



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](#).**

05 September: Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend 02 - 05 September.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Stolen motor vehicle
ARCADIA					
ASQUITH					1
BEROWRA					
BROOKLYN			1		
COWAN					
Dural					
GALSTON					
GLENORIE					
GORDON			1		
HORNSBY			3	3	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS					1
KILLARA	1			1	
MT COLAH					
MT KURING GAI					
NORMANHURST			1	1	
PYMBLE	1				
ST IVES					
THORNLEIGH					
TURRAMURRA	1		1		
WAHROONGA	1				
WAITARA				1	
WARRAWEE					
WEST PYMBLE					
WESTLEIGH					
Date range	2/9 to 5/9				
Other	Turrumurra house fire				
	Gordon fraud				

Asquith: Steal from motor vehicle

Brooklyn: Stealing

Gordon: Mal Damage, Fraud

Hornsby: 3 x Mal Damage, 3 x Stealing

Hornsby Heights: Stolen Motor Vehicle

Killara: Break & Enter, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Normanhurst: Mal Damage, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Pymble: B & E

Turrumurra: Break & Enter, Mal Damage, House Fire

Wahroonga: B & E

Waitara: Stealing

3 September, Crime Stoppers NSW: Have you downloaded the Emergency + App yet?

This lucky bush walker is certainly glad she did and so are the emergency personnel who found her quickly thanks to that App. Have everyone in your family download the App because you just never know when you need it, like chasing Pokemon Go characters, that is if this fad is still a thing.

Police have located a lost bushwalker after quick thinking police dispatchers got the lost woman to download the Emergency+ app on her smart phone.

About 6pm last night (Sunday 4 September 2016), police were called to the Mooray walking track at Heathcote following reports of a lost bushwalker. Following the call, NSW police dispatchers contacted the lost 56-year-old woman and advised her to download the Emergency+ app on her smart phone in order to give emergency services her exact GPS co-ordinates. After getting her location from the Emergency+ app, officers from the Sutherland Local Area Command and Miranda Local Area Command were able to establish a concise search area in order to find the woman from Erskineville. For full [Media Release click here](#).

How do you think your kids would go if they had to call Triple Zero in an emergency? Did you know about the Triple Zero Kids Challenge? The Kids' Challenge is filled with interactive mini games to help make learning fun! Meet the 'Zeros', who will guide you through the game and teach you important safety messages and what to do in an emergency. Click [here](#) to access the Challenge.

2 September, Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade's event

We've been asked by our mates at KBFB to share their [upcoming event](#):

On Saturday 10th September, we will have our annual open day to give the community an opportunity to talk to us about how to Get Ready for the upcoming bush fire season. As part of NSW (RFS) 'Get Ready Weekend' Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade will be opening our gates to the public. As a fully functioning fire station we will have:

- Handy tips about how to prepare for the upcoming fire season
- The latest seasonal weather outlook from Australian meteorologist and author Dick Whittaker
- Fire trucks and live hose reels
- Home fire safety information
- Ku-ring-gai SES, NSW Ambulance and Ku-ring-gai Council
- Displays & regional fire maps
- Sausage sizzle

On **Saturday, September 10, from 10am - 4pm at Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade, 7 Esk St, North Wahroonga.**

2 September, From the Daily Telegraph, Man charged with “up-skirting” by filming a schoolgirl on train

A man has been charged with using his mobile phone to “up-skirt”- film a teenage school girl - at Hornsby railway station yesterday afternoon. Police alleged that about 4.30pm on Thursday officers attached to the Police Transport Command were approached by an 18-year-old girl at Hornsby railway station who said she had seen a man filming her. Officers approached a man as he attempted to leave the station. He was detained, searched and police found two mobile phones which were examined.

For more details, click [here](#).

02 September: We've had a complaint of parents double parking in Normanhurst Road, Normanhurst during school drop off and pick ups, which is causing traffic problems.

