



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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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29 July, from Traffic and Highway Command - NSW Police Force



About 3.35pm on Saturday 27th of July 2019, The Hills Highway Patrol detected a Honda CBR 1000RR at a speed of 156kph in the signed posted 60kph zone on Old Northern Road, Dural. At the time the motor cycle was overtaking other vehicles on the incorrect side of the dividing lines in order to catch up to a friend.

The rider, a 45-year-old male from Bayview who held a NSW Riders licence was stopped and spoken to. The rider was only issued his unrestricted riders licence yesterday being the 26th July 2019.

He was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for "Drive in a Speed/Manner Dangerous to the Public" and "Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph" and "Not Keep

Left of Dividing Lines." His licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period 6 months. Additionally, the number plate of the motor cycle were seized and returned to the Roads and Maritime Services for a period of 3 months.

27 July, from NSW Police Force

Proactive police work has seen two men charged with graffiti-related offences after being arrested at Hornsby.

About 10pm (Thursday 25 July 2019), officers attached to Hornsby Police Transport Command spoke with two men in a lane at the rear of Hornsby Police Station.

Due to noticing spray paint on their clothing, officers conducted checks on the pair and searched a vehicle, locating 47 cans of spray paint, balaclavas, gloves and other items.

The pair, both aged 27, were arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station.

One of the men was charged with enter enclosed lands (x5), malicious damage (x5). The other was charged with armed with intent to commit an indictable offence (x2) and goods in custody.

Both were refused bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court yesterday (Friday 26 July 2019).

It's alleged one of the men, from Strathfield, was involved in an incident of graffiti at Rhodes Railway Station on Monday 22 July 2019.

26 July , from Kuring Gai Police Area Command: Ku-ring-gai PAC Week in Review

- An 18yo male from Thornleigh was arrested and charged with stealing cash & credit cards from a vehicle in Westleigh. The offender used the cards to make a number of fraudulent purchases at stores in the local area and was identified through CCTV. He has been bail refused.
- Two youths from Normanhurst and Mt Colah have been charged with Trespass and issued strict bail conditions restricting them from entering Hornsby Westfield & surrounds after they repeatedly breached their banning notices. The youths had been banned after continually displaying anti-social behaviour in the mall area including shoplifting and maliciously damaging property.
- A 40 yo male from Wahroonga was disturbed by the owner after attempting to break into a property in Normanhurst. The vigilant resident took down the registration number of the vehicle the male fled in. This led police in identifying the offender and he was subsequently arrested and charged with B&E with intent. He has been bail refused.
- Two male offenders from Kings Park and Seven Hills have been arrested and charged with multiple offences after they stole a vehicle from a residential garage in Turramurra. They were later involved in a further stealing incident, frauds, a police pursuit and a car jacking all which occurred out of the local area. They have both been bail refused.
- Three people have been caught shoplifting this week at Westfield Hornsby including a 43 yo male from Cherrybrook who has stolen groceries from Coles and 53 yo male from Eastwood who has stolen groceries from Woolworths. Both have been issued an Infringement Notice for Shoplifting. The third individual was a 16 yo female who stole numerous items of clothing from City Beach. She has been given a Youth Caution.

24 July, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

DO NOT GIVE YOUR BANK DETAILS OUT TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW!

(We DO NOT KNOW someone we've met on the internet for a relatively short time)

There are so many scams out there, but one which targets the particularly vulnerable members of our community is a ROMANCE SCAM. It is a cold and heartless scam which preys on the lonely and often the elderly.

We see way too often reports that are made to police where these criminals have gained access to bank account details simply by asking for them from their victim for a promise of love. These criminals are smooth in their approach. Their objective is to take your money, nothing more, nothing less!

Victims may be naive in their misplaced trust in someone they don't know but they are NOT stupid, they are NOT dumb. They are more often lonely and longing for companionship.

The following link is that to ACCC Scamwatch. Have a read. Have a look at the graphs on the right hand side of the page - staggering figures!

Please SHARE IT with someone you think needs some guidance or has spoken to you about a new relationship they have online.

Check website [here](#).

If you would like to enquire about having a presentation on different types of scams (presentations to groups) conducted, please call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

28 July, from NSW Police Force

Three men have been charged in a drug supply investigation on Sydney's North Shore.

Officers from North Shore PAC established Strike Force Yugari to investigate the suspected supply of prohibited drugs by a 34-year-old man within the Sydney Metropolitan area.

