



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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colleagues and neighbours.

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12 November, from Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade



GO-BAG CHECKLIST
PLAN. PACK. PREPARE.

Take pics of important documents, save to cloud server & jump drive. Put hard copies in waterproof bag:

- Drivers license
- Deed to your house
- Insurance policies
- Medical records
- Passports
- Your will or trust
- Social security cards
- Birth certificates
- Immunization records
- Pet's paperwork
- Bank records
- Personal contacts' info

Prep your Go-Bag.
Be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Include:

- Prescription medicine
- Glasses, contact lenses
- Clothes, blankets
- First aid kits
- Cash, ATM cards
- Personal hygiene items
- Flashlight, batteries
- Lighter, matches
- Water, non-perishable food
- Can opener, mess kits
- Wet wipes, garbage bags
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Phone, tablet & chargers
- Books, games for kids
- Pet food and toys

12 November, from NSW Rural Fire Service



**CATASTROPHIC
FIRE DANGER**
Greater Sydney - Greater Hunter
Tuesday 12 November 2019

 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE
1800 NSW RFS
1800 679 737
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Catastrophic fire danger is now forecast for the Greater Sydney and Greater Hunter areas on Tuesday 12 November 2019, due to worsening weather conditions.

High temperatures, strong winds and low humidity are forecast, making conditions dangerous.

Catastrophic is the highest level of bush fire danger. Homes are not designed to withstand a fire under these conditions.

If a fire starts and takes hold during Catastrophic fire danger conditions, lives and homes will be at risk.

Advice for people in areas of Catastrophic fire danger include:

- › Avoid bush fire prone areas. A safer area may be a large town or city, shopping centres or facilities well away from bushland areas.
- › Schools in identified high risk areas will be closed. Schools will notify affected students. Start making arrangements now.
- › If you are unable to leave, identify a safe location which may be nearby. This may include a Neighbourhood Safer Place.

Large areas of the state are also forecast to experience Severe and Extreme fire danger. This includes in the north coast and northern NSW areas, where there is a large number of fires already burning. These fires will not be contained in time and will threaten lives and properties.

Based on latest forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following fire danger ratings are expected on Tuesday. These are subject to change as forecasts are updated:

- › Catastrophic – Greater Sydney and Greater Hunter (including the Blue Mountains and Central Coast areas)
- › Extreme – North Coast, Illawarra/Shoalhaven, Central Ranges, Northern Slopes and North Western

› Severe – Far North Coast, New England, Far South Coast, Southern Ranges, Lower Central West Plains

This is the first time since new Fire Danger Ratings were introduced in 2009 that Catastrophic fire danger has been forecast for Sydney.

A statewide total fire ban has been declared for all areas of NSW for all of Monday and Tuesday.

11 November 2019



10 November, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command



What a day!

It was bright and sunny, a gentle breeze rustling the leaves of the trees above; colourful and happy; parents with smiles on their faces and their children running around laughing and playing and in the background was the familiar aroma of sizzling sausages being cooked on the barbie.

A great day was had by all who attended Asquith Park at the invitation of Hornsby Shire Council. Invitations went out to some 2000 or more residents in the high-rise apartments in the shire, inviting them to the park to get to know their neighbours and some of their local support services.

A lot of interest was shown in the Kuring Gai Police Area Command's "Command bus" – a police station on wheels. NSW rural fire Brigade was on hand, until they were called away to a fire. Neighbourhood Watch were out there promoting their services to the community.

There was face painting, “little police officers” running around playing police dress-ups, and others showing their wares and services they offer to the community.

An enthusiastic mention goes out to the Lions Club for their fabulous sausage sandwiches – 500 sausage sandwiches cooked and consumed in only two hours – thank you for feeding us all.

Now, as we know and as you’ve heard me say previously, we work and reside in a fantastic part of Sydney – we are the envy of many and our local council, Hornsby Shire Council, put on another great, free event for the community.

Thank you to all who attended – we had a great time and remember, please report crime and or suspicious behaviour as soon as or as close to the time of it occurring.

