



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.

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22 December, from Surf Life Saving Australia: Do you know what causes a rip?

The best way to avoid a rip is to swim between the red and yellow flags. We have a video that will help you by explaining how rips form, how you can identify them. [More info on Rip currents here.](#)

21 December, from NSW Police Force: Protect Your Marine Craft

Heading out in your boat or jet-ski over summer? Check out these tips to keep your water craft safe from theft and damage.

[Click here for video.](#)



21 December, from Albury Police command: Are you ready for the school holidays, the kids are home and there is more time spent in and near the

pool, here are some tips.

KEEP WATCH

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM DROWNING

EVERYBODY DESERVES A VACATION

Royal Life Saving

NSW

Make this weekend your...

HOME POOL SAFETY WEEKEND

CHECK IT. FIX IT. WATCH IT.

Visit our website to get your home pool safety checklist
www.homepoolsafety.com.au

HOME POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST

ELIMINATE CHILD DROWNING THIS SUMMER

Over the last five years over 150 Australian children under the age of five drowned. While all of these drowning deaths are preventable, it is the 50% that occur in home swimming pools where **your immediate action can make a difference**. Home pool fencing and effective supervision can reduce these tragic drowning deaths to zero. Royal Life Saving is targeting every home pool owner with a basic reminder to check, fix and maintain their home pool and surrounds this summer in order to eliminate child drowning.

Disclaimer: This checklist does not substitute for a pool inspection and is for educational purposes only. Pool owners should consider getting a professional assessment of their pool's compliance.

SWIMMING POOL GATE

- Must open outward from pool
- Latch must be more than 1.5m from the ground

- Must be self closing and self latching
- Must latch shut on the first swing

Does gate swing back to the closed position after being opened?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Replace hinges
Does gate latch and stay closed after it returns to the closed position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Replace latch
Is gate secure so that it can't be pulled open once latched?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Fix or replace latch
Is gate secure and doesn't open if a child bounces on the bottom rail of the gate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Fix or replace latch
Are you aware of the dangers of propping the gate open?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Never prop gate open
Is the gap between the gate and the fence less than 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Reduce the gap

SWIMMING POOL FENCE

- Secure and in good working order
- No more than 100mm from the ground

- Should be at least 1.2m high
- No vertical gaps more than 100mm apart

Are all of the fence panels in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Replace fence panels
Are all of the fence panels securely attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Secure panels
Have you checked the fence for gaps or holes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Check and fix fence
Is the distance between the bottom rail and the ground less than 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Reduce the gap
Have you checked for rusted, loose or missing screws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Check and replace


AROUND THE SWIMMING POOL FENCE

- Pool aids and toys should be stored securely and out of view
- Objects that could be used to climb the fence should be removed from the area

Have climbable objects near the pool fence been removed? i.e. chairs, ladders, trees, pot plants, BBQ's.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Store objects away from fence
Are toys always removed from the pool and stored securely after use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Store toys securely
Have trees or shrubs near the fence been trimmed so that children can't use them to climb the fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Trim trees and shrubs


SUPERVISION	
• Adult supervision in combination with pool fencing is the most effective method of preventing your child from drowning	
When using the pool are you always within arms' reach of any child under 5 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Always supervise your child around water
Are you aware of the dangers of leaving older children to supervise younger children when they are using the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - An adult should always be supervising children
During parties is an adult designated 'child supervisor' duties around the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - An adult should always be supervising children
PUMP, GRATES AND SUCTION	
• Ensure that no fitting is broken or missing	
Are all of the pool's suction fittings and plumbing grates/covers securely in place and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Secure loose fittings and replace broken or missing fittings
Do all pool users (including supervising adults) know where and how to switch off the pool/spa pump system in case of an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Show all people where to switch off the pump prior to using the pool
When using the pool do all people with long hair have it tied back securely in a bun or plait or are they wearing a swimming cap?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Long hair should be tied back or under a cap
EMERGENCY PREPARATION	
• Up to date CPR and First Aid Skills - Call Royal Life Saving today to book a course on 1300 737 763 • Resuscitation Sign prominent in pool area	
Do you or your family members have up to date Resuscitation and First Aid skills?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Enrol in a CPR or First Aid course.
Does your house have a First Aid Kit handy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Buy First Aid Kit
Is there a current Resuscitation Sign displayed prominently in the pool area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Buy and install Resuscitation Sign
CHEMICALS	
• Should be stored securely, out of view and out of children's reach	
Are pool chemicals stored securely, out of view and out of reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Always store chemicals out of reach of children
Do you use protective equipment (gloves, goggles) when handling pool chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Purchase and use appropriate protective equipment
Do you, when using pool chemicals, add the chemical to water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Always add chemicals to water NOT water into chemicals
Do you use clean or original chemical containers when mixing chemicals to avoid vapours from incompatible chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Always use clean or original chemical containers to mix chemicals
Do you read the Safety Directions and Directions For Use label on the pool chemicals before use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Always read the instructions before using
ELECTRICITY	
• Electricity and water do not mix. • A Residual Current Device (RCD) or Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB) can save lives	
Do you have a RCD or RCCB on power supply?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Have a RCD or RCCB installed

