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# 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 <u>share/forward this eNewsletter</u> with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
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### 8 September, from Parramatta LAC - NSW police Force

#### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE EMERGENCY + APP?

The Emergency + app is a free app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners.

The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help Triple Zero (000) callers provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services.

We hope you will never have to use it, however if you do the app will put all the required information at your fingertips. Please download the app from your respective app store or click <u>here</u> and help emergency services help YOU!!

## 8 September, Hornsby Police News 7/9/17: Hornsby police called to theft of a stethoscope from an ambulance and an alleged sex assault

Hornsby police were called to several thefts this week including of a stethoscope from an ambulance and \$5000 cash as well as an alleged sex assault at Hornsby Westfield.

**Hornsby:** An elderly man allegedly stroked a teenage girl's hair, tried to kiss her then followed her to a toilet where he sexually assaulted her at Westfield Hornsby on Tuesday. The 14-year-old girl was shopping at the complex about 11am when an 81-year-old man allegedly approached her. She left the shop and went to a

nearby toilet where the man followed her and allegedly sexually assaulted her. The girl told security guards who alerted police. They arrested the man at his home in Waitara shortly after. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he was charged with aggravated indecent assault and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a victim under the age of 16. He is due to front Hornsby Court today.

**Galston:** Galston Gorge was closed in both directions on Monday afternoon after an oversized vehicle became stuck on Galston Rd. NSW Police and the Roads and Maritime Services were called in at 1.15pm after reports a truck had become stuck. Transport for NSW advised motorists that oversized vehicles should avoid using Galston Gorge.

Hornsby: A 20 year old man was allegedly caught stealing a stethoscope from an ambulance about 10.55am on Tuesday September 5 at Hornsby railway station. The ambulance was at the station to treat an elderly man. When the paramedics arrived a male approached them and allegedly abused a male paramedic. A few minutes later while unloading a stretcher from the ambulance the paramedic allegedly saw the same male place an item in his blue hooded jacket. There was a verbal confrontation before the male allegedly removed a stethoscope from his jacket and threw it back into the vehicle. Two minutes later police spoke to ambulance officers and a witness who had recorded the incident on his mobile phone. About 30 minutes later police found the male in William St, where he was arrested and charged with steal from motor vehicle. The male from a Horningsea Park address, is well known to Hornsby police.

**Hornsby:** \$5000 cash was stolen from a woman in the carpark of Hornsby Westfield on Monday September 4. About 12.30pm a 64-year-old female withdrew \$5000 cash from a bank in Hornsby and put it in an envelope in her handbag. When she went to her car and put the handbag on the front passenger's seat, a male tapped her on the shoulder and said 'you dropped some money'. At the rear of the car she saw a couple of \$5 notes and some coins. The male walked away and she picked up the money but when she checked her bag it was missing the

\$5000. Police attended and are reviewing CCTV footage to see if she was followed in the centre.

**Thornleigh:** A 22 year old male from a Guildford address was allegedly found with more than 25 different peoples' mail as well as drugs in his car at the Caltex service station in Thornleigh on Pennant Hills Rd about 12.30am on Sunday, July 30. Police had stopped a car on Pennant Hills Rd for a random breath test when they noticed a Toyota Camry at the petrol station that had an expired registration and had not cleared a defect notice. Due to this intelligence they searched the car and allegedly located a resealable container with three buds of plant matter police allege is cannabis as well as other property such as credit cards and about 25 separate peoples' mail from the north western Sydney area. The man allegedly failed a roadside drug test and was given a cannabis caution. Police will wait for the result of a drug test and expect the man will be charged with other offences.

**Hornsby:** A mountain bike worth \$675 was stolen from Hornsby station between 7am and 4.50pm on Monday September 4, the bike's lock was cut.

**Asquith:** Vandals flooded the Asquith community centre after breaking in between 3pm on Friday, September 1 and 3pm on Sunday, September 3. The vandals broke in by removing the hinges from the door and while inside damaged property and turned on the fire hydrant, which filled the centre with water. Toilet paper was thrown around the centre too. Forensics officers and police processed the scene and are investigating the matter for which they have a number of lines of inquiry.

### 8 September, NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force today reminded the public the Commercial Explosives Amnesty will finish next Thursday 14 September.

The amnesty commenced on 15 March 2017 and was established so members of

the public could legally and safely surrender explosives.

Acting Commander of the Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command, Acting Assistant Commissioner Mick Willing said the Commercial Explosive Amnesty has provided a safe avenue for members of the community to hand in explosives and related hazardous materials to police, and we have seen an encouraging response.

Read details here.

### 8 September, from Penrith LAC, NSW Police Force



My child is being bullied.....



Bullying should be taken seriously. Children and young people need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and that their issue will be investigated respectfully.