Following extensive inquiries, at 11.40am yesterday (Friday 26 July 2019), investigators executed a search warrant at a home on Centennial Avenue, Lane Cove.

The 34-year-old man was arrested inside the home.

Two other men who were inside the home, aged 33 and 26, were also arrested after they were found to be in possession of drugs.

During a search of the home, police allegedly located a small amount of a crystal substance and white powder, as well as ammunition, a crossbow, taser, flick knife, two slingshots, an extendable baton, and throwing knives.

Property believed to be the proceeds of crime, including mountain bikes, tools, and clothing were also seized.

The 34-year-old man and the 26-year-old man were taken to Chatswood Police Station.

The older man was charged with ongoing supply of prohibited drug, possess prohibited weapon (x6), deal with proceeds of crime (x2), possess ammunition, goods in custody, and drive whilst disqualified.

He was refused bail to appear before Parramatta Bail Court today (Saturday 27 July 2019).

The younger man was charged with possess prohibited drug and deal with identity documents with intent.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Thursday 8 August 2019.

The 33-year-old man was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for the offence of possess prohibited drug on a court date yet to be set.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 07 August: Sizzle in the Mall FREE Youth BBQ 2-4pm @ the Fountain, Hornsby

Saturday - Sunday 10 & 11 August: Ku-ring-gai Council eWaste (computers, TVs etc) event 9am - 4pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

Thursday 29 August: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Monday 30 September: TBC Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting. 7:30PM in the lounge area, Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave. All welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

Sunday 27 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Wednesday 13 - 20 November: TBC Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week - Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall

28 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Did you know that police CAN email infringements? Read on...

Legislation passed on 11 November 2016 allows NSW Police to email infringements. This means an officer can provide the public with a choice of either receiving infringements via postal mail or email.

Emailing infringements enables officers to send an infringement to people who live interstate and overseas.

⚠️⚠️ IMPORTANT ⚠️⚠️

⚠️ You will only receive an emailed infringement if you have had face-to-face interactions with a police officer, and have consented to receiving the infringement via email.

⚠️ Always be vigilant of potential for fraudulent activity and report any fraudulent emails to <https://report.acorn.gov.au>.

⚠️ If you receive a penalty notice by email address from a police officer, do not pay anything until you check the validity of the notice.

⚠️ You can check the validity of any penalty notice issued in NSW by contacting Office of State Revenue.

For more information visit this [site](#).

27 July, from NSW Police Force: More than 180 infringement notices were issued following two pedestrian compliance operations conducted across the Sydney area.

Officers from the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force conducted the two-day proactive Operation Focus in the North Sydney, Chatswood and Crows Nest areas, which concluded today (Friday 26 July 2019).

The operation aimed to reduce the risk of collisions involving pedestrians through education and enforcement at locations identified as high-risk areas.

During the operation, officers issued 56 pedestrian infringement notices and 46 traffic & bicycle infringement notices.

At the same time, Leichhardt Highway Patrol officers conducted a similar pedestrian compliance operation across Newtown and near the Broadway shopping complex between 7.30am and 1pm yesterday (Thursday 25 July 2019).

During that operation, officers issued 80 cross when traffic control light is not green infringement notices for pedestrians, four bicycle infringement notices for riding on the footpath and helmet offences, and four other traffic infringement notices.

So far this year, there have been 35 pedestrians that have died on NSW roads.

Police urge pedestrians to:

- Always use pedestrian crossings;
- Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you – wait until all vehicles have stopped before you cross;
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb, and while you are crossing the road;
- Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses;
- Wear bright, light coloured clothing at night or in reduced visibility conditions;
- Avoid using a mobile phone or portable media player (so you can hear vehicles and concentrate on crossing the road);
- At traffic lights, make sure that vehicles stop before you start to cross, and don't enter the road if vehicles are moving through the crossing or if the red don't walk signal shows. Pedestrian countdown timers show how many seconds you have left to finish crossing before oncoming vehicles will be given a green light. If you haven't started to cross, the countdown timers can help you decide if it's safe to do so.

Drivers, riders and cyclists are urged to:

- Slow down on roads where there are likely to be heavy pedestrian traffic, especially near schools and shopping centres; near hotels where there are likely to be pedestrians who have been drinking;
- Be aware that pedestrians are hard to see at night and in poor weather;
- Don't assume that a pedestrian has seen you and will wait for you to go past;

- Be mindful that vulnerable pedestrians may need extra time to cross – children can be difficult to see and may act unpredictably;
 - Be conscious of the potential for pedestrians who may be affected by a substance, particularly during late hours.
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27 July, from transportnsw.info:

Transport and travel information to help you plan your public transport...

