



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #493 - 23 March 2021

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.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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### **23 March, Ku-ring-Gai PAC week in review:**

The Kuring Gai PAC's week was a busy one to say the least, with the weather adding to the workload, police were kept busy this last week and weekend with missing persons, storm and tempest jobs and frauds.

Some other offences reported and under investigation this last week are a stabbing in Gordon, break and enters throughout the Command, steal from motor vehicles, robberies, assaults and malicious damage offences.

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Our week in review:

On the 15th March 2021, police intercepted a 34 year old Berowra man in relation to the importation of raw tobacco. Police seized raw tobacco with a street value of approximately \$130,000, four mobile phones and over \$2500 in cash.

The Accused was charged with the matter before the Court.

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On the 16th March 2021, a 44 year old male was charged with a number of offenses including stealing a \$1500 lap top from a dozing commuter on the train between Gosford and Mt Colah stations.

The sweet toothed male then purchased an ice cream and some cookies before stealing of a pair of \$29.95 sunglasses from a service station at Mt Colah before entering a property in Mt Colah with the intent to steal, only to surprise the occupant who has then chased the offender outside before calling police.

Polair and the Police Dog were called in by General Duty officers. The police dog tracked the male to an address while Polair broadcasted a description of the male through their loud speakers to local residents below. A combined effort from all units ensured the male was successfully arrested when he left another premises he was trying to enter to hide from police.

The Accused will appear in court at a later date.

TIP:

When travelling on the train or public transport, please keep your valuables on you or near you, preferably with the attached to you in some way; for example, with your arm through the shoulder strap.

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On the 18th March 2021, a 30 year old male was charged with cultivating cannabis plants while another attempted to run from police but was eventually arrested after a struggle with police at the scene. During the police investigation they found that one of the Accused males had entered Australia illegally.

Police seized in excess of 160 cannabis plants which were being cultivated at a residential premises in Pymble.

The Accused was charged with the matter now before the Court.

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Between 07:10 and 14:30 on Friday 19 March 2021, unknown offender/s have stolen 1 x bicycle about \$2000 in value, from the bike rack from stated location. Unknown offender/s removed the bike that was chained and left the chain attached to the bike rack.

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Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour, vehicles or persons. Call police at the time as this will give us the best chance of stopping and speaking with the suspicious person.

How to contact police and when:

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

9476 9799 – Hornsby Police station

9418 5399 – Gordon Police station

131 444 (Police Assistance Line) – for non-emergencies

1800 333 000 (Crime Stoppers) – To provide crime information

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## **22 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

 Bobbin Head Cycle Classic - Sunday 28 March 

Turrumurra, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, St Ives Bobbin Head Road, Mona Vale Road

Sun 28 Mar 2021 to Sun 28 Mar 2021

Riders will take part in the annual Bobbin Head Cycle Classic from 6.30am in one of 4 events including a 104km, 80km, 57km or 27km ride from Turrumurra through Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park and return.

Road and lane closures will be in place between 5am and 3pm along Karuah Rd, Turrumurra Ave, Bobbin Head Rd and Woodbury Rd in Turrumurra, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, Mt Colah and St Ives as cyclists share roads with motorists.

Roads will reopen progressively as riders make their way along the course.

Speed limit reductions will also be in effect between 6.15am and 1.30pm along sections of Mona Vale Rd, West Head Rd, Bobbin Head Rd, McCarr's Creek Rd and Pacific Hwy. Check signs carefully and drive to the conditions.

The speed limit will be temporarily reduced for the safety of cyclists riding amongst vehicle traffic at the following locations and times. Speed limit reductions affects both directions unless stated otherwise.

**SPEED LIMIT REDUCED FROM 90KM/H TO 60KM/H:**

**BETWEEN TERREY HILLS AND ST IVES**

- 7am to 10.45am - St Ives to Terrey Hills on the eastbound lanes of Mona Vale Road between Wildflower Gardens and Myoora Road
  - 8am to 1.30pm - Terrey Hills to St Ives on the westbound lanes of Mona Vale Road between Forest Way and the Wildflower Gardens
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Special event clearways will be in effect in St Ives from 7am to 1:30pm on the eastern side of Mona Vale Rd from Property No.425 to Kitchener St. Local parking restrictions will also be in effect between 5am and 1pm on sections of Eastern Rd, Karuah Rd and Toolang Rd in Turramurra and North St Ives. Clearways are strict no-parking zones even for local residents and RMS Mobility Scheme Permit holders. Check signs carefully as vehicles left in clearways will be towed and a fee applies.

