



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #414 - 17 September 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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**17 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: ☐☐ST IVES MEDIEVAL FAIRE**

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## **SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER**

Traffic delays are expected along Mona Vale Road both Saturday and Sunday near the main entrance to St Ives Showground. There will be reduce speed limits from 90kph to 60kph along Mona Vale Road (near the showground) in both directions.

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### **17 September, from NSWPF: A six-month investigation has led to the arrest of four people and the seizure of drugs and cash from a brothel in Sydney's north.**

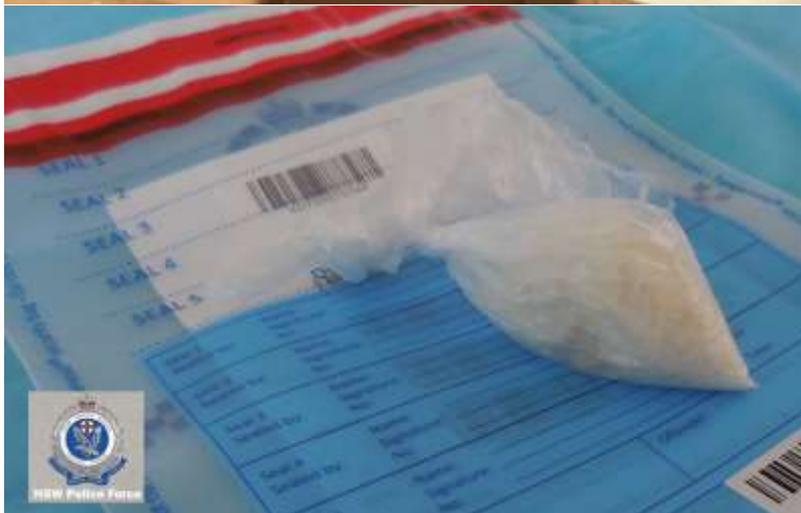
In March this year, Kuring Gai Police Area Command established Strike Force Kilday to investigate an alleged drug distribution operation in the Hornsby area. About 12pm on Friday 13 September 2019, police executed a search warrant at a registered brothel on George Street, Hornsby. During the search, investigators seized cash, methylamphetamine, heroin and cannabis from multiple rooms. Four people were arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station.

A 28-year-old man, from Strathfield, was charged with four counts of supply prohibited drug, supply prohibited drug (commercial quantity), participate in a criminal group, possess prohibited drug, and be found on drug premises. A 45-year-old woman, from Wahroonga, was charged with participate in a criminal group, owner/occupier knowingly use as drug premises, be found on drug premises, and possess prescribed restricted substance. They both appeared at Parramatta Bail Court on Saturday 14 September 2019 and were refused bail. The woman is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court tomorrow (Tuesday 17 September 2019) and the man on Wednesday 18 September 2019.

A 49-year-old woman from Cromer was charged with supply prohibited drug and be found on drug premises. A 34-year-old woman from Hornsby was charged with possess prohibited drug and be found on drug premises. They were both granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 18 September 2019.

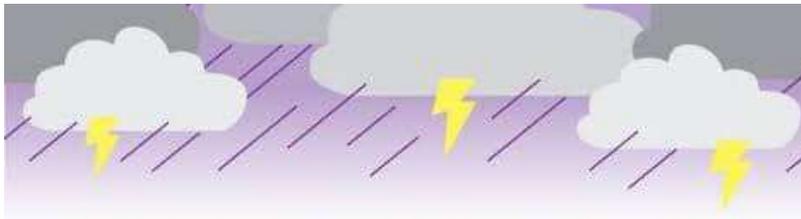
Police will allege that a sophisticated drug distribution network operated out of the brothel, where sex workers were utilised to sell prohibited substances. Inquiries continue.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers:** **1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.



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**17 September, from Narromine Rescue Squad NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc:**



## DRIVING IN THE RAIN



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### TIME

Give yourself more time for heavy traffic due to rain.



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### FOLLOWING DISTANCE

Keep a safe following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.



3

### SPEED LIMIT

Obey the speed limit and drive slower in the rain; the roads are very slick when wet!



4

### LIGHTS

Turn on your headlights when driving in rainy weather.



5

### WINDSCREEN WIPERS

Make sure that the windscreen wipers are in proper working order; change the wiper blades before the rainy season arrives.