Click [here](#).

26 July, from Australian Federal Police. We believe this was in Arcadia.

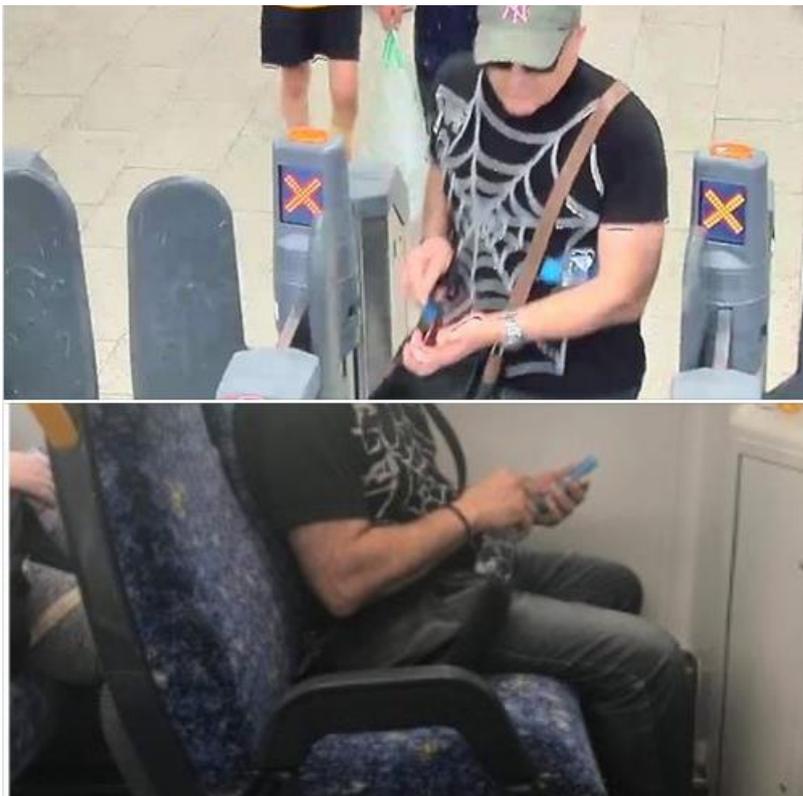
55kg of cocaine with an estimated street value of more than \$20 million has been seized following a joint Australian Federal Police and [Australian Border Force](#) operation in Sydney.

The cocaine was hidden in a 2300kg industrial machine. Three Sydney men have been charged with drug importation offences, and if found guilty face a maximum penalty of imprisonment for life.

If you or someone you know needs free and confidential advice about alcohol and other drug treatment services, call the National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline on 1800 250 015.

Watch video [here](#).

26 July, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force



Man's identity sought after 'up-skirt' incident on train - Chatswood.

Police have released CCTV vision and are appealing for public assistance to help identify a man who may be able to assist with inquiries after an 'up-skirting' incident earlier this year.

Between 3pm and 3.40pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019, a man on board a train between Central and Chatswood was observed filming up the skirts of young teenage school girls.

The man alighted the train at Chatswood Railway Station after being confronted by another passenger on the train.

Officers from the Police Transport Command are undertaking an investigation and have released CCTV vision.

The man is depicted as being of Caucasian appearance, medium build, about 170cm tall, with dark hair and in his mid-to-late forties.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [website here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

**From Hornsby Advocate, 25 July
Street Watch [Page 07]**

THE CareFlight rescue helicopter has been called to help a man who crashed his motorbike in Galston last Friday afternoon.

The 28-year-old man suffered multiple injuries, including to his arms, legs and abdomen, after his bike slid and crashed on Gribbenmount Rd about 1.30pm.

The helicopter was forced to land in a paddock beside the road and the critical care team had to climb over a fence to reach the injured man. As he was taken to Westmead Hospital by road ambulance, his condition worsened and the man needed a bloodplasma transfusion. He arrived at the hospital in a serious but stable condition.

The Careflight team was also called to a property in Glenorie on Thursday after a 32-year-old man fell while working on a singlestorey roof.

The incident happened about 1.30pm last Thursday at a construction site on Yarrington Place. A CareFlight spokesman said the timber beam supporting the man broke before he fell about three metres, hitting his head on the concrete foundation below.

