



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #467 - 22 September 2020

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 our local police at 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 another 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 and thank you for your support.

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### 20 September, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged following a serious crash in Sydney's north west earlier this year.

About 12.10am on Sunday 5 April 2020, a Mazda 626 was travelling west on Sermelfi Drive, Glenorie, when it left the road and struck a power pole.

The driver, a 20-year-old man, was taken to Westmead Hospital with minor injuries. He also underwent mandatory testing.

His passenger, a 16-year-old boy, suffered serious injuries and was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being airlifted to The Children's Hospital at Westmead in a critical condition. He has since been released.

Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Following inquiries, the driver, now aged 21, was issued a Court Attendance Notice about 1.30pm yesterday (Friday 18 September 2020) for the offences of dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm- drive manner dangerous, drive with low range PCA, negligent driving (occasions grievous bodily harm), and not comply with noticed direction re section 7/8/9 – COVID-19.

He is due to appear at Blacktown Local Court on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

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### **19 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

Average speed cameras are being installed on motorways and in tunnels across Sydney in response to the increase in heavy vehicles travelling through the city.

Where average speed cameras are already operating in NSW, there's been a 44% reduction in fatalities from crashes involving heavy vehicles – compared to the 5 years before the cameras' installation.

[Watch video here.](#)

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### **19 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

There isn't a week that goes by without somebody wanting to organise a rally or protest of some sort. Whether it be about something close to their heart or taking up someone else's 'battle' police have to be on their toes, ensuring the rights and safety of all.

Well, a protest about 'Fairy bread' is to take place this weekend in Hornsby. But don't worry, we have it under control even though hundreds and thousands are expected to attend.

Have a great weekend and remember;

if you see something or hear something suspicious, please report the incident as close to the time of the incident as possible.

**METHODS OF REPORTING CRIME TO POLICE:**

"000" Triple Zero for emergency or life-threatening situations

"131444" Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-emergencies

"1800 333 000" Crime Stoppers – to provide crime information

9476 9799 - Hornsby Police

9418 5399 - Gordon Police

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**18 September, from NSW police Force: Stop the spread of bad driver behaviour.**



**NSW Police Force**   
@nswpolice

**Maintain physical distance  
from your phone while driving.**

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**18 September, from NSW Police Force: There's no excuse!**



**NSW Police Force**   
@nswpolice

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7H3 5P33D L1M17. 5LOW DOWN.

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**18 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police area Command**

Save Time, Report Non-Emergency Crimes Online!

Now it's easier to use while still being confidential and always secure.

[Police Community Portal.](#)

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**18 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

Police are seeking the public's assistance to identify the male shown in the image below.



He may be able to assist with inquiries into an incident that that occurred at O'Loughlin's Medical Pharmacy and Priceline Pharmacy at St Ives Shopping Village on the 6th September 2020.

If you can assist, please call Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 and quote event number E76356363.

