



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai 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 Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (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? [Click here](#) to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. **To subscribe, [click here](#).**

11 July 2016: Hornsby Police news, 11/7/16. The following relate to local

issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Pedestrian collision

Time/Date: About 5.50pm Saturday 9th

Place: Jersey St, North, Hornsby

Details: A 16 year old male was jogging along Jersey Street North in lane 1 of 2. At this time a car was travelling along the same stretch of road also in lane 1. The jogger unfortunately was wearing very dark clothing and was not seen by the car driver, who hit jogger. The driver stopped and tended to the injured male who had become unconscious. The 16 year old regained consciousness and was taken to RNSH for treatment. No action is being taken against the car driver.

Incident: Injured bush walker.

Time/Date: About 12.40pm Saturday 9th

Place: Benowie track.

Details: A 38 year old female was training for the Oxfam run with a group of friends, When about 2 km from Glenview Road, Mount Kuring-gai the female has slipped on rocks and sprained her ankle. The female was walked part of the way until a police 4x4 arrived and drove the female out. She was taken to Hornsby hospital for treatment.

Incident: Intoxicated male facing 3 charges.

Details: About 9.30pm Friday 8th police were called to Hornsby railway station in relation to a male who was intoxicated and allegedly abusive to other passengers. The male became abusive to police and allegedly started swearing. He was warned for this and directed to leave the area. About 11pm the same male has tried to enter the Railway hotel but was refused entry due to his intoxication. With this refusal the male is alleged to have picked up a beer glass and thrown it against a wall smashing it. Police were called and arrested the male at the taxi rank. He was charged and is to face Hornsby Court on the 27th July.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 6pm Friday 8th and 10am Monday 11th

Place: Chilvers Road, Thornleigh.

Details: A Toyota Hilux was parked at a business in Thornleigh. Unknown person/s have broken into the utes tool boxes on the rear tray. A number of power tools and some copper piping was stolen. The value of the tools is being collated, but the copper piping is estimated to be about \$500.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 5.30pm Saturday 9th and 3am Sunday 10th

Place: Gordon shopping centre.

Details: A hole was smashed in a wall to a shop within the Gordon shopping centre and broken into, a number of washing machines and televisions were stolen.

Incident: Break & enter

Time/Date: About 6.30pm Sunday 10th

Place: Rushall Street, Pymble

Details: A family has arrived home after being out for a few hours. Upon entering the home 2 men were seen inside, the men have run from the home when they saw the owners. Police were called to the home with a search of the surrounding area failing to locate the men. The men were described as 190 – 195 cm tall wearing dark clothing. It is unknown at this stage if anything had been taken.

Incident: Stealing.

Time/Date: Between 4pm and 4.30pm Saturday 9th

Place: A shop within Westfield Hornsby

Details: 3 Guess brand handbags were stolen from a display table at a shop in Westfield. The bags had a retail value of \$567.

Incident: Fire at Waitara oval.

Time/Date: About 12.07pm Sunday 10th

Place: Waitara Oval

Details: Police had been called to the oval earlier in the night due to a report of hoodlums at the oval. About 12 midnight police were again called to the oval due to a fire in the centre of the oval. The local fire brigade were called and put the fire out. It appears some rubbish and a mattress was set on fire. The only damage was minor scorching of the grass.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents 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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11 July, from 9News: “Using the geo-location feature the robbers were able to anticipate the location and level of seclusion of unwitting victims,” a

police statement read. For more info, [click on image.](#)



Thieves in the US use Pokémon Go to track down unsuspecting victims

Armed thieves in the US have used the popular new game Pokémon Go to track down victims.

9NEWS.COM.AU

10 July: Police searching for a man missing from his Far South Coast home, are investigating if he got a lift with a passing motorist.

Raymond Speechley, aged 77, was last seen about 4pm on Thursday (7 July 2016), at a retirement home on Ruth Place, Dalmeny. For more info, [click on image.](#)



08 July, from 9News: Road safety campaigner killed on stretch of road he lobbied to fix

A father-of-two who spent years campaigning for a road safety upgrade outside his northern Sydney home has been killed by an out-of-control driver while collecting his rubbish bins. Robert Townsend, 50, died instantly when a red hatchback lost control while travelling west in wet weather along Galston Road in Hornsby Heights this morning.

More info, [click here](#).

And from NSW Police: A report will be prepared for the Coroner after the death of a man in a pedestrian crash at Hornsby Heights this morning.

