



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #527 - 16 November 2021

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

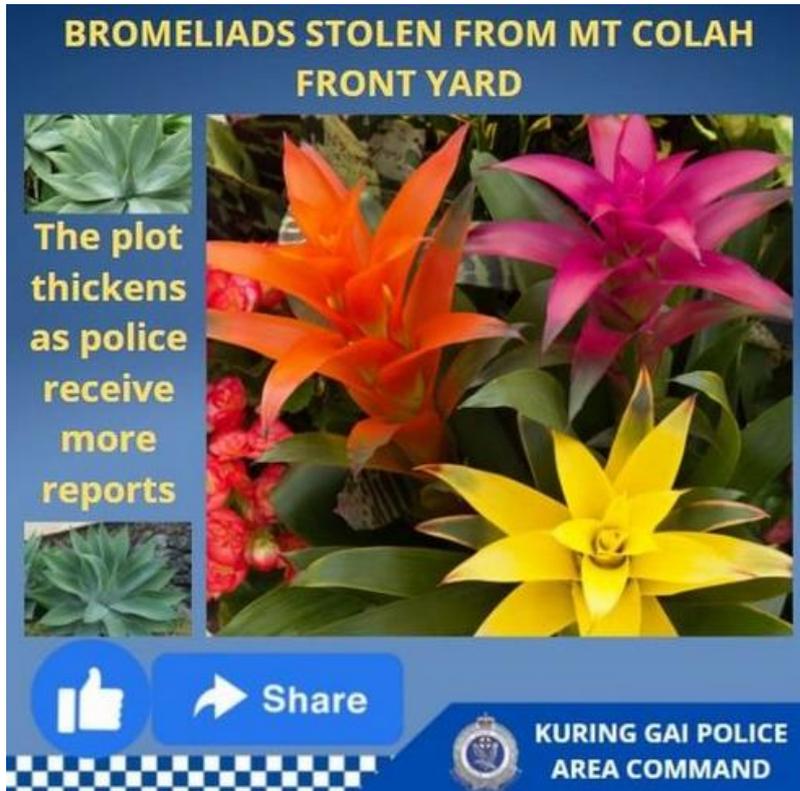
The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

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

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16 November, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Help us get to the root of this issue:



Police have received reports of plants being stolen. In the latest report, three Bromeliads were stolen from the front garden of a Mt Colah home.

Plants that have been stolen recently are Bromeliads and Agave.

Please be vigilant during the day and night and keep an eye out for your neighbours' gardens as well as your own.

If you see someone taking the plants, call us immediately.

If you see or hear something suspicious, report it to us as quickly as possible. It is often the timeliness of a report to us that gives us the best chance of catching the offender.

Ways of reporting to police:

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

“131444” Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-emergencies

“1800 333 000” Crime Stoppers – to provide crime information

Hornsby Police 9476 9799

Gordon Police 9418 5399

12 November, from Ku-ring-gai Command

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



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KURING GAI POLICE
AREA COMMAND

Keeping a safe distance behind vehicles.

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What would you do?

1. Continue driving at the speed you were driving at to make a point to the driver in front that the merge was too close to be safe?
 2. Accelerate and drive even closer to the vehicle that has just cut in front of you, gesturing your feelings with your hands and face, because you resented them pushing in?
 3. Flash your lights and sound your horn to show your disapproval?
 4. Back off to a safe distance of three (3) seconds behind the new vehicle in
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front?

What would you do?

Have a great and safe weekend

12 November, from Ku-ring-gai Command

KUPAC "WEEK IN REVIEW"

CHARGES

13 X FACED COURT, CHARGED WITH VARIOUS OFFENCES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

INTOXICATION AND DISORDERLY MANNER

ASSAULT

LEARNER DRIVERS DISQUALIFIED

FRAUDS

BREAK AND ENTER

TRAFFIC

STEALING

DRUGS

TRESPASS

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

LIGHTNING STRIKE

ELECTRICAL PIT FIRE

KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND

The infographic features a central image of silver handcuffs on a blue background. At the bottom left, there are social media icons for a thumbs-up and a 'Share' button. The bottom right corner displays the Kuring Gai Police Area Command logo and name. The background is a dark blue gradient with a checkered pattern at the bottom left.

