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This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)**, which of course includes Hornsby area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, etc.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips
- **Media Release:** Our Crime Prevention Officer distributes this usually on a Monday morning. It covers incidents from the week before in our LAC.

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**One from last week's Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate.** Our DI Ian Mitchell talks about the laws on truancy.

## at Watch.

### MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL

“ The Education Act requires all children on or above the age of six and below the age of 17 to be enrolled at school.

The legal responsibility for ensuring students attend school rests with the student's parents or caregivers.

Under the Act, police officers and home school liaison officers are authorised to approach students who are

not at school. This act also authorises officers to ask the student for their name and address, and the name and address of their school.

It is not the responsibility of police to force a child to go to school, such issues can be dealt with in conjunction with the school, the home school liaison officer and police.

- Inspector Ian Mitchell



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**25th March:** Attempts to dodge traffic cameras have failed and **two truck drivers have been fined after illegally driving through Galston Gorge.**

A **32-year-old man from Dural** was fined after driving a truck and trailer through the gorge about **8am on Saturday 3 February**, while a 35-year-old man from Pitt Town has also been fined after driving a truck and trailer into the Gorge about 7pm Sunday 10 February. Police allege both drivers drove on the wrong side of the road to avoid cameras which were installed to deter heavy vehicles from using the road. Vehicles and trailers over 7.5m are not allowed to travel through the Gorge under Roads and Maritime Service restrictions. Warning signs are triggered if a vehicle exceeding the restriction passes. The men were each fined \$298 and lost three demerit points from their licence. Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Superintendent Stuart Smith, urged all drivers of heavy vehicles to be responsible and respect other motorists. “I am frustrated with drivers who ignore road rules – especially when their actions impact other drivers,” Supt Smith said. “Far too often the Gorge road is blocked when heavy vehicles become wedged. “These rules are in place to safeguard other drivers and the gorge environment,” Supt Smith said. Both men were fined for **the offence ‘not keep left of dividing line’**.

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**25th March: NSW Government launches Elder Abuse Help Line:** The NSW Elder Abuse Help Line is a state-wide service to the community and is a **free call to 1 800 628 221**.



**ANDREW CONSTANCE MP**  
Minister for Ageing  
Minister for Disability Services

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Thursday 21 March 2013

### **NSW GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ELDER ABUSE HELPLINE**

The NSW Government has delivered on its commitment to tackle the abuse of older people, with the **NSW Elder Abuse Helpline** now taking calls.

Minister for Ageing Andrew Constance said the Helpline was a key priority identified in the NSW Ageing Strategy, and will provide an outlet for seniors who are suffering in silence.

"According to the Australian Institute of Criminology, as many as 50,000 people aged 65 and over in NSW have experienced some form of abuse or neglect, whether it be physical, psychological or financial," Mr Constance said.

"The new Helpline will provide practical assistance to older people, family members, frontline service and support staff, and provide them with ways to respond and reduce abuse of this vulnerable group."

The **NSW Elder Abuse Helpline** is a state-wide service to the community, and is a free call to: **1800 628 221**

"The Helpline will provide practical guidance and advice to older people living in the community including information about how to appoint or change a power of attorney, speak to Centrelink or their bank if they are concerned about financial abuse, and in what instances they should contact the police," Mr Constance said.

"I encourage seniors to call the Helpline about any concerns they have for themselves or someone they may know."

Tackling the abuse of older people is a key priority of the NSW Ageing Strategy, which focuses on prevention, early intervention and support for older people, their families and carers.

To view the strategy which was launched last year visit [www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/ageing](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/ageing).

The **NSW Elder Abuse Helpline** is operated and managed by Catholic Community Services and is funded to support people within the community.

Complaints about suspected abuse occurring within a residential aged care facility should be directed to The Aged Care Complaints Scheme on 1800 550 552.

**MEDIA: Dominic Cuschieri 0467 741 503**

The following link is for the NSW ageing strategy, it contains useful information. Please share and speak to those whom it may impact. [http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/strategies/nsw\\_ageing\\_strategy](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/about_us/strategies/nsw_ageing_strategy)

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**22nd March**, Thanks to North Shore Times & Hornsby Advocate for these articles promoting the Heros HQ fundraiser. Thanks to Turramurra & Lindfield Community Banks (branches of Bendigo Bank) for their huge contribution.