🚧 Bobbin Head National Park (Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra entrance) will be closed from 6.15am - 9.30am access via Mount Ku-ring-gai Chase Road, Mount Colah. 🚧

For more information go to [this site](#).

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### **20 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

The Public Information Inquiry Centre (PIIC), is now open to take calls from the public about the flood-affected areas in NSW.

The PIIC is open 24 hours a day until at least 5pm on Monday 22 March 2021.

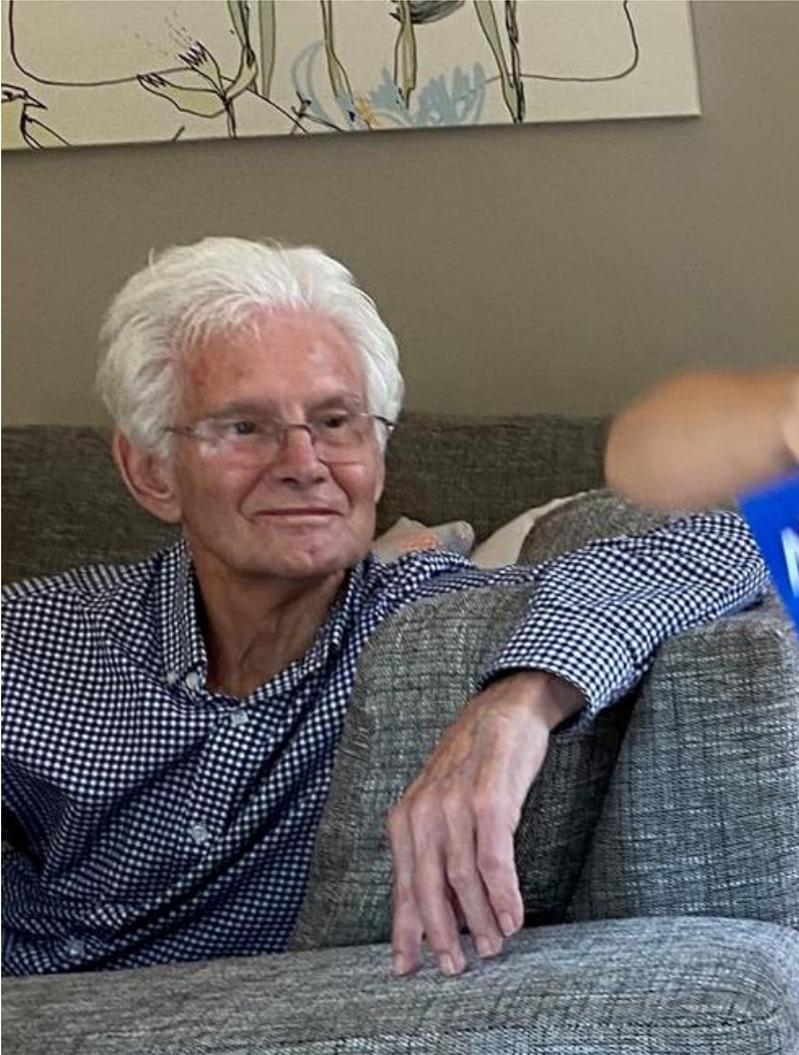
The number is 1800 227 228.

For emergency flood and storm assistance, the public can continue to contact the SES on 132 500 or visit their website here. In case of an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).

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**19 March, from NSW Police Force**



Officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command are appealing for assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's north.

Richard Cleminson, aged 74, was last seen at his home in Easton Road, Berowra Heights, prior to 8pm last night (Thursday 18 March 2021).

His family contacted police who began a search of nearby streets, parks and bushland.