KURING-GAI PAC WEEK IN REVIEW:

Another fairly busy week in the Command

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS:

Domestic incident x 21

BREACH AVO:

1 x Breach AVO

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT:

Assault x 4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFENCE:

Wahroonga – DV related

ASSAULT:

Hornsby, Turramurra - Assault / custody of a knife, Turramurra

BREACH OF BAIL:

Turramurra

STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE:

Hornsby, Asquith, Gordon Centre

BREAK AND ENTER:

Warrawee, Wahroonga x 2, Turramurra x 3, Asquith

STEAL FROM DWELLING:

Hornsby Heights, Hornsby

STOLEN VEHICLE:

Asquith

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE:

6 x Turramurra, Pymble, Hornsby

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Wahroonga – graffiti, Gordon – graffiti, Pymble – car door

FRAUD:

Hornsby x 3 Selling scam, unauthorised access of funds

Glenorie – Blackmail

Arcadia – Obtain funds by deception

St Ives – Fail to pay for fuel

Waitara x 2

Killara - Obtain funds by deception

TRAFFIC:

Hornsby Heights - Drive with illicit drug in system

Wahroonga – drive disqualified, illicit drug in system, breach of bail

Wahroonga M1 – speed over 20kph x 2

Wahroonga – Motor vehicle collision

Turramurra – wheels exceed the outer body panels of vehicle

Turramurra – Car v scooter collision

Killara – Fail to stop and exchange details

St Ives – Fail to stop and exchange details

Galston – Fail to stop and exchange details

Hornsby x 2 – Fail to stop and exchange details

Berowra – vehicle stop - drug related offence

Berowra – Learner not accompanied - Licence suspension

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Turrumurra – Vehicle v pedestrian collision

FIRE:

Hornsby Heights – Electrical pit fire

LIGHTNING STRIKE:

Wahroonga Railway Station

NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE:

Wahroonga, Hornsby Heights

TRESPASS:

Hornsby, Gordon, Turrumurra

WORKPLACE INCIDENT:

Hornsby – workplace injury

11 November, From Ku-ring-gai Command: THE LAST 24 HOURS IN THE COMMAND

Police News
LAST 24 HRS IN THE COMMAND

WHAT WAS HE THINKING ???

Berowra Waters Learner driver stopped by police **1/2 hour later – same driver**

What police found	Now involved in a motor vehicle collision with another vehicle
'P' plate supervising learner driver therefore unaccompanied learner driver	Resulting in
learner driver not authorised to tow a trailer	Load shifting almost off the trailer due to no safety restraints as explained to the driver earlier
Overloaded trailer	Considerable damage to the vehicle and trailer
Non-functioning trailer brakes	Driver arrested and conveyed to Hornsby Police Station where he now faces court
No safety chains/restraints	
Issued a 3 month licence suspension on the spot.	

 **KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”

1 x Domestic incident

ASSAULT:

Assault – Hornsby Hospital

STEAL FROM RETIAL STORE:

Hornsby – Scotch whisky

FRAUD:

Hornsby Investment scam

Hornsby Unauthorised access of funds

Killara –Obtain funds by deception

Waitara Unauthorised access of funds

Glenorie - Blackmail

BREAK AND ENTER:

Turrumurra – Break enter and steal - Vehicle left unlocked in driveway giving access to garage through garage remote control

Asquith – Break and enter and malicious damage

STOLEN VEHICLE:

Asquith

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE:

Pymble

2 x Turramurra

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Wahroonga – graffiti

TRAFFIC:

Killara - Fail to stop and exchange details

Berowra – Learner not accompanied by driver

Berowra Waters – Suspended learner driver, 'P' plate supervising driver, unaccompanied, overloaded trailer, non-functioning trailer brakes, no safety chains, not authorised to tow a trailer, involved 30 minutes later in a motor vehicle collision

DRUGS:

Berowra – vehicle stopped with drugs seized

Turramurra – drug equipment located

BREACH OF BAIL:

Thornleigh

Turramurra

11 November, from NSW Police Force

Today on 11 November we pause to remember all of the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We also remember the 63 NSW Police Officers who have died serving our nation in conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Music:

'The Unknown Soldier' by Adrian Hallam, based on the Hymn tune 'O Valiant Heart'.

The Ode

The Last Post

Advance Australia Fair

Performed by 'The New South Wales Police Band' the State Band of NSW.

Vocal soloist – Belinda Parsons

Watch Video [here](#)

10 November, Ku-ring-gai Command: What would you do?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The carpark is crowded and available parking spaces are very limited.