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### READ THE SIGNS

Never drive through moving water if you can't see the ground through it. Do not drive around road barricades; they are there for your safety, the road or bridge may be washed out.



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### 13 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring-gai PAC Week in Review

On Wednesday 11/09/19 bicycle lights and leather gloves were stolen from the display shelves at Aldi, **Hornsby**. Later that morning a 63yo male from Prairiewood has returned to the store and tried to get a refund for the stolen property. When staff realised the property had been stolen it was handed back to the store.

A 34yo male from **Waitara** was charged this week with Larceny and Receive/dispose stolen property after he entered the Bupa Optical store at **Hornsby** and stole sunglasses on two separate occasions. He has been given conditional bail including not to enter Hornsby Westfield Shopping Centre or its surrounds.

A 31yo male from **Thornleigh** has entered the Dan Murphy's store at **Thornleigh** and attempted to steal a bottle of vodka by concealing it down the front of his pants. He was stopped by store security and the property returned. He was

charged with shoplifting and given a banning notice not to enter the store.

A 20yo male from **Galston** was stopped travelling in a vehicle on Galston Rd and subjected to a person search where a small fixed blade knife was located on him. He was charged with Custody of a knife in a public place and will appear at court next month.

A 48yo female from **Turrumurra** has entered the Woolworths store at **Hornsby** where she has placed a number of food items within her trolley and concealed a number of more expensive food items within a carry bag. The female has then made her way to the self serve checkouts where she failed to pay for the expensive items. She was caught by security on the way out & police called. Police issued her with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting and she was also given a banning notice.

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**12 September, from NSWPF: The NSW Police Force is proud to support R U OK Day.**

Whether it's a friend, family member, or a colleague, today is an opportunity to ask the simple question, R U OK? For information please visit [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)



## 12 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: REPORTING CRIME TO CRIME STOPPERS:

If criminal or suspicious behaviour or activity is NOT occurring right now you can confidentially phone Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crime Stoppers can be contacted using one of the following methods:

☎ **1800 333 000**

🌐 <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/cs.aspx>

!!☐ Contact your local police or **Triple Zero (000)** immediately if criminal suspicious behaviour is occurring now. We remind people they should not report crime information via the NSW Police Force Facebook and Twitter pages.

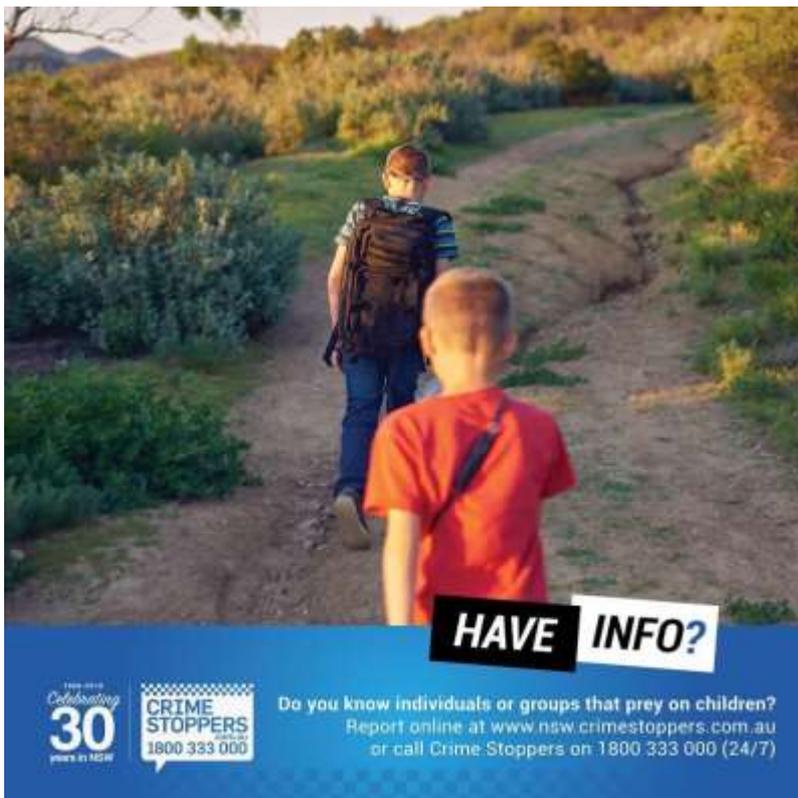
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## 12 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: A message for young people...