The CareFlight rescue helicopter was called and landed in the street within 20 minutes. NSW Ambulance paramedics arrived shortly after and helped treat the

man for head and arm injuries. He was also flown to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition.

REGIONWIDE

A neighbouring police command, Ryde police, has issued a warning about scammers using WhatsApp to impersonate the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Reports indicate it is the latest scheme as part of a fake tax-debt scam where scammers issue a pre-recorded voice message to your phone demanding immediate payment of a debt and threaten arrest. In addition to requesting payment via unusual methods, the scammers may also ask victims to send a photo of their driver's licence, passport or other identity credential via WhatsApp.

From North Shore Times, 25 July

Unwanted Cleaner [Page 17]

A man, 56, was issued a move on direction by police on 18 July for allegedly harassing a lady in Emmett St, Crows Nest. The man allegedly turned up at her home stating he was there to clean the gutters. When the woman declined he said he could drop the price and began unloading equipment from a white utility. Police attended and the male produced a business card for a registered company with an ABN. Police recommend residents do some research before engaging services from workers "cold calling" and not to be pressured into making hasty decisions.

Green + Simple [Page 19]

When it comes to reducing our carbon footprint, the home is an easy place to start.

Following these steps will create less waste, and also help your household budget.

Compost

There are plenty of simple ways to curb food waste and composting is one of them. Composting solutions range from benchtop all-in-ones to 400L specialty rotor bins. Also check local community gardens, many of them have compost facilities.

Recycle

You already separate your paper glass and plastic but there are many more items that you can recycle including e-waste, batteries and soft plastics. Check out specialist recycle centres in your area.

Food prep

Save yourself the cash and the waste by being a food prepper. All it takes is noting the contents of your fridge and pantry before you head to the shops, buy only what you need and move older items to the front of the fridge or cupboard.

Buy in bulk

Pantry staples are great to purchase in bulk. It'll save on packaging and also generally be more wallet-friendly too. Alternatively, try your local bulk food stores if you want to buy smaller amounts without the plastic.

Use reusables

There's no better investment than a zero-waste arsenal. Think a fold up reusable bag, coffee cup, water bottle and even a straw or cutlery.

More details: greenandsimple.co Composting your food scraps is a simple way to curb household waste from ending up in landfill.

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot recommend any products. Please do your own research.

25 July, from aunews.yahoo.com: Man bailed after alleged NSW teen stabbing.

Read details [here](#).

25 July, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

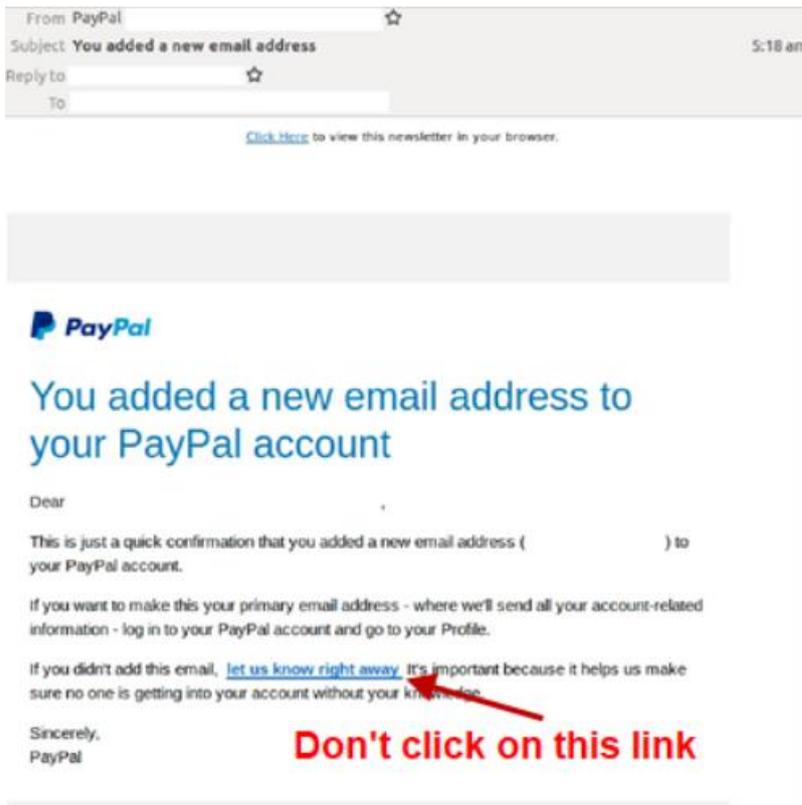
Below are some images of a terrifying event for a NSW family whose dryer caught fire in the middle of the night over the weekend. Luckily the residents were alerted by a smoke alarm and managed to move the unit outside.