You see a car that came in after you and it drove straight into a spot (how frustrating!). You've been looking for 10 minutes already.

The easiest/quickest option is to park in a disabled parking space.

What would you do?

 **KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND**

You're so happy to be out of lockdown and you venture up to the shops. You're tasting freedom for the first time in months and Christmas is just around the corner.

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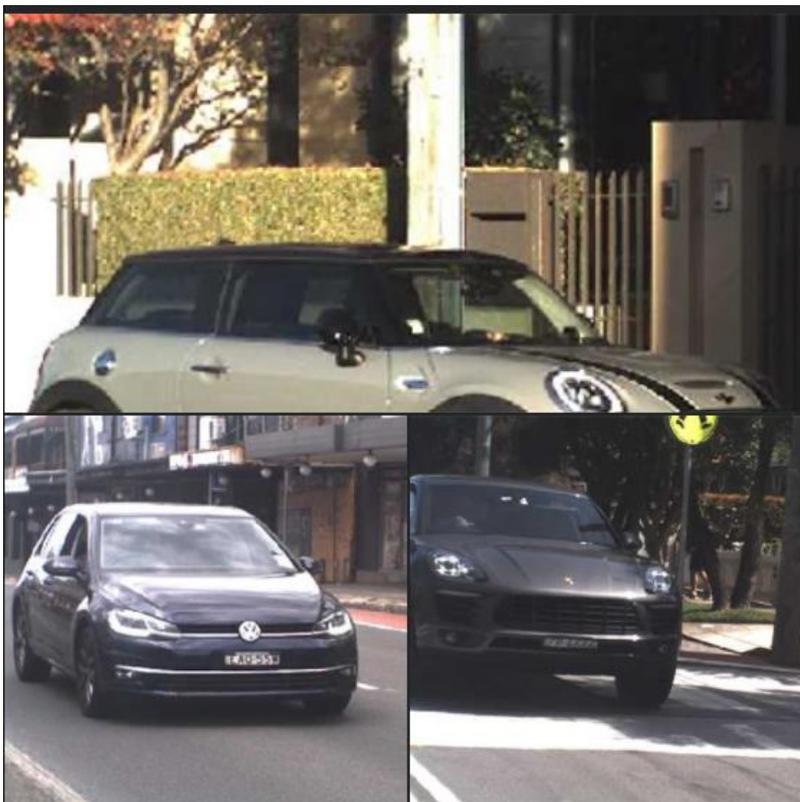
What would you do?

1. Utilise the disabled space as anyone watching will assume you have a

permit.

2. Continue driving around looking for a suitable park?
3. Stalk a shopper as they exit from the shops until they lead you to their spot?
4. Double park until someone exits the shops and wait for someone to enter the area you're stopped in?
5. Leave the parking area and try elsewhere?

10 November, from NSW Police Force



Detectives are appealing for public assistance to locate high-performance and luxury vehicles stolen during recent aggravated break-ins at homes in Sydney's north.

As part of proactive targeting of members and associates of criminal networks across Sydney, Strike Force Hawk officers are conducting inquiries into activities and crimes suspected to be related to the preparation for public acts of violence.

Criminal Groups Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Grant Taylor,

said the suppression of the use of stolen vehicles in organised criminal activity was a key strategy under Strike Force Hawk.

“We have previously seized more than 40 luxury stolen vehicles used in crimes across Greater Sydney – including vehicles used in an alleged murder attempt at North Sydney earlier this year and a double murder at Guildford last month,” Det Supt Taylor said.

“A number of people are before the courts for their alleged roles in facilitating the use of these stolen vehicles, and investigators are now seeking further assistance from the public to locate additional cars stolen from Sydney’s north in recent times.”

The break-ins and thefts, which have occurred in Sydney’s north since Monday 25 October 2021, include;

- Between 11.45pm on Monday 25 October 2021 and 6.15am on Tuesday 26 October 2021, a blue 2019 Volkswagen Golf Highline with registration ‘EAQ55W’ was stolen from Gladesville.
- Between 10pm on Thursday 28 October 2021 and 8.20am on Friday 29 October 2021, a grey 2017 MINI Cooper with registration ‘DLT21S’ was stolen from a Warrawee home. A white 2017 BMW 530i sedan was also stolen from this property and has since been recovered.
- Between 11pm on Monday 1 November 2021 and 8am on Tuesday 2 November 2021, unknown people gained entry to an Abbotsford home and stole a key for a 2014 grey Porsche Macan S with registration ‘FP6666’, before stealing the vehicle from the roadway outside the property.
- About 3am on Tuesday 2 November 2021, a white 2014 Mercedes A200 with registration plates ‘CRY80M’ was stolen from the garage of a Frenchs Forest home.

