



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #392 - 16 April 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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**15 April, from NSW Police: 🚓 Double demerits are in force this Thursday 18**

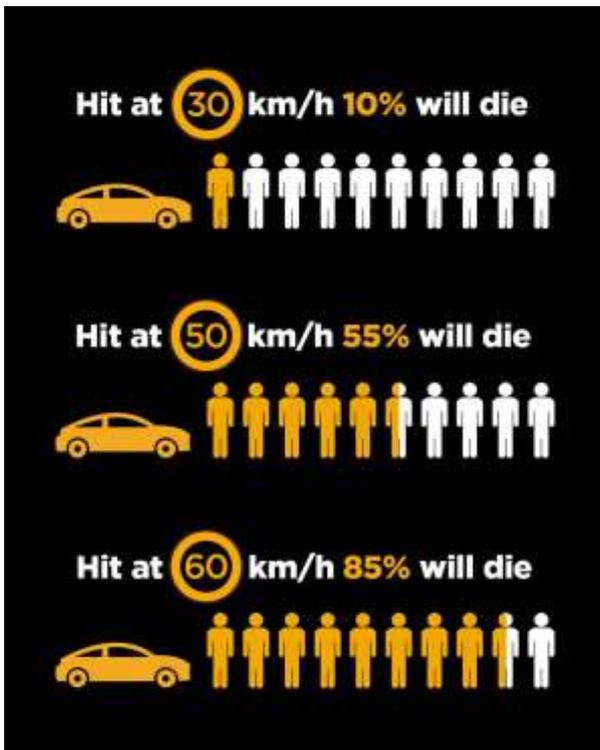
## April to Monday 22 April inclusive

Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or motorcycle helmet this Easter holiday period, and you'll face double the points.

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### 14 April, from NSW Road Safety: There's a 10% risk that a pedestrian will be killed if hit by a modern car at 30km/h.

At 50km/h and 60km/h impact speed, the likelihood of surviving dramatically decreases. Safety on our roads is a shared responsibility - we all need to look out for each other.



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### 12 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: STEAM CARD SCAMS - are occurring now in the Hornsby Kuring Gai PAC

Here is some advice from ACCC Scamwatch - 26 March 2019. The following are extracts from their page:

#### Payment demanded by gift card? It's a SCAM

"Scammers like to get gift cards as payment as it's easy for them to quickly sell them on secondary markets and pocket the cash," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. "If anyone asks for payment using a gift card, it is a scam, simple as that," Ms Rickard said. Gift cards are increasingly the payment method of choice for scammers. Scamwatch reports show more than \$5 million was lost in 2018, a

38 per cent increase compared with 2017. iTunes cards accounted for \$3.1 million in losses — a 156 per cent increase from the \$1.23 million reported in 2017. However Scamwatch has also seen an increase in reports involving other gift cards such as Google Play, Amazon, and Steam cards, and Australia Post Load & Go prepaid debit cards.

[Full ACCC Scamwatch Media Release here.](#)

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**12 April, from NSW Road Safety: When approaching a set of traffic lights which turn yellow (amber), you should:**

- a) Race through before they turn red
- b) Stop suddenly and reverse back behind the stop line or traffic lights, if they turned yellow while you were travelling through them
- c) Stop if you can do so safely before reaching the stop line or traffic lights



**ANSWER: C**

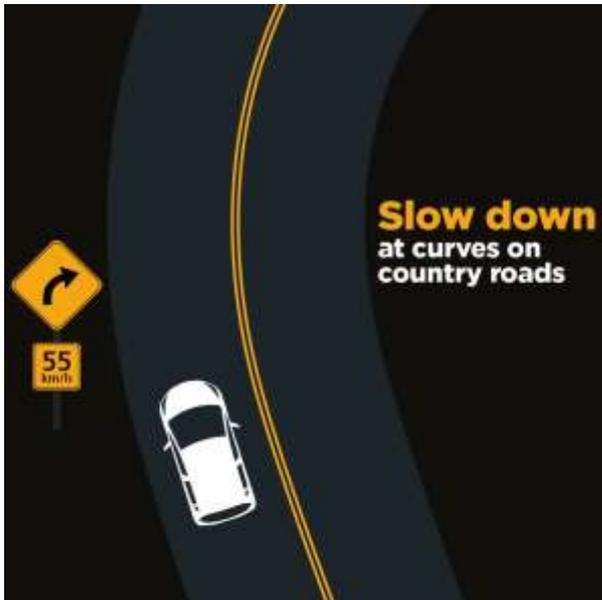
A yellow (amber) traffic light or arrow means stop. A driver approaching a yellow traffic light must stop if they can do so safely before reaching the stop line or traffic lights.