Ways to report crime:

“000” Triple zero for emergencies or life-threatening situations

“131 444” for non-emergencies

“1800 333 000” to provide crime information.

08 November, Kuring-gai Police Area Command’s - Week in Review:

On Friday 01/11/2019, a 52yo male from Summerland Point was arrested and charged with 27 offences relating to break & enters and frauds committed in Kuring Gai Local Area Command and neighbouring Commands. His vehicle was also located with a large amount of suspected stolen property inside. He is bail refused until he attends court early next year.

On Saturday 02/11/2019 a 32yo male from North Avoca was charged with four offences including DUI (drugs), driving unlicensed and speeding after he was stopped at West Pymble by local HWP. He was given strict conditional bail

including not to occupy the drivers seat of any vehicle and will attend court later in the month.

On Sunday 03/11/2019, a 56yo male from Potts Point has entered Westfield Hornsby shopping complex and the Aldi supermarket., The male has stolen a bottle of alcohol and assaulted two Aldi employees by punching them whilst attempting to exit the store. The accused was approached by Security who attempted to speak to him regarding the incident. The offender has then assaulted Security. The male has been charged with 5 offences including Larceny, Assault and Assault officer and will appear at court next month.

On Monday 04/11/2019 a 14yo female from Killara stole a number of credit cards and used them to make a number of unauthorised transactions at various stores in the city. She was soon located by police and charged with GIC and Fraud. She has been bail refused until she attends court later in the month.

On Friday 08/11/2019, a 41yo male from Lilyfield was arrested for a break and enter and subsequent frauds after entering a property at Hornsby earlier this week before making his way back to Lilyfield, The male who is known to police is currently in custody.

08 November, from NSW Police Force

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Get your Digital Drivers Licence today!

1. It's illegal to access your digital driver licence when driving, including when stationary unless you're asked to do so by a police officer.
2. Police will not handle your phone while checking your Digital Drivers Licence.

Find out more [here](#).

08 November, from Fire and Rescue NSW



Total fire bans will be in force today for seven areas - Greater Sydney, Greater Hunter, North Coast, New England, Northern Slopes, North Western and Far North Coast areas. Severe fire danger is forecast for four areas - North Coast, Greater Hunter, New England and Northern Slopes.

In a Total Fire Ban no fire may be lit in the open.

This includes incinerators and barbecues (BBQ) which burn solid fuel, e.g. wood, charcoal or heat beads. No general purpose welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting can be performed in the open.

If you see a fire 🔥 call 000 immediately.

0 November, from NSW Rural Fire Service



With widespread total fire bans today, don't risk it. If you see someone throw a lit cigarette, dob them in at this site. Fines are doubled on days of total fire ban.

6 November, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

Do you need more hours in the logbook? You could be eligible for a Safer Drivers Course.

PCYC is an Accredited Provider of the Transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course. At over 60 locations across New South Wales, a 5 hour Safer Driver Course will knock 20 hours off your Logbook.

To be eligible for the course you must meet the following criteria:

- ✦ Hold a valid NSW learner licence

✦ Be under the age of 25

✦ Have completed a minimum of 50 hours of actual on-road driving

To book in visit [this site](#).



Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are helping with crime prevention stalls at the following event. Plenty FREE for you and the kids, including police dress-ups, colouring-in and our photo booth (where kids can pop their heads through a carnival style picture, becoming a police officer catching a criminal). FREE car rego plate locking screws, and UV pen & engraver to borrow - BRING YOUR BIKE AND POWER TOOLS!

We'd love to see you there!

📍 **NHWA Crime Prevention Week** at Thornleigh Bunnings from 10-2pm on Thursday 14 November 2019, with a crime prevention stall jointly run by Neighbourhood Watch and Ku-ring-gai NSWPF Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Col Mitchell.

Tips straight from police



To bridge safety information to locals, Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) will soon share crime prevention tips with the public at interactive stalls.

