



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #411 - 27 August 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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colleagues and neighbours.

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### **26 August, from NBN Television**

Two blokes in the Newcastle suburb of Lambton have been captured proving you don't always have to enjoy the comfort of the lounge in the living room.

We're not sure who they are, or where they were going, but if you do let us know.

Video thanks to Kylie Davey.

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### **25 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Audio tactile line markings (ATLM), sometimes known as "rumble strips", protect against fatigue by producing a noise and vibration when driven over to alert drivers they're veering off the road. ATLM is estimated to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries caused by crashes where vehicles leave the road by 15 to 25%.

Watch video here.

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23 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



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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22 August, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



These photographs cut a lonely sight on the M1 motorway.

Someone once said driving when tired is dangerous.

"I took the risk".

Someone once said turning your car radio up doesn't keep you awake when you're tired.

"I took the risk".

Someone once said winding the window down doesn't perk you up when you're driving tired.

"I took the risk".

Someone once said speeding is dangerous.

"I took the risk".

That person was CORRECT!

"I wish I hadn't taken the risk".

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### 22 August, from NSW SES Hornsby Unit

A tree branch has been charged for 1 count of Break and Enter into the backseat of a car and for 3 counts of Trespass across other cars on Jersey St, Hornsby this afternoon. With the help of Hornsby Police, the #HornsbySES team had stern words with the branch and moved it along.



But in all seriousness...

--- 🚨 ☐ SEVERE WEATHER WARNING 🚨 ☐ ---

for DAMAGING WINDS

Wind gusts to 70-80 km/h are likely across the Sydney Metro tonight.

Tomorrow, Damaging Winds possible along the coastal fringe from midday.

Sustained gale force winds 65-75 km/h are the main risk. Gusts up to 90 km/h are possible, but not the most likely risk. Hazardous surf conditions are expected to develop along the coast from Forster southwards during Wednesday afternoon and evening, then extend to the remainder of the coast on Thursday. Damaging surf

conditions, with waves exceeding 5 metres in the surf zone, are expected during Thursday, before easing during Friday.

☎ For EMERGENCY assistance due to storms call the #NSWSES on 132 500. If life-threatening, call triple zero (000).



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS NOT  
A CHOICE.**

**RACE IS NOT A CHOICE.**

**PLACE OF BIRTH IS NOT A  
CHOICE.**

**ETHNIC GROUP IS NOT A  
CHOICE.**

**HATE**

**IS A CHOICE.**

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## **Dates for the Diary:**

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

**Friday 30 August:** Wear it Purple Day

**Thursday 05 September:** Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers. 6:30-8:30pm @ council chambers. **Bookings essential.** **Info.**

**Saturday 14 September:** Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade Open Day 10am-2pm 'Let's Get Ready!' @ 127x Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

**Monday 16 - Saturday 22 September:** Responsible Gambling Awareness Week

**Saturday 22 September:** Responsible Gambling Awareness Week community event - Family Harmony & Health Day, 12-4pm @ St Ives Community Hall, Memorial Av. **Registration: 0488 330 820**

**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:** Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week

**Thursday 14 November:** Thornleigh Bunnings crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

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**From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 22 August [Link [here](#)]**

### **Street Watch [Page 10]**

POLICE divers continue efforts to recover the body of a man from the Hawkesbury River in Brooklyn.

Last Monday, witnesses reported a 4WD crash off Old Pacific Highway bridge about 9.15pm. Police made 10 dives to a depth of 22m with limited to zero visibility in cold waters, and found the car buried in mud.

Officers found the man's body, trapped in the driver's seat. They removed the man's body but got caught in a strong current.

The divers were separated and one tried to surface with the body unsuccessfully. A second team pair was immediately dispatched but could not find the man's body.

The man's family has been notified. Lifeline 13 11 14

## **HORNSBY**

Two people have stolen about \$990 worth of clothing from Myer at Westfield about 1pm last Monday. A total of nine shirts and three jumpers were taken from display racks. Police are reviewing CCTV footage and want to speak to the man and woman. The man has been described as being about 19, with a fair complexion, medium build, 175cm tall, brown medium-length hair, dressed in a grey-green t-shirt, grey pants and black shoes. The woman is around 19, with a fair complexion, slim build, 160cm tall with long dark hair who wore a white tube-style top, jeans with ripped knees and white shoes.