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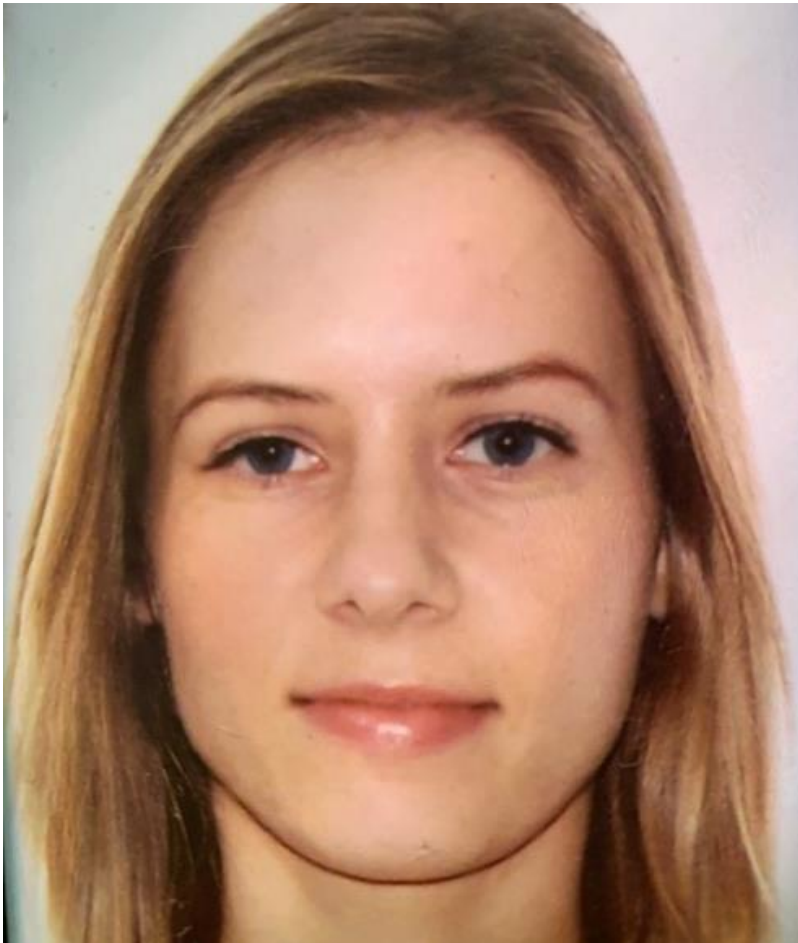
### **17 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**

With the weather warming up, more motorcyclists will be out exploring our great scenic roads. Before heading out on a ride, make sure to refresh your skills. Visit [here](#) to test your skills and reactions and get some top tips.

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### **17 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

Missing Person - Karina Tomsia



Police are appealing for public assistance to find a female missing from Sydney's east.

Karina Tomsia, aged 38, was last seen in the Bondi area in 2018.

Officers from Hornsby Police Area Command were notified by a relative after it was revealed that the Missing person closed/discontinued all social media in 2017.

Karina is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 165 - 175cm tall, 60 – 70kg, with blonde hair, blue/grey eyes and a fair complexion.

Karina previously resided in the Hornsby and Bondi areas.

Anyone with information about the possible whereabouts of Karina 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.

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### **16 September, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility.

Your local Police, Multicultural and Aboriginal liaison officers are working together to get the message out, and we need your help.

Wash your hands regularly, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others and get tested if you feel unwell.

Together we can stop the spread.

Watch video [here](#).

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**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesday 14 October:** Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) NHW meeting tbc.

**Thursday 08 October:** PCYC Driver Education programs 9:30- 2:30pm [Info](#)

**Saturday 31 October:** PCYC Driver Education programs 11-2pm [Info](#)

**Sunday 25 October:** NHW NSW Inc AGM @ Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club 1-5pm. tbc whether face-to-face or via Zoom.

**Thursday 12 November:** PCYC Driver Education programs 4:30-7:30pm [Info](#)

**Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November:** Garage Sale Trail [Info](#)

**Tuesday 24 November:** Gordon/Killara/East Killara/some St Ives Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7-9pm via Zoom. Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) for details.

**Saturday 28 November:** PCYC Driver Education programs 3-6pm [Info](#)

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**22 September, from 9news.com.au**

We often hear of people putting donations by the charity bins and outside the closed charity shops. It is illegal for many reasons. Here is an article detailing elsewhere in the country. Same happens here.

Brisbane residents hit with dumping fines after trying to donate to charity - [read article here.](#)

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**21 September, from nhw.com.au: How to prevent parcel theft**

Most crime is opportunistic. A thief sees a chance and takes it. And the changes to our lifestyles caused by the COVID 19 pandemic have created new opportunities for the opportunistic thief.

As we move our regular shopping to online, we have in turn increased the risk of our property being stolen – before we even have a chance to unwrap the parcel.