As part of the coming Bunnings/Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Crime Prevention Week, NHW will facilitate a crime prevention stall with the Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command at Thornleigh Bunnings car park area on **Thursday, November 14 from 10am to 2pm.**

Car registration plate one-way locking screws, engravers and UV pens will be among the utilities on offer. A crime prevention manual, the Little Black Book of Scams, children's activities, 'catch a criminal' photo booth will also be available.

Another crime prevention stall will be held during a 'Party at the Park' event at Asquith Oval on Asquith Park on Sunday, November 10, from 10am to 12pm. BBQ food, bingo game, performances, family games, face painting and crafts activities will also be available.

For more information, visit <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/> or call (02) 9476 9799.

Thanks to the Monthly Chronicle November 2019.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 13 - 20 November: Bunnings/NHWAustralasia Crime Prevention Week

Thursday 14 November: Neighbourhood Watch will have a crime prevention stall with Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command from 10-2pm in Bunning's car park, Thornleigh. Police dress-ups, colouring-in and photo booth for the kids, etc.

Tuesday 19 November: *'Raising Kids and Teens in a Digital World'* parent forum for the Chinese communities 5:30-6:15pm @ Hornsby PCYC. Info/booking [here](#).

Thursday 21 November: White Ribbon Day

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.

Thursday 28 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

12 November, Evacuation Centres: Thanks to Arnold Solicitors:

Seven evacuation centres will be set up in the Ku-ring-gai Council area on Tuesday for homeowners as required.

LOCATIONS

East Lindfield Memorial Hall – 9 Wellington Rd, East Lindfield

Roseville Chase Community Hall – 7 Babbage Rd, Roseville

Lady Game Kindergarten – 43 Lady Game Dr, Lindfield

Presbyterian Church of Australia – 14 Stuart St, Wahroonga

St Andrews Anglican Church – 2 Water St, Wahroonga

Uniting Church Gordon – 18 Cecil St, Gordon

West Pymble Community Hall – 30 Loftberg Rd, West Pymble

The warning is the highest threat level rating and is first time it has been issued for the Greater Sydney region.

The RFS has encouraged residents to remain vigilant by taking the following steps:

- Activate your bushfire emergency plan.
- For your survival, leaving early is the only option.
- Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not wait and see what happens.

— Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return.

If there is a fire in your area - don't go down to look at it please keep away as roads need to be clear for emergency services

Stay safe and keep 🤝

PETS are welcome at all Ku-ring-gai evacuation centres. Halls have open spaces surrounding. 🐾

11 November, Community Information Point



Due to the success of our information point at Turramurra and St Ives on Monday afternoon. We will once again be available to answer any questions at our Information Point to be established on (Tuesday 12.11.19) at the Eastern Road Shops - 97 Eastern Rd, Turramurra NSW 2074 (outside the BWS) between 7am to 9am.

We will be there to provide information and advice about the Catastrophic Fire Danger conditions forecast for Tuesday.

All are welcome to stop by and have a chat.

The 12th of November is forecast for Catastrophic Fire Conditions. A State of Emergency has been declared. A Total Fire Ban is in place for Tuesday.

11 November, from Michelago Rural Fire Brigade NSW RFS

TAKE THE FIRST STEP!

If you have a pool, tank or dam with 3,000+ litre capacity and wish to be part of the SWS programme, take the first step and contact your local NSW Rural Fire Brigade or Fire Control Centre to arrange an onsite inspection or visit

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Static Water Supply for fire fighting

STATIC WATER SUPPLY (SWS) PROGRAMME enables residents to identify properties with an existing supply (such as dams, creeks or swimming pools) that could be used for firefighting purposes.

What is the Static Water Supply (SWS) programme?

Firefighters need water to fight bush fires, and you can help by joining the Static Water Supply programme. A Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property will let firefighters know you have an additional water source that could be used during a fire emergency.