## **HORNSBY**

Police are investigating an incident where a black woollen balaclava was found outside a bank on Florence St. On Friday, about 12.25pm, a member of the public alerted the bank manager of a man outside the building at the ATM machine who was acting suspiciously. When the manager went out to investigate, they found the balaclava in front of the fire door and notified security.

## **HORNSBY**

A 24-year-old man has been charged with common assault after being refused entry to the Hornsby Railway Hotel last week. The man was with a 21-year-old man, both from Pennant Hills, when they were refused entry to the premise. As a result, an altercation ensued between them and security staff, which resulted in minor injuries on all sides. The matter is before the court. The older man will reappear in Hornsby Local Court for further mention on September 11.

## **HORNSBY**

Police are warning businesses and residents to be aware of counterfeit cash after a fake note was discovered at a premise on Burdette and Hunter streets, on Friday around midnight. Police were called to the premise on Saturday morning to reports of a counterfeit \$100 note.

## **HORNSBY**

Thieves have broken into Hornsby South Public School on Clarke Rd over the weekend. Someone gained entry by damaging a first-floor window and entering two classrooms. A fire extinguisher was taken from each room and there were random obscenities written on the classroom white boards. Police investigations continue.

## **HORNSBY**

A man, 28, has been charged with driving with an illicit drug present in his system. Police stopped the man's black ute about 12.30pm on Tuesday on Galston Rd and conducted a random drug test. The oral fluid test allegedly produced a positive detection and his vehicle was searched. Police will allege they found a bag containing white powder. The man was issued with a 24-hour prohibition notice from driving. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station for further tests. He is due to front Hornsby Local Court.

## **HORNSBY**

A house on Rosemead Rd was broken into and ransacked between 9.45am and 3.15pm on Friday. The occupants left the property for lunch and when they returned, noticed a thief had gained entry into their house by completely smashing in the groundfloor front door. A TV and some jewellery was stolen, worth \$500 in total.

## **HORNSBY**

A thief broke into a property on Burdette St and stole a motorised bicycle, valued at

\$2000, from an underground storage cage in the garage. The thief broke the front door to gain entry between 5pm on Wednesday and 8am on Thursday.

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**From The North Shore Times, Thursday, 22 August. [Link [here](#)]**

**High Range DUI [page 23]**

About 10am on 20/8, police conducting RBT on the Pacific Hwy, Lindfield, stopped a silver Hyundai i30. Police submitted the driver, a 42 year old Lindfield woman, to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. The woman was arrested and taken to Gordon Police Station, where she stated she had consumed four white wines after dropping her children at school. She returned a breath analysis reading of 0.179. As a result she was charged with driving with High Range PCA, her licence was suspended and she will face court next month.

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**24 August, from PD.COM.AU: Your Car Got Stolen. Here's What To Do.**

Details [here](#).

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**24 August, Shared from Berowra Heights Community Page group:**

OK so the other day I was applying for jobs when I get this email stating they saw my resume on seek. I immediately contact them asking what their company is and if I was to get a position what would I be doing. I was told selling and reception/bookkeeping and with the money that was to be placed into my account I was to take my wage out of. I enquired with job agency and they said it was a fraud. Please always do your research on companies before accepting jobs. It has all been reported to police as well.

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**24 August, NSW Police Force**

A man has been charged with 85 graffiti-related offences following an investigation into more than \$17,000 worth of damage to property.

Officers attached to the Police Transport Command (PTC) North West Transport Action Group, supported by Sydney Trains, commenced investigations into the alleged graffiti offences.

About 7am yesterday (Thursday 22 August 2019), officers attached to the PTC North West Transport Action Group and North West Metro Region Enforcement Squad, executed a search warrant at a residential address on Fitzwilliam Road, Toongabbie.

Police arrested a 36-year-old man who was wanted for 35 incidents across the North West region of Sydney over the last 18 months.

Upon searching the home, police seized a total of 400 spray cans, clothing items used in connection with the alleged offences, keys, cannabis and graffiti sketches.

The man was conveyed to Parramatta Police Station where he was charged with 85 offences, including numerous counts of enter running lines, blacken face with intent, malicious damage (graffiti), possess prohibited drug, trespass and goods in custody.