Visit www.homepoolsafety.com.au and learn how to prevent children from drowning.



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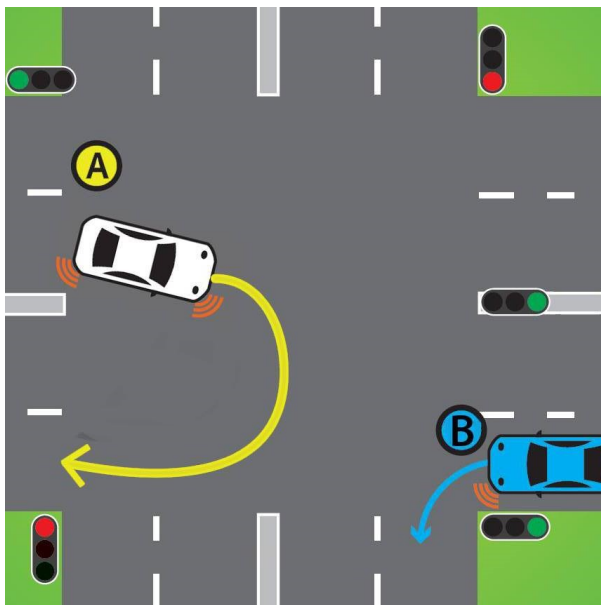
[Email us here](#), for a copy in your inbox.

21 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW Government: Double demerits start at midnight tonight and continue until 11:59pm on Monday 1 January. Police will target speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and helmet offences. We all have a part to play in reducing the road toll. [#TowardsZero](#). [More info here](#).

20 December, from The NRMA: TEST TIME: You are in Vehicle A, is It legal to make a U-turn at this intersection?


Yes

No




TEST TIME ANSWER: A driver must not make a U-turn at an intersection with traffic lights unless there is a U-turn permitted sign at the intersection. [More info here.](#)

20 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: ARE YOU PLANNING A HOLIDAY THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?


 Check that everything is locked and secured before leaving. Lock ALL windows, doors, garden shed, gates, garages and any other areas of your home that are able to be secured.

 Ask a friend or neighbour to park in your driveway.

 Ask trusted friends or neighbours to clear your mailbox and check on your home occasionally while you are away; advise them of where you can be contacted.

 Make sure that the lawn does not become overgrown.

 Stop all deliveries that you are expecting.

 Ensure your phone message doesn't state that you are away on holidays as this may give thieves the information that they desire.

 Pay essential services bills in advance: electricity, gas, water, telephone so

that your supply continues while you're away.

💎 If valuable items are left in the home ensure that your Property Inventory is up-to-date.

🔌 Lock the electricity meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply or security lighting (contact your local electricity provider for more information).

👮♂️ Check with your local police station to see if they offer patrol services for unattended residences during holiday season.

🚗 When packing for a holiday, avoid packing your vehicle the night before as it will become an attractive target for a thief.

If you have information that can help police solve a crime in relation to Break and Enters, please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7).

19 December, from NSW Police Force: NEVER leave children, pets, or the elderly in cars on a hot day.

Temperatures can reach over 70 degrees very quickly!

ON A HOT DAY THERE'S LITTLE DIFFERENCE



TEMPERATURES CAN REACH UP TO 70 DEGREES

19 December, from Transport for NSW: From 29 December to 14 January, buses will replace some train services between Berowra, Hornsby, Epping, Gordon and Central on the T1 North Shore & Northern Line and Central Coast & Newcastle Line.