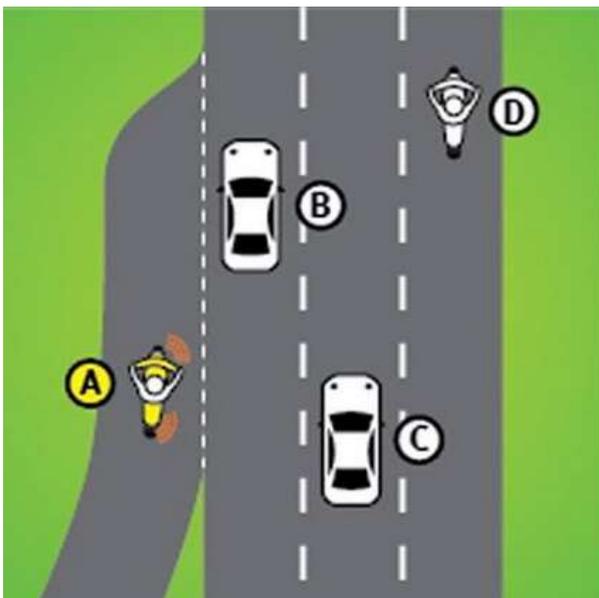
It also creates a really unsafe situation for children and parents who do the right thing and walk to and from the school. Please take care and don't risk double parking. Penalty \$325 + 2 demerit points.

31 August, From Police Officers



You drink. You drive. You lose. Life is all about choices. Make the good ones.

31 August, From the NRMA



TEST TIME: You are riding vehicle A. What must you do when merging onto a

freeway?

- A. give way to the vehicle in the lane you are moving into
- B. stop at the end of the on-ramp
- C. ride onto the hard shoulder until a gap appears

TEST TIME ANSWER: Thanks for your interest in our test answer earlier today. The correct answer is A. When merging onto the freeway, vehicle A must give way to the vehicle in the lane which it is moving into. More information on merging is available [here](#).

31 August, From the Daily telegraph, Burglars arrested after \$70,000 spree

Five men, all believed to be Irish nationals, were arrested and \$70,000 of allegedly stolen property recovered after two search warrants on **units at an apartment block in Pennant Hills** yesterday. The allegedly stolen property includes luxury-brand watches and designer jewellery, as well as vehicles. Three men aged 19, one aged 21 and one aged 22, were all refused bail to appear in Hornsby local court today.

For more, [click here](#).

31 August, Zero Fatalities



Remind others to buckle up. Seat belts save lives.

31 August, from our neighbouring Ryde command: Man charged with

numerous offences [edited]

About 7.00 pm on Sunday 21 August 2016, it is alleged that a 32 year old man has driven a vehicle that was stolen on 17 August 2016 into a driveway of a home on Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove. The vehicle at this time was displaying number plates that had been reported stolen to Police and were placed on the vehicle...

... About 1.50 pm on Friday 26 August 2016, Police were alerted to a suspicious vehicle observed in a **car park on Old Northern Road in Dural**. At this time Police observed the man seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle that had been stolen earlier.....

Read [complete Media Release here](#).

30 August, From NSW Police Force

3 weeks to go.....If you received outstanding service from a NSW Police Officer, you can acknowledge their good work by nominating him/her for the 2016 Customer Service Excellence Award!

The nomination period is now open and closes on 18 September 2016. To make a nomination please click [here](#).

Winners will be announced at the 2016 NSW Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards evening, 4 November 2016.

30 August, From our neighbouring command at The Hills.



Police are appealing for public assistance as they continue to search for a teenager missing from Baulkham Hills since last week. **Melissa Borg, 15**, was last seen at her home on Cross Street on Sunday 21 August 2016. When she failed to return home and could not be contacted, officers from The Hills Local Area Command were contacted and commenced searching for her. Concerns are held for Melissa's welfare; and she has been known to frequent the Baulkham Hill, North Rocks and Northmead areas.

Melissa is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 163cm tall, of slim build, with long dark hair. She was last seen wearing a grey 'Adidas' jumper with a white emblem, black tights and 'Adidas' high-top trainers.

Anyone who knows of Melissa's whereabouts are urged to contact local police via Crime Stoppers. 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 [here](#) Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

29 August, Crime Stoppers NSW: The top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW
– SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCES (part 8 of 10)

Every Monday we will be posting what are considered to be the top 10 most misunderstood road rules in NSW. We encourage you to take the time to watch these very short clips to brush up on your road rules knowledge and to share these posts with your friends.

If you have information relating to Driving Offences you can report online [here](#) or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**. You can remain anonymous. If you see somebody driving dangerously and it is “occurring now” – please call **Triple Zero (000)**.