The NSW Rural Fire Service provides specially designed SWS signs for properties with suitable water supplies. This helps firefighters access vital water supplies quickly and efficiently to help them defend your property. Examples of suitable water supplies include:

- A property dam which can be used to refill fire tankers and firefighting aircraft such as helicopters which support our firefighters on the ground.
- A backyard swimming pool, which provides an ideal static water supply for small portable pumps and hose lines to help protect your home.
- A tank, which with appropriate fittings can also be used to quickly supply water for fire fighting.

Inspection of your Static Water Supply

During the onsite inspection, your local Brigade will record the following information:

- Street address.
- Property name.
- Contact details.
- The type of SWS you are providing access to.
- Location of SWS point on your property.
- Access and turning areas for fire trucks.
- Site plan of your property.
- Other equipment available onsite such as pumps, hoses and fittings.

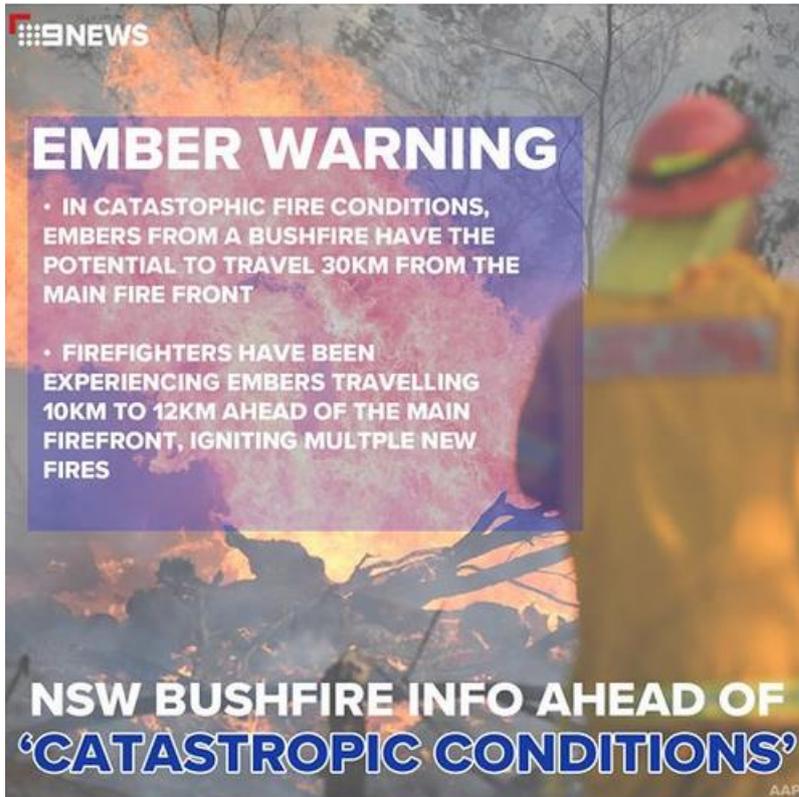
Information collected about your SWS will be included in the Brigade's pre-incident plan for your local area.

Your local brigade will provide and install the SWS sign at no cost to you.

Working with your local brigade on this programme may help us to fight fires in your community, and to defend you and your neighbour's homes.

Have you got a SWS (static water supply) that we are unaware of. Here is some information that could help us and your property in an emergency situation.

11 November, from 9 News Sydney



Even if you think you are far enough away from a bushfire, EMBERS can start spot fires from many km's away.

The NSW RFS has this advice for tomorrow, ahead of the expected catastrophic fire conditions.

09 November, from NSW Police Force



Police are appealing for public assistance to help locate a woman wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant on the Central Coast.

Stacey Reynolds, aged 44, is wanted by virtue of two outstanding conviction warrants for fraud and domestic violence related offences.

Officers from Tuggerah Lakes Police District have commenced inquiries into her whereabouts.

The woman is described as being Caucasian appearance, about 160cm tall with a medium build, and dark hair.

She is known to frequent the Central Coast region.

The public is urged not to approach Stacey, but if she is seen to contact Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident 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.

