



Ku-ring-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 - Ku-ring-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](#) (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? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. 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.

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04 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Here's some crime and incident

stats from the weekend 01 - 04 September 2017.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Fraud
Suburb							
ARCADIA							
ASQUITH	1						
BEROWRA			1				
BOBBIN HEAD							
BROOKLYN							
COWAN							
GALSTON						1	
GORDON							
HORNSBY	2	1	1				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA		1					
MT COLAH						1	
MT KURING GAI							
NORMANHURST							
PYMBLE							1
ST IVES							
THORNLEIGH							
TURRAMURRA		1					
WAHROONGA							
WAITARA							
WARRAWEE							
WEST PYMBLE							
WESTLEIGH							
Date range	1 September to 4 September						
	Fire St Ives Village Green						
	Road rage incident St Ives						

Asquith: Break & Enter

Berowra: Stealing

Galston: Drugs

Hornsby: 2 x B&E, Malicious Damage, Stealing

Killara: Mal Dam

Mt Colah: Drugs

Pymble: Fraud

St Ives Village Green: Fire, Road Rage incident

Turramurra: Mal Dam

04 September, from The Ray Hadley Morning Show: Despite 13 signs on the approaches to Galston Gorge warning the maximum authorised length is 7.5 metres, this ironically named truck has gotten stuck in the Gorge.

We've passed the details on to [Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force](#).



01 September, from Penrith command: How's your personal safety? 🧑🏻

You should always be aware of your surroundings. If you feel you are in danger go to a place where there are plenty of people, like a shop or service station.

😊😁 Personal Safety Tips -

- Walk with a purpose
- Have your keys out ready
- Keep your dominant hand free
- Keep your head up and make eye contact with those around
- Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call.
- Have your keys ready before you get to your home or car.

- Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe.
- Where possible, park your car in a busy, well lit area
- If someone in a car threatens you, run in the opposite direction the car is facing.
- If attacked, shout as loudly as you can.

More Personal Safety information can be found on the [NSW Police website here](#).



01 September, from National Police Memorial:



01 September, from NSW Ambulance: Today is NSW Ambulance

Appreciation Day - where we say thanks to our paramedics, Triple Zero (000) call takers, flight nurses, special operations team, helicopter paramedics and doctors, qualified volunteers and corporate support staff for everything they do to help get care to you!



31 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: HORNSBY POLICE ATTENDED TO CRIMES INCLUDING MAIL THEFT, VANDALISM, SHOPLIFTING AND DRUG POSSESSION

Hornsby Police were called to incidents including the theft of more than \$1000 worth of whisky, a man allegedly admitting damaging a bus shelter out of frustration and a police pursuit that ended with a police car that was unable to be driven.

Mt Colah: Police are calling for help to locate a sedan that rammed a police car during a pursuit between 9.19pm and 9.23pm on Monday, August 28. Police patrolling the Pacific Hwy in the Mount Colah area noticed an older model, silver Honda or Nissan sedan, with a broken tail light and followed it into Cowan Rd. Due to the car's manner of driving officers tried to pull the car over but it made a U-turn and continued onto the Pacific Hwy. Police noticed a male driver and female passenger and initiated a pursuit south on the highway. The car turned onto Ku-ringai Chase Rd and into the national park where it made a U-turn behind the park's toll booth. The car then drove to Asquith Golf Club, and again did another U-turn. The car was pursued to Mile Rd in Mt Ku-ringai where the vehicle attempted another U-turn, but there was not enough room for it and the car rammed the front nearside of the police car, which was extensively damaged and rendered inoperative. The sedan drove away at 9.23pm. Residents reported seeing a car turning into Cowan Rd with extensive damage to its nearside front. Anyone who sees a 2000 model, silver Honda or Nissan sedan with serious damage and a grey

primer painted nearside guard is urged to call **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**.

Asquith: A 39-year-old man from Balmain will face court after he damaged a bus shelter, because he was trying to avoid getting into a fight, on the Pacific Hwy about 7.50pm on Sunday, August 27. The man was waiting to catch a bus when he got into an argument with another man and out of frustration kicked a plastic panel of the bus shelter, which snapped. Police were called to the location and when they asked the man what happened he allegedly admitted to kicking the shelter. He allegedly said “yes I did it, some bloke was trying to fight me so instead of doing something to him I kicked it out of anger”. The man was issued a field court attendance notice for malicious damage and left the area on the next available bus — damage estimated at \$400.

