



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 229 - 29 February 2016

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](#).**

29 February: Here's some quick crime stats from the weekend 26 to 29

February.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle
ARCADIA				
ASQUITH				1
BEROWRA				
BROOKLYN				
COWAN				
Dural	1			
GALSTON	1			
GLENORIE				
GORDON	2			1
HORNSBY	1	4	1	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS	1			
KILLARA				
MT COLAH				1
MT KURING GAI				
NORMANHURST				
PYMBLE				
ST IVES			1	
THORNLEIGH		1		
TURRAMURRA	1		1	
WAHROONGA				
WAITARA				
WARRAWEE	2			
WEST PYMBLE				
WESTLEIGH				
Date range	26/2 to 29/2			
Other	Fire Shop Awning Hornsby			
	Middle range drink driving Hornsby and Gordon			
	Low range drink driving Berowra			
	Novice range drink driving Waitara			

Asquith: 1 Steal from motor vehicle

Berowra: 1 Low-range drink driving

Dural: 1 Break & Enter (B&E)

Galston: 1 B&E

Gordon: 2 B&E, 1 Steal from motor vehicle, 1 Mid-range drink driving

Hornsby: 1 B&E, 4 Malicious Damage, 1 Stealing, Fire - shop awning, 1 Mid-range drink driving

Hornsby Heights: 1 B&E

Mt Colah: 1 Steal from motor vehicle

St Ives: 1 Stealing

Thornleigh: 1 Mal Dam

Turramurra: 1 B&E, 1 Stealing

Waitara: 1 Novice range drink driving

Warrawee: 2 B&E

29 February, from the Sydney Morning Herald: A reminder that the new bike

laws are introduced from tomorrow.

New NSW cycling fines and metre passing laws: what you need to know for March 1

[Read more here.](#)

27 February, from NSW Fair Trading: Public warning - do not deal with Cassandra Nicole Cooney, also known as Cassandra Voros, the operator of cleaning businesses offering end of lease cleaning to consumers in capital cities around Australia.

Consumers who have dealt with Ms Cooney or any of her businesses and who have not been provided services should lodge a complaint with [Fair Trading online here](#).

Read more in the [Media Release here](#).

27 February: Three unit blocks evacuated in Hornsby after crane collapses on neighbouring construction site

The crane fell onto a four-level building under construction at the site on Sherbrook Road in Hornsby this morning. Around 70 residents were evacuated from their homes as a precaution.

26 February: NSW Police pistol practice circa 1930.



25 February, from the North Shore Times: The Pacific Highway was shut down for an hour after a fire on top of the Gordon Centre last night.

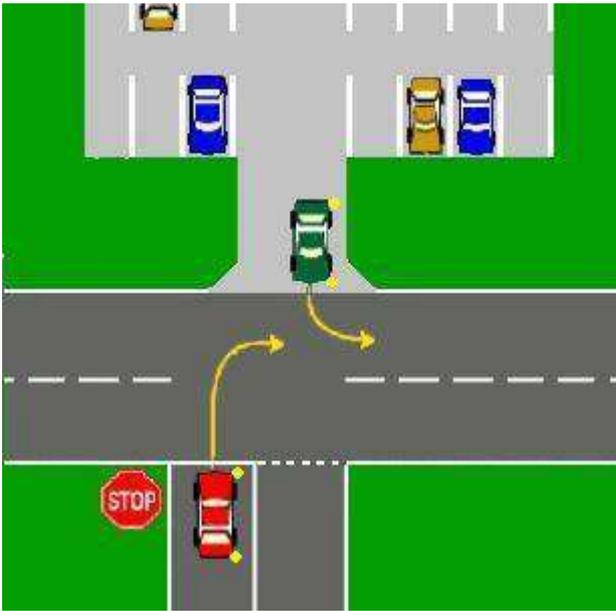
[Read more here.](#)



Fire and Rescue NSW were called to a sign fire in Gordon on Wednesday night.
Photo: Fire & Rescue NSW