## Money sought for joint HQ

STATE Emergency Services and Rural Fire Service Volunteers have launched a fundraising drive for the fit-out of Kuring-gai's new joint emergency headquarters.

The new headquarters, which is nearing completion, was inspected by Bradfield federal Liberal MP Paul Fletcher and Davidson state Liberal MP Jonathan O'Dea recently in a bid to help raise \$200,000.

Turrumurra and Lindfield Community Banks have promised to match every dollar raised on a dollar for dollar basis, up to \$150,000.

Mr Fletcher said the money was needed for desks, chairs and other necessities.

"I was very pleased to hand over cheques totalling \$3,000 in contributions towards the fundraising efforts and I want to thank several local business people who immediately and generously offered donations when I approached them," he said.

"I would encourage Bradfield residents to consider donating to this worthy cause, which they can do by visiting [fundlibbank.com.au/foundation/herohq](http://fundlibbank.com.au/foundation/herohq)."

## Put your stamp on hero HQ

Rowan Cowley

AS CONSTRUCTION of the \$3.3 million Kuring-gai Rural Fire Service and SES headquarters nears completion, residents have a unique opportunity to etch a permanent footprint on the project.

The new facility at Golden Jubilee Oval in North Wahroonga is set to be officially opened on May 25 and a fundraising target of \$200,000 has been set to fund the fit-out of the almost completed buildings.

Kuring-gai Financial Services has pledged to match community fundraising efforts dollar for dollar up to \$100,000.

Chairman David Langdon



Denise Kelly, Mark Jones, David Langdon, Simon Jones, Jonathan O'Dea, Greg Rappo and Paul Fletcher at the soon-to-be-completed RFS and SES facility at North Wahroonga.

said almost \$80,000 had already been raised, meaning just over \$20,000 more was needed from the community.

He said residents had a chance to purchase a \$250 paver to be used for the project, which would have their name engraved on it.

Mr Langdon and Turrumurra community bank senior manager Denise Kelly joined Bradfield federal Liberal MP Paul

Fletcher and Davidson state Liberal MP Jonathan O'Dea for a tour of the facility on March 11, when Mr Fletcher handed on \$3000 worth of cheques sourced from local businesses on the day.

To purchase a paver or make a contribution, go to [fundlibbank.com.au/foundation/herohq](http://fundlibbank.com.au/foundation/herohq) or visit the Turrumurra community bank at 1273 Pacific Hwy or the Lindfield branch at 318 Pacific Hwy.

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**22nd March**, from the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: **Westleigh drug bust: 153 cannabis plants seized and a 30-year-old Thornleigh man** charged yesterday. Police found an air rifle, cash, dried cannabis and plants with a potential street value estimated at \$300,000 at the home on Quarter Sessions Rd.

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**22nd March: A date to pencil in your diaries:** In National Youth Week 2013 is from the 5th April to the 14th April 2013. PCYC's Time 4 Kids will raise awareness and tap community support for PCYC's work with young offenders and young people 'at-risk'. Time 4 Kids is a great opportunity for business to get involved and work jointly with NSW Police in supporting their local PCYC. **Hornsby / Kuring-gai PCYC will have our jails set up in Hornsby Mall on the 13th of April 2013.** For those who would like to get involved please email us [hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au) and create an online account, for Time 4 Kids.

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**22nd March, from CareFlight:** A morning's charity sail on his yacht ended with a fall and a trip to hospital for a Central West man in Sydney's north today. Police, Ambulance paramedics and a CareFlight trauma team combined to treat the man at the Bobbin Head marina shortly after 1 pm. The CareFlight doctor said the 72-year-old man, from Cowra, fell as he was walking from his yacht after competing in an annual charity sail on Pittwater. The man struck his head on the wharf and fell unconscious into the water before bystanders rescued him. After stabilisation by the medical teams the man was taken in a road ambulance, under continuing treatment by the CareFlight doctor, to Royal North Shore Hospital.

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**22nd March:** A double-sided notice to place on the dashboard of your vehicle. Useful in particular for commuters and shoppers.