Hornsby: A male shoplifter took \$126 worth of bourbon from Liquorland at Hornsby Westfield between 4.12pm and 4.14pm on Sunday August 27. The man was seen on CCTV and described as caucasian, aged in the early 20s, with skinny legs, about 180cm tall, wearing a black beanie with a pompom, a large black jacket and shorts. The man was seen shoving several bottles into his jacket before running from the store. Police are reviewing CCTV footage from Liquorland and Westfield in relation to the incident.

Wahroonga: Mailboxes were forced open at a unit complex on Bundara Ave south between 8pm on Sunday, August 27 and midday on Monday, August 28. Several mailboxes at the same complex were opened and mail stolen in what police believe will likely be related to identity theft attempts.

[Full article here.](#)

29 August, from [NSW Road Safety](#): It’s illegal to park across a driveway or footpath as it can force people onto the road, including children in prams and people on mobility devices. [#TowardsZero](#)

Refresh your [knowledge of parking rules here.](#)



28 August, from Crime Stoppers: DID YOU KNOW you can report information about others involved in Domestic Violence to Crime Stoppers anonymously?

If you know about someone who is a perpetrator or victim of Domestic Violence please call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. ALWAYS call **Triple Zero (000)** in an emergency. You can remain 100% anonymous.



Various snippets from this quarter's Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting

- Overall, crime in NSWPF Ku-ring-gai command is trending down, primarily because of some good arrests, including one person for a series of break & enter into homes, garages and mailboxes.
- However, the Steal from Retail category has risen, due to some proactive

work in the shopping centre.

- And unfortunately Steal from Motor Vehicles has also risen, especially at night, and in the St Ives area - Police have been tasked to patrol the area.
- It's a reminder to ensure you lock your car and remove valuables from sight. This includes utes with tools in their trays and workboxes locked with inadequate locks. Please report all incidents as soon as possible. People aren't reporting, or are reporting days after the event.
- Different crimes are emerging - Identity Theft, Fraud, following on from mailbox theft etc. We are reminded that intel from the community is assisting the police greatly. (You can remain anonymous with Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000).
- In Hornsby, intoxication levels are down, meaning assaults are down.
- In June, an arrest for Aggravated Armed Robbery was made possible thanks to the security personnel at Westfield back-tracking on their cctv to identify a car, and other offences.
- Willow Park, Hornsby was raised as an issue. The Girl Guides aren't feeling safe at their meetings due to regular intimidation from a group of youths. Police will be tasked to the area on Mon and Wed evenings.
- The new PCYC in Edgeworth David Avenue (the old bowling club) opens in September. [Click here for more information](#)
- Next meeting is on Wed 01 Nov 2017. [Please email us](#) any issues you'd like raised.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 06 September: Waitara Public School & Community Expo 3:30-4:30pm. Assisting MCLO* with a Crime Prevention stall.

Thursday 17 September: Hornsby Council FREE Child Car Seat Safety Checking Day 9:30-3:15 @ Thornleigh Brickpit Sports Centre - **FULLY BOOKED.**

15 March to 14 September 2017: Commercial Explosives Amnesty

Tuesday 19 September: Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Seniors Seminar - keeping yourself safe in this cyber age 10:30-11:30 @ Council Chambers [Info & booking.](#)

Wednesday 20 September: Hornsby Shire Council Family Services Expo @ the mall, Hornsby 11am-2pm. Assisting MCLO* with a Crime Prevention stall.

Wednesday 20 September: Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre & NHW within Ku-ring-gai command **Closing Date for Essay & Colouring-in Competitions.**

Wednesday 20 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Helping your learner driver - workshop for supervisors 6:30-8:30 PM Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers **ph: 9424 0000**

Thursday 21 September: Hornsby Council Teaching your Learner Driver 6:30-8:30pm @ Council Chambers. [Info & booking.](#)

Friday 29 September: National Police Remembrance Day

Saturday 07 October 2017: 10am-12noon @ Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village. Prize-giving Ceremony for crime prevention colouring-in and essay competition, as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week. Joint event with KNC. NHW Crime Prevention stalls.