Watch **NSW Road Safety** [Yellow Traffic Lights video here.](#)

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**12 April, from NSW road Safety: Between 2014 and 2018 almost half of all fatalities on country roads occurred on curves or bends.**

Slow down and follow advisory speeds and signs when approaching curves, bends and crests.



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**11 April, from NSW Police: Heading to the Sydney Royal Easter Show?**

Visit us at the Home and Lifestyle Pavilion. This year we've joined with our friends from [NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV.](#)

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**10 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: This afternoon local police responded to a thief who ordered two cheese and tomato toasties from a local cafe and then ran off without paying for them.**

Police were called and after a short foot pursuit were able to apprehend him and explained to the male that it was wrong to steal. As police were speaking with him he admitted he had done the wrong thing, was very remorseful and embarrassed over the 'grilling' he received. Have a nice night and remember, we are here for you. You are OUR community. If you see anything suspicious, hear anything suspicious then tell us.

**Ways of reporting crime:**

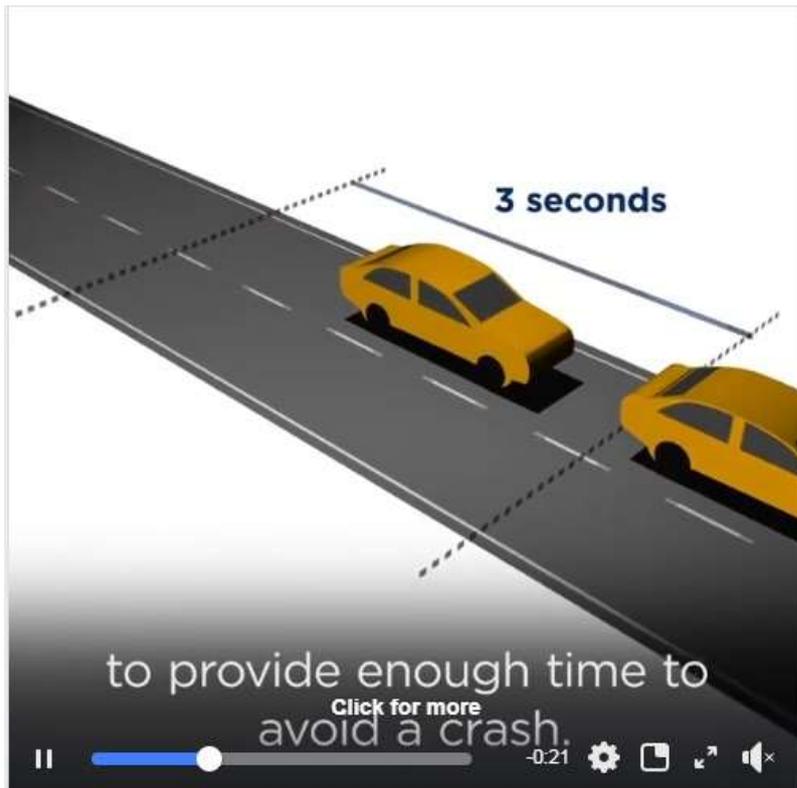
- **Triple zero (000)** for emergencies
- **131 444** Police Assistance Line for non-emergencies
- **1800 333 000** Crime Stoppers – to provide crime information - anonymously

if you wish.

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**10 April, from NSW Road Safety: Between 2014 and 2018, almost one quarter of all road crashes involved a rear-end collision.**

Tailgating is the most common cause of rear-end collisions. It's recommended you drive or ride 3 seconds behind the vehicle in front to avoid a crash. Heavy vehicle drivers should leave a 4 second gap.



Watch [Transport for NSW Safe Traveling Distances video here](#). [Apologies, can't find the NSW Road Safety video online - Ed]

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**10 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: SCAMS !!!!!**

We work hard for our money - let's learn a bit about scams, what to look out for and how to protect ourselves from being scammed.