29 August, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission



Report, protect, prevent. We need your help in identifying and reporting cybercrime; a growing threat in Australia. The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) is a vital tool in combating cybercrime, helping police and other law enforcement agencies gather important data and contribute to improved responses to cybercrime across Australia. The ACORN is a significant step in our fight against cybercrime. Report cybercrime now [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

SECURITY & SAFETY ROADSHOW

Lots for kids, all FREE...

- RideOn police bike
- finger-printing
- carnival photos
- police dress-ups
- police safety talks
- face-painting
- highway patrol raptorrr
- sniffer puppy
- \$600 in prizes

And for adults, all FREE...

- latest RFID technology
- latest security
- latest locks & safes
- police FAQ answers
- rego locking screws
- engraving
- graffiti advice
- detectives' tips
- goodie bags

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ROADSHOW

9:30-11:30am or 1:30-3:30pm, Wednesday 05 October 2016

Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, 1186 Pacific Highway, Pymble

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Neighbourhood Watch Roadshow, 9:30-11:30am or 1:30-3:30pm on Wednesday 05 October, UPDATE: This week the elves have been busy.

1. Our website has been updated to include a page solely for the upcoming Neighbourhood Watch Roadshow. [Click here](#) to take a look. It's not finished yet - we still need to advise on the best places in the surrounding streets for parking, and the best way to find the Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, 1186 Pacific

Highway, Pymble. [Click here](#) for a look at the Town Hall's location on Google Maps.

2. The flyer and poster layouts have been agreed with Ku-ring-gai Council, who have also agreed to help with two banners advertising the event. Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council.
3. The programme for the day is finalised and full to the brim! We'll share it with you as soon as it is made pretty. There's definitely something for everyone in terms of presentations, and lots to do with the children. In particular, a few families have said how they like the idea of letting the children sit and be given safety talks by the NSW Police Youth Liaison Officer (based at Hornsby Police Station) whilst the adults get their information. We really are 'crim-proofing' the whole family!
4. We are now on Twitter, ready to share the preparations to this fine event: @NHWKuringgaiHornsby
5. We are now on Facebook, as Neighbourhood Watch within the NSW Police Kuring Gai Local Area Command. [Click here](#) to see (for those signed in to Facebook).
6. Our Roadshow event will be going on the Ku-ring-gai Council's website imminently. Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council. [Click here](#) for What's On in Ku-ring-gai.

There are many other thank you's needed. We have started listing those who are supporting us on our website Roadshow page. Please support our supporters.

[Note: NHW cannot endorse a product or service - please do your own research.]

Sunday 04 September, from [Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia \(DARTA\)](#) One Mum's story of 'blind trust' prompted this week's blog entry ... Of course, you 'have' to trust your teen, but 'can' you trust an adolescent? Of course not! They're going to tell lies to get what they want and, if you want to keep them safe as possible, you're going to have to ask hard questions and do age-appropriate checking to find out if what they're telling you is the truth ... That's good parenting!

Extract: Simple parenting formula to follow

- know where your child is
- know who they're with, and

- know when they'll be home

[Click here](#) for complete Blog by Paul Dillon.

1 September, From the Hornsby Advocate:

WESTLEIGH

2 Hornsby Police were called to Duffy Ave in Westleigh, after reports of a fight between two men who knew each other about 5pm on Saturday. One of the men, 21, was taken to Sydney Adventist Hospital with two minor stab wounds to his shoulders. The other man, 23, was taken to Hornsby Hospital to be treated for a suspected dislocated arm. A 21-year-old man was charged after the alleged domestic-related stabbing and taken to Hornsby police station where he was charged with malicious wounding.

GALSTON

4 NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance crews were called to Galston Gorge on Wednesday about 9.05am after a car hit a rock wall on a hairpin bend in the road. The driver, a 50-year-old woman, was experiencing chest pain and remained inside the car as *The Advocate* went to print.

WAHROONGA

6 A spate of break and enters across the north shore and north west Sydney appears to be linked to 11 separate break-ins across Wahroonga over the weekend.

HORNSBY

3 Ku-ring-gai Highway Patrol detected a white Hyundai Elantra travelling 191km/h in a 110km/h zone about 10pm on Friday. When police breath tested the driver, a 24-year-old man, he returned a positive result and police also allegedly found a small bag of cannabis in the car. The man was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police station where he was charged with exceeding the speed limit over 45km/h, mid-range drink-driving and possessing a prohibited drug.