The Daily Mail reported in March this year that 1 in 4 parcels were stolen in Australia in 2019 and it was anticipated that this would increase by 20% in 2020. This prediction was prior to the huge boom in online shopping that we are experiencing due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Australia Post reported over 1 million parcels were stolen last year and that is only going to rise.

[Read full story here.](#)

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## 21 September, from 9news.com.au



This article includes a list of restaurants fined this week, unfortunately with one in St Ives.

Korean barbecue restaurant fined after diners caught sharing crockery, utensils - [read more here](#)

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## 21 September, from NRMA Insurance

Kids can be fiddly – especially in the backseat. Before they're old enough to reach the door handle it's probably best to turn on those child safety locks. How old were your kids when you started using child safety locks in your vehicle?

[Read more here.](#)

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21 September, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Increasing your speed - even by just a few kilometres - can significantly increase the risk of death or serious injury, to yourself or others. Stay under the speed limit and drive to the conditions.

[Find out more here.](#)

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**18 September, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:**

Someone came into the backyard of our newly purchased home, ripped out 8 hedge plants, took 7, left one on the ground, also emptied out and took 2 large expensive pots. Presumably put the 7 plants in the pots and walked away with them all.

On Nelson street. I thought it was a safe neighbourhood. It's shocking & disheartening.

Please be careful, watchful and watch out for your neighbours' houses too.

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**17 September, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command**



## **Reminder**

### **Pedestrian refuge islands**

Increasingly, we're hearing of pedestrians heading to or from refuge islands in the middle of roads expecting cars to stop.

A pedestrian refuge is not a designated crossing.

They're on busy or wide roads to help pedestrians, particularly young people and the elderly, cross in two, safer stages.

Pedestrians, and particularly young people, should not expect drivers to stop as they approach a refuge, unless there's also a marked crossing on the road.

Drivers should always be alert to pedestrians on our roads.

[Please click here for more.](#)

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**16 September, from [dcj.nsw.gov.au](http://dcj.nsw.gov.au)**



[Read full story here.](#)

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**16 September, from 9now.nine.com.au: Good citizen loses life savings trying to help police**



When Ann Miles received a call telling her that her bank account had been scammed, she was alarmed. The caller had her account details and claimed to be from the St George Bank fraud team.

When she questioned his legitimacy, he gave her a number to call back on "and the girl said to me 'St George bank fraud section can I help you?' It was how a business should operate."

The scammer told Ms Miles they needed her to play a role in an AFP operation to catch a network of scam artists.

[Read full story here.](#)

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**16 September, from Stay Smart Online**

Every week the Australian Cyber Security Centre receives cybercrime reports from people who have lost money through remote access scams.

If you receive a phone call out of the blue about your computer and remote access is requested – hang up – even if they mention a well-known company.

Protect yourself from remote access scams [here.](#)

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16 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW



plants that are  
**ILLEGAL**  
to sell

It is **PROHIBITED** to sell water hyacinth.  
If you see, know or suspect something, contact  
Crime Stoppers:  
**1800 333 000**  
[nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au)  
We just need to know what you know, not who you are.