Thank you to the Hornsby Advocate [online](#) Thursday 7 November 2019:

Street Watch [Page 09]

FIVE people were arrested and charged after police disrupted an alleged car rebirthing syndicate operating across north and southwest Sydney.

Last week, police executed search warrants at homes in Hornsby, The Ponds, Yagoona, Ermington and Dundas following a year-long investigation into the widespread theft, rebirthing and on-sale of stolen motor vehicles and vessels.

Three men — aged 20, 30 and 32 — were arrested during the operation and charged with various offences relating to the rebirthing of more than 25 motor vehicles with a combined value of more than \$2.5 million and a number of vessels with a combined value of more than \$280,000, as well as illicit drug supply.

During a search of the properties, officers seized more than \$332,000 in cash, four vehicles, four boats, a motorcycle, mobile phones, knuckle dusters, firearms, electronic devices, documents and cocaine.

Investigations are continuing.

WAHROONGA

A Central Coast alleged member of the Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang has been arrested following an alleged road rage assault at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and the M1 northbound in Wahroonga on Monday. The incident was allegedly sparked about 6.40pm when the driver of a silver Mazda 3 reportedly became angry when the car in front stopped at an amber light. The first car – a silver Volkswagen Golf – and the Mazda 3 stopped a short time later at the first emergency bay on the M1 at Wahroonga, and both drivers got out of their vehicles. The driver and sole occupant of the VW – a 29-year-old Central Coast man – was allegedly punched to the ground and kicked by two men from the Mazda 3. A passing motorist intervened and the occupants of the Mazda fled. The VW driver was taken to hospital for treatment for facial injuries and bruising. Following police investigations, a 32-year-old man from Morisset was arrested and charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm in company. Police are still seeking another man in relation to the incident.

MT COLAH

A 48-year-old man will face court later this month after being caught driving allegedly under the influence of drugs. At about 12.55am Sunday, November 3, a Padstow Heights man was driving along Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd in Mt Colah when he was stopped by police for a random breath test. Although the submitted breath test returned a negative reading, police allege the man had bloodshot eyes and seemed to be acting nervous. A mobile drug test was then carried out, with the man allegedly returning a positive result for cannabis and methamphetamine. A small bag of cannabis was also allegedly uncovered.

BEROWRA

Police are investigating after \$300 in malicious damage was caused at Berowra Public School over the weekend. About 8am on Monday, November 4, a cleaner arrived at the school and noticed an alarm coming from the canteen. Although no entry had been forced, the cleaner noticed a number of graffiti tags had been

spraypainted on a number of buildings throughout the school. They immediately contacted the school principal, who reported the damage to police.

BEROWRA

An 18-year-old man on a P-plate licence from Berowra has been issued with a court appearance notice after allegedly driving with a low-range blood alcohol level. At about 8.20am on Saturday, November 2, the man was pulled over by police for a random breath test. The provisional one driver allegedly returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.054. Police will allege he told police that he had drank 10 375ml bottles of beer the night before. He is scheduled to face Hornsby Local Court later this month.

BEROWRA

Police are investigating after a man smashed a poker machine at Berowra RSL. At about 9.20pm on Saturday, November 2, a man punched the screen of a poker machine, resulting in \$2000 worth of damage. Police are reviewing CCTV footage of the incident.

ASQUITH

A 20-year-old man has had his provisional one drivers licence suspended after allegedly drink driving. At about 11.25pm on Friday, November 11, the man was driving along Peats Ferry Rd in Asquith when he was stopped for a random breath test. He allegedly returned a positive blood alcohol reading of .084. The man was immediately arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station, where he was charged with midrange drink driving. He is scheduled to face Hornsby Local Court later this month.

09 November, from Ravi Balasubramanian, Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch

Fellow residents - early this morning at around 3.10 am, we found a thief either

trying to steal our car or searching for stuff inside. Luckily Sara heard it and when we switched on the lights, he ran away. The cops came quickly and took details. They said there have been reports of similar crime in our area. Lessons learnt - Please secure your cars, have cameras installed around your homes and make sure your house doors and windows are locked. It is important to have your loved ones safe in your own homes.