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**21st March: a warning from our neighbours in Castle Hill: KIK INSTANT MESSAGING NOT DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN!!!!**



Parents please be aware that 'KIK' is causing huge problems amongst young people in The Hills area. Online grooming, cyber bullying, sexting are rife on this app. The rating of this social media app when downloading is 17 years plus! If you allow your children to use it, you are putting them at risk. KIK is overtaking Facebook as the number one social media problem among young people. It can be a great tool to communicate, however school students are not always equipped

to understand the dangers.

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**21st March:** Assistance would be greatly appreciated. Police investigating a suspicious fire, which destroyed parts of a business in **Asquith last November, have released CCTV vision and images of a white utility** seen in the area on the night of the fire.



About **10.30pm on Thursday 29 November 2012**, police and Fire and Rescue NSW were called to the scene of a fire burning at a smash repair business on Salisbury Road. The fire caused a significant amount of damage to the property and an investigation by Strike Force Maughan, comprised of officers from State Crime Command's Property Crime Squad and Hornsby Detectives, is now underway. Strike Force Maughan detectives are particularly interested in speaking to anyone who may recognise the white utility captured by CCTV. The vehicle was driving in the vicinity of the business shortly before the fire is believed to have started.

Detectives are also eager to **speak to a witness** who briefly spoke to police at the scene of the fire. He is described as being of **Caucasian appearance, with a medium build and wavy, brown hair**. Police ask that anyone with information that may be of relevance to the investigation contact Strike Force Maughan detectives via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 at <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information provided will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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**20th March, Child approach warning**, from our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Cst Paul Cleary. Some information in relation to children being approached while in parks or on the street etc. Over the past few months a number of reports have been made to Hornsby police about children being approached either going to or from school or simply playing outdoors. These do happen all over Sydney and in the past week there have been 2 reports to Hornsby police. The perpetrators are varied and so are the descriptions of cars. They have been female, but are usually male of varying ages. Either side of school start or finish times and in proximity to schools is where they

mainly occur.

Hornsby police want all parents, carers and those responsible for children to please talk to those in your care about **safe people and safe locations**. This is the message we advise now. I have added links to assist in your 'talk'. But some things you can do now, walk with your children in your local area and identify between you what and where is a safe location this could be a trusted neighbour, a shop or the school. Also identify who the people you trust in the area who children can go to if they feel scared or unsafe and how the child can get to them. Make sure the child is aware of their surroundings, that means concentrating while they are walking and walk with purpose, not having their head buried in a book or having headphones on.

We still need to allow our children to develop confidence and independence but also to feel safe in their local area. These are a few key points for them and will enable them to develop these skills. **It is important that if your child is approached by anybody you haven't identified as a safe person they know what to do:**

Don't talk to them.

Don't get into or walk to any car.

Back away and walk or run to that safe location/ person or run home.

Police MUST be called ASAP. Not later, not after dinner and homework, but NOW.

Try to remember descriptions of cars, the colour, type, make, anything unusual like stickers or roof racks and that all important registration number.

Try to remember anything about the person hair (colour and length), clothes, age, accent and what was spoken.

Try to walk in groups with friends.

When all of this is relayed to police as soon as possible police have a far greater chance of finding those responsible.

I also need to point out that sometimes cars do drive in and around your area they may stop for a phone call or look at a street directory, it may be nothing at all. Just please be mindful and aware.

[http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_issues/crime\\_prevention/schools](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/schools)

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**20th March, Neighbourhood Watch Materials:** Created by our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, attempting to gather the best advice out there for our community. Our Crime Prevention Officers have assisted with all these documents. Please feel free to share the information. A soft copy of any of the '20 Tips' series can be emailed on request from [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) .

**Copy & paste** this link to access any of the **Neighbourhood Watch materials** on the **Kuring Gai LAC facebook page**. You **DO NOT** have to sign up to facebook to access these documents. <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.567667023267185.1073741826.249804335053457&type=3>

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**20th March: Missing 90 year old female found safe and well.** 90 year old **Ilse Viemeir**, who went missing from the taxi stand at Hornsby has been found safe and well. She had been to the Maitland area of her own accord. Police received word yesterday 5pm the female was on a train to Sydney and she was intercepted at Hornsby. Police have reunited her with concerned relatives. Police would like to thank those who kept an eye out. **13,960 people** saw the post on facebook!