When visiting with friends, playing sports or just when you are out and about, it's important to remember your personal safety. Make sure you tell someone:

- 🚶 Where you are going
- ☐ What time you will be home
- ☐ Who you are with
- 📍 If you change your plans

💡 Remember that there is safety in numbers, so always travel with a friend and keep your parents or carers informed of your plans – especially if you are late or change your plans. 📞 If you feel unsafe or scared, remember it is okay to call police on **Triple Zero (000)** and ask for help.



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**08 September, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 4pm on Thursday the 5/9/2019, a Traffic & HWP Officer patrolling the M1 stopped a white Ford Territory bearing New South Wales registration plates travelling south bound on the Pacific Motorway, Berowra.**

The vehicle was driven by a 40 year old male, with a 32 year old female passenger. As a result of a search of the vehicle Police located a quantity of cash, and an amount of what police will allege is Heroin and liquid Methadone, along with other medications.

As a result of the search, police arrested the female passenger, taking her back to Hornsby Police Station, where she was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug; Possess Prohibited Drug; Goods in Custody; and Possess Restricted Substance. She was bail refused to appear at the Hornsby Local Court this date. The male driver was reported for 'breach of bail' with further action pending.



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**08 September, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 10pm Saturday 7th September 2019 Police involved in an operation on the M1 Mtwy at Mt Colah detected a black Audi sedan travelling well in excess of the posted 110kph speed.**

The Audi's Speed was checked using Lidar showing the speed of this vehicle at 190kph down to 178kph over the duration of the check. When stopped the driver, an international student apologised but offered no explanation why he was travelling at such an excessive speed. He was subsequently issued an on the spot fine of \$2,482.00 and his NSW driving privileges suspended for 6 months.



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**17 September, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP):** The AFP and ASIC, as part of the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce, have stopped an alleged cybercrime network we believe stole millions of dollars from the online superannuation and share trading accounts of everyday Australians.

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2IWVQhe>

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**17 September, shared from Berowra Community group:** Hi all, I know it's a bit of a long shot...

I did a job in Glencoe Close, Berowra about a week or so ago and drove off with a pretty much brand new Hilti impact driver with a 5.2 A/H battery on the tray of my Ute. I'm just praying some Good Samaritan has picked it up or handed it in. The replacement cost is about \$600😬😬 (It's the one in the middle of the photo)



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**17 September, from NSWPF: A woman has died, and a man has been hospitalised after a serious crash in Sydney's north west yesterday.**

Just before 5pm (Monday 16 September 2019), emergency services were called to Cattai Ridge Road, near Halcrows Road, at Glenorie, after reports two cars collided head-on. One driver, a 34-year-old woman, died at the scene. The other driver, a 48-year-old man, was treated by paramedics and airlifted to Westmead Hospital with leg and internal injuries. He remains in a serious but stable condition.

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene. Officers from the Metropolitan Investigation Unit will investigate the circumstances surrounding the crash and prepare a brief for the coroner. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash, or have dash-cam vision, should contact police via **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

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## Dates for the Diary:

**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.** Neighbourhood Watch will have a crime prevention stall there, with goodie bags for everyone, and colouring-in, photo booth, etc for the kids.

**Monday 30 September:** Due to ill health, new date TBA 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

**Sunday 10 November:** Hornsby Shire Council's "Party at Park @ Asquith Park" community event 10-12noon @ Asquith Park, Mills St, Asquith - NHW will have a crime prevention stall, colouring-in and photo booth for the kids, etc.

**Thursday 14 November:** Thornleigh Bunnings Neighbourhood Watch will have a crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command from 10-2pm in Bunning's car park, Thornleigh.

**Tuesday 26 November:** Gordon/Killara/E Killara NHW AGM/get together. 7pm @ Gordon Library (tbc) Everyone welcome! Bring a plate. Pick up a Neighbourhood Watch goodie bag and learn more about crime prevention.

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## **16 September, from NSWPF: Police are appealing for public assistance after a child was approached by a man in Sydney's north at the weekend.**

About 10.45am on Saturday (14 September 2019), an 11-year-old girl was at a Mount Colah bakery with her grandmother. A man approached the girl and asked if she could help find his dog. The girl followed the man out of the shop before being stopped from going any further by her grandmother. Officers from Ku-ring-Gai Police Area Command were notified, and an investigation commenced, with police wishing to speak with a man who may be able to assist with inquiries.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his 50s, about 178cm tall, and with short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a red t-shirt, a sleeveless black jacket, black pants and a black cap.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers:**

1800 333 000.