Grab yourself a **LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS!**

**What is a SCAM?**

A scam is a fraudulent scheme, especially for making money; swindle

~ Dictionary.com A dishonest scheme; a fraud ~ Oxford Dictionary

With SCAMS occurring and evolving daily, the ACCC have a great LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS to help us detect and avoid and protect ourselves from scams. Recent estimates by the Australian competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) indicates that scams cost Australia upwards of \$340 million each year. **Follow this link** and download a copy of THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS! <https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams> It shares with us the ten (10) most common methods that scammers use to get to our money:

1. Advance fee scams
2. Lottery, sweepstakes and competition scams
3. Dating and romance scams
4. Computer hacking
5. Online shopping, classifieds and auction scams
6. Banking, credit card and online account scams
7. Small business scams
8. Job and employment scams
9. Golden opportunity and gambling scams
10. Charity and medical scams

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Another great link is the ACCC's SCAMWATCH site. You can report scams here as well: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams>

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**10 April, from Fairfield City command: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding warrant.**

**Blake Egan, aged 27**, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant in the south-west Sydney region. Mr Egan is described as being of Caucasian appearance with a medium build, blonde/light brown hair, tattoos on both arms, and the name "Alexis" tattooed on the left side of his neck.

If sighted, members of the community are urged not to approach him, instead contact **Triple Zero or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**





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**10 April, from Crime Stoppers: Are you a motorcycle rider carrying a passenger?**

Any passenger carried on a motorcycle (not in a side car) must:

- Sit astride the motorcycle pillion seat facing forward
- Keep both feet on the footrests designed for use by the pillion passenger
- Wear a correctly fitted and security fastened approved motorcycle helmet
- Be eight years old or over
- Not interfere with the riders control of the motorcycle

A motorcycle rider must not ride with more than one passenger (excluding sidecar passengers) on a motorcycle

For more information visit:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/licence/motorcycle-riders-handbook.pdf>



Have information about individuals using unregistered or unlicensed trail bikes on public roads? Report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)



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### Dates for the Diary:

**Friday 12 April to Tuesday 23 April:** NSWPF @ Home and Lifestyle Pavilion, Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park.

**Wednesday 01 May - 31 May:** Run 4 Blue NSW Police Legacy fundraiser. [Info.](#)

**Friday 19 April:** "Eggs on the Oval" 10am-12noon @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln, Waitara.

**Saturday 04 and Sunday 05 May:** Household Chemical Cleanout 9am- 12:30pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

**Sunday 05 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm. Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command will have a crime prevention stall, with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers assisting. Come and say Hi and discuss any particular concerns. Kids photo opportunities, FREE rego plate locking screws, Little Black Book of Scams, goodie bags, etc. Have you a NHW window sticker on

your front and back windows? Do you need to borrow a shredder? Having trouble with cars blocking your driveway? NHW can help you in various ways.

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

**Wednesday 19 June:** DV Expo 9:30 - 12:30 @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council: The next chemical collection at St Ives Showground is 4 and 5 May, 9am to 3.30pm at St Ives Showground, 450 Mona Vale Road.**

This event is open to everyone. At the Chemical CleanOut Collection the following items are accepted:

- solvents and household cleaners
- floor care products
- ammonia-based cleaners
- fluorescent tubes and globes
- batteries, including car batteries
- paint and paint-related products
- poisons
- pesticides and herbicides
- gas bottles
- fire extinguishers
- pool and hobby chemicals
- acids and alkalis
- motor oils, fuels and fluids
- oil heaters / column heaters

Pack your unwanted chemicals in secure containers to ensure they don't leak or spill. Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L maximum container size.

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**From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 11 April [[Link here](#)]**

**NORMANHURST** A search warrant in Normanhurst helped recover more than 150 bread trays suspected of being stolen from outside a supermarket before appearing up for sale online. Police were called after the large number of trays — used for carrying bakery products — were allegedly spotted up for sale on Gumtree after going missing from outside a supermarket. Police said the victim allegedly contacted the seller and arranged to purchase some of the stolen trays

from a Denman Parade property in Normanhurst, which were being sold for \$10 each. Police visited the property and allegedly spotted 16 stacks of trays. As a result, a search warrant was carried out on Tuesday and more than 150 bread trays were recovered. Police are investigating and speaking with a 41-year-old Normanhurst man.