Has your child told you they are being bullied?

Listen calmly and get the full story

Encourage your child to talk about what happened.

Tell your child that reporting the bullying is okay.

Listen carefully. After they've told you about it, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when.

More info here.

### 8 September, Play Your Part

This National Child Protection Week, NAPCAN is proud to be launching a short 3-minute film outlining the concept of the continuum of wellbeing.

This concept is important to our work because it underpins the importance of prevention and reminds us that child abuse and neglect is not inevitable, and that there are many opportunities for everyone in the the community to help protect children.

More info here.

### 7 September: A Quiz

Here's a quick quiz. You witness a male removing 2 wheels from a recently dumped car in a suburban street. What should you do.

- A. Report it to police immediately (probable crime in progress)?
- B. Call the council to remove the car because it's balancing on bricks and dangerous?
- C. Post it on facebook because you're unsure what to do?

### D. There's a hint in the photo.

Your thoughts please in case I missed something.



### 7 September, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai: \*\*\* OPENING MONDAY-PCYC HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI \*\*\*

Check out this <u>behind the scenes video</u> of the brand new PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ringgai facility!! The club will officially be open on Monday 11/09/2017.

### Club features include:

- 2x premium Indoor Sports Courts
- Modern Gym and Fitness Facility
- Multipurpose Activity Rooms
- Fully Catered Cafe
- 90 Space Car Park

Plus much more!! Be sure to like this video and tag 2 people to go in the draw to WIN a FREE 6 Month Gym Membership!! This competition will end on Sunday 17/09/2017... so get tagging!! For further information please contact the club on **02** 

### 9477 2310 or email hornsbykuringgai@pcycnsw.org.au TODAY!!

## 6 September, from the Daily Telegraph: Hornsby: Man, 81, charged with sexual assault of 14-year-old girl

AN ELDERLY man allegedly stroked a teenage girl's hair, tried to kiss her then followed her to a toilet where he sexually assaulted her at Westfield Hornsby yesterday. Police said the 14-year-old girl was at a discount shop at the Pacific Highway complex just before 11am when an 81-year-old man allegedly approached her. She left the shop and went to a nearby toilet where the man followed her and allegedly sexually assaulted her. The girl raised the incident with security guards who alerted Ku-ring-gai police. They arrested the man at his home in Waitara shortly after. He was taken to Hornsby police station where he was charged with aggravated indecent assault and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a victim under the age of 16. He is due to front Hornsby Court today.

### 5 September, from NSW Road Safety

Increased construction across Sydney will see more trucks on our roads and changed traffic conditions. When crossing the road, look out before you step out. Watch video <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

### 5 September, from Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force



NSW Police - Ready for anything, anytime!
It takes a certain type of skill to do the work that our Officers do. NSW Police
Force, protecting our community.



### PLEASE PENCIL-IN THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY: Monday 25 September

Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch are holding their meeting starting at 8pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church lounge area. Special guest, Senior Constable Paul Cleary, our Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. Bring a neighbour and a question. You don't have to live in Turramurra in order to come to this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

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 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. <a href="Info.4">Info.4</a> booking.

**Monday 25 September:** Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 8pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church. All welcome.

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

**Saturday 03 March 2018:** The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. Info.

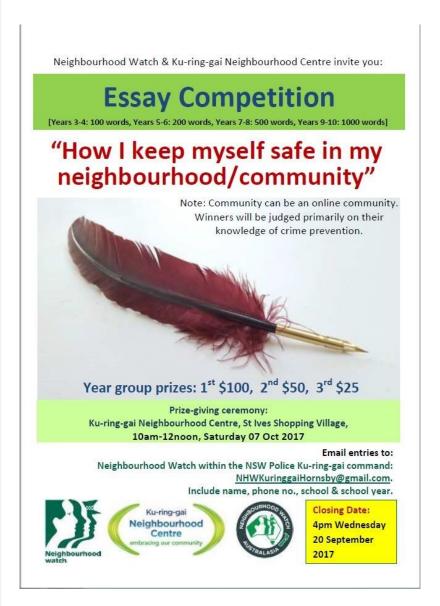
## From Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai command: Is your child entering?

Email us here for your entry form.



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

### entering?



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ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) joint event

The Essay and Colouring-in Competitions are under way! Have your

### 10am til 12pm on Saturday 07 October 2017 @ Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood

**Centre:** Prize Winners ceremony. Crime Prevention stalls, with many FREE items in a gorgeous green goodie bag, such as pens, notebooks, rulers, etc, fun photo booth, Police dress-ups, car rego plate locking screws, engravers to borrow, window stickers, balloons and CAKE! KNC volunteers will assist with local information, and Aged Care services, such as Shopping Bus and Companionship. Everyone is invited!

