



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](#).**

28 November: Police are appealing for public assistance as they search for a man

missing from Kellyville.

Chad Robinson, 36, was last seen at his home in Crestview Avenue, Kellyville, about 7.30pm on Saturday 26 November 2016. It is believed Mr Robinson left the house in his **silver Subaru Outback with registration plates CME54F**. There are grave concerns for his welfare and police urge anyone who sees him to contact them immediately. Mr Robinson is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 180-190cm tall with a muscular build, fair complexion, brown hair and brown eyes.

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/> Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



28 November, from KIIS 1065: THE ONE HUGE CHANGE THAT EVERY P-PLATER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT - It comes into effect next Thursday

There are important changes coming into effect for provisional licence holders, and

they're happening soon. From December 1, no P2 licence holder will be permitted to use their mobile phone **for any activity** while driving or riding - which means penalties for any drivers caught using their phone for GPS or for playing music through.

[Full article here.](#)

27 November, from The Hornsby Advocate: White Ribbon: Hundreds march through Hornsby CBD in the fight against domestic violence

HUNDREDS marched on Hornsby Mall today to send a message to the local community — ‘Walk the Talk’ in the fight against domestic violence. To recognise the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Woman, hundreds of local residents marched through the streets of Hornsby from 7.30am uniting with thousands of other ‘Walk the Talk’ marches across the country.

[Full article here.](#)



Participants at the start of the White Ribbon Walk around Hornsby to raise awareness of violence against women. Picture: Troy Snook
[including on the left, our Commander at Kuring Gai LAC, Supt Jenny Scholz. Ed]

25 November, from You Can Sit With Me:

Levels of bullying are slowly decreasing in Australia, and yet the statistics are still

unacceptable, with University of South Australia academics finding that 20 per cent of school-aged children regularly experienced bullying in 2015, compared to 27 per cent of students in 2007. Teach and practise inclusive and kind behaviour at all times - small words and gestures can have a big impact.

YOU CAN SIT WITH ME, 5 little words to change a little life.

[Full article here.](#)

24 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby police investigate theft, arson and other cases in the week ending November 23, 2016 [edited]

Dural: A kangaroo joey was freed by firemen after it got stuck in a pool fence at Dural. Firefighters from Castle Hill were called to help free the animal from a pool fence in Pineview Pl, Dural, just before 7pm on Friday, November 11. The joey was very distressed and firefighters released it into nearby bush land.

Dural: A man who spotted two people acting suspiciously at 4am on Sunday in Valencia St, Dural, made a citizen's arrest after calling Hills police. Two men, aged 19 and 18, with no fixed address, were charged with attempting to steal from a motor vehicle.

Hornsby police have received complaints about dangerous driving in residential streets recently. Police will be increasing patrols around various areas and motorists who are found to be committing traffic offences will be issued with heavy fines or lose their licence. Public safety is paramount and police have zero tolerance for dangerous driving.

[Full article here.](#)

24 November, from Crime Stoppers:

Mail and identity theft is on the rise. We urge you to take as many precautions as necessary to secure your mail. If you are a victim of mail theft please call the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7)** to report the crime. The more people that report, the better chance police will have of putting a stop to it.

International fraudsters target Sydney unit block letterboxes

Letterboxes outside Sydney apartment blocks have been targeted by thieves working for international criminals who use stolen credit cards and documents in massive fraud schemes. While credit cards are used to buy goods for re-sale, victims' utility bills are used to borrow large sums of money and they then have to prove the debt isn't theirs while the financial institutions eventually foot the bills. Now apartment residents and their building managers have been advised to do whatever they can to prevent letterboxes being broken into – including moving them to inside the building.

Theft from suburban letter boxes has been a problem for years but NSW Fraud and Cybercrime Squad detectives say they have established direct links between international identity thieves and the large-scale theft of residential mail in the state. They now strongly believe a spate of mail thefts has been directed by organised crime figures overseas.