**NORMANHURST** A BP service station was broken into and about \$8000 worth of cigarettes were stolen during the early hours of Friday morning. A man broke into the service station at 2.15am by smashing a window. He then stole \$8000 worth of cigarettes and exited the store at 2.17am. Police are reviewing CCTV footage and the man has been described as caucasian, wearing black gloves, blue jeans, a black hooded jumper, and a black hat covering his face.

**TURRAMURRA** A staff member at BWS Turramurra has foiled two shoplifters who tried to steal alcohol on Friday shortly after 4pm. Two young people walked into the store and grabbed three bottles of spirits, valued between \$67 and \$81, before leaving the store. A staff member chased the pair and recovered the alcohol. Police said the staff member also spoke with the driver of a vehicle who was allegedly driving the young people. Police are investigating.

**WAHROONGA** A 44-year-old woman has been charged with low-range drink driving after being stopped for a random breath test on Pacific Highway about 12.30am on Sunday. She allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.071. She has been charged and will appear in court at a future date.

**NORTH TURRAMURRA** Golf carts hired at North Turramurra Golf Course were badly damaged on Saturday after a group of unruly golfers — with no appreciation for etiquette — crashed the carts. Police said a group of unknown people hired four carts and golf clubs about 4pm on Saturday before playing nine holes of golf. They were seen by a witness driving recklessly, crashing the carts into each other and into trees, causing damage to the vehicles. Police are investigating the malicious damage.

**NORMANHURST** Normanhurst West Public School was vandalised over the weekend causing thousands of dollars worth of damage. A bin was set on fire at the school, a door was broken, and three flyscreens were removed and smashed. An electrical panel was also extensively damaged costing the school \$10,500. The incident happened between 5pm on Friday and 6am on Monday. An empty can of alcohol was also found on the school premises.

**VANDALS** targeted a quiet street in West Pennant Hills over the weekend

damaging seven vehicles parked on the road, leaving residents shocked and upset. Long scratch marks were etched along the driver's side panels and doors of at least seven vehicles parked on Jacana PI between 11pm on Saturday and 8am on Sunday. Police are investigating the incident. Narvia, who did not want her last name published, said six cars and a truck had been "keyed" leaving extensive damage. She said five of the vehicles belonged to her family members who were staying at her father's house for the night.



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**From the North Shore Times, Thursday, 4 April** [\[Link here\]](#)

**Street Watch** [Page 21] **ROSEVILLE** A 64 year old woman has been charged following an incident outside an apartment block in Boundary St, on 8/4. Police will allege that the woman placed a sign on the rear window of her vehicle and intentionally blocked the driveway knowing that her neighbour was about to exit the car park. The two neighbours then had an altercation. The woman was charged and is due to appear in Hornsby Court on 17 April.

**LINDFIELD** A 14-year-old schoolgirl was followed after getting off a train on 2/4. The girl was walking along Beaconsfield Rd when a woman noticed a male watching and following her. The woman saw the male stop in some bushes and suspects he engaged in a lewd act while still watching the young girl. Police were called but the male could not be located. He is described as caucasian, around 17 years old, six foot tall, slim build, clean shaven, straight brown hair wearing grey pants, white loose shirt and sneakers.

**BUYER BEWARE:** There has been an increase in disputes over quality of goods or goods not received from purchases made on Facebook marketplace or

Gumtree. Gumtree warns users not to send funds to sellers unknown to them. When items are not received it is a stalemate. Police cannot prove the goods were not received or that the seller did not send. In terms of quality or description of item, Caveat Emptor applies: “the principle that the buyer alone is responsible for checking the quality and suitability of goods before a purchase is made”. In these matters, consider civil proceedings.

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**15 April, from NSW Rural Fire Service (posted 12 April): Last night NSW RFS hosted a multi-agency training exercise at the Empire Marina complex, Bobbin Head.**

More than 100 personnel from the NSW RFS, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police Force and NSW Ambulance took part in the mock fire emergency, a simulated real life scenario where a fire in a workshop spread to a boat and the marina complex.

Following a fire at the complex in 2012, the opportunity to run through emergency drills with marina staff was identified. Last night’s Exercise Empire was an opportunity for all involved to practice and showcase the equipment and capabilities of all agencies working together, while preparing for potential emergency events.