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**20th March: Shared from Brisbane Water LAC, with a note from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary:** Remember have a good look at your home look at all the openings like windows, doors and garage doors, even your tool shed. Are the frames and hinges in a good and solid condition? Are the locks still working properly? Do you still have the same locks from 30 years ago? Maybe you need to upgrade these. Also keep tree and bushes trimmed around your property. Trim all these to no higher than 1m for low shrubs, and taller tree etc have all vegetation trimmed to about 2.5m. We do this so our natural sight lines when viewed from the street is that 1m to 2.5m area. Using natural surveillance this enables neighbours, pedestrians and car drivers to see into your property and if anyone is up to no good there. If you don't trim these a thief will be able to hide behind them and have privacy while they force a door or window. So you need to decide on your privacy versus your home security.

#### CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE DAY - LOCK YOUR DOORS.

- External doors and frames should be of solid construction.
- These doors should be fitted with quality deadlock sets, which comply with the Australia/New Zealand Standards and Fire Reg...ulations (Australian Building Code) to enable occupants to escape in emergency situations such as fires.
- Consider having a peephole (door viewer) installed in the door to monitor people at the door.
- Locks should be checked and maintained on a regular basis to ensure they are in good working order.
- Keys should be removed from locks while you are absent to prevent thieves entering or leaving your home.
- Security/screen doors can be used to provide additional protection.
- Security/screen doors should be designed and installed to the Australian Standards.

- Sliding balcony doors are often used by intruders to gain access to units by lifting the sliding panel from the track. With this in mind, the door should be re-enforced by having a block fitted to the head (top) of the door to prevent the sliding panel being lifted from the track.
- Consider installing patio bolts on sliding doors.
- Under-house access points should be secured.

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**19th March:** Thinking of **letting kids get their own noodles** or leaving them unattended with a recently made hot snack can be dangerous. Think about how hot they can be? Kids especially younger ones don't comprehend the dangers of hot things either by spilling it on themselves or by eating or drinking them. Read the story and please be mindful of your kids safety because THEY depend on YOU to keep them safe. <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/national/warning-as-kids-burned-by-noodles/story-fncvk70o-1226598547230>

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Spotted by one of our volunteers:

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A MAN holding a knife and cup of coffee approached a group of teens around a bonfire in a Lindfield park, asking them “which one of you wants to die first?” according to a police statement of facts.

The teenagers quickly ran off and called triple 0, the police statement said.

The statement said upon noticing a party and bonfire in a park adjoining his home, Naasson Pursley, 34, picked up an 18cm kitchen knife and while still holding his cup of coffee, headed to the park.

It was about midnight on Friday, December 22 and Pursley had returned home from a work function, the police statement said.

Pursley told police he only intended to scare the partygoers because of growing frustrations with people in the park disturbing the neighbourhood.

He pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and was handed a two-year good behaviour bond at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday.

Magistrate Alison Viney told court she accepted he was drunk at the time.

“I accept you were intoxicated and were trying to save the neighbourhood from other intoxicated people,” the magistrate told the court. She said calling the fire brigade would have been a better option.

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**Seniors Security Expo - Feel Safe, Be Safe! Tuesday, 19th March 9:30am - 12:30pm at Turramurra Uniting Church.** Photos from the day can be viewed in the album on

**Neighbourhood Watch - Area 24/12** facebook page. There are also two videos from the day: Robbie Blackwell from Lady Davidson Hospital demonstrating how to put on a sock without bending over, and a surprised Snr Cst Paul Cleary drawing the Mayor Elaine Malicki's ticket for one of the competition prizes. One of the photos we couldn't resist sharing...



The Mayor of Ku-ring-gai trying out a motorised scooter (thanks to Roland Priestley P/L). What fun!

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### **Waitara Wellness Centre**

28 McAuley Place Waitara

Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013

11am – 3pm

Free information sessions and stalls for

Brain health, brain training and mind well being, Thai chi,  
horticulture, massage, occupational therapy and dietary  
advice

Devonshire tea and bbq lunch available for \$2.00

RSVP Kerry Silver – 0448 733 267 / [kesilver@chcs.com.au](mailto:kesilver@chcs.com.au)

Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>

[www.catholiccommunityservices.com.au](http://www.catholiccommunityservices.com.au)

Customer Service Centre 1800 225 474

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council: Lost** Help us find **Bonzo**. He was last seen on **Rosedale Road, St Ives** between 2pm-4pm **Wednesday 13 March**. He is a much loved 13 year old mini foxis.