25 February, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: Which car must give way?

- a) Green car
- b) Red car

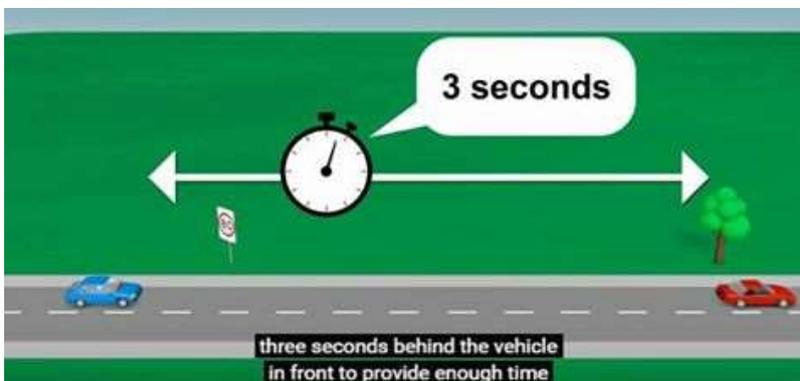


TEST ANSWER: The correct answer is that the green car must give way to the red car as the green car is entering a road from a car park (or road related area) without traffic lights or a stop sign, stop line, give way sign or give way line and therefore must give way to any vehicle travelling on the road or turning into the road.

For more information, please refer to [NSW Road Rule 74\(1\)\(a\) click here.](#)

25 February: Leaving a safe distance is as easy as 1-2-3.

[Find out more here.](#)



25 February, from NSW Road Safety: Yellow means stop.

Tag someone who needs a reminder this **Road Rules Awareness Week**.

[Find out more here.](#)

10. Yellow traffic lights

Read a [transcript](#).



25 February: NSW Police has today launched a powerful new video campaign to raise public awareness about the issue of domestic and family violence.

“It’s not your fault” is the theme of the campaign, which consists of a 30-second community service announcement (CSA) for TV, as well as a longer version for cinemas and social media.

[Watch video here.](#)



24 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Home renowned for incredible Christmas light display gutted by fire in Sydney's north

A HOME well-known for its spectacular Christmas light display has been destroyed in a horrific house fire at **Thornleigh** in Sydney's north this afternoon despite 12 crews responding to the call.

[Read more here.](#)





Like your local [Kuring gai Police on Facebook here](#).

24 February, from the Australian Federal Police: Don't you wish your kids would tell you if their safety was threatened online?

If they've given out personal information to strangers, or sent photos of themselves to others. Maybe they've received explicit material, or have been asked to meet someone they don't know. Don't you wish you could ensure that they tell you?

Here's a great initiative encouraging them to keep you in the loop, so you can keep them safe: [ThinkUKnow Australia](#), in conjunction with [The Carly Ryan Foundation Inc.](#), has created a **Family Online Safety Contract**. It's an agreement between you and your child about their internet use. Play your part for a better internet and check it out.

[Watch video here](#).



23 February, from the Australian Federal Police: Even the smallest piece of information may be the key to getting drugs off the streets, or out of your street. You can remain anonymous.

Help us stop criminals from exploiting others to get rich. **Dob in a dealer** by calling Crime Stoppers with information about the manufacture, trafficking and supply of drugs in your neighbourhood. Information can be provided anonymously to **Crime Stoppers by calling 1800 333 000** or through the [Crime Stoppers website](#).

If you know something, say something.

DOB IN A DEALER



23 February: Here's a brush up on the rules for head lights (high beam), there's even rules for the correct use of fog lights, who'd have thought that?!!!

As part of **Road Rules Awareness Week** we're shining the light on the correct use of headlights and fog lights. They're often some of the most 'mist'understood road rules.