The head of the State Crime Command Fraud and Cybercrime Squad, Arthur Katsogiannis, says local criminals, known as “boxers,” are selling the stolen identity documents to international syndicates.

[Full article from the Domain here.](#)

24 November, from Brisbane Water command: Police are seeking information in relation to the identity of two persons who caught a bus from Woy Woy Train Station on the 28 October 2016.

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/> Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

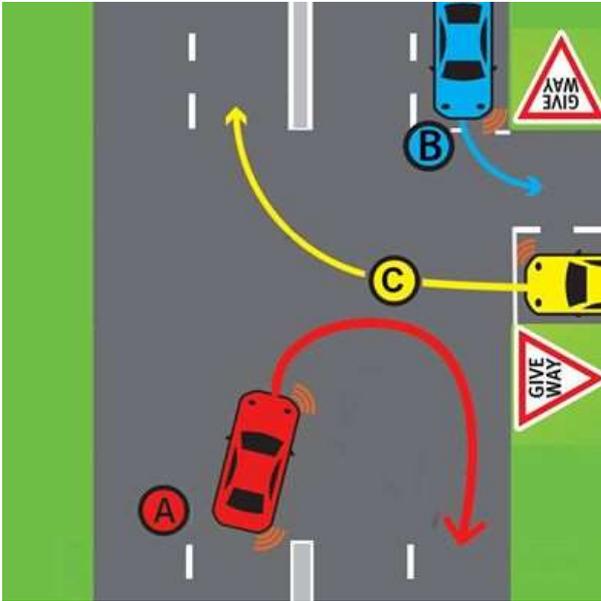
Please quote **Post No: 07/16.**



23 November, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: You are in Vehicle A, is It legal to make a U-turn at this intersection:

A) Yes, as there is not a no U-turn sign and no oncoming traffic

- B) Yes, as both car B and C must give way
- C) No, U-turns are only permitted at intersections with traffic lights
- D) No, U-turns are illegal in all situations



TEST ANSWER: The correct answer is A. If the road where the driver is turning has a dividing line or median strip, a driver making a U-turn at an intersection must start the U-turn from the marked lane nearest, or as near as practicable, to the dividing line or median strip.

23 November, from The Hills command: MAILSAFE! 4 easy ways to prevent people from stealing your mail and stealing your identity.

1. Is your mailbox secure?
2. How often do you clear your mailbox?
3. Are you getting a new credit card?
4. Are you going on holiday?

[Check out the NSW Police video "Protect Yourself from Mailtheft" here!](#)

IF YOUR MAIL GETS STOLEN, THIEVES CAN CREATE A FALSE IDENTITY.



IN YOUR NAME.

HERE ARE FOUR EASY WAYS TO STOP THEM:



1

Is your mailbox secure?

Locking your letterbox with a non-master key lock is a great way of securing your mail from theft.

2

How often do you clear your mailbox?

Do it daily. Overflowing mailboxes are a criminals paradise.

3

Are you getting a new credit card?

Arrange to collect it in person.

4

Are you going on holiday?

Have a friend or relative clear your mail daily. Australia Post also offers a Mail Hold service for a reasonable fee. They'll hold your mail at the post office until you return from your trip. Find out more at auspost.com.au or call 13 POST (13 76 78).

Crime Stoppers collects information which may help Police solve a crime. Some people prefer not to become involved in a police investigation and therefore may not share what they know about a crime directly with Police. Crime Stoppers welcomes that same crime information and the person providing it does not need to give his or her name.

You will be provided with a unique code when you contact Crime Stoppers. Use this code number when providing further information or to enquire about a reward. You can contact Crime Stoppers 24 x 7 x 365 by phone or online.


MailSafe
A failsafe against mail theft.
www.mailsafe.org.au



For your copy, [email NHW in Kuring Gai command here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

November 25: Walk the Talk against domestic violence, in Hornsby Mall.
Neighbourhood Watch helped with a crime prevention stall. Thanks Tony, Julia.