The man was refused bail and appeared in Parramatta Local Court today (Friday 23 August 2019). He was refused bail and remanded in custody and will reappear on Friday 30 August 2019.

Anyone with information about graffiti related offences or other damage to property, is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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**24 August, from 9news.com.au: Aussies arrested for fixing online Counter Strike: Global Offensive matches**

Details [here](#).

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**22 August, from Reef River Reptile Aquarium - ARC Aquariums**



It sucks that we have to post about stuff like this but stealing corals from our shop is just not on. 😞 What's worse is that the coral had already been pre-bought by a customer... They were so excited to receive their new coral (goniapora) today only to find that it had been ripped out with all the surrounding corals smashed in. You're not only stealing from us but your fellow hobbyist. This saddens us tremendously...

It's not even about the money. It's the bad vibe and energy this creates for the people that have been affected.

To the person who took it please bring the coral back... Not for our sake but for the customer.

Add to post.....

So incredibly Gutted; so sorry M and J; was meant to be your wedding gift from the Arc team. The fact that you guys were so peed off that Reestock fell on your wedding day made us all laugh and keep our eyes peeled for something really special for you. Thanks Daza for letting us have this stunner from your private collection and also for the identification photos.

To the person who took it from all of us , if you decide not to return it, I hope it at least brings you as much joy as it would have our newly married friends..... I ask all colleagues, customers and hobbyists to share this across the board and if this piece pops up on anybodies radar, please appeal to the involved person to return it, we promise there no repercussions from our side.

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## 22 August, Shared from Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai Community group.



### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Early start to bush fire season in Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area**

**22 August 2019**

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area will start the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) early this year due to ongoing warm and dry conditions.

While the bush fire season traditionally starts on 1 October each year, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area will begin the fire season on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

NSW RFS Superintendent Mark Sugden is urging residents to know the risks and take precautions now.

"We have experienced a long dry and warm spell, which is increasing the bush fire danger across the region," Superintendent Mark Sugden said.

"There are simple things you can do now to get ready for bush fire season – such as talking with your family about your bush fire survival plan, preparing your home or property, knowing the bush fire alert levels and making sure you know where to get information during a fire.

"The things you do now can make a big difference to your safety during a fire, and whether your home survives."

Landholders are also encouraged to use fire safely if conducting hazard reduction activities.

"Many people use fire to reduce the fire risk on their property – but if fire's not used properly, you can end up being the fire risk to your community.

"Permits are required during the bush fire danger period. They're free and easy to get by contacting your Fire Control Centre.

"Don't be the fire risk to your community. Use fire safely and only light up if conditions are safe."

"Never leave a fire unattended and if a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise the damage," Superintendent Mark Sugden said.

For information on planning and preparing for fire, visit [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au).

Information on permits and total fire bans can be found at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Fire Control Centre on 9883 2000.



For more information contact the HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI Fire Control Centre on 9883 200  
For current incidents or major fire updates visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

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## 22 August, from NSW Poisons Information Centre

### SPORTS SUPPLEMENTS – STAY SAFE

The TGA has recently released a statement warning of counterfeit sports supplements on the market.

These counterfeit supplements are not regulated and may contain ingredients not listed on the label. These products may also contain illegal prescription substances or substances which have been withdrawn from sale due to safety concerns. They may also contain substances which have been banned in sport and could be very

dangerous to your health.

Tips for staying safe when using sports supplements:

- \* don't buy from overseas websites
- \* look for an AUST number on the label. This confirms it is a TGA regulated product.
- \* always seek advice from a health professional before starting a new supplement
- \* take only as directed and never exceed the recommended dose. Taking supplements in excess may cause symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, tremors and heart palpitations.
- \* consider other alternatives to enhance your fitness or physique

If you are experiencing any side-effects after taking a sports supplement or have any concerns about the product you have been using contact Poisons Information on 131126.

Read more [here](#).

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### **22 August, Shared from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia and Dural:**

Reported this morning

2 men were outside our bedroom window last night around 9.30pm with a torch until they saw us inside and turned it off. We haven't seen them since but they would have to have jumped fences to get in. Police have been called. We're in peebles rd.

Keep your eyes out.