Email <u>NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com</u> for more information, or to offer to help on the day.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 7 September (Online Edition, click here)

Page 8 [edited]: POSSESSION of cannabis topped the list of crimes for local offenders in more than 410 NSW suburbs including 16 Hornsby suburbs between 2011 and March 2017

Exclusive data released to NewsLocal by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOCSAR) reveals where alleged offenders or 'Persons of Interest' (POIs) — who had legal action taken against them by NSW Police — reside. POIs may not be convicted in court, but were proceeded against in some way by police. In 2016 police found one cocaine dealing POI living in the suburbs of Thornleigh, Hornsby, Cherrybrook and West Pennant Hills.

Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation president Dr Alex Wodak said cocaine was used mostly by people in the east and north of Sydney on high incomes while people in the west "are more at the wholesale end".

There were more amphetamine dealing offenders living in the Hornsby area, than any other drug between 2011 and March 2017. The top suburbs of residence for them were: Waitara (7), Hornsby Heights (7), Thornleigh (3) and Hornsby (3).

## Fixing Old Northern

CHANGED traffic conditions will be in place from next Tuesday on Old Northern Rd at Dural for essential maintenance work.

Work will involve replacing large sections of asphalt and repainting road markings between Wayfield Rd and Stonelea Circuit.

Work is expected to be completed on Monday, October 16 and will be carried out between 8pm and 5am from Sunday to Thursday. A speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place during work hours.

### Page 13 [edited] BACKYARD POOL SAFETY DAMNED IN LATEST REPORT:

ROYAL Life Saving Australia is sending a chilling warning to families about the importance of backyard pool safety — as Hornsby Council reveal no fines have been issued to residents over pool safety standards.

"Visit the Royal Life Saving website and download the home pool safety checklist to make sure your pool fence, pool gate and latch is in working order. A Hornsby Council spokesman said there were about 7800 private pools across the shire. "Council inspects more than 500 of those each year," the spokesman said.

Page 14 [edited] RESIDENTS are in uproar after their sleepy rural street was transformed into what they claim is a dumping ground in Arcadia. Arcadia resident Shanna Staples and owners of neighbouring properties of Geelans Rd met Hornsby Council and Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean last month after issuing complaints about a "dumping ground". "We believe an illegal tip is operating at the site," Ms Staples said.

"The EPA is satisfied that while the material may not strictly meet the Resource Recovery Exemption Order, it does not present an immediate risk to the local environment or human health," he said.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 7 September (Online Edition here.)

## Bearing attack



About 8.30pm on Wednesday, August 30, a north shore automotive business suffered about \$50,000 worth of damage after several ball-bearings were catapulted into its windows.

The Pacific Highway business owner left the business about 7.45pm to deliver a new vehicle to a customer and returned about 8.55pm to see the damage. Nine metal ball bearings were found near the front of the dealership and police said it was suspected a slingshot was used.

Police are still investigating and are calling for information.

### ROSEVILLE

About midnight on Thursday last week, police were patrolling when they stopped a male driver from Lindfield, 26, who returned a positive breath test. He was taken to Chatswood Police Station and allegedly said he had had up to five cans of beer at a hotel in Chippendale. He received a first offence low-range drink driving charge and is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court in September.

### 9 September, NSW Rural Fire Service

With a potentially difficult and dangerous bush fire season on the way, we're working hard to get as much hazard reduction done as possible while conditions are suitable. There's a number of important controlled burns planned for areas including Sydney. Check for planned burns in your area here.



08 September, from the Australian federal Police (AFP): #WANTED for an alleged child sex offence in Slovenia.

Have you seen this man? Do you know someone named Joze Smit? He may also go by Joza or Joseph. This 56 year old Slovenian man is wanted in his home country for an alleged child sex offence. An arrest warrant has been issued which will help us to have him extradited back to Slovenia. He arrived in Australia on a

tourist visa in 2000, and vanished shortly after that. He was last seen in Melbourne in 2014. It's possible he's working in the mining industry in WA, western QLD, or western NSW. This age-progressed image is an artist's impression of what he may look like today.



If you have any information in relation to his whereabouts, call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. You can remain anonymous.

**8 September**, from the government's Stay Smart Online alert service: Multifaceted email ransomware campaign currently underway

A new campaign is using multiple methods to try and trick you into downloading ransomware onto your computer. The first method uses a fake email that claims to

be from eBay, with a common subject line 'Your invoice for eBay purchases (098871971234567#)'. The 'click' link leads to a web page designed to download ransomware onto your computer. The invoice number changes for each email. The fake email looks extremely convincing and is almost identical to a genuine eBay email.