November 23: Waitara Public School Community Expo. Neighbourhood Watch helped with a crime prevention stall. Thanks Mary, Julia.

November 23: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 AGM.

Thank you to our **Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary** for attending.

Paul gave a report on the current crime situation (see later).

East Killara voted to merge with Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 for annual meetings and printed newsletters. East Killara NHW committee remains in place, along with the network of street coordinator volunteers.

The current Gordon Area 24/12 newsletter is printed twice - the same front page, but with two back pages; 1 with the crime stats for Area 24 and 1 with the crime stats for Area 12. Area 24's is organised by Julia and is delivered by her street/zone coordinators. Area 12's is organised by Bruce and delivered by his street/zone coordinators. It is suggested that a third back page is created for East Killara's Area, which will continue to be organised by Wal and delivered by his street/zone coordinators.

November 24: Gordon Area 24/12 Neighbourhood Watch AGM.

Thank you to **Tim Brown of FunFit**, for his great presentation on all aspects of Personal Safety. Tim teaches Martial Arts and Self Defence techniques, yet spoke about the skills necessary to avoid the use of any physical contact (see later).

Thank you to our **Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary** for attending. Paul gave a report on the current crime situation.

Gordon welcomed **Wal Knowles, Area Coordinator for East Killara NHW Areas 25/26**, and agreed on the merge of East Killara NHW with Gordon Area 24/12 for the purpose of annual meetings and the printed newsletters.

Bank balance: \$4924.27. Gordon Area 24/12 agreed to fund activities of NHW within Kuring Gai LAC, such as expenses from the recent Security & Safety Roadshow, as well as the future purchase of a website.

We fare-welled Ursula Tank, Treasurer for Gordon Area 24/12, as she has moved out of the area. Ursula has helped with NHW since its inception.



Photo: Eva Ford (Gordon NHW Treasurer) Pictured: Julia Eagles (Gordon NHW Area 24 Coord), Ursula Tank (Gordon NHW Area 24 out-going Treasurer), Snr Cst Paul Cleary (NSWPF Kuring Gai LAC Crime Prevention Officer)

The current crime situation in Kuring Gai Local Area Command - Snr Cst Paul Cleary

Break & Enters, mostly on the spur of the moment. Some targeted.

2016: Theft from vehicle offences. Most cars had property within view. More than half were unlocked.

But bigger issue is theft thru scams (usually via email) and mail theft, leading to ID Theft. Criminals are targeting unit blocks, where common master keys are being utilised.

Tip: Change the lock on your mail box, eg to an alligator lock or BiLock-style of lock with dual sets of pins.

Also of concern is theft from unit block storage cages in underground car parks.

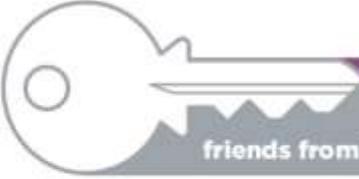
Tip: Change the one lock on your storage cage to three really good ones.

Tip: Wait for the door to come down completely on entering and leaving the garage.

Tip: Don't leave the garage remote control in your car.



New from the NSW Police for domestic violence week:



NEW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

Protect your family and friends from Domestic & Family Violence

Domestic and family violence does not discriminate and occurs across every suburb throughout New South Wales. It impacts people of different genders, all ages and cultures and causes immeasurable damage to our relationships and communities.

Domestic and Family Violence is factor in approximately 40% of all homicides. The New South Wales Police are committed to reducing domestic and family violence in our communities, but we need your help.