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No Space for  
Weeds





## 16 September, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon

<p>ing residents in the meeting – advertise in the newsletter for residents to email <a href="mailto:V.Gordon@gmail.com">V.Gordon@gmail.com</a> for instructions.</p> <p>ion passed: That the Gordon/E Killara/St Ives planned AGM be held as a Microsoft Teams ring @ 7pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020. Moved, Gay, Seconded, Wai, passed unanimously.</p> <p>oe: Julia to cancel the booking with the council for the Meeting Room #2. Any refund will be (as she paid for the booking). [Post-meeting: East Killara had refunded Julia for half the cost Meeting Room. Therefore, Julia to be refunded only half the Meeting Room cost from Gordon V 24/12, ie 5 half of \$134 = \$67 – see later.] Julia to contact the two speakers, S/C Colin Mitchell &amp; Chris Pitts. Julia to draft the next newsletter accordingly. Everyone to download and try MS Teams.</p> <p>lia requested a refund for 2 years' payments of hosting and domain named for WatchOut.org.au. NHW Kuring-gai/Hornsby.org.au and [post meeting: half] the Council Meeting Room cost. Receipts/receipts were provided to Patrick as follows:</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>ion – Domain Registry (2 yrs) x 2 websites @ \$33</td><td>= \$66</td></tr><tr><td>gPress domain hosting x 2 websites @ \$129 for 2019/2020</td><td>= \$258</td></tr><tr><td>gPress domain hosting x 2 websites @ \$129 for 2020/2021</td><td>= \$258</td></tr><tr><td>ing-gai Council Meeting Room booking cost x half (see above)</td><td>= \$67</td></tr><tr><td> requested:</td><td>= \$689</td></tr></table> <p>oe: Patrick to transfer the refund to Julia.</p> <p>lia briefly went through the previously suggested Agenda for the AGM on Tue 24 November 2020 (attached) of which some will be reported on as already completed within the next newsletter bank transfer, Julia's refund, etc). It will be used for the MS Teams meeting. There will be no immunity Safety Precinct Committee meeting anticipated for Gay to report on. Certificates of resolution will be presented prior to the AGM to those street coordinators retiring. St Ives CHA V has closed and their funds and resources have been transferred to NHW NSW Inc.</p> <p>lia outlined briefly the current work being undertaken by NHW NSW Inc. Their AGM is planned for Sunday 25 October 2020, and representatives are requested from each LGA. Julia is a member and so has used up Kuring-gai's, but there is a place for a Hornsby rep. NHW NSW is pursuing ASIC unclaimed balances from NHW groups within NSW that have folded.</p> <p>oe: Julia to contact Ralph Stein (Mt Colah).</p> <p>r Bill Sidwell's St Ives group is in the ASIC unclaimed balances list. He intends to fold in November. Signature of signatories on the St Ives NHW account.</p> <p>iscussion about plans for NHW activities during the covid pandemic restrictions. Julia mentioned volunteers to Kuring-gai/Hornsby reviewing the website contents and putting together a name pack for new NHW volunteers.</p> <p>oe: Julia to request all the schools in our area to please share notice of our AGM MS Teams meeting. Dist. churches.</p>	ion – Domain Registry (2 yrs) x 2 websites @ \$33	= \$66	gPress domain hosting x 2 websites @ \$129 for 2019/2020	= \$258	gPress domain hosting x 2 websites @ \$129 for 2020/2021	= \$258	ing-gai Council Meeting Room booking cost x half (see above)	= \$67	requested:	= \$689	<p>Gordon Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Area 24/12 Committee meeting @ Little Gem Café, Gordon 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesday 22 August 2020</p> <p>Summary Notes</p> <p>People attended: Gay Balasubramanian (E Killara Committee member), Julia Eagles (Gordon 24/12), Wai Knowles (E Killara coord), Mary Walker (E Killara Committee member/acting Treasurer), Chris Pitts (Gordon 24/12), Warren Dunn (Lybbarra, St Ives Coord), Bruce Edwards (Gordon 12 Coord), Ev (Gordon 24 Committee member)</p> <p>Some and Thank you. Reasons for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Transfer of East Killara Neighbourhood Watch bank balance (approx. \$462.10) to Gordon Area 24/12's bank balance.</li><li>To decide whether the planned AGM for 7pm on Tues 24 Nov 2020 should go ahead at the Meeting Room #2, Gordon Library, or otherwise, taking into account the covid situation.</li></ul> <p>Wai reported on his East Killara NHW meeting this morning and confirmed they had formally agreed for the East Killara NHW bank balance of approx. \$462 should be transferred to the Gordon Area 24/12 bank account. This is the final step in the process of East Killara joining with Gordon Area 24/12 for meetings and newsletters (previously agreed in 2016). Thanks were expressed to Patrick &amp; RJP Phil Langley (E Killara Treasurer).</p> <p>oe: Wai, Mary and Patrick to facilitate the transfer from East Killara to Gordon Area 24/12.</p> <p>Patrick reported on the current Gordon NHW 24/12 bank balance: \$8,362.17. No payments since August 2019 (2 x new driveway line-marking stencils).</p> <p>lia explained the requirement for 2 newsletters a year – one to give the formal notice (Patrick advised it was 21 days) of an AGM happening, and one to act as minutes that are publicly available, which satisfies the bank's requirements.</p> <p>Options for the AGM were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Should we postpone November's Neighbourhood Watch AGM &amp; re-schedule for next May 2021?</li><li>Or do we go ahead with the meeting? If we go ahead, we must follow Council's covid reg and limit numbers in the room to 20. (Last time (Nov 2018) we had 28.)</li><li>Or should we keep the date and move it onto Zoom?</li><li>Or should we postpone indefinitely until we know that the covid situation is under control?</li></ul> <p>Patrick noted that S/C Colin Mitchell was happy to attend in person with a mask. If he attended via a meeting, then it had to be via Microsoft Teams (because of NSWPF policy). Patrick stated that Teams allows 60 minutes and 250 users for free. To enable 60 minutes, it was decided the two speakers should be requested to limit speaking for 10mins + 5mins for questions, allowing for AGM pers. It was noted that we had been unable to have an AGM since Nov 2018, because of the misadventure and the covid pandemic, and so we were overdue. Discussion around the best option for the AGM.</p>
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Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 had a Committee meeting for two reasons; to merge the bank balance from the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 into the Gordon Area 24/12 account, and to discuss the upcoming AGM scheduled for Tuesday 24 November 2020 in relation to the Covid pandemic restrictions. Here are the Summary Notes from that meeting. The outcome of the discussions on the AGM was that the meeting would be held online instead of people meeting in person at the Gordon Library. The date and time remain the same: 7pm Tuesday 24 November 2020. More about the meeting to follow nearer the time.