[Watch video here.](#)



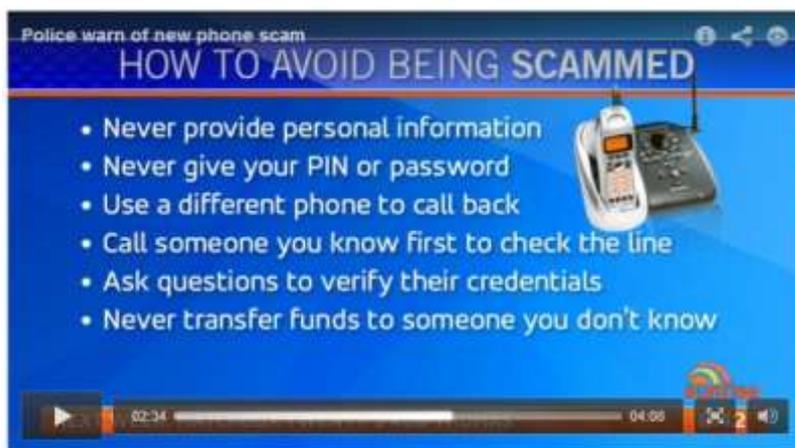
Road rules: headlights

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community h...

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23 February, from Yahoo7 TV: Police warn of new phone scam

[Watch video here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Wednesday 02 March: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) meeting - **CANCELLED.**

17 February, Neighbourhood Watch Information Day - CORRECTION

Last week's email may have been a tad confusing. The **NSW Police's Neighbourhood Watch Information Day** is definitely on **Thursday 17 March 2016.**

Some spots still available. Our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary and Julia Eagles, Volunteer in Policing and Coordinator of Neighbourhood Watch in the command, will be giving a presentation on the success of this eNewsletter. You are invited! Come and learn more about how to get involved with Neighbourhood Watch. It's a great opportunity to chat with other residents who care about their community.

Date: Thursday, 17th March, 2016

Time: 8am for registration

Starting at 8.30am until 3pm

Venue: NSW Teacher's Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

RSVP Necessary. Contact nhwinfoday@police.nsw.gov.au or call **02 9768 0723** or **02 9768 0724**

Did you have a look at our local Neighbourhood Watch website?

Neighbourhood Watch

HOME ABOUT SERVICES TIPS CONTACT LINKS WHAT'S ON

Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: For all the residents, businesses and visitors in our area. *Caring about Community Safety*

ABOUT SERVICES TIPS CONTACT US LINKS WHAT'S ON

Neighbourhood Watch has a strong presence in the Ku-ring-gai Council & Hornsby Shire Council areas, covered by the NSW Police Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command (LAC).

Visit: Hornsby Police Station
252 Photo Ferry Road
Hornsby Pacific Hwy

Call: T: (02) 9476 9723
to talk to your local
Crime Prevention

Contact: nhwku-ring-gai-hornsby@gmail.com

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We'd love to hear your feedback , especially suggestions on how we can improve it. [Please email us here.](#)

If you haven't clicked on the image above, you can [see the website here.](#)

The 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips...' series can be easily downloaded from the website. We've also uploaded the latest "Neighbourhood Watch in the Kuring gai Local Area Command" flyer for you, and we're working on some Frequently Asked Questions and future 20 Tips. Which is why we would love your

feedback! Thank you.

Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for help producing this new flyer, "Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai". [For those living in Hornsby Shire Council area, don't be put off by the title, it's 99% applicable to you too - Ed]

REPORTING CRIME TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE

All criminal incidents should be reported to the NSW Police Force. You may think that the information you have is unimportant, but it may be the vital missing piece needed to make an arrest. It will also assist the Police in plan operations and task officers to hotspot locations. Information is also used by Council to develop and implement appropriate crime prevention measures.

NATIONAL POLICE HOTLINES

- Triple Zero (000)
- Police Assistance Line (131 444)
- Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)

LOCAL POLICE STATIONS

Contact your local police station directly if you witness someone acting suspiciously or you would like to report a crime that has already occurred and involve a known person.