Here are some simple tips we all can take to help protect our family and friends from the effects of this type of crime:

Protect yourself from Domestic and Family Violence

- ALWAYS call Triple Zero 000 if you are in fear for your safety or you have been assaulted
- EDUCATE yourself about the dynamics of Domestic and Family Violence. Find out how Police can help you: www.police.nsw.gov.au/CRFV/code_of_practice
- ALWAYS be vigilant when you are or have been a victim of Domestic or Family Violence. Enhance your understanding of behaviours that are considered as stalking: www.police.nsw.gov.au/what_is_stalking

Protect your family and friends from Domestic and Family Violence

- DON'T be just a bystander- if you observe any form of domestic violence occurring, call Triple Zero (000) immediately
- ENCOURAGE anyone you know who experiences domestic violence to contact their Domestic Violence Liaison Officer at their local police station.

Protect your loved ones from Domestic and Family Violence

- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your violent or abusive behaviour. Contact the Men's Referral Service on 1300 756 491 for information and referrals
- DON'T continue to contact, harass and follow someone you once had a relationship with, this is stalking and it's a crime
- SEEK further assistance if you are a victim of domestic by contacting the Domestic Violence Line on 1800 65 64 63.

For more information about Domestic and Family Violence, please see www.police.nsw.gov.au/Domestic_and_Family_Violence

For more Crime Prevention information, please visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au and select the crime prevention link.





Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or all law enforcement situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For law enforcement.



Crime Stoppers (1800 233 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

Domestic & Family Violence

For your copy, [email NHW in Kuring Gai command here.](#)

Notes from the presentation given by Tim Brown of FunFit at the Gordon NHW Area 24/12 AGM.

Tim spoke of 'Target Hardening'. That is, being aware of your surroundings, paying attention, actively assessing the situation, being with others and knowing your escape routes.

Bad situation? Then remove yourself.

The bad guy want your bag? Give it to them, using a basketball chest pass. You may have heard the advice to throw it in one direction and run in the other. Tim

says this can be seen as disrespect and could escalate the situation. Using a chest pass, puts something between you and them, forcing them to have to do something and allowing time for you to depart.

At an ATM and someone is too close? Eyeball them and request politely that they stand back. Or invite them to go first. You have now ID'd them and can give a description - not what the offender wants.

At ATM and you are worried? Hit cancel and fake an angry temper, lash out at the ATM and shout "Insufficient funds?!" This changes the rules - you are no longer a vulnerable person with money.

Tip: **Be obvious** that you are aware of your surroundings, including any person(s) nearby.

Having to wait at night at the train station? Pretend to use your phone. Say something like, "Oh, so you're close. Great. See you soon then."

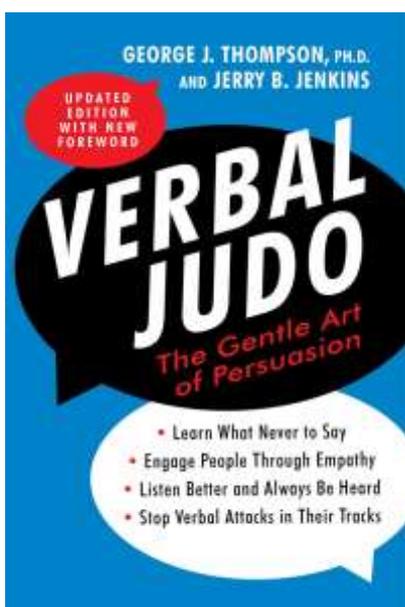
In a lift and someone is too close? Request that they give you some space, please. Asked for the time? Step back and put your watch/arm between you and them (both a physical and psychological barrier).

Road rage? Engage in dialogue and find common ground. Match the volume/pitch/tone and gradually bring it down. For example: "This is an awful situation. Let's exchange details. Are you hurt? Let's let the insurance companies sort this out." Avoid inflammatory language, eg never say "Calm down!"

Tim recommended two books:

Crucial Conversations : Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High, by AI Switzler, Joseph Grenny, Kerry Patterson, and Ron McMillan.

Verbal Judo: The Gentle Art of Persuasion by George J. Thompson.