About 7am (Thursday 7 July 2016), a 51-year-old man was outside his property on Galston Road, Hornsby Heights, when he was struck by a Toyota sedan which left the road. Nearby police, who were in attendance for an unrelated matter, attempted to revive the man but he died at the scene. The male driver of the Toyota, also aged 51, was uninjured. He was taken to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory blood and urine tests. Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit officers are conducting inquiries into the incident.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/>

08 July, from Crime Stoppers: HOW TO REPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE...

For urgent assistance, when domestic violence is occurring now, or when there is an immediate fear of it about to happen, treat as an emergency and call Triple Zero (000) and ask for POLICE. The operator will ask a number of questions. Ensure you give concise details or answers to the best of your ability to the following:

- Location or address
- Type of premise, eg house, unit and on which level
- What is actually happening now?
- Are there any firearms in the premises or produced by any person?
- Are there any weapons?
- Where is the offender? Are they still at the location?
- Number of children present and their whereabouts?
- Has alcohol or drugs been consumed?

- Are there any mental health issues, or mental health or psychiatric history of any person/s involved?
- Is there an enforceable AVO in place?
- Relationships between person/s involved.

ALL information is extremely important for the safety of the victims and police alike. Incidents of family and domestic violence represent the most dangerous of all incidents attended to by police. Please note: It does not delay police when you spend the time answering these questions, but it COULD delay police if you don't answer these questions as they may not know how severe the situation is.

Did you know that you can report information about Domestic Violence occurring to others to the Crime Stoppers? You can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

07 July, from our neighbouring North Shore command, their weekly report involved Ku-ring-gai:

Attempted steal from motor vehicle - Lindfield

On Wednesday 29th June a female parked her vehicle out the front of a school located in the Lindfield area. The female stayed in the vehicle, put the sunshade across the window and fell asleep while waiting to pick up her children. At around 2.10pm she was awoken by the sound of a drill at the rear of her vehicle. The female got out of the vehicle and observed a male with a drill in one hand and her rear number plate in the other. The male is described as Caucasian in his late 20's to 30's, with dark hair wearing dark clothing. The female asked what he was doing and described male stated that he was playing a joke on his sister "Kristy" who was working at the school. The male re-attached the number plate to the vehicle and left through the school grounds. The school principal was notified of the incident and it was confirmed that no one by the name of "Kristy" was currently employed at the school. Police are continuing their investigations into the incident.

Assault with intent to rob – Chatswood

Around 3pm on Friday 1st July two respective groups of friends were in the vicinity of an oval at Chatswood. A 15 year old male from Killara (from one group) has

allegedly approached a 15 year old from Lane Cove North (from the other group) and demanded to know what was in his bag. The Lane Cove North youth has told the Killara youth to mind his own business. The Killara youth has then demanded to see what was in the Lane Cove North youth's wallet and then demanded that it be given to him. The Lane Cove North youth has refused to hand the wallet over; it's at this time that he has been allegedly head butted and punched in the face by the Killara youth. Police were contacted by a witness to the incident and arrived a short time later. Before police arrived the Killara youth and two of his friends decamped from the location, however police conducting patrols in the area located them on Nelson Street, Chatswood. The youths have observed police and taken off on foot with a foot pursuit ensuing. Police continued the foot pursuit into Ferndale Park, Chatswood West before they were eventually detained on Beresford Street. The Killara youth was subsequently placed under arrest and conveyed back to Chatswood Police Station. The Killara youth refused to be interviewed by police so as a result he was charged with Steal from the person (other robbery) and Stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm. He was given bail conditions and is required to attend Bidura Children's court at the end of this month.

Car versus pedestrian – St Leonards

Around 7:40am on Thursday 30th June a Toyota Corolla was travelling westbound in along Westbourne Road, St Leonards. At the intersection of the Pacific Highway, the vehicle driven by a 30 year old female from Wahroonga came to a complete stop at a red traffic signal. At this time, a 31 year old male from Greenwich was waiting on the western side of the pedestrian crossing on the Pacific Highway. Shortly thereafter, the green traffic signal for both the vehicle and the pedestrian has been activated. The pedestrian began to walk across the Pacific Highway, the driver of the vehicle failing to see the pedestrian has continued through the intersection and collided with the pedestrian. The driver of the vehicle got out and rendered first aid to the pedestrian until ambulance officers attended. The pedestrian was later transported to Royal North Shore Hospital and was treated for a laceration on right side of the forehead and lip, dental damage and a fracture to the right leg. Police are waiting for mandatory blood results before issuing the driver with any infringements.