Gordon hold the money that finances the website for NHW in Kuring-gai and Hornsby. Julia (Gordon Area 24 Coordinator & Coordinator for NHW in Kuring-gai & Hornsby) requested payment for the annual fees for hosting and domain name charges. Because the 26 November 2019 AGM had been postponed due to the mini tornado, and then the new 31 March 2020 date failed due to Covid, the amount owed to Julia was building up! All of this information will be declared openly and transparently at the online AGM. We hope to see you there 😊

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## 16 September, from East Killara Neighbourhood Watch

E Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 Committee Meeting  
@ The Tempted Tamper Café, E Killara

11am, Tuesday 22 August 2020

### Summary Notes

6 people attended: Gay Balasubramanian (E Killara Committee member), Trevor Chan (E Killara Committee member), Wai Knowles (E Killara coord), John Martyn (E Killara Committee member), Mary Walker (E Killara Committee member/acting Treasurer), Tina Wong (E Killara Committee member)

Welcome and Thank you.

Motion passed: That East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 close their Westpac bank account BSB 023.089 Account Number 149376 and transfer the funds of approximately \$462 to Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12. Moved, John, Seconded, Tina, passed unanimously.

Action: Wai, Mary and Gay to attend the Gordon NHW Area 24/12 Committee meeting to report and facilitate the above.

East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 had a committee meeting to pass the motion that merged their bank account with that of Gordon Area 24/12. If you remember, we already share AGM/gettogether meetings with Gordon, as well as newsletters. The bank balance was approximately \$462. This will be confirmed at the next combined AGM scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020 via an online Zoom meeting. More about the meeting nearer the time.

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16 September, from NSW Fair Trading



These are some examples of what can go wrong when you don't hire appropriately qualified tradespeople. Always check that the person you are hiring is licenced and ask for references. Check [here](#).

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### IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**  
**TTY: 106**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**  
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)**  
Non-emergency two-way communication

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**  
For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

**[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.

**Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

**Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

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

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

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

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

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



**WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

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

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

**Local Facebook pages/groups:**

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

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[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 - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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