There are significant concerns for Richard's welfare due to poor weather conditions in the area, his age, and a medical condition, that requires ongoing treatment.

Richard is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 150-160cm tall, thin build, with white/grey hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing black tracksuit pants and a grey shirt.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Richard is asked to contact Kuring-Gai Police Area Command.

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Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [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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*Creating Safer Communities*

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### **22 March, from Hornsby Advocate**

A Willoughby teen jailed for assaulting and robbing school children at Lane Cove is back behind bars after an awkward encounter with police at a Sydney train station. Former private school boy Luc Bonnell faced court yet again last week. 🧑🏻

Story [here](#).

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### **21 March, from Hornsby Hospital**



**HELIPAD PASSES WITH FLYING COLOURS** | A new helipad at Hornsby Kuring-gai Hospital has been put to the test before it becomes operational.

For the first time the hospital will have a rooftop helipad allowing for helicopters to perform medical transfers and retrievals, instead of landing in nearby James Park.

The helipad has been built as part of the redevelopment of the hospital and sits above the new Clinical Services Building, which is due to open mid-year.

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Transition Redevelopment Manager Adrienne Stern said the number of helicopter landings is not expected to be any more than currently lands in the oval, which is about eight a year.

She was particularly pleased that the testing, which looked at day and night landing and take-off, impressed the Avipro consultant and Toll pilots.

“The new helipad will mean a smoother medical transfer for patients and medical teams, instead of having to perform the transfers with Ambulance NSW vehicles at the nearby park,” Adrienne said.

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**21 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group.**

**Thanks Murray.**

Lets Talk Trees...

Ok everyone, not wishing to further ruin your day- after all it's washing day and obviously not great drying weather, however a new topic will soon arise and that's one based upon the wellbeing of your trees...

Now, we all know that tree roots generally throw themselves out to balance the tree and hold it in the ground. The favourite theory amongst most people is that they will spread as far out as the branches of the tree spreads. For the time being let's run with the idea that your tree is still in its pot- like a big pot plant. Unfortunately, the soil now has a consistency of that similar to “Uncle Toby's Oats”. Which is not good. Should the wind pick up, many trees will start moving in the ground. This is really not good...

To check if your tree is moving in the ground, do not look at the branches to see if they are swaying-as that is what they are meant to do. Look at the root-plate that surrounds the tree and see if the soil is lifting. (Similar to a big imaginary pot rolling and lifting in the soil) It simply may have raised on one side of the tree. Often you will see a separation of the soil around the trunk, or even fissures in the ground circling the tree. This is a sign that the tree's root plate is separating from the soil plane.

Should you see this, you really should call a professional out and take precautions as to what time you spend under the “target area” of the tree.

Options...

You may call the SES and see if they may help, however trees that are still upright tend to be dealt with by contractors. You may call your favourite “Tree Man” and ask that he comes and has a look. Just remember two things should you panic. Unless the tree falls and damages something- your insurance most

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likely will not cover you. Do not PANIC. You do not need to spend \$5000 removing a dangerous tree that will land on your \$100 swing set by having a Tree Lopper turn up on a Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, when disaster strikes, it brings out the worst in people with some fly-by-night Tree Companies using your panic to charge exorbitant fees. Lastly... Tree people often can't work in shitty weather as it is dangerous- so you may have to wait.

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**20 March, from Sydney Wildlife (Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services)**



With the weather worsening and flash flooding on the forecast we will be out and about keeping an eye out for our beautiful unique wildlife. If you see any sick injured or displaced wildlife please contact Sydney Wildlife Rescue on 9413 4300 or Wires on 1300 094 737.

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**20 March, from Nathan Kelly at Brooklym Neighbourhood Watch**



Stolen Trailer and mowing equipment - Please be on the lookout and report to the Police!

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I've had my Fox Mowing Trailer and all my equipment stolen from Rouse Hill this week! Please be on the lookout for rego TH18ZM.

The trailer and mowing gear may be dumped, changed colour or up for sale online, in local pubs ect.

We're a family business and we need this back to continue - please help if you have any information ph 0488661355 you do not have to give your name - trailer location only!