ACCC: Do Not Knock sign or sticker.

You can print and display the 'Do not knock' sign. The sign is aimed at salespeople supplying goods or services for trade or commerce and does not cover other door knockers such as religious groups or charity fundraisers. However, consumers can always ask any unwanted visitors to leave their premises.



Print your own sign for display from the [ACCC website here](http://www.accc.gov.au/doortodoor).

From the Hornsby Advocate, 26 November: Dangerous intersection in Mount Colah is scene of many accidents and should be changed local says

A "near death accident" at the intersection of Belmont Pde. and Ku-ring-gai Rd in Mount Colah on Wednesday, November 9 caused local resident Martin Fan to make the junction safer.



[Full article here.](#)

From the NRMA - Ask NRMA: Who can use 'parking with prams' spaces?

A Member asked us recently on Facebook if pram parking spots are for pregnant women as well. So we investigated the road rules that pertain to car parks, to see what the law says.

[Full article here.](#)



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 22 - 29 November: Family & Domestic Violence display @ Hornsby Library

Wednesday 30 November: Family Services Info Expo 11-2pm @ Hornsby Mall - crime prevention stall

Monday 27 March 2017: Turrumurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church.

Wednesday 30 November: FREE Intro to the Internet for Mandarin speaking

seniors. 10:30am @ Hornsby Library. **Contact: 9847 6614.**

Thursday 01 December: FREE Parents of Learner Drivers workshop. 6:30-8:30pm @ Hornsby Council Chambers. [Info](#). **Contact: 9847 6616.**

Wednesday 18 January 2017: First aid course for young people 845am-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Rm 2 \$90. [Info](#). **Contact: 9424 0994**

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHWA's NHW Week.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 24 November:

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Stabbing accused denied bail

Court told of altercation with partner over \$350 debt led to friend intervening and being wounded

John McCallum

A 30-year-old man will remain behind bars after being charged with the stabbing of a 30-year-old man at his Hornsby home, allegedly over a \$350 debt.

Defendant, Thangarsu, was arrested at his home, above the Backway Street in Hornsby, on Wednesday night last week. He was charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm as well as a serious case of common assault.

It was alleged by Detective Jay Darkin in Hornsby Local Court this past morning that there was an altercation between Mr Thangarsu and his partner Tamara. Darkin also testified that Thangarsu had a statement of facts read out to him in court. He was charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm as well as a serious case of common assault.

Emergency services were called to the job at 7.15pm and treated Mr Hill for injuries wounds to the right hand side of his stomach before he was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

Det Darkin released a statement of facts and said the victim claimed Mr Thangarsu, 30, said, "I stabbed you, I stabbed you".

Mr Thangarsu, through his lawyer, claimed the act was committed in self defence, as he was fearful of his own safety after being pushed by Mr Hill.

Det Darkin, in commenting to the bail application, said he believed the 30-year-old defendant was a "high risk" and also a "threat to the community".

"The defendant moved to Australia from Thailand 18 months ago," Det Darkin said.

"The prosecution asks to surrender his passport as he is considered a flight risk.

"This community has had a great deal of violence and people taking matters into their own hands."

The case will return to Central Local Court on January 11.

Police at the Hornsby scene.

Click on image for link to Hornsby Advocate online edition. Select News page 7.

scam

Fake tax email Warning

Fake ATO emails have been sent to small businesses with a subject line 'Your next Activity Statement is now'. They link to malicious malware.

Statement notification
You are now available. [Click here to clear](#)
Please your email address has been removed to
FOR ACTIVITY STATEMENTS

WED 30

FAMILY SERVICES EXPO

Meet organisations that provide valuable services to families in your community. Find out how they can assist you with leading a safe, healthy lifestyle.

It is from 11am-2pm, Hornsby Mall, free.

TECH SAVVY SENIORS

This introduction to the internet is for Mandarin speakers. It provides free technology training for senior citizens.