WAHROONGA

7 A 38-year-old man in a Holden ute on the M1 at Wahroonga allegedly drove past police highway patrol at speeds between 143-147km/h in an 80km/h zone, about 11.40pm on Tuesday. When the ute passed the fully marked highway patrol car it allegedly slammed on its brakes. The driver was breath tested and said he had just had a fight with his now ex-girlfriend. The man's registration was cancelled, his numberplates confiscated and drivers licence suspended.

HORNSBY

8 When two men leaving Hornsby Police station about 1am on Monday opened the front door of the station, it fell forward and shattered the glass. Police reviewed CCTV footage which showed it fell on its own.

SOUTH TURRAMURRA

10 A motorcycle rider, 35, was fined for speeding and crossing unbroken lines on the Comenarra Parkway on Saturday.

03 September (online): Hornsby Council to meet with retailers in attempt to combat trolley trashing across the shire

Battle lines are being drawn over who should take responsibility for trolleys lining Hornsby's streets with Westfield now saying it is up to its retailers to resolve the issue.

[Click here](#) for full article.

1 September, From the North Shore Times

STIVES

1 A 29-year-old woman has been charged with drug possession after she was pulled over on Mona Vale Rd on Sunday night. The woman, from Kellyville, was pulled over by police about 8.20pm after an automatic system recognised the driver's licence had been suspended. Police allegedly found a bong and 6g of cannabis in the vehicle. The woman was issued with a court attendance notice and will appear at Hornsby Local Court.

KILLARA

3 A 27-year-old man from Gordon has been charged with high-range drink-driving. The man was pulled over by police on Sunday after he was seen crossing lanes at high speed on the Pacific Highway in Killara at about 4.20am. After returning a positive breath result, he was arrested and taken to Chatswood police station where he returned a reading of 0.187g of alcohol. His driver's licence was confiscated and he will appear in court later this month.

From DRIVEWAY SAFETY - Are your kids at risk?

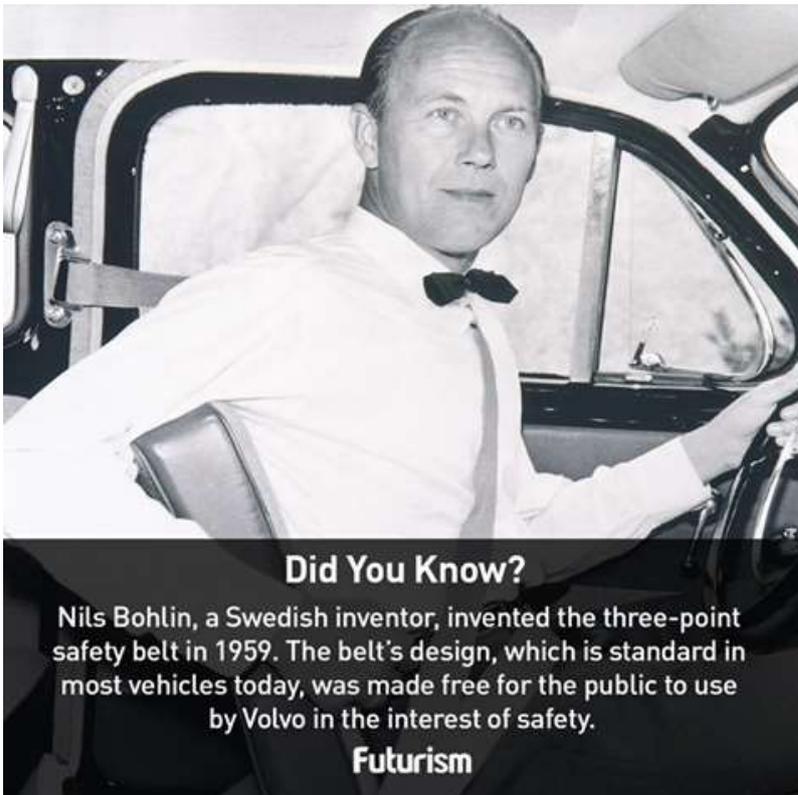
- Always supervise your children when a vehicle is to be moved forwards or backwards - hold their hand or hold them close to keep them safe.
- If You'r the only adult at home and need to move a vehicle, even only a small distance, place children securely in the vehicle with you while you

move it.

- A driveway is actually a small road - discourage children from using it as a play area.
- Where possible, prevent children from entering the garage and driveway from the house - consider using self-closing doors, fencing and gates.
- Be aware of your vehicle's blind zones and learn the best way to use the mirrors and any other reversing aids in your vehicle.
- There can never be a substitute for close supervision of children, although reversing cameras and other vehicle technologies can help drivers avoid rearward collisions.