Hornsby Junction is set to undergo a major infrastructure upgrade, with trackwork scheduled over a 17 day period, starting from **Friday 29 December** and concluding **Sunday 14 January**. These infrastructure works are to allow for improved services and increases in capacity in the future. [Local info here.](#)

Plan ahead using transportnsw.info.



19 December, from NSW Police Force: Santa's little elf-er at [PolAir - NSW](#)



19 December, from NSW Police Force: Going away?

Check your oil, check your tyres and download the Emergency + app. It could just save your life.

[App Store click here.](#)

[Google play click here.](#)



19 December, from NSW Police Force: Specialist NSW Police officers will be armed with Colt M4 semi-automatic rifles from today as part of an increased capability to protect the community.

47 officers from the Public Order and Riot Squad have completed training and have been issued with the first Colt M4 rifles as part of the initial roll-out.

[Video and full Media Release here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

Over the Xmas holiday, we will be making public our two new Neighbourhood Watch websites: www.NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au and www.WatchOut.org.au. What a great Christmas present to the community! Our volunteers have been working tirelessly, and although we are aiming for Xmas Day, we don't want to pressure our NHW elves too much - we're happy when they are happy. So.... some time over the Xmas holiday period, please would you take a look at these websites and give us your feedback. If they aren't available, please try again in a few days. [We'll remind you - ed]

www.NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au is a new updated version of our existing website. It has information about what we are trying to do in the community, has crime prevention advice (Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips... series) to download, and event information, eNewsletter signup, contact us, etc.

www.WatchOut.org.au is our new website to be formally launched in February 2018. It has an A-to-Z Index to all the crime prevention information currently available on the internet. There is lots of good advice out there, but who knows about it? And who knows where it is? We have popped it all at your fingertips.

Thank you to Darryn and Damien for their hard work on these projects. Also thaks to Jess for her artistic assistance. The websites are created in WordPress, enabling our volunteers to update them with limited computer skills. The hosting and artwork has been funded by the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Community Funding Program and undertaken generously by local volunteers. This is a first in the state, nay country, nay the world! Please tell your friends, and as requested - we would really appreciate your feedback please, whether positive or negative.

Following the incorporation of all of your constructive comments, we will be looking at a formal launch in February 2018.



Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 18 January: First aid course for young people 8:45 AM -4:30 PM
@ Gordon Library - Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon Cost \$90 (incl
course & lunch) Ph: 9424 0981 [Info.](#)

Friday 26 January: Happy Australia Day!

February: Formal launch of www.watchout.org.au

Monday 12 February 2018: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @
Gordon Police Station (tbc)

Saturday 03 March: The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara
Golf Club. [Info.](#)

Monday 19 March: Ku-ring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC)
meeting.

24 December, from Berowra Community Page. Thanks Ben.

The spirit of giving is alive and well In Berowra. Thanks to whoever left this t-shirt for me. After ransacking my old car last night and not finding anything of value at all, you may have thought that I needed it more than you did. Very kind of you leave it INSIDE my car for me but I don't need it. Or maybe you stole it from the car before mine and didn't want to carry it? Either way, if you'd like it back if be happy to drop it off for you, just let me know your details.

Don't leave any valuable in you car people. The scum bags are out and about again. We're on Hillcrest Rd.



From NSW Road Safety - NSW Government: Do you know what to do if your car was to break down?

Our tips will help keep you safe on the road these holidays. [#TowardsZero](#)

[More info here:](#) Top 10 tips, Breakdown Safety glove box guide, Breakdown Safety Strategy - A Way Forward.

Breakdown safety tips

1. Activate your hazard lights.	6. Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.
2. Find a safe spot to pull over.	7. Call roadside assistance.
3. Park your vehicle away from the traffic.	8. Check for traffic if leaving your vehicle.
4. Do not attempt to change a tyre unless it is safe to do so.	9. Leave your vehicle from the safest side, away from traffic.
5. Activate your parking lights in poor visibility.	10. Avoid crossing the road.



21 December, yesterday, from the Berowra Community Page: BREAK AND ENTER!

Today between 9 and 1 our house on Berowra Waters Road has been broken into

and trashed. If you know me or saw anyone at our place or anything suspicious can you please let me know. Police have come, waiting on finger printing. Check your houses please as this is the first house that has been reported.

They obviously had some sort of christmas spirit as they have not touched the christmas tree or the presents hidden.