Please note: this is a part of the Fox Mowing franchise so you will see trailers in your suburbs - PLEASE CHECK THE REGO and then call me if it matches the photos.

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### **20 March, from smh.com.au: It started on Instagram. Now Chanel's petition is leading a sex education revolution**



Chanel Contos was in the back room of the converted London warehouse she lives in, her phone buzzing every few seconds with new social media notifications, when she decided to go public with her story of teenage sexual assault.

Her petition for earlier sex education in schools, which began as an Instagram poll, was just beginning to reveal hundreds of testimonies from former Sydney schoolgirls about sexual assaults they had experienced at the hands of their male peers. And it was showing no signs of slowing.

Running on adrenaline, Ms Contos made the call to put her face to the story. She rang her father first, to give him a heads up. "He was at a party, and I said: 'I have to tell you something. I'm about to do an interview with The Sydney Morning Herald. By the way, I got sexually assaulted when I was 13. Bye!' He was like: 'What?' It was confronting for dad at first."

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Ms Contos didn't sleep that night. She stayed up until 11am, working on Sydney time, and had four hours' rest before doing it all again. Hundreds more Instagram messages were rolling in and television stations were requesting live interviews. "I did that for three or four days until I completely crashed," the 23-year-old says.

View full story [here](#).

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## Dates for the Diary

**Sunday 21 March to Sunday 28 March:** Connected Communities - From Harmony Day to Neighbour Day, celebrating diversity and strengthening community connections. Virtual events. [Info & Booking](#). Mandarin and Korean speaking interpreters will be available for the three Zoom sessions below.

**Wednesday 24 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring South Asian Customs [Zoom session](#) & opportunity to win prizes

**Friday 26 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Exploring Chinese Heritage [Zoom session](#) & opportunity to win prizes

**Friday 26 March:**

**Saturday 27 March:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

**Sunday 28 March:** 10am Hornsby Council - Creative Connections through [Hornsby Council's Facebook](#) or [Youtube page](#).

Featuring multicultural performances and a virtual trip through the Shire's most picturesque neighbourhoods.

**Sunday 28 March:** Neighbour Day. [Info](#). Download FREE Neighbour Day Colouring-in [here](#).

**Sunday 28 March:** Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#).

**Thursday 08 April:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

**Thursday 15 April:** 9:30am-12:30pm PCYC Safer Drivers Course [Book here](#).

**Wednesday 21 April:** Ku-ring-gai Council 'Everything for Seniors Day' 10am-2pm @ the Turrumurra Uniting Church Hall & meeting rooms and the Turrumurra Seniors Centre. Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall at this event.

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**20 March, SANDBAG POINT**

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Ku-ring-gai SES is offering sand and sandbags to local residents who require them.

Please note that this point is self-service, (you will need to fill the bags), so bring a shovel with you.

Please wear appropriate clothing given the weather conditions!

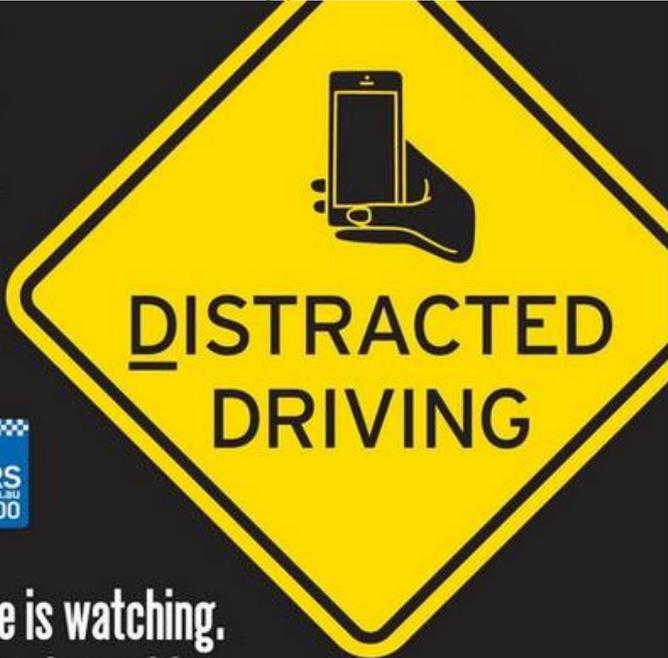
The sandbag point is available at our headquarters, at 7 Esk St, North Wahroonga NSW (Golden Jubilee Oval) from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday the 20th of March 2021.