Saturday 14 October: St Johns Anglican Church Annual Fête, Gordon. NHW crime prevention stall.

Sunday 29 October: Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#)

Wednesday 01 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Friday 01 December: Walk the Talk @ the mall, Hornsby. Assisting MCLO* with a Crime Prevention stall.

Saturday 09 December: Ku-ring-gai Council Xmas Carols @ Bicentennial Park, W. Pymble 5-9pm. Joint NHW/Police Crime Prevention stall. TBC

* MCLO = Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou

That time of year - HAZARD REDUCTIONS

Full details of planned Hazard Reductions can be found on the [Rural Fire Service Hazard Reduction Advisory webpage here.](#)

All HR fires are mapped on the [Fires Near Me website here.](#)

If you prefer to monitor what's happening close to you on your phone, use the [Fires Near Me App, click here](#) for both iPhone and Android versions. The App has had a face lift.

04 September, from the North Shore Times: [North Shore LAC - NSW Police Force](#) are calling for a tradie to come forward after he helped a 54-year-old woman who was pushed onto the Pacific Hwy last week.

Can you help? "at a bus stop near the intersection of Allison Ave and Pacific Hwy, Lane Cove"

[Full article here.](#)

04 September, from the Office of the eSafety Commisssioner: We all use search engines to find information online, and so do our kids.

To help support them online, check out these six tips on how to search safely. **[If you use the link, there's some great information available - Ed]**

[Office of the eSafety Commissioner Search Safely website page here.](#)



02 September, from the Berowra Community group: Warning: Young Caucasian guy tried to break in to our house today.

Black puffer vest, grey chinos and black Nike skater shoes. About 5'9", white watch right hand, and groomed medium length brown hair. Berowra Waters Rd, near High Street. Last seen running down Hillcrest at 7:00am.

02 September from The Australian Red Cross Blood Service: [Australian Red Cross Blood Service](#)

Calling all O negative blood types: we haven't needed you this much in 5 years! Cold and flu season has hit us hard this year with many of our regular donors unable to donate. We need another 3,000 O negative donors around the country in the next two weeks to meet patient demand. Make an appointment today. **Call 13 14 95 or visit [Request an Appointment webpage here](#).**

01 September, from Crime Stoppers: YELLOW TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Road Rule Tip #10

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.

[Watch Transport for NSW Road Rules - Yellow Traffic Lights here.](#)



Road rules: yellow lights

From Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai command: Is your child entering?

[Email us here](#) for your entry form.

Neighbourhood Watch & Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre invite you:



Colouring-in Competition

Entry forms available at your school, or visit
Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, or email
NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com. Include name,
phone number, school & school year.

Prizes: 1st 100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Prize-giving ceremony at:
Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre
10am-12noon
Saturday 07 October 2017.

Deliver/Post entries to:
Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre,
St Ives Shopping Village,
166 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives 2075
Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri



Closing Date:
4pm Wednesday
20 September
2017

From Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai command: Is your child entering?

Neighbourhood Watch & Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre invite you:

Essay Competition

[Years 3-4: 100 words, Years 5-6: 200 words, Years 7-8: 500 words, Years 9-10: 1000 words]

"How I keep myself safe in my neighbourhood/community"

Note: Community can be an online community.
Winners will be judged primarily on their knowledge of crime prevention.



Year group prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Prize-giving ceremony:
Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village,
10am-12noon, Saturday 07 Oct 2017

Email entries to:

Neighbourhood Watch within the NSW Police Ku-ring-gai command:
NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

Include name, phone no., school & school year.



Closing Date:
4pm Wednesday
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Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) within the NSW Police Ku-ring-gai command & Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) joint event

Participating schools within our command have been sent details of a FUN Essay and Colouring-in Competition being organised jointly by NHW and the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village. Entries close on Wed 20 Sep 2017.

From **10am til 12pm on Saturday 07 October 2017**, families are invited to the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, where Competition winners will be announced, and certificates and prizes formally presented, as part of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia's Neighbourhood Watch Week 2017.