It is a very timely reminder to check and empty your lint filters before every drying cycle and never leave your dryer on when asleep or when leaving the house! And always let your dryer complete it's cool down cycle!

Thanks to Murrumbateman Rural Fire Brigade for the images.



25 July, from NSW Police Force



What would you do if you received a seemingly legit-looking email claiming someone has added a new email address to your PayPal account?

Well, for starters, don't click on any links. It might just turn out to be a #phishing #email #scam - like this one.

25 July, from 9News.com.au: Servos to name and shame dodgy petrol thieves



Thousands of Sydneysiders are driving off without paying for petrol, spawning a new online “name and shame” website.

The drive-off epidemic in NSW – which works out as more than 20 cases a day – costs servos an estimated \$50 million in lost revenue each year, bumping up prices for honest customers.

Now fed-up retailers have created a group called Servo Watch in a bid to hold petrol thieves to account, posting videos of drivers allegedly stealing fuel as a warning to others.

Read more [here](#).

24 July, Shared from a resident in Mt Colah area:

Travelling Conmen in Hornsby. Website [here](#).

@HornsbyFencingandGates (link to FB Page) is not a genuine business.



"Jimmy" (as in photos) attended and measured for a "fence quote". He was convincing enough other than not supplying a business card.

Their website is clearly a cut and paste generic template, it matches numerous other websites, the phone numbers are generic and go to automated messaging and divert to message banks. Calls are never returned after that initial visit. Their website even has links within the page to Michigan USA

Please be on the lookout for the car and face in the images attached and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police Help Line 131444 or Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799.

24 July, from westernunion.com: The best defence against fraud is awareness... Protect Yourself—fraud comes in all shapes and sizes, so learn more about the tricks fraudsters use to lure in victims.

Read more [here](#).

24 July, from the dailytelegraph.com.auFast five: **Police news across the Hornsby Shire**

Thornleigh

More than \$16,500 worth of cigarettes were stolen from Woolworths Thornleigh on Tuesday morning.

Police believe the offenders may have hidden in the store until it closed, before ransacking the cigarette counter and stealing cigarettes.

The incident happened about 12.30am on Tuesday.

The same store was also targeted by a thief just a few hours earlier.

On Monday, about 9.10pm, a customer paid cash for a lighter and some cigarettes papers at a checkout.

The customer then reached over the counter seeing the till open and grabbed a stack of \$50 notes totalling \$900 before running from the store.

Police are investigating both incidents.

Hornsby

Firefighters battled a house fire on Brushwood Place on Sunday afternoon.

Three fire crews attended after being called at 1.43pm from people reporting smoke coming from the rear of a three-storey house.

The fire, on the lower level of the house, was extinguished by 2.15pm.

Police also attended and are investigating. It is not believed to be suspicious.

The extent of the damage is unclear.

Brooklyn

About \$21,000 worth of jewellery and mobile phones were stolen from a home on Brooklyn Rd last Wednesday.

The break-in happened about 4.45pm.

Police say jewellery, two iPhones and keys were stolen from the house.

Dural

A 30-year-old man has been charged with high-range drink driving after he was stopped while driving along Old Northern Rd about 8.25pm on Saturday.

Police allege he failed a roadside breath test and was taken to Castle Hill police station where he returned a breath analysis of 0.209.

He is due to front court at a future date.

Brooklyn

A boat, which was moored at Brooklyn, has been stolen.

The 2005 Predator boat, moored in the water off Brooklyn Rd, was stolen between last Tuesday afternoon and last Wednesday afternoon.

If you have information that could assist police with any of the above incidents please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

24 July, from 9News.com.au: Teen girl pleads not guilty to cop assault at Hornsby Westfield

A teen girl has pleaded not guilty to assaulting a police officer at a Sydney shopping centre last month.

The 14-year-old girl is accused of punching and kicking a female officer at Westfield Hornsby on June 11.

The alleged attack was caught on camera by an onlooker as the female officer and her partner struggled with the girl and other teens.

Read details [here](#).

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 PAC](#)

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:



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WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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