“Detectives have reason to believe these cars – particularly the Porsche and Mercedes – may be used to facilitate other serious crime and possibly contain cloned number plates of an identical make and model,” Det Supt Taylor said.

“We know these high-performance vehicles may be stored in areas or locations which are unusual for the type of car; therefore, we’re urging anyone who may’ve seen something out of the ordinary, to come forward and contact

police.”

Meanwhile, police are urging the community to take extra precautions in terms of securing their home and property to reduce the risk of becoming the target of thieves.

NSW Police Corporate Sponsor for Crime Prevention, Assistant Commissioner Gelina Talbot, said criminals are opportunists and usually seek out homes with poor security.

“People should be observant of any suspicious activity around their homes and ensure to record a description of any people or vehicles that appear out of place,” Assistant Commissioner Talbot said.

“If you own a luxury car and park it in your driveway, you should take extra steps to ensure your home is adequately protected from any intruders. Store the vehicle’s keys in a secure location – away from any doors or windows.

“Make sure your home is fitted with quality security doors, locks, alarms, lighting, and warning signs, and that all windows, doors and garage doors are secured,” Assistant Commissioner Talbot said.

Further information about crime prevention, including hints and tips, can be found [here](#).

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Hawk investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [click here](#)

Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

16 November, from Australian Communications and Media Authority

Optimising your Wi-Fi can help get your internet up to speed.

Slow internet may be caused by:

- the standard or type of wi-fi router
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- the frequency band in which your wi-fi operates
- the location of your wi-fi router
- other devices sharing or interfering with the bandwidth
- interference.

For more information and helpful tips, visit [site here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 24 November: Gordon/Killara/E. Killara/Pymble/St Ives NHW
AGM online via MS Teams @ 7pm. Special guests: **S/C Colin Mitchell**, Crime
Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, and **Ruby Koop** - Snap
Send Solve App. [Email us](#) for details. Everyone welcome.

14 November, from NSW Police Force



Police are renewing an appeal for information to locate Kathleen Riethmuller missing from Sydney's north since last month.

On Thursday 28 October 2021, the belongings of Kathleen Riethmuller – aged 28 – were located inside a backpack by a member of the public on Centennial Avenue at Lane Cove.

The backpack contained various items including Kathleen's identification documentation and bank cards.

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command were notified and commenced an investigation into her whereabouts.

Inquiries have revealed Kathleen attended a retail store on Reserve Road, Artarmon, about 11.40am on Thursday 28 October 2021, before she was sighted again at 2.30pm the same day in North Sydney, wearing a long sleeve denim dress and black flat shoes.

Police now believe Kathleen may have travelled to Melbourne for employment opportunities.

Kathleen is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 165cm – 175cm tall, of thin build, with long dark hair.

Police and family hold serious concerns for her welfare as she is not able to be contacted and has not been seen.

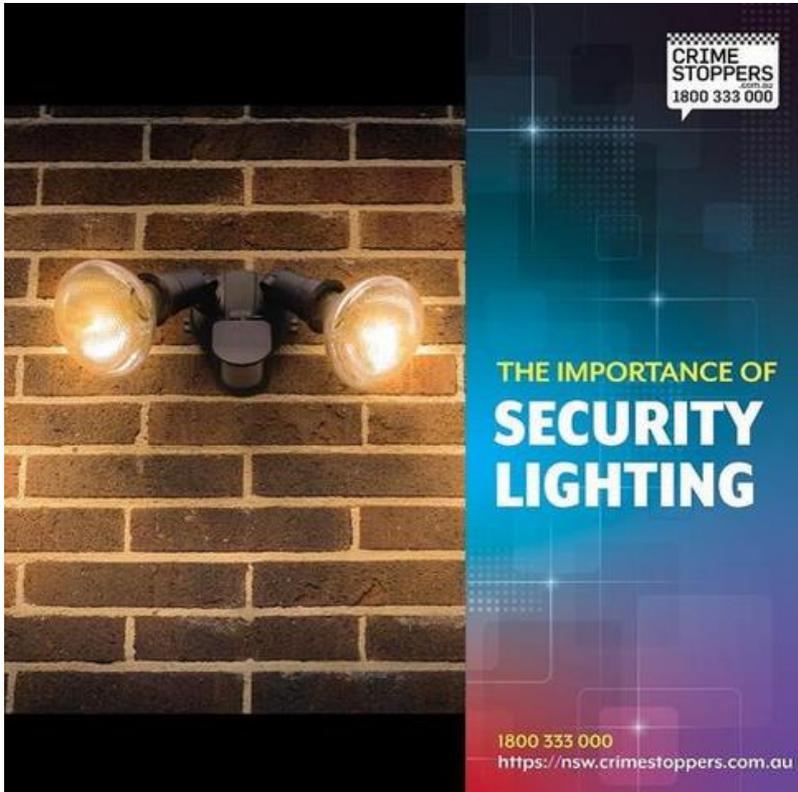
Anyone who may have information about her whereabouts or has seen Kathleen are urged to contact Chatswood Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

