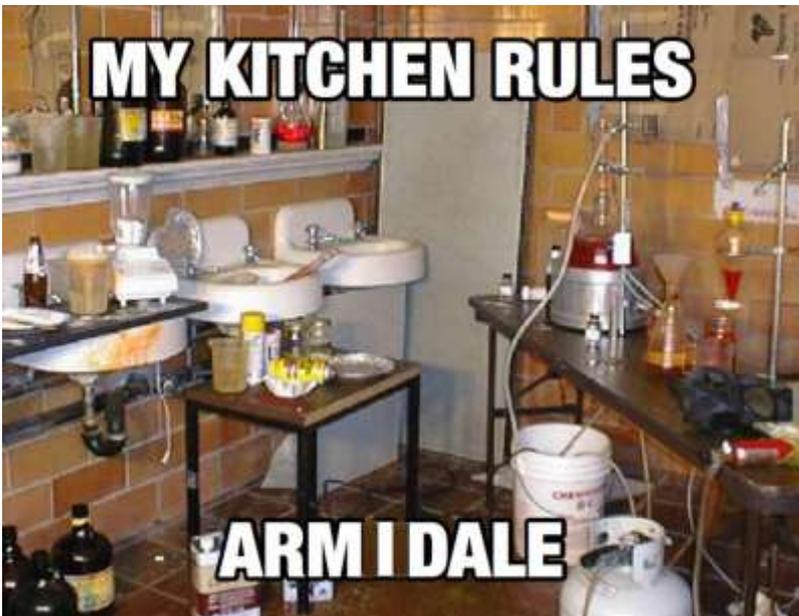
[More info here.](#)



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**From Hornsby Shire Council: Do you Know What to do in an Emergency?**

A great [page of pertinent info here](#) [and yes, it includes Power Outages!]



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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**IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

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

**NSW Police - Kuring-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.

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**WatchOut!** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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