- Hornsby Police Station 9475 0700
- Wentworth Police Station 9418 5200
- Chesham Police Station 9414 0400

COUNTER TERRORISM

1800 1234 00

Call the National Security Helpline to report any suspicious activity of information related to security or terrorism. All information is confidential and you can remain anonymous.

REPORTING CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS TO COUNCIL

While Council does not investigate criminal incidents, Council is responsible for removing graffiti, repairing vandalism and undertaking general maintenance works on council-owned and managed property. Report any concerns to:

- 0429 3000 Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm
- 9420 0500 ext 6000
- Ku-ring-gai Council Attention: General Manager Locked Bag 5000, Gordon NSW 2072

REPORTING CRIME IN KU-RING-GAI

How to report crime to Ku-ring-gai Council, the NSW Police Force and other state government departments.

Most crimes in Ku-ring-gai are solved with information from the community. It is your community responsibility to report crime to the Police. It may be part of a bigger picture, or it may help to protect another member of the community in the future.

WHO TO CALL AND WHEN

TRIPLE ZERO (000)

Police are able to respond to the incident promptly. Call 000 in a life threatening or time critical emergency, such as where:

- Someone is seriously injured or in danger
- There is serious risk to life or property
- A crime is being committed and/or a further crime may be committed
- Someone you suspect has committed a crime is close by or their location is known, and there is an opportunity to arrest the suspect
- Witnesses may leave the scene of a crime or evidence might be lost if police do not get there quickly
- A victim is seriously distressed.

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL)

131 444

Used to report a minor crime that has already been committed and which does not involve threatened violence or require police attendance. You will need to be the property owner or visible to report the criminal incident. Types of crime you can report include:

- Break and enter
- Fail to pay for fuel (service stations only)
- Motor vehicle/vehicle theft
- Shedding
- Maintenance damage, including graffiti and vandalism
- Lost property
- Anti-social behaviour.

PAL is the appropriate number to use to report graffiti to the NSW Police Force, if the crime is not in progress.

CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 000

Report information anonymously about a crime, criminal or suspicious behaviour. A reward is offered for any information leading to a successful prosecution. Report crimes that are not in progress and/or have no known offender (e.g. break and enter, malicious damage or stealing). You may think the information you have is unimportant, but it may be the vital missing piece the police need to solve a crime.

BROKEN OR FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

1800 044 308

Report broken or faulty street lights to Ausgrid: ausgrid.com.au

ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Report abandoned shopping trolleys to:

- Woolworths | Big W | Mears | Don Myer's | Target
- 1800 661 427
- Trolley Tracker App from iTunes or Google Play
- Coles | Kmart | Target | Bunnings | Officeworks
- 8i-La | 1st Choice
- 1800 376 253
- Coles App from iTunes or Google Play

AM

Customercare@amhd.com.au

Stanta Ferns

1800 21 22 33

Remedy's HQ

9488 7344

REPORTING GRAFFITI

On Council property

VandalTrak is a free phone app that enables you to report graffiti on Council premises and equipment. Alternatively, contact Council directly on 9424 0000 or go to vandaltrak.com.au

On public property not owned by Council

Council does not have the authority to remove graffiti on property that does not belong to Council. Report directly to the NSW Graffiti Hotline on free call 1800 707 125.

On private property

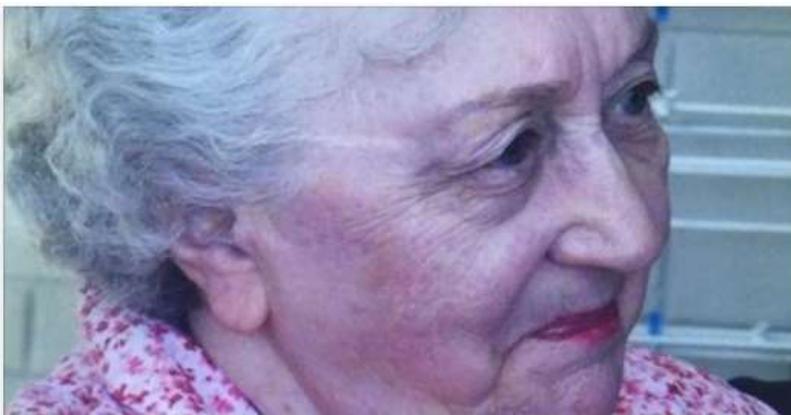
If graffiti occurs on your own property or a property you are responsible for, you should report the incident to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131 444. It is the responsibility of owners to remove graffiti from their private property. Your local Rotary Club may be able to assist you. Police recommend the rapid removal of graffiti - it takes away the glory!