07 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM UNWANTED CONTACT



SERIES – PART 4 OF 4

What to do if my child experiences unwanted contact?

Your child may not tell you if an online 'friendship' has become compromising or difficult because they are embarrassed or ashamed, or afraid it might make things worse.

Be alert to worrying changes in your child's behaviour or mood. Watch for signs of withdrawal, anxiety, sadness or changed interactions with family or friends.

Stay calm and reassure your child they are not in trouble

- ✓ Explain that even adults get tricked into doing things they regret.
- ✓ Talk to them without being judgemental or angry.
- ✓ Do not cut off your child's internet access, as they may see this as punishment and not open up to you in future.

COLLECT EVIDENCE

- ✓ Before you or your child block someone or delete posts or other material, take screenshots and collect evidence, including dates and times.

REPORT

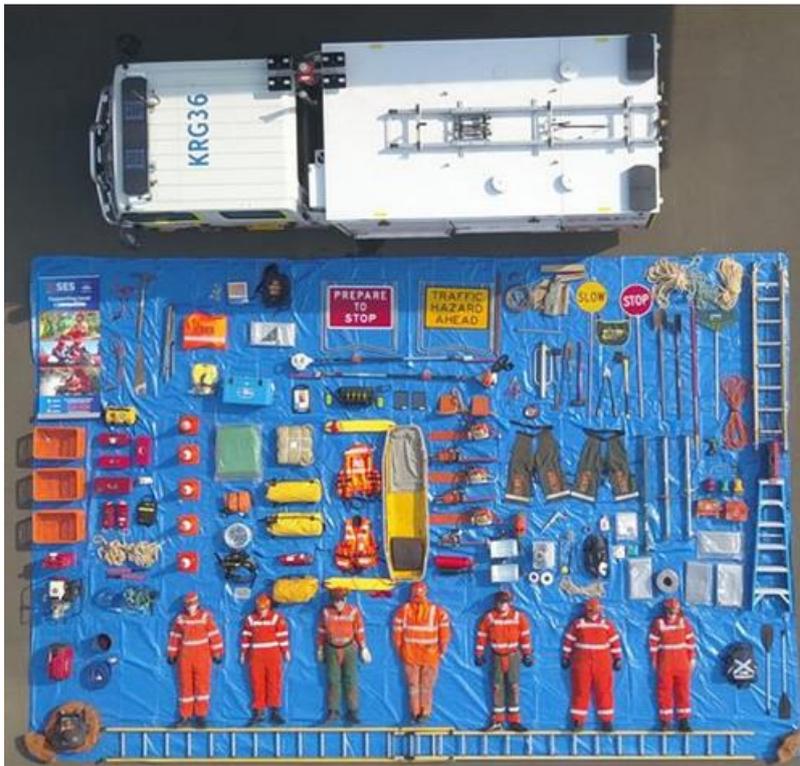
- ✓ Help your child block the person who has made them uncomfortable and report the unwanted contact to the social media platform. The eSafety Guide has links to report abusive content and online safety centres.

✓ Grooming and procuring of children over the internet are crimes investigated by the police. If you have encountered this kind of activity online, contact your local police station.

You can make a confidential report online at Crime Stoppers or call 1800 333 000.

For more advice about keeping your child safe online visit [this site](#).

06 November, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES



From Switzerland to Singapore, Emergency Service departments from around the globe are putting the contents of their vehicles on show for the [#TetrisChallenge](#). The NSW SES Port Stephens Unit laid down the gauntlet, and we couldn't wait to respond!

The game challenges players to arrange the contents of their emergency service vehicle into neat blocks in the way of the 1984 video game 'Tetris'. The challenge also gives a nod to 'knolling', the arrangement of items in parallel or 90 degree angles, so that the all of the objects can be seen in the final photograph.

So if you ever wanted to see what we carry in one of our rescue trucks, now's your opportunity.

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



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



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



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



Email 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](#)



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