13 November, from Australian Cyber Security Centre

Updating your password to an unpredictable passphrase like 'onion pretzel poodle moon' can help protect your valuable information and accounts against unauthorised access. Learn easy steps to protect yourself online today [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

13 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY LIGHTING



- 💡 Criminals don't like to be seen. Security lighting can be installed around the perimeter of your property, including over entry ways, along your driveway and the back of the house, revealing any possible hiding places for thieves.
- 💡 The lighting should be checked regularly and maintained.
- 💡 Consider using light timers to turn these lights on/off when not at home.

11 November, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:

Please keep an eye out for a car that will have significant damage to the side, possibly royal red marks aswell. Neighbours new car was badly hit. Berkeley close area. If possible please get the rego.

Thank you

11 November, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force



We are heading into the holiday season soon. Festive season or not, it's always a good idea to be mindful of your valuables whilst traveling. Standing, sitting or sleeping, ensure your property is secure.

Image source : Google Images

Photograph by Martin Schoeller

10 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW



We have been contacted by Peter who wanted to warn the community about two men who trespassed and allegedly committed a Break & Enter at his premises on Darnley St, Gordon last Thursday (4 November) after 14:31pm. Two youngish men seen on the cctv image (deliberately blurred in case of future prosecution)? It is possible they were painters in a VW Kombi van.

Peter's neighbour saw them and informed Peter. The incident has been reported to the police, who will try and do extra patrols.

Please be vigilant and report anything out-of-the-ordinary at the time to Hornsby police station: 9476 9799.

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales'

Tip #4. KEEP THE ITEMS inside the property boundary, ie not on your council strip. Despite the name 'garage sale', it is advisable to have the items on your lawn/driveway. Collect expensive items all in the one place nearest to you/ the intended checkout table. To avoid concealment opportunities, put large items around the outside of the area. Video the whole area outside your home as a simple inventory of items for sale AND any not for sale (see #6 below).

Tip #5. YOU CANNOT SELL dangerous goods, chemicals, faulty electrical items, or firearms.

Tip #6. AFTER THE GARAGE SALE, check that all home security systems are operable & have not been disabled to help facilitate later unauthorised entry. Conduct an inspection (using video inventory in #4 above) to identify any missing items. Please remember to remove all advertising after the event.

Tip #9. LOCK ALL DOORS INTO YOUR HOME, including any joining doors, garage doors, shed doors, yard gates, even if you plan to go in and out during the day. Remove keys. Don't be tempted to pop a door on the latch. Set your alarm system. Advise neighbours to also lock their properties and be vigilant.

Tip #10. DO NOT ALLOW ACCESS to your property, eg to use your bathroom, or to try on clothes. Use an extension cord from your home/garage to test any

electrical items.

Tip #11. B E CAREFUL OF DISTRACTIONS, eg by a request for water, or to borrow your phone. Beware of criminals working as a team. One person may engage you chatting, whilst the other steals items, or enters your property (see #9 above!).

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

From the Dumbest Criminals - Compiled by Wendy Lewis: Twinkle Toes

After robbing a motel one night, a crim headed into the woods, sure that the police would never catch him in a million years. Since it was pitch black, the police figured they would never catch him either until one of them noticed something strange - bright red flashing lights in the darkness! To the crim's surprise, police moved in and managed to track him down very easily. Their trick? They just watched his feet - he was wearing novelty flashing shoes that light up when you walk.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000
TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

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

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local Facebook pages/groups:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

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

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)