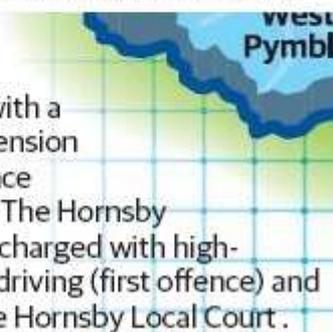
Venue: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George St, Hornsby. Entry via Hunter Lane. Time: 10.30am. Cost: Free. Contact: 9847 6614.

From the North Shore Times, 24 November:

KILLARA

3 A woman will face court next month charged with high-range drink-driving after police pulled her over for a random breath test on Saturday. The 57-year-old was travelling west along Cook Rd at around 9pm. Her roadside test returned positive and she was taken to Chatswood police station, where she returned a reading of 0.162 grams of alcohol, equating to a high-range prescribed concentration of alcohol.

As a result she was issued with a licence suspension and her licence confiscated. The Hornsby woman was charged with high-range drink-driving (first offence) and is due to face Hornsby Local Court.



Temporary Road Closure

Council has approved the temporary closure of Railway Avenue, Station Lane and part of Redleaf Lane on Sunday 4 December between 5am and 8pm. The purpose of the closure is to allow the Wahroonga Chamber of Commerce to hold its annual Village Fair. Access will be maintained for local businesses, residents and emergency vehicles.

From Hornsby Shire Council, 28 November: Traffic changes to Mildred Ave and Jersey St intersection, Hornsby



Please be aware that there are traffic changes to the intersection of Mildred Ave and Jersey St North, Hornsby. In accordance with the Roads & Maritime Services requirements, there is now a No Right Turn from Mildred Ave into Jersey St North, and a No Right Turn (Buses Excepted) from Jersey St North into Mildred Ave. Police will now be enforcing the road rules at this location for your safety. Australian Road Rule 91 (2) – Disobey no right turn sign = \$253 + 2 demerit points (as at 01 July 2016).

22 November: Stop the supply of alcohol to minors



"You're a parent, not a mate", is one of the bold new messages to be used in a health campaign to encourage the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai community to take a stand against supplying alcohol to minors.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

Parents of Learner Drivers workshop - Thursday 1 December, 6.30pm

As young people approach driving age it is important they and their parents or carers are aware of what is ahead as a learner driver and how they achieve the 120 supervised driving hours in their logbook. In conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), Hornsby Shire Council holds free two-hour workshops for parents, carers and supervising drivers of learner drivers, throughout the year. This workshop offers practical advice and information on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers while completing the Graduated Licensing Scheme. The workshop will provide information about:

- Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Supervising Learner drivers.
- Young Driver Issues.
- The Safer Drivers Course.
- Lots of tips to help you and your Learner.

Space for this workshop is limited. **Bookings are essential.**

Venue: Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building

Location: 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

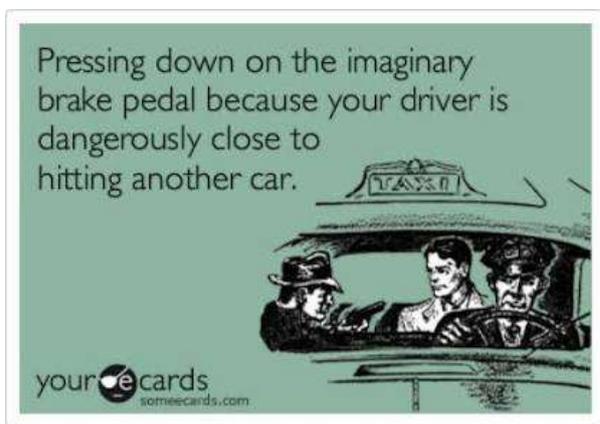
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Free

Contact: Road Safety Officer

Phone: 9847 6616

Email: ltipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au



Do you do this?

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, 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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