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### **22 August, from NSW Police Force**

A woman has been charged with mid-range drink driving after crashing her vehicle into a parked car at Pennant Hills last night.

About 11.15pm (Wednesday 21 August 2019), a 30-year-old Cherrybrook woman was driving her black Holden Astra north on Oakes Road West when she allegedly lost control of the car and crashed into a parked Toyota Corolla.

The woman's vehicle flipped onto its side, but she managed to escape uninjured.

Police were called, and the woman was subjected to a roadside breath test that provided a positive result.

She was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station where she underwent a breath analysis that allegedly produced a reading of 0.086 – in the mid-range category of drink driving.

She was issued a Future Court Attendance Notice to attend Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday 11 September 2019 for Mid-Range PCA.

Her licence has been suspended.

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### **21 August, from RACQ**

You may know one, don't be one!

Watch video [here](#).

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### **21 August, from NSW Police Force**

Strike Force Splint detectives have charged a man with 55 offences as part of an investigation into a multi-million-dollar fraud against a charity organisation.

In March 2017, detectives from the State Crime Command's Financial Crimes Squad and Northern Beaches Police Area Command established Strike Force Splint to investigate the reported misappropriation of funds by a former senior employee of Surf Life Saving NSW.

As part of their investigations, detectives executed three search warrants in Sydney's CBD and Parramatta and seized documentation.

Detectives also received large amounts of documents which underwent analysis by specialist forensic accountants.

Following extensive investigations, Strike Force Splint detectives arrested a 50-year-old man at Wollongong Police Station about 9am today (Wednesday 21 August 2019).

The man was charged with seven counts of obtain money by deception (greater than \$15,000) and 48 counts of dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception.

Police will allege in court that the man used his position as General Manager to defraud the organisation through various means to a total value of more than \$2.7 million between 2006 and 2016.

The East Corrimal man has been granted strict conditional bail to appear at Wollongong Local Court on Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Splint investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [this site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

Watch video [here](#).

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21 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW



ILLEGAL HUNTING affects everyone.

The damage to farmers' property can potentially run into thousands of dollars and include injury or death of livestock, damage to fences and crops or even straying stock.

What can you do to help prevent, stop or report Illegal Hunting:

- ✓ record all incidents of illegal hunting on your property
- ✓ install quality farm camera
- ✓ lock gates

✓ place 'Private Property'  
or 'No Trespass' signs on  
gates and fences

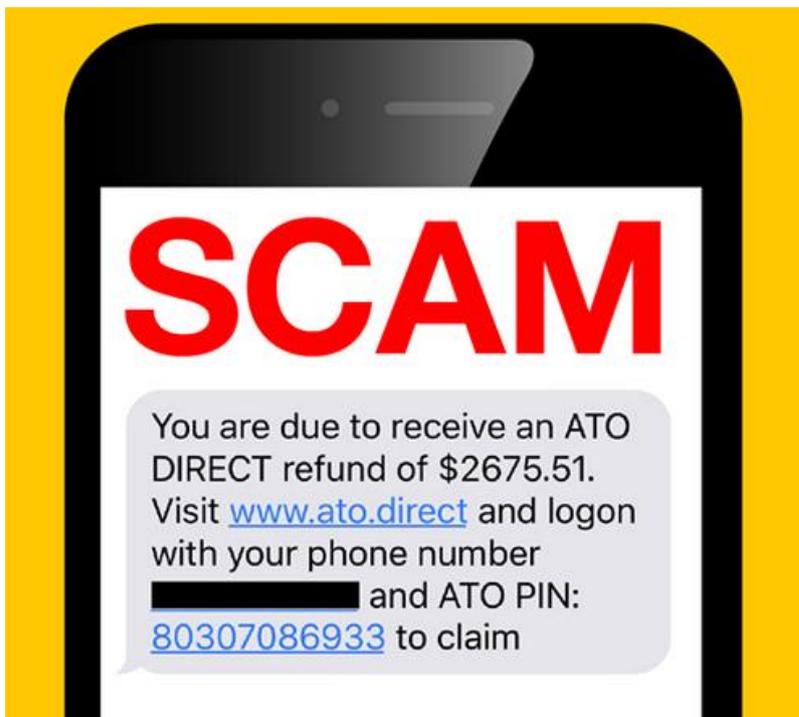
✓ photograph offenders and  
vehicles if this can be done  
safely.