Two men stockish build have been seen leaving in a red car parked in front of our neighbour's house.

They did not get in easy so please be vigilant. Our poor pups are suffering from being fed an entire extra large bag of food.

Berowra is a beautiful community it just sucks we have scumbags target these quiet areas.

And in the comments: We were burgled at a very similar time on a Thursday at the end of July - also on BWR - stole lots of jewellery including heirloom pieces passed down in our family which we are still very sad about.

20 December, from CareFlight: CareFlight's medical teams helped 350 patients throughout Australia last month.

Our helicopters and fixed wing aeroplanes ventured to a variety of remote, regional as well as city locations, including Adelaide, Arnhem Land, Bynoe, Dundee Beach, Glenworth Valley, Mooney Mooney, Scotland Island and Turramurra.

20 December, from the Pymble and West Pymble Community. Thanks Emma.

Dialling up the festive spirit with free calls for Christmas From 24 to 26 December, we'll be offering free local and national calls, plus standard calls to mobiles, from Telstra home phones and our 16,000+ payphones located across the country. Plus, Australians will also be able to hook up to free Wi-Fi at selected Telstra Air public hotspots.

[More info here.](#)

20 December, from North Shore Mums group. Thanks Julia:

FYI - I've just rung the Gordon police to report this. Just to be aware. I was at

Cameron park Turramurra earlier and a man came in to the park (there was no one else in there at this point) and stood about 3 metres away from where I was with my two daughters on the swings. I immediately felt quite intimidated as he was just staring at us and kept looking round to see who else was around. I don't want to scare anyone but also want everyone to just be aware. It could have been totally innocent but for me my instinct was to get out of the park. When we got the pram to leave, this guy picked up his coat and went and stood in front of the exit which would have blocked our way. So I quickly turned around and went out the opposite exit. 😬

20 December, from MyGC: URGENT RECALL: ATTENTION ALL RANGER OWNERS!

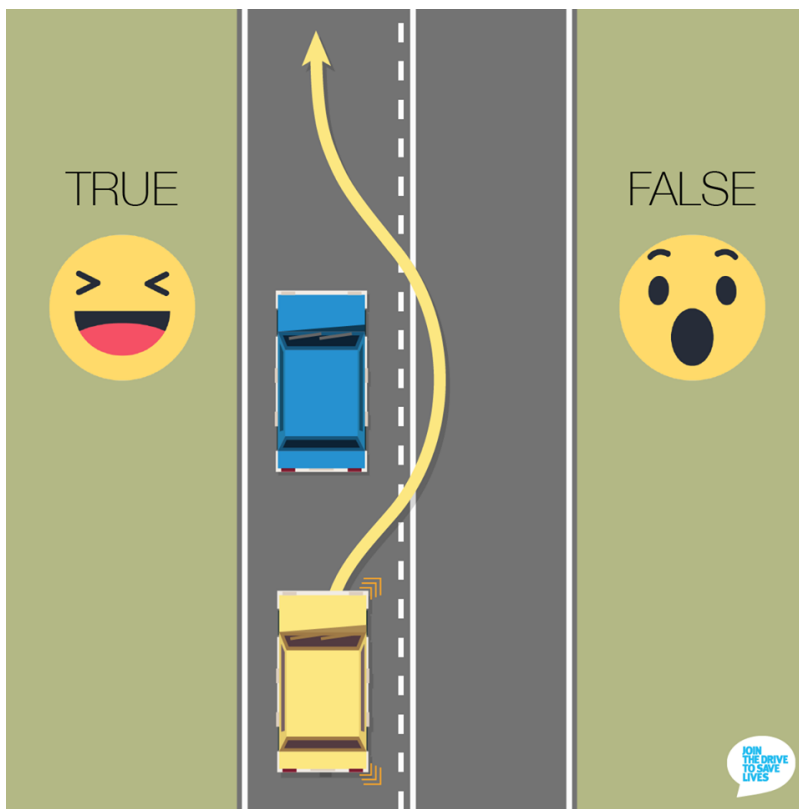
FORD Australia has issued a major recall of 59,254 Ranger utes over fears they may catch fire 🔥🌿

[DETAILS HERE.](#)

19 December, from Join the Drive: True or false: the yellow car is legally allowed to overtake the blue car if it is safe to do so.