[Email us here for a copy in your inbox.](#)

From one of our readers in Mt Colah: A request for a change in the law

Elderly Australians are dying from the heat - we need air con in nursing homes now!

[Click here for more information.](#)



Minister for Health & Ageing Sussan Ley : Elderly Australians are dying from the heat - we need...

My grandmother Joyce is aged 101 years old and is a resident in a Sydney Nursing Home. Today (Feb 25th) the temperature exceeded 40 degrees celsius. Without...

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From the NSW Food Authority 'Name & Shame' list 23 February:

HERO SUSHI TRAIN, SHOP 3038, 236 PACIFIC HIGHWAY HORNSBY 2077.

TOKYO RAMEN, SHOP 1042, 236 PACIFIC HIGHWAY HORNSBY 2077

[Click here for full list of this week's additions](#) to the Register of Penalty Notices and details of the above violations.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 02 March: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) meeting - **CANCELLED**.

Thursday 03 March: Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby PCYC Safer Driver Course 4:30pm available. [Book](#).

Sunday 06 March: Clean Up Australia Day [Info](#).

Wednesday 09 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's FREE Helping Learner Drivers become Safe Drivers workshop. 630-830pm @ Council Chambers. Book: 9424 0798.

Thursday 17 March: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. **Book 9768 0723.**

Sunday 20 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. [Info.](#) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sunday 27 March: Neighbour Day

Monday 04 April: Turramurra NHW meeting at 8pm at Turramurra Uniting Church

Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016: Seniors Week

Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016: Youth Week

Sunday 01 May: Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. With Police/NHW crime prevention stall.

Wednesday 04 May: All Areas NHW meeting 6pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

Crime Stats for Hornsby Heights, January 2016:

ASSAULT COMMON	ULOLO AVE && BRETT AVE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	28/01/2016 1500
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	PAROO PL	RESIDENTIAL	26/01/2016 1200
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	PAROO PL	RESIDENTIAL	26/01/2016 1700
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	MARINE CRES	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	11/01/2016 2130
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	RYAN AVE && GALSTON RD	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	27/01/2016 1420

MOBILITY SCOOTERS

From the ACCC 'Help cut mobility scooter accidents':

The weight requirement for a mobility scooter varies from 110kg to 150kg across the Australian states and territories. Check the relevant weight requirement for

your state or territory with your road traffic authority. In all states and territories except Queensland, you do not need to register a mobility scooter. A mobility scooter that is not capable of travelling more than 10kph is classed as a pedestrian and should be used on footpaths. Be careful if you purchase a higher speed device as under the law these may be classed as motor vehicles. Check with your road traffic authority as to whether they are allowed to be legally used and whether there are weight limits or registration requirements.

From the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS):

Motorised wheelchairs and other types of conveyance for people with a disability are exempt from registration, provided:

- Theyâ€™re used solely for the conveyance of a person with a disability that substantially impairs the personâ€™s mobility
- Theyâ€™re unable to travel at more than 10 km/h.
- You donâ€™t have to hold a licence to use a motorised wheelchair, but you must obey the same road rules as pedestrians.