Break and Enters in Ku-ring-gai council area:

*Boundary Street, ROSEVILLE

Between 10:00am on Saturday 25th June and 10:00am on Saturday 2nd July

*Business on Drovers Way, LINDFIELD

Between 5:30pm on Friday 1st July and 7:00am on Saturday 2nd July

*Pacific Highway, LINDFIELD

Around 1:50am on Tuesday 5 July

*Boundary Street, ROSEVILLE

Around 7:00am Tuesday 5th July

07 July, from Traffic and Highway Patrol command: Driver Safety Tip - 3 Second Rule

Welcome to a series of driver safety tips, presented by Russell White of Driver Safety Australia.

[Click here to watch video](#) from Caltex.

07 July, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: RCC News: Road Safety With NSW Police Part 2

How to check there's enough tread on your tyres plus more great road safety tips from NSW Police.

[Click here to watch video](#) from Rockdale City Council.

07 July: Eyewatch - your local Police connecting with you on Facebook.



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local solutions for local problems

NSW Police Force

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1. Click on the 'liked' button.
2. Select the option 'See first'.



06 July, from News Local: Hornsby police investigating burglary, car theft and a serious motorcycle accident

Brooklyn

A 41-year-old motorcyclist is in intensive care after a crash on the Old Pacific Hwy at Brooklyn about 2.45pm on Saturday. A 23-year-old man on a Suzuki motorbike lost control going south on a left bend and slid across into the centre dividing lane. The 41-year-old was northbound on a Triumph motorcycle and collided with the other bike. The Suzuki rider walked away with a few grazes and minimal damage to his bike. The 41-year-old was taken to Royal North Shore hospital and his bike was towed away. The man will have a steel plate inserted in his shoulder, has a broken ankle and his toes are barely attached. Police await blood tests from the 23-year-old.

Wahroonga

A total of \$50,000 worth of possessions including a car were stolen from a home on Boundary Rd between 7am and 1pm on Saturday. Thieves took a purse from a chest of draws and other items before they used the key for a red 2015 Mazda CX5 that was parked in the attached garage. The car was later involved in a police pursuit about 1am on Sunday. Hornsby police patrolling the area and saw the car driving erratically on the Pacific Hwy in Waitara before it made evasive

manoeuvres leading police on to Clark Rd. The police saw the numberplates and confirmed the car was stolen with two people in it, before it sped off at speeds between 80-110km/h in a 50km/h zone. The car then pulled onto Pennant Hills Rd and then the M1 heading north where police estimated it was travelling in excess of 150km/h. The pursuit was terminated soon after that. Later the car was seen on Peats Ferry Rd driving past the police station and into the Hornsby CBD. The car is also suspected to have failed to pay for fuel at a Pennant Hills service station. Please call 000 if you see the car with registration number CZX 86H.

Wahroonga

Burglars stole \$8000 worth of jewellery including a watch, three chains and a pearl pendant plus medication and a heater from a home in Lucinda Ave between 10.45am and 4pm on Tuesday.

Normanhurst

A 49-year-old man was arrested last Thursday night over an axe attack on a younger man who he allegedly kidnapped at Normanhurst last month. Police allege the 49-year-old Earlwood man attacked a man in his 20s with an axe before locking him in the boot of a car on June 22. Hornsby police allege the kidnapping attack was targeted after a dispute between the two men who they believe are known to each other. The victim managed to escape from the back of the car and raise the alarm at a South Dowling St apartment. He was taken to St Vincent's Hospital and is recovering after surgery for the stab wounds to his arms. The 49-year-old was arrested at Strathfield Station and was charged with malicious wounding and kidnapping.

Asquith

A 79-year-old man was taken to hospital after attempting to light a gas heater which had a leak in the hose and caught fire at his home on Royston Pde about 6.20pm on Saturday. A small leak in the hose caused gas to build up and burst into flames when it was lit. The victim pulled the hose from the wall and called the fire brigade. He then tried to find his pet rabbit in the lounge room. When the fire brigade arrived he was still in the house and his main concern was the rabbit. A fire brigade officer found the rabbit and the man was taken to Hornsby Hospital suffering smoke inhalation.

Thornleigh

Three men aged stole about \$70 worth of sandwiches and drinks from the Coles Shell service station about 12.35pm on Saturday. One man went to the front counter and asked for cigarettes while the others took sandwiches and drinks. Police will review CCTV footage and inquiries continue.

06 July, from MyGC.com.au: [AMCA warns of text message scam targeting Netflix users](#)

Netflix users are being warned to ignore a text message doing the rounds, urging subscribers to update their details. The SMS is fake and is designed to steal member's credentials and banking details. The Australian Media and Communications Authority issued a warning on its Facebook page on Wednesday.

For full article showing fake sms and web page, [click here](#).

06 July: Hornsby police are investigating 2 malicious damage incidents at Berowra and are seeking assistance from anyone who may have information or witnessed the incidents.

In the first incident a black coloured Toyota Avensis wagon was 'keyed' by someone. It occurred near the Berowra RSL, between 7.20am and 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 June.

The second incident involved the very same car being 'keyed' again, this time in the Gully road car park, west of Berowra RSL car park between 7.30am and 6.30pm on Thursday 30th June.

Any information received will be treated confidentially. You can report any information to **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** you can remain anonymous.

05 July, from ACMA: SCAM ALERT!

The ACMA has received numerous reports about a fake Energy Account email looking to steal your personal information. The phishing email, titled "Your latest Gas and electricity Bill cannot be processed", claims energy accounts will be disconnected on 07 July 2016. It encourages people to click-through to give personal details, credit card information and more. Make sure you, your family and friends, know how to spot this scam and delete it immediately. DO NOT provide personal details.

More information on protecting yourself from scams, [click here](#).

05 July, from our neighbouring Northern Beaches command. [In response to recent multiple thefts of tools from utes - ed]

Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies..... HOW TO SECURE YOUR TOOLS

- Park in garages if possible when leaving vehicles overnight
 - Don't park in dark, unlit or isolated areas
 - If you have a driveway, use it. Don't park your vehicle on the street where it is easily accessible
 - Lock your vehicle when it is unattended, even at work sites.
 - If possible, keep tools out of sight so that thieves don't sense an opportunity
 - Secure any tools left in vehicles with visible locks
 - If you use a ute, consider investing in a lockable toolbox and bolt it to the vehicle's tray
 - Engrave your tools for easy identification with the letter V followed by your licence number
 - Keep an inventory of your tools
 - Report suspicious behaviour to police
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05 July, from ASIC: Credit Card Scams

- How credit card scams work
- Warning signs
- Protecting yourself

- What to do if you have been scammed

[Click here for information.](#)



Had a squizzy lately at our website? It now has new pages for 'What's On' and to 'Sign Up'.

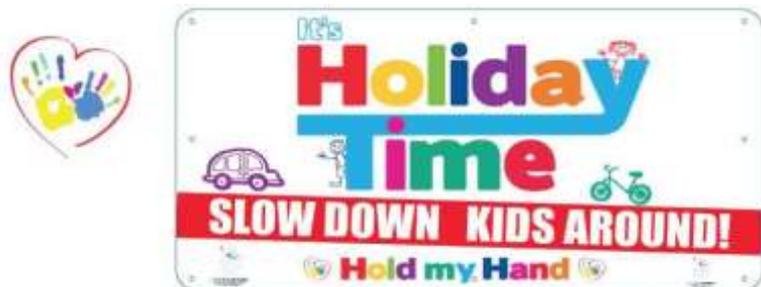


[Click here to view](#) the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby website.

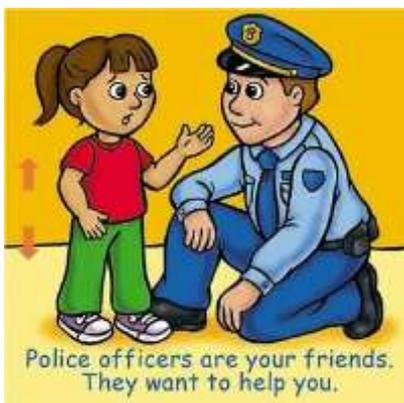
APOLOGIES - LINKS MISSING IN PREVIOUS WEEK'S eNEWSLETTER [Thank you, Rachael!]

1 July, NRMA, How to avoid the 5 most common crashes - For details, [click here](#).

30 June, NSW Police Force, Little Blue Dinosaur - for your Road Safety Reminder, [email us here](#).



29 June, NSW Police Force, "Police Officers are your Friends" - for yours, [email us here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service - you must do your own research. However, did you know this kind of product was available?

This King11 bracelet could save your child's life. Click on image for more information.