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**Did you know? Tips for car security often state "keep valuables out of sight."** If you choose to leave valuables in your car (eg phone, laptop, tablet, GPS) turn them off and lock them in the boot, otherwise they may still be discoverable via bluetooth technology. Remember - you must turn them off!

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**The George Institute** is conducting a study investigating driving patterns and safety in **older drivers in the Hornsby district**. In Hornsby more than 85% of people over the age of 70 have a car. Snr researcher Dr Lisa Keay is looking to recruit another 180 drivers. Call **9657 0335** to take part.

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**Another date to pencil in your diaries:** The 10th anniversary of **National Neighbour Day, Sunday March 31st 2013**. Event ideas and free kits are available online at [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org). The aim of the day is to reduce social isolation. The North Shore Times is running a 'Neighbour of the Year'. If you know someone who deserves recognition for making life better for others, send an email to [editor@northshoretimes.com.au](mailto:editor@northshoretimes.com.au) with Neighbour Day Nomination in the subject line.

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**NSW Rural Fireys** are fundraising this Easter by selling \$2 tokens at Woolworths checkouts. **Please check your smoke alarm is working.** The latest stats for over-65's make up a third of all fire deaths in NSW!

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**Ku-ring-gai Seniors Festival 2013:** Visit the Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop '**The Shed**' at St Ives Showground, 450 Mona Vale Rd for their **Open Day on Wednesday 27th March** to find out about services and facilities on offer. There will be a **BBQ lunch**. Details: phone **9983 9732**.

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[www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC) is the link to your local Police's facebook page. YOU DON'T NEED TO JOIN WITH FACEBOOK TO VIEW THE PAGE.



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**Incidents in the Kuring gai Local Area Command dated Monday 25th March 2013:**

Incident: Car crash  
Time/Date: About 4:30pm on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Place: Pacific Hwy and Fox Valley Rd, Warrawee  
Vehicle 1: Toyota Camry  
Driver 1: 68 year old male  
Details: The Camry was being driven North on the Pacific highway and for unknown reasons has allegedly lost consciousness crossing 3 lanes of traffic and collided with a traffic light pole and stopped. The driver was taken to the RNSH with suspected chest injuries. A 17month old child was in the car at the time and was also taken to RNSH for minor injuries. Police will wait the results of blood test before deciding on what if any action is to be taken.

Incident: Police pursuit  
Time/Date: About 11.55am on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March  
Place: Vicinity of Myall Rd and Cowan Rd, Mt Colah  
Vehicle 1: Mini motor bike  
Driver 1: 17 year old male  
Details: Police received word of a mini bike being ridden in the area and have seen the bike. After a short pursuit the rider was stopped and questioned. The 17 year old received infringements for riding while unlicensed, use unregistered and uninsured motor cycle.

Incident: Drug offences  
Time/Date: About 1 pm on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Place: Railway Hotel, Hornsby  
Person 1: 41 year old male  
Details: Police were at the location and could smell Cannabis from within a room.

Police spoke to a 41 year old male and a search revealed an amount green vegetable matter police allege to be Cannabis. The male received a caution for the offence.

Incident: Car fire

Time/Date: About 11.15pm on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>

Place: F3 Fwy, BEROWRA

Details: Police were called to the location due to a car on fire. The car a 2002 Ford Fairlane was on fire with the boot area partially alight. A passing NRMA vehicle had seen the fire and tried to put the fire out without success. A Berowra Fire truck was also at the scene and extinguished the fire. The car driver/owner was nowhere to be seen.

Investigations are continuing.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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Remember to report any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood directly to Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799.

DON'T DELAY IN REPORTING Please encourage your neighbours and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

Did you know? You don't have to be on facebook to view the local police's Kuring Gai LAC facebook page? It is set up so that anyone can scroll down and view all the posts from the beginning of time, the photos and crime prevention resources [that'll do us - ed]. To view, please click on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC> or try for yourself and google <Kuring Gai Police facebook>. However, if you would like to communicate with the Police via this page, then you would have to set up your Facebook profile.

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