### More info at this link



7 September, Recall: Kettle Fried Potato Chips

"White rubber pieces"



The NSW Food Authority advises: Snack Brands Australia has recalled Kettle Sea Salt and Kettle Rosemary and Sea Salt from Coles and Woolworths stores in NSW and VIC due to the potential presence of foreign matter (white rubber pieces).

#### Product details:

- Kettle Sea Salt, 175g and 300g, packets
- Kettle Rosemary and Sea Salt, 175g, packets
- Best Before 11NOV17

Read more here.

### From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire Issues:

**Tip #2**. BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA. Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 300 333 000.

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

Emergency Plan' App.

**Tip #4.** CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER FOR FURTHER STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CRIME. [A Safety Audit of your home is available FREE on request—phone: 9476 9723 or visit www.police.nsw.gov.au.] **Tip#5.** PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 02.

**Tip #8.** KNOW ABOUT TOTAL FIRE BANS: *X* CHECK THE RFS WEBSITE, OR PHONE RFS INFORMATION LINE ON 1800 679 737 TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE. *X* BEWARE SPARKS: BBQs, incinerators, welding, angle-grinders, cigarettes, etc. *X* KNOW THE LAW: eg, to use an the electric/gas BBQ you must have available "an immediate and continuous supply of water". *X* TOTAL FIRE BAN & CURRENT FIRE DANGER CAN BE FOUND AT: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

<u>Email us here</u> 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.

### 7 September, from the NSW Centre for Road Safety: Drop-off and Pick-up initiative

Some schools and councils use No Parking areas, signed as Drop-off and Pick-up, Kiss and Ride, or Kiss and Drop zones, to provide parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school by car.

These areas, always on the school side of the road, provide convenience for drivers and improve children's safety. Parents and carers are able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe.

The school Drop-off and Pick-up initiative includes a volunteer adult supervisor, who assists children in and out of the vehicle. The Drop-off and Pick-up initiative allows:

- Drivers to drop off or pick up students legally at busy times at the beginning and end of the school day
- A volunteer adult supervisor to marshal the students at the designated school gate
- The driver to pull into the Drop-off and Pick-up zone and remain in control of the vehicle while a volunteer adult supervisor assists the school student to exit or enter the vehicle

Read more here.

**6 September: Neighbourhood Watch** supported our Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona Zhou, with a crime prevention stall at an expo at Waitara Public School this afternoon. It went very well. Balloons, tattoos, fingerprinting and our kids photo booth were the biggest hit. Thank you to JupiterandJune for designing, making and donating the photo booth. Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartments was happily received by many parents. Need a copy? Email us: <a href="https://www.needis.com">NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com</a>.



### www.watchout.org.au

We are creating a new website called WatchOut.org.au which will have an A-to-Z Index pointing you to all the good crime prevention information that is available on the internet from government and not-for-profit organisations. Please can you help us choose the logo? Which is your favourite and why? Email us here. Thank you.









































































Do you live in the Killara area? Or know someone who does? Please would you let them know about one of our newer Neighbourhood Watch Facebook pages, Neighbourhood Watch - Killara? Thank you.



## From the government's Stay Smart Online: When shopping online, be cautious and trust your instincts.

Only use reliable websites and when it comes to paying, make sure you use a secure method, such as credit card or PayPal.

### More tips here.



### 5 September: Recall: Rafferty's Garden Happy Tummies Vegetable Risotto



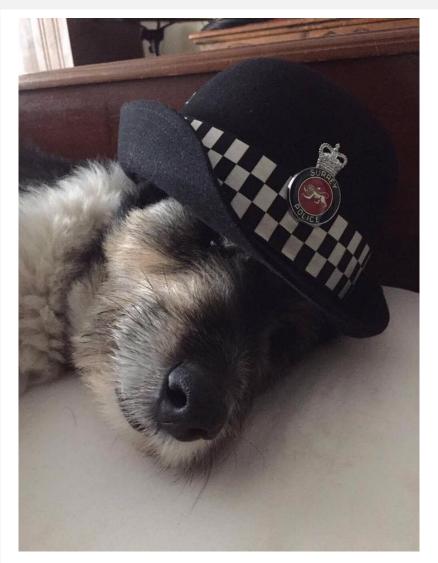
### The NSW Food Authority advises:

PZ Cussons Australia Pty Ltd has recalled Rafferty's Garden Happy Tummies Vegetable Risotto from Coles and IGA in NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, and WA, Sigma Healthcare in NSW, QLD, VIC and SA, Big W in NSW and SA, Woolworths in VIC and WA, and Awesome Warehouse in WA due to the potential presence of foreign matter (glass).

### Product details:

- Rafferty's Garden Happy Tummies Vegetable Risotto, 120g, plastic pouch
- Best Before 10 AUG 2018 and 12 AUG 2018

Click <u>here</u> for details.



Thank you to UK Cop Humour.

### **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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