If ILLEGAL HUNTING is 'occurring now' always call Triple Zero (000).

If you have information about ILLEGAL HUNTING call Crime Stoppers on 1800  
333 000 (24/7) or report online [here](#).

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### 21 August, from Australian Taxation Office



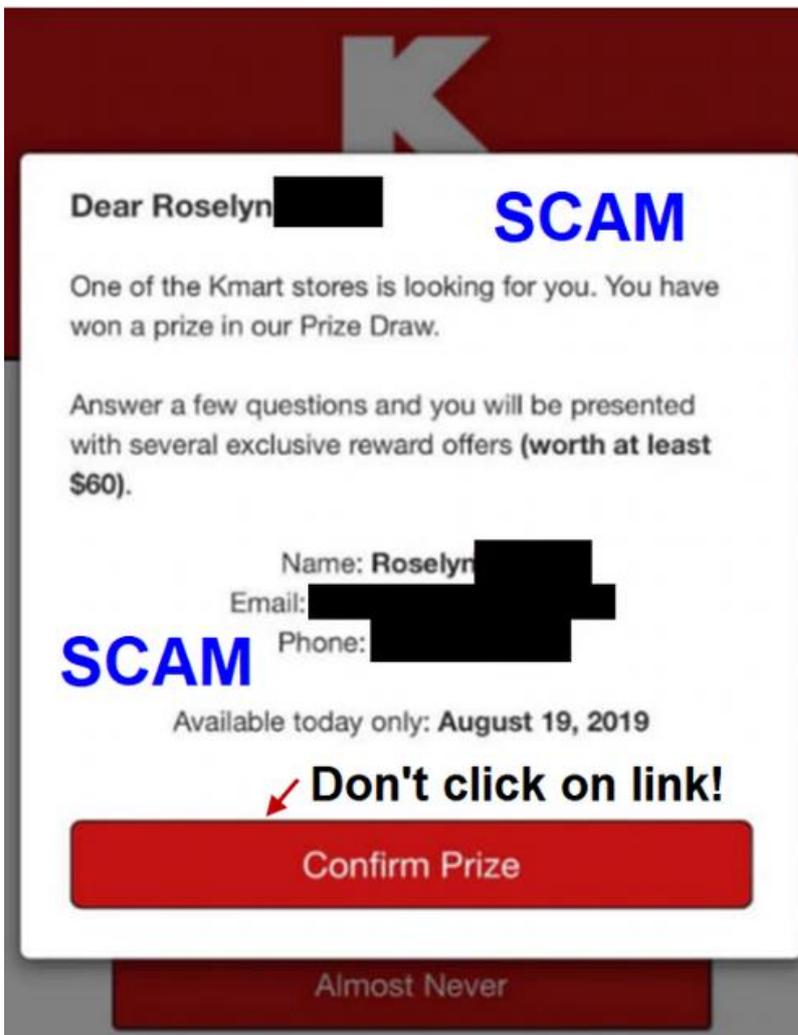
📧 SCAM ALERT 📧 We've seen an increase in scam text messages (SMS)  
offering fake tax refunds.

Stay safe by not clicking on any links directing you to log on, even if it seems legit.

Make sure you warn your family and friends and visit our scam alerts page to learn more [here](#).

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21 August, from NSW Police Force



Attention Kmart shoppers! This is one Kmart hack you don't want to know about!

Watch out for this SMS scam pretending to be from Kmart. The text promises a prize if you click the link.

This is a classic SMS scam that tries to trick people into giving out their personal details. Some scam SMS will even contain electronic viruses that can compromise a phone's security.

Delete immediately.

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### 20 August, from Crime Stoppers NSW [Edited]



A new state-wide Rural Crime campaign by Crime Stoppers and the [NSW Police Force](#) is being launched to address the ongoing issue of crimes affecting regional New South Wales. This is the first time that Crime Stoppers and NSW Police have collaborated on a dedicated campaign to address rural crime.

Four major crime areas of concern are being targeted:

- illegal hunting
- stock theft

- trespassing
- firearm theft

Crime in regional areas is not new, however it continues to be a growing area of concern for the whole of NSW, not just the farming community.

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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 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:



**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)



[NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Group](#)



**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 - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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