😂😏 - True

😱😏 - False



Join the Drive **Answer:** The centre line is broken on the left side, which means the yellow car can overtake the blue car if it is safe to do so. You can also turn or do a U-turn across this type of line.

19 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: A CASE of stolen identity has a Berowra woman demanding Service NSW change the way it releases driver's licences. Have you had your mail stolen?

Woman who had her mail redirected calls for Service NSW to return to on-the-spot issuing of cards.

A CASE of stolen identity has a Berowra woman demanding Service NSW change the way it releases driver's licences. Kanada Barrie, 33, applied for a new licence at Service NSW Hornsby on November 16. Several days later an unauthorised mail redirection using her licence was submitted. She received a letter advising her of this but couldn't stop the redirection. "My identity has been stolen thanks to the way that Service NSW release driver's licences back to the card holder, and no one is doing anything to help me fix this mess," Ms Barrie said.

[Full article here.](#)



Kanada Barrie poses for a photo by her letter box at home in Berowra. Pic: AAP Image/Joel Carrett

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Closest within our Ku-ring-gai police command is at **Officeworks, Hornsby**.

From Sunbury SES: SES INFORMATION- DRIVERS ADVICE- What do I do if I see an emergency vehicle coming up behind me?

Is a question we get all the time here at Sunbury SES, from people wanting to do the right thing. Checkout this video made by all the services explaining some tips and tricks that you can use when you encounter an emergency vehicle on its way to an emergency.

[Check it out here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 21 December. [View online version here.](#)

Page 3: Steggles Foods at Mt Ku-ring-gai has been convicted and fined \$84,000 after causing an ammonia gas leak that made two employees ill. [edited]

Page 9: Street Watch / In the Courts

MT COLAH Police are investigating an incident after a woman was hospitalised

following a pursuit and crash north of Mt Colah on Friday at 8.30pm. The incident happened when highway patrol officers tried to stop a Honda Accord on the M1 after it was allegedly detected speeding. Police activated their sirens and started a pursuit. Moments later the driver of the Honda lost control, crashed into a wall and flipped the car on to its roof, trapping the 48-year-old driver inside. Fire and Rescue firefighters rescued the woman from the wreckage and she was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital. Her injuries were not considered lifethreatening. Inquiries are continuing and police are asking for any witnesses to the incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A Wahroonga man who moved to Australia from Hong Kong has been fined \$1000 after riding 112km/h on his motorbike in a 60km/h zone on the Pacific Highway at Gordon. Senior product manager James Edward Moon, 44, appeared before Hornsby Court last week. Moon moved to Australia two years ago. On top of the fine, Moon was banned from driving for six months, minus the five he has already spent off the road since the July incident.

A bus driver taking students to school was fined \$100 after speeding in a Pennant Hills school zone, Hornsby Court heard. Malcolm David, 69, of Springfield, was driving 57km/h in a 40km/h zone on Pennant Hills Rd.

A Nigerian national who does not have an Australian licence racked up 14 demerit points in a year, enough to have lost his licence if he did have one, Hornsby Court heard. Victor Obi, 33, of Middle Dural, pleaded guilty to two driving charges when he was travelling on Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights, on November 9. He was fined \$400.

Making your house look lived in [Page 16]

IF anything can go wrong, it's bound to happen when you're on holiday, right? Returning home from a memorable time away and learning something has gone seriously wrong at home can be downright devastating. Home security and pet care expert Natasha Morgan shares tips to make sure that your home doesn't become a statistic these holidays.

USE TIMED LIGHTING Light timers are one of the most underrated home security tools on the market. Use two light timers, setting one to turn on lights in the living room when it gets dark, and then off just before a second timer turns on lights in a bedroom for an hour or so in the evening.

LEAVE YOUR SHOES OUT Leave a pair of your old shoes at the front door and at the back door. This will create the illusion that someone is inside. If in the rare instance, someone was to look through a window, it's also a good idea to leave a few things scattered around that make the home look lived in. Nothing looks more like you've gone away than an immaculate living space, so leave an open book and a pair of glasses on the arm of a chair or a few toys in the middle of the floor.

GET THE MAIL COLLECTED It's a good idea to arrange for a property specialist, or at the least, a friend or relative, to collect your mail and any newspapers or junk mail from your driveway, sweep your front porch, and perform a quick home check on your house.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BINS When rubbish sits in a garage or outside for a week or more, it not only creates a bad smell but can attract the