Come and take a look at what NHW and the KNC have to offer! Neighbourhood

pertinent advice, a fun photo booth, Police dress-ups, as well as share many goodies, such as FREE car rego plate locking screws, engravers to borrow, window stickers, balloons etc. Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre volunteers will assist with local information, and Aged Care services, such as Shopping Bus and Companionship.

Everyone is invited! Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com for more information, or to offer to help on the day.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 31 August ([Online Edition, click here](#))

[Full article on Page 7] Knifeman not guilty - Man shot after threatening police at Hornsby Mall cleared due to mental illness

A MENTAL health patient who lunged at police with a knife at Hornsby Mall last year did so in a desperate bid to end his own life, a court heard on Monday. Judge Leonie Flannery found Jerry Sourian, who was 23 at the time of the incident, not guilty of using an offensive weapon and threatening police with a knife at Hornsby Mall in June 2016, due to mental illness.

AN INVITATION: Help us find links for inclusion on our new website.

WatchOut.org.au.

We recognise Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is stale and viewed as out-of-date, so we are doing something about it! We have permission from NHW Australasia (NHWA) to add a new role to NHW, which would be pointing the community to the various crime prevention information already available on the Internet. There is a lot of good information & advice, and people just don't know where to go.

Community Funding was received from NHWA for this project. Watch Out! will have an A-to-Z index pointing to links on the internet. The index will have sections such as; **Animal, Boating, Business, Homes, ID Theft, Personal, Road, Scams, Seniors, Teens, Terrorism, etc.**

We have a volunteer creating the website pro bono (Thanks Damien) and are currently compiling 'urls' for the best information available from government agencies and not-for-profit organisations. Before the website is launched (date tbc,

areas of concern, or links, that they think should be included on WatchOut! It then becomes a true community asset.

Would you like to send us a suggestion? If we use your url suggestion for the website, we propose to present a 'thank you goodie bag'. Contact is via the email address: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

We hope you see this as an exciting opportunity, as we are the first in the country to do this! We hope we can make WatchOut! community teamwork. Look forward to hearing from you.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 31 August ([Online Edition here.](#))

K I L L A R A Police are calling for information after an alleged break, enter and steal offence on Birdwood Ave. Between 8am and 3.40pm on Friday a ground-floor window was smashed and a key on the inside of the house was used to unlock the window. A jewellery box in the main bedroom was stolen before an internal alarm was activated, which police believe scared the thief and caused him to leave. It appears the victim's grandmother's jewellery were stolen and police are compiling a list of what was taken.

31 August, from the government's Stay Smart Online Alert Service: 12.5 million Australian email accounts leaked online Priority Level: Moderate [edited]

The email addresses of 711 million people have been published online, and include those of 12.5 million Australians. The personal data has been dumped on a server called Onliner Spambot, which since 2016 has been used to spread malware to steal banking details, and infect people's computers so they send out viruses and spam (unwanted emails).

The two types of data on the Onliner Spambot server are:

- **Email addresses.** These are used to send spam and may contain malicious links. For example, one email sent by the server purported to be from Roads and Maritime in NSW and related to E-tags for paying tolls. Because the email looked as if it came from a legitimate source,

unsuspecting users could click on the link and go through to a bogus website to pay.

- **Email addresses and passwords.** These are used to send spam from user accounts using their internet provider's mail servers so they look genuine and bypass anti-junk measures.

To find out if your email address has been published in a data breach, go to [HaveIBeenPwned](#) and follow the prompts.

[Full Media Release here](#), including more info about checking your email address to see if it was compromised in a data breach. [Hmmm, mine was - Ed].

31 August, from North Shore Times: ST IVES GIRL, 13, WHO TOLD FAMILY AND POLICE SHE WAS ATTACKED “MADE UP” STORY

[Full article here.](#)

30 August, from the government's Stay Smart Online: A firewall is a piece of software that sits between your computer and the internet and can keep hackers out of your device.