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### 16 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Personal safety!

- Always be aware of your surroundings. If you feel you are in danger go to a place where there are plenty of people, like a shop or service station.
- 💰 Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call
- 🔑 Have your keys ready before you get to your home or car
- 📞 Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe
- 🚗 If someone threatens you from a vehicle, run in the opposite direction that the vehicle is facing.
- If attacked, shout as loudly as you can.

**MAKE SURE TO REPORT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU:** Information you provide to police may assist them to apprehend offenders and develop further police and community crime prevention strategies.

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**16 September, from Scamwatch: Threat and kidnap scams continue to target Chinese community**

The ACCC's Scamwatch service is warning the Chinese community in Australia to be wary about two alarming scams that involve extortion via fake kidnappings and threats of arrest.

In 2019, Scamwatch has received approximately 900 reports about scams targeting the Chinese community, with losses totalling over \$1.5 million. This figure already exceeds total losses to the scam for 2018 which came to just under \$1.2 million. Losses have been experienced in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia; however, the scam is targeting people nationwide.

"These scams are particularly distressing, and we're seeing a dramatic spike in the Chinese community being targeted. In July alone, the Chinese speaking community lost over three quarters of a million dollars. We've seen several individuals lose tens of thousands of dollars," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

There are two main variations of this scam...

[Further information and full Media Release here.](#)

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**15 September, from the Australian Border Force (ABF): New laws prohibit the importation of most tobacco products into Australia without a permit**

Australia has new tobacco import laws from 01 July 2019.

[Full information here.](#)

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**15 September, from East Killara NHW: From a concerned resident**

On our BushCare site at the Western end of Kanawar Place, East Killara I found five stolen chairs (from Saiala Road, Allan Small Park Tennis Courts), a settee and four bongos (marijuana smoking bottles). A bike track has also been constructed nearby. This has been reported to Ku-ring-gai Council, and is being discussed with the local police.



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**15 September, from IntheCove.com.au: Do you know the 3m Double Line No Parking/Stopping Rule?**

[Article here.](#)



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**15 September, from NHW Queensland: The way we report cyber crime has changed.**

[Article here.](#)

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**14 September, from NHW in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: WATCHOUT.ORG.AU This week we have had NHW volunteers checking and correcting broken links.**

Thanks to Wal and Jack in particular ☐

We have also included some fresh text on the Drivers & Cyclists page to show how the **Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR)** has 4 reasons to check a new car:

- Is it free from debt?
- Has it been written off?
- Has the vehicle been recalled?
- Is it reported as stolen?

What secrets could a used car be hiding?

[Info and check the PPSR here.](#)

Visit our Neighbourhood Watch [WatchOut.org.au website here.](http://WatchOut.org.au)

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**14 September, from NSW Roads: From 16/9 – 15/12, night work to upgrade & install new sensors will occur on the Pacific Highway between Gordon & Killara.**

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**11 September, from NHW - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural areas: From Senior Constable Colin Mitchell**

Good afternoon all,

There has been a recent increase in Steal from Motor Vehicle x (8) & Break and enters x (2) in & around the Galston/Dural area in the last week. Predominantly tools from utes and number plates are being targeted.

The recent BES at Galston High School saw a garden shed broken into and tools and gardening equipment stolen.

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Timely advice to keep being vigilant and report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity. Ways of reporting crime:

- **Triple zero "000"** for emergencies or life threatening situations.
- **131 444** (Police Assistance Line - PAL) for non-emergencies

- **1800 333 000** Crime Stoppers to provide crime information

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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 12 September** [\[online edition here\]](#)

**streetwatch (page 13)**

**GALSTON** A thief has stolen \$3000 worth of fire-extinguishing material at a nursing home and disabled the facility's firefighting capabilities in the process. Between 4.40pm on Friday and 8.45am on Monday a thief tampered with the fire hydrant on the premises. They drained and isolated it from water before removing three fire hydrant brass heads. Police suspect the person stole the brass heads to sell as scrap metal. Authorities worked to fix the fire hydrant as soon as possible.