Great video available on Facebook, [click here](#). (Footage courtesy of FRNSW).

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**15 April, shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group (yesterday's post): Just had some punk kids (aged approx 16+) group of 6 steal stuff from our car that was parked on Carinya Road Mt Colah.**

They proceeded up onto Amaroo. Please check your stuff if you live along there.

Don't bother approaching the kids they're hostile.

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**15 April, from Crime Stoppers: Online child sexual abuse material has no place in our community.**

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner Cyberreport team takes action to remove such content and works with law enforcement and international partners to help stop the cycle of abuse. Play your part: If you see it online, report it online. Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you have information relating to suspected child sexual abuse, call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

The poster features a close-up photograph of a young girl with blue eyes, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. Her arms are crossed in front of her face, partially obscuring it. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Cyberreport**

There is no place  
in our community for  
**online child  
sexual abuse  
material**

If you see it online, report it online to  
**[esafety.gov.au/report-now](https://esafety.gov.au/report-now)**

Child sexual abuse is a crime.  
If you suspect it, contact Crimestoppers.  
Reports can be made in confidence.

**CRIME  
STOPPERS**  
1800 333 000

eSafety Commissioner [esafety.gov.au/report-now](https://esafety.gov.au/report-now)

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**The minutes from the Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) held on Thursday 28 February 2019 have been distributed by Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command.**

If you would like a copy, [please email us here](#).

### **Extract from the minutes re: Berowra Area:**

- Commented about the youth in Berowra and the ongoing issues in the Berowra area have decreased with ongoing patrols of the area.
- Police have increased their patrols of the area including plain clothed police and extra patrols have occurred and will continue whilst the problems continue. Patrols have been ongoing with the rate of mal dams decreasing recently.
- CCTV cameras in the Cenotaph area was discussed as there are no cameras in the immediate area. The closest camera is mounted on the railway station building and does not cover the cenotaph grassed area. Louise Gee will follow up accordingly.
- Willow park and the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre was mentioned with previous anti-social behaviour taking place. The problems in that area have disappeared with the case closed by police.

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### **15 April, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: 4 fire trucks from the [#NSWRFS](#) and [Fire and Rescue NSW](#) just responded to reports of a structure fire in Westleigh.**

Given the reported nature of the incident, the weight of response was large. Upon arrival, the residents knew nothing of the reported incident, there was no fire and upon further investigation it was found to be a malicious call 😞

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### **From Ku-ring-gai Council: Council meeting round up for Tuesday 9 April [extract]**

A progress report on the Gordon Town Centre Litter Improvement Program was received. We were encouraged by the results so far, with March's litter assessment report recording a 75.3% reduction in litter count compared to April levels last year. Improvements in the area have included upgrading of street furniture with new litter bins and mall seats, removing graffiti, installation of signage, re-painting of walls around Wade Lane carpark, improving landscape areas with replanting of vegetation and engagement with local businesses.

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### **From Live Traffic NSW: NORMANHURST Pennant Hills Rd between**

## **Buckingham Ave and M1 Pacific Mwy SCHEDULED ROADWORK**

Date: Sun 31 Mar 2019 - Thu 18 Apr 2019

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun/Mon/Tue (10:30pm to 5:00am) Both directions affected

Wed/Thu (11:00pm to 5:00am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce your speed Exercise caution; Allow extra travel time Other Info:

Contraflow traffic conditions will be in place.

[View Live Traffic NSW here](#) for roadworks, events and traffic incidents.

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## **16 April, from NSW Food Authority: NAME & SHAME LIST**

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 25 premises added
- 27 premises publication period expired

See [this week's additions here](#).

**85 DEGREES COFFEE, Hornsby** in this week's additions to the list.

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Unfortunately Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby areas had to turn down an invite to take part in the Hornsby Shire Council Volunteers Expo (Tuesday 07 May 2019). NHW are no longer covered by the NSW Police Force insurance policy. Discussions are underway to rectify this. We will keep you informed.

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**When Thomas the Tank Engine visits Sydney...**



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

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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: [@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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



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



**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)



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



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

### Local Facebook pages:



**WatchOut!** Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#) (technical issues)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

**Our mailing address is:**

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