Information on how to correctly fill, lay and dispose of used sandbags can be found [here](#)

 If you require emergency assistance due to storm, flood or tsunami contact NSW SES on 132 500. In life-threatening situations call 000 immediately.

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## 20 March, From Crime Stoppers NSW



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**CRIME STOPPERS**  
com.au  
1800 333 000

**Someone is watching.  
You will get caught.**

If you see, suspect, or know something  
call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000  
or report online at [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au)

**NSW**  
GOVERNMENT

  
NSW Police Force

The weather is particularly bad at the moment and texting or using your mobile phone while driving adds a further distraction to your driving that is not only illegal but can risk your life as well as the the lives of your passengers and other road users.

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If you are distracted driving, you are breaking the law. Someone is watching and you will get caught.

Everyone can help keep our roads safe. If you see, suspect, or know something call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au)

Save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies

For the rules about what you can and can't do visit [site here](#).

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### **19 March, from 9News.com.au: Man who spent year on the run in US found guilty of murdering Sydney man Mario Phetmang**



An Australian father-of-two who spent a year on the run in the US has been found guilty of murder in a Sydney court today.

Alex Dion was found guilty of murdering Mario Phetmang, 33, and then dumping his body on the side of the road in Sydney Olympic Park in May 2018. The 40-year-old fled to the US and evaded authorities for a year before he was arrested in California and [extradited back to Australia](#), where he was charged over the murder.

Mr Phetmang, 33, vanished after walking out of South Hurstville service station in May 2018.

A truck driver discovered his body 10 days later, wrapped in a plastic mattress protector on the side of Homebush Bay Drive.

It was the Crown's case that Mr Dion then tried to hide Mr Phetmang's hat, glasses and hooded jumper in a water tank at an East Killara building site where he had been working as a tiler.

Read full story [here](#).

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## 16 March, from NSW Food Authority

### NAME & SHAME LIST

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 5 premises added
- 7 premises publication period expired

The nearest are in Cherrybrook and Burwood.

[Check this website.](#)

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### From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Pedestrians'

**Tip #1. MAKE EYE CONTACT**with drivers before crossing any road, even on a pedestrian crossing. Parents –teach your kids this life skill. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you. Your life –your decision.

**Tip #2. CONSIDER WHAT YOU WEAR**–dark colours may not be seen by drivers. Wear bright, lighter-coloured clothing when walking from dusk onwardsor in reduced visibility conditions. Just because you can see acar(or their lights) doesn't mean thedrivercan see you, or will stop for you. The driver may have different priorities than you today.Ortheir vision may be affected bythe sun. Consider reflective clothing and/or shoes with reflective strips. It is possible to buy reflective strips and armbands.

**Tip #3. PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE.** Unplug your earphones. Give all senses to the job of keeping you safe. Concentrate whilst you are on thatroad. Pause any involved conversations with those near you. 100% concentration please!

**Tip #4. NOTICE THE CAR SLOWING**before you consider stepping onto the road/crossing. Do NOT assume that a vehicle is doing the displayed speed limit and that you “should have enough time to cross”. Even cyclists can break the speed limit and it's very difficult to assess their speed from straight on. Rain and wet roads make stopping distances a lot further.

**Tip #7. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR CORRECT GLASSES**when you go out. Similarly, always wear your hearing aids, so you can hear traffic and warnings. Wear sensible footwear if you are prone to losing your balance/tripping etc.

**Tip #12. PLEASE DON'T RACE THE TIMERS!** Pedestrian countdown timers have replaced the flashing red man at some intersections in NSW.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our

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WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

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### From Cop Humour



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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

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**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](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@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](#)

**Local Facebook pages/groups:**

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

**Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

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Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah  
Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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