**WAHROONGA** A home on Munderah St was broken into between 6.30pm and 9.30pm on Saturday. A burglar was able to enter the premises through a locked sliding door, though there were no signs of a forced entry. They then proceeded ransack two bedrooms before stealing several possessions, which mainly consisted of jewellery. The total value of the items stolen was \$1300.

**MT COLAH** Police are searching for a thief responsible for breaking into a home on Arthur Circle and stealing \$8000 in cash. About 12.40pm last Wednesday, the intruder forced their way into the home and proceeded to the home office, where the cash was stored in the office drawer. It appears the thief did not disturb any other room. Police from the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command attended the address and canvassed the area.

**COWAN** The theft of two large copper coils and a large copper roll from an electrical power station within 20 minutes has been carried out by what authorities believe to be professionals. The heist occurred near the train station about 2.25am on Monday and required the individuals to have knowledge of working around electricity. Those responsible disconnected the large copper roll before escaping with it, alongside the two copper coils. The copper roll weighs 250kg and would require at least four people to lift it to transport. A short time later, the nearby railway line failed and trains were disrupted for about six hours. The total value of the roll and two coils was \$15,000. Police said an electrical power station in Richmond was hit in a similar fashion a week earlier.

**WAITARA** A car dealership on the Pacific Highway has been vandalised. Police were recently notified of the incident, which occurred at 1am on Saturday, June 29.

Two vandals graffitied a roller door to the car yard in red paint, which caused a damage bill of about \$2000. Police have obtained security camera footage. Officers are currently reviewing the images and continue investigations.

**ASQUITH** Hornsby Fire and Rescue NSW crews responded to a small grass fire on the northbound side of the M1 Pacific Highway about 1.30pm on Saturday. When emergency service crews arrived they found an area of bush, about 50sq m, in flames. They were able to extinguish the fire a short time later.

**DURAL** The powerful winds which swept through Sydney late last week brought down a large tree on Coppabella Rd. The Hornsby State Emergency Service unit received the call for assistance, which was one of 77 requests in a little over 24 hours, with high-voltage wires fallen across the road. Crews remind people to remain at least 8m away from fallen power lines. On Sunday morning, the Hornsby unit was still waiting for power to be isolated at seven remaining jobs before carrying out works.

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**12 September, from NHW - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural areas: My son's Ute was broken into last night and all his tools have been stolen.**

Nail guns, drills and bits, radio. This is the second time it has happened to us in the past 12 months. Hansen Ave, Galston

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**11 September, shared from Pymble/West Pymble Community group: Hello neighbours!**

I had a young man approach our house yesterday approx 2:15 pm stating he was a plumber however I had not called one. He was looking in our windows and did not expect me to be home. I was unable to get license plate details and he left quickly. Be vigilant!

**And in the comments:** We had a break in yesterday between 1:30ish and 2pm, and it was only last Friday that a man (with tradie uniform) came around to ask a very silly question!!! It was around the same time we believe the break in occurred a week later. Came around our backyard and inspite of people working in the next door house, no one noticed anything!

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**11 September, from NHW - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural - Rural areas: Thieves have cut out back-flow prevention devices from farm water supplies over night leaving homes and businesses without water in Glenorie district and surrounds**

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION #2: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR AN INTRUDER IN MY HOME?**

Best advice is to scream, run and hide. Try and keep a line of retreat open at all times. If possible, lock yourself in a room. Barricade yourself in a room if you have to. Do NOT confront the intruder. PHONE 000. You might only have a few seconds to get the call in. State "I am at (give address) and there is person(s) on premises; I fear for the welfare of myself and family". Police will respond 'code red'.

Only fight an intruder if you have no other choice. Just think, if you get killed or incapacitated then who is going to protect your partner/kids, let alone support them if you die? Possessions are not worth dying for. Keep a pre-programmed mobile phone by the bed. And a large million candle power torch is recommended, as it has the added bonus of being able to blind an attacker. A flash (just a flash) of light in their eyes will rob them of their night vision, so they are going to be severely hindered if they try to run off in the dark, where as you have the advantage of knowing the layout of your place. When you flash, just-in-case, keep one eye shut.

If someone is prepared to enter a home knowing someone is in residence, it can be taken as a fact they would be prepared to confront anyone who challenges them.

This FAQ can be downloaded as a pdf from our [Neighbourhood Watch website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://Neighbourhood Watch website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au) FAQs page here.

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Thanks to the San Diego Union Tribune

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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/Killara/Pymble](#)



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



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)



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