From Transport for NSW:

As a user, you must:

- Never exceed 10 km/h
- Have a reasonable need to use a wheelchair because of physical disability or limited mobility
- Obey all pedestrian road rules
- Not cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver
- Not unreasonably obstruct the path of another driver or pedestrian
- Not be affected by alcohol or drugs when travelling on a road or road-related area such as a footpath

To use a motorised wheelchair safely, you must be able to:

- Operate controls and manoeuvre the wheelchair
- Keep your balance and adjust your body position when travelling across uneven ground
- Spot obstacles and avoid collisions
- Judge speeds and distances

- Make good judgements to protect your safety and others

The Centre for Road Safety does not encourage motorised wheelchair users to travel on either a bicycle path or a bicycle lane. However, a motorised wheelchair may cross a bicycle path or lane, use a bicycle path if there are no signs that prohibit use, and use a bicycle lane up to a distance of 50 metres to avoid obstruction.

[More info from Transport for NSW here.](#)

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities':

Tip #5. PHOTOGRAPH JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS ITEMS. Place a ruler adjacent to the item for scale.

Tip #6. ENGRAVE ALL VALUABLE ITEMS WITH AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER. An engraver is available for loan from your Crime Prevention Officer. For delicate items such as phones, use an Ultra-Violet marker pen.

Tip #7. KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone.

Tip #11. Use ATMs inside the bank. TAKE YOUR TIME. If you are worried about someone nearby, cancel the transaction. HIDE THAT cash! DON'T ADVERTISE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE MONEY. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase necessary?

Tip #12. WHEN OUT SHOPPING, KEEP YOUR HANDBAG ZIPPED-UP & WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE IT IN A SHOPPING TROLLEY.

It only takes a second for a thief to steal your purse.

Tip #13. SAY "NO" TO TELE-MARKETERS, "COLD-CALLERS", OR PEOPLE WANTING ANY PERSONAL DETAILS ON THE PHONE.

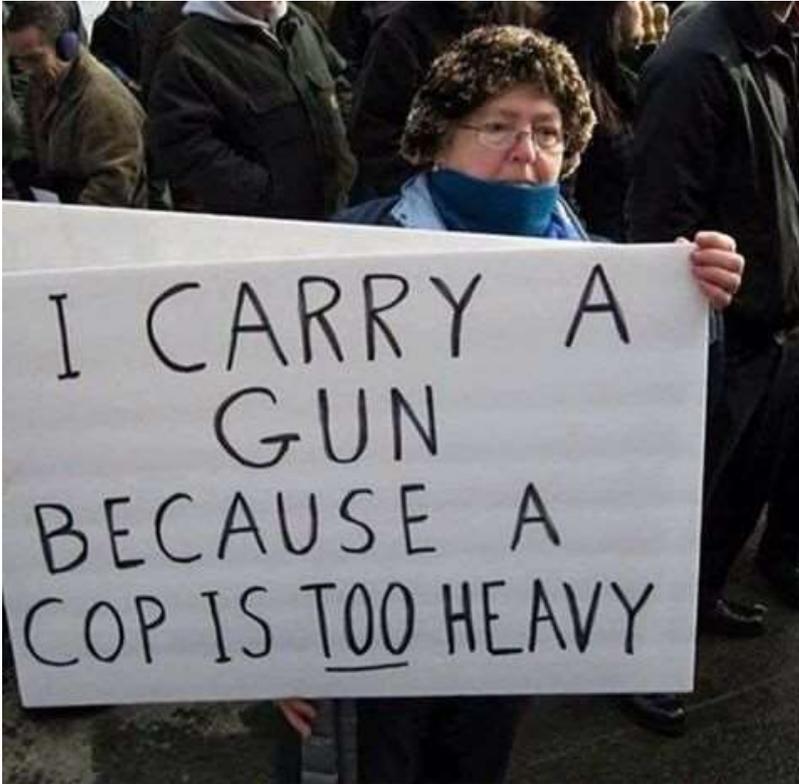
Tip #14. PLACE YOUR PHONE NUMBER(S) ON THE "DO NOT CALL REGISTER": www.donotcall.gov.au

For a copy of this or any other of the 20 Tips series, please [email us here.](#)

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#).

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).



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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Our mailing address is:

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