For your copy of Driveway Safety, download from **Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development** [website here](#).

From The Science Explorer: Did you Know?



Dates for the Diary:

Friday 26 August - Friday 16 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Krav Maga self-defence classes for Youth. [Info](#).

Thursday 01 September: Hornsby Shire Council Child Seat FREE Checking Day @ Brickpit Sports Centre. **Bookings Necessary.** [Info](#).

Wednesday 14 September: Ku-ring-gai Council, How to Teach a Learner Driver FREE Workshop 6:30-8:30pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Book: 9424 0798.**

Sunday 18 September: Sydney Running Festival. Major roads will be closed including the Harbour Bridge. [Traffic Info](#).

Monday 19 September: KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

Sunday 25 September: NSW Police Force & International Students Beach Soccer Tournament. 8-4 @ Coogee Beach.

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

Thursday 29 September: Police Remembrance Day

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

Wednesday 05 October: NHW Security & Safety Roadshow #bringbackcommunity @ **Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble**. Choice of session: 9:30-11:30am or 1:30-3:30pm. Think 'speed-dating' for NHW. Fast punchy speakers, with up-to-date security products and information. Lots for the kids, including NHW cookies, colouring-in, and Police dress-ups for photo opportunities.

Crime Stats for July for Thornleigh:

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	KENTWELL AVE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/07/2016	1200
ASSAULT COMMON	SEFTON RD	RESIDENTIAL	2/07/2016	1900
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	RAILWAY PDE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	2/07/2016	1200
STEAL FROM DWELLING	PRITCHARD ST	RESIDENTIAL	5/07/2016	1830

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	HALL AVE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	6/07/2016	1500
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	THE ESPLANADE	RESIDENTIAL	7/07/2016	330
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	CHILVERS RD	CARPARK	8/07/2016	1800
BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	MORRIS AVE	RESIDENTIAL	10/07/2016	1100
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	DOBSON ST	RESIDENTIAL	10/07/2016	630
OTHER STEAL	PENNANT HILLS RD	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	10/07/2016	1530
OTHER STEAL	THE ESPLANADE	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	10/07/2016	1000
OTHER STEAL	PENNANT HILLS RD	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	15/07/2016	1345
OTHER STEAL	BELLEVUE ST & ORCHARD ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	15/07/2016	510
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	PHYLLIS AVE	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	16/07/2016	100
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	RAILWAY PDE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	17/07/2016	1730
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	EDDY ST	RESIDENTIAL	18/07/2016	2230
OTHER STEAL	PENNANT HILLS RD	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	22/07/2016	1600
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	GIBLETT AVE	EDUCATION	23/07/2016	2030
GRAFFITI	PHYLLIS AVE	CARPARK	27/07/2016	1700
MALICIOUS DAMAGE INTENT INJURE/ENDANGER	WELLS ST && LOVETT ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	28/07/2016	1630
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	LIVINGSTONE WY	RESIDENTIAL	29/07/2016	1600

If you'd like a copy of your suburb's crime stats, [email us here](#).

From ACCC Consumer Rights: The Federal Court has ordered Ozsale to pay penalties of \$500,000 for supplying children's nightwear that didn't comply with the Australian mandatory safety standard.

The Orange Superhero PJs were particularly concerning as the cape could easily brush against a heat source and quickly catch fire.

[Click here](#) for full ACCC Media Release.



OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS CONCERNING FIRE ISSUES :

Tip#1. MAKE A MENTAL NOTE IF THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED BUSH FIRES IN YOUR AREA RECENTLY. 70% of NSW bush fires are lit deliberately.

Tip#2. BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA.

Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 300 333 000.

Tip#3. CONTACT THE LOCAL FIRE SERVICE FOR HELP ASSESSING YOUR OWN PREMISE'S FIRE RISK AND KNOW HOW TO PROTECT IT. Prepare your BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN, EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN and EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT for you and your animals. Download the 'Bush Fire Emergency Plan' App.

Tip#4. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER FOR FURTHER STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CRIME. [A Safety Audit of your home is available FREE on request—phone: 9476 9723 or visit www.police.nsw.gov.au.]

Tip#5. PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 02.

Tip#6. FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK

ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES
IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.



Thanks to Support Aussie Cops.

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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