From a concerned reader of our weekly crime eNewsletter, a warning of a scam doing the rounds [Thanks, David!]:

[edited] As an appreciative recipient of your Eyewatch newsletter I thought I should let you know about a phone call I just received, which I strongly suspect is a scam. The call was purportedly from Telstra, to advise me that they were just about to disable our home internet connection because they had detected a vulnerability on our home computer....

... He wanted me to immediately access my PC and the Ctrl and Windows keys in particular. I suspect he may then have tried to maliciously access the PC, so did not follow his directions.

... Needless to say, my internet connection continues to function normally. I have little doubt that this was a malicious call and hopefully this information may assist others who might otherwise be taken in.

05 July: From East Wahroonga Community group:

If anyone notices a very expensive amount of work tools trying to be sold on FB or Gumtree from the area please let me know. My husbands work truck was broken into last night on Junction Rd Wahroonga...locks on his tool box but they have managed to get into them and taken everything.

04 July: A warning from our East Wahroonga Community group:

Just wanted to let everyone know that a work colleague's friend's son (19 years old) got bashed at 10.30pm in Wahroonga park on Saturday night. Two mates were heading home from having a meal at the Blue Gum when they were ambushed and attacked after getting off the train at Wahroonga. The group was lurking around the Rotunda robbed and attacked them. The guys were head locked and bashed. Totally premeditated. Both mates ended up in Hornsby hospital – one needing surgery. The attackers split into two groups and blocked them so they had nowhere to run. Very well-orchestrated. Please keep your eyes peeled for the

group and spread the word to our locals.

06 July. A warning from a reader [Please keep sharing! - Ed]

Heads up, the Telstra scammers are at it again. Just received an email stating Telstra had double billed my account, asking for credit card details to repay the stated amount within 3 working days. I might be silly but i'm not stupid !

From News Local, 06 July: Wahroonga village robbery foiled by butcher and real estate agent who made a citizen's arrest

A VIOLENT thief who allegedly punched a woman in the face before stealing her money didn't bank on the Wahroonga village spirit coming to her rescue.

[Read more here.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 27 July: FREE seminar 'Driving and Dementia – Staying Safe and Knowing when to Stop' @ Gordon Library 1030-12noon. [Book.](#)

Sunday 31 July: National Tree Day [Info.](#)

Sunday 14 August: Berowra Woodchop Festival 10am-5pm @ Berowra Village Tavern. NHW crime prevention stall. [Volunteers?](#)

Monday 15 - Sunday 21 August: Rail Safety Week [Info.](#)

Monday 19 September: KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558**

Monday 26 September: Turramurra NHW meeting @ Turramurra Uniting Church, 8pm.

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

Wednesday 05 October: NHW Roadshow @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Draft theme - "Bring Back Community!"

From Northside Community Forum: Free seminar for carers about driving with a dementia diagnosis on 27 July at Gordon Library

Driving and Dementia – Staying Safe and Knowing when to Stop

WHAT: This workshop will examine the implications of a diagnosis of dementia on driving and licensing requirements. It will also look at how as a carer, you can support the person to drive safely and manage the conversation about when to stop to avoid conflict.

This event is open to carers living in the Northern Sydney region. There is no cost to carers.

VENUE: Gordon Library, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, NSW 2072

WHEN: 27 Jul 2016, 10.30am-12.00pm

CONTACT DETAILS: Samantha Fairclough, P: 8405 4444 or E: samf@nsforum.org.au

[Click here to book.](#)

REPORT ABANDONED TROLLEYS - FIVE \$1000 to be won each month.

[Click here](#) for the Report a Trolley page, or please call **1800-641-497**.

[Do your bit to help tidy up the community AND possibly win! - Ed]

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies"

Tip#1. IDENTIFY YOUR POWER TOOLS USING AN ENGRAVER, AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER OR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH . Stolen power tools are easily bought & sold at garage & car boot sales.

Tip#4. BEWARE OF NON-ANCHORAGE POINTS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Secure

to the main chassis frame, in order to take the full force of the load.

Tip#7. SAY 'HI' TO NEIGHBOURS AROUND A BUILDING SITE OR JOB. They are the eyes and ears of the community.

Tip#12. IF BEING PAID IN CASH, GO STRAIGHT TO A BANKING INSTITUTION. Preferably, don't choose to be paid large sums in cash. 18. KNOW THE LOCAL LAWS FOR THE STORAGE OF BUILDING GEAR/ MATERIALS ON NATURE STRIPS.

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Thank you to Apply First Aid Northern Beaches.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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