To learn more about firewalls, and [how they can help on your computer here.](#)



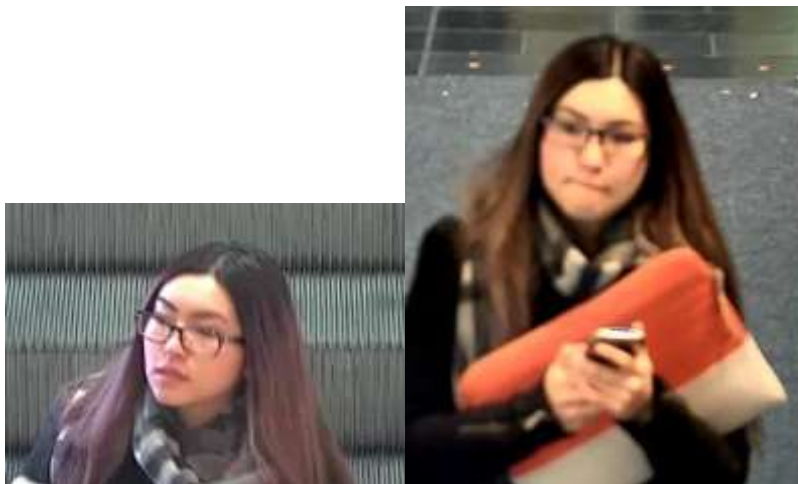
From the Queensland Times, but just as pertinent here: 'Helicopter mum' finds daughter, 12, being groomed on app

SARAH is a self-described helicopter parent. The Central West NSW mother says she always knows where her three children are and who they're with, and when she can't be across who they're talking to, she checks their phone. But while inspecting her 12-year-old daughter's recent online activity, she discovered something horrifying that she believes could have ended very badly, and now she wants to warn parents about it.

[Full article here.](#)

**30 August, from our neighbouring [North Shore LAC - NSW Police](#)
[Force](#) command: Chatswood Westfield, 8.00pm Thursday 24th August 2017**

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood Westfield. If you know these persons please call **Chatswood Police 94148499** or **Crime Stoppers 1800333000**. **Ref.# E 284932894**



Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders

From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours:

Tip #6. STORE YOUR NEW EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR LANDLINE AND MOBILE PHONES. Include Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799, Gordon Police Station: 9418 5399.

Tip #7. LOOK AT YOUR HOME, GARDEN, SHED, & IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS IF YOU WERE A BURGLAR. What gives you cover from being seen? Where is the quick get-away? Have you sensor lighting? Are your windows & doors secure?

Tip #10. HAVE THE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM CHECKED. CLEAN THE SENSORS. CHECK BATTERIES. CONSIDER NEW ATTACHMENTS—there are some amazing new technologies available! Eg balcony sensors, broken window sensors. Spray around sensors for spiders.

Tip #14. UPDATE YOUR HOUSE INSURANCE. WALK ROUND THE HOUSE WITH A VIDEO CAMERA, RECORDING OBJECTS & CONTENTS IN EACH ROOM, OPENING ALL DRAWERS & CUPBOARDS. Include the shed, garage, garden ornaments, roof space, cellar, etc. Store this video safely off-site (eg at work or with a trusted relative).

Tip #16. ENGRAVE YOUR LICENCE NUMBER ON VALUABLE PROPERTY. SENSITIVE ARTICLES (eg screens, laptops) CAN BE MARKED WITH AN ULTRA-VIOLET PEN. Ask your Crime Prevention Officer for the loan of an engraver and/or UV Pen. Contact them at **Hornsby Police Station: 9746 9799**

[Email us here](#) for your copy, or a copy to pop in your new neighbour's mailbox. Or need other crime prevention advice? We can probably point you in the right direction.

30 August, from the government's Stay Smart Online: Top three current scams: phishing, identity theft and false billing

Australians lost \$45 million to scams in early 2017. Phishing, identity theft, and false billing were the top three scams reported by Australians in the first six months of 2017, according to the latest statistics from the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission's (ACCC) [Scamwatch](#). The three scam types accounted for 32 995 reports, representing 35% of the total reports made.

[Media Release here.](#)

Unfortunate thanks to the St Ives Community Group: A reminder about parking where there's a continuous centre line

NSW ROAD RULE 208 PARALLEL PARKING ON A ROAD (EXCEPT IN A MEDIAN STRIP PARKING AREA)

(1) A driver who parks on a road (except in a median strip parking area) must position the driver's vehicle in accordance with subrules (2) to (8).

(6) If the road has a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle at least 3 metres from any dividing line or dividing strip, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.

[Complete Road Rule 208 here.](#)



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): **000**

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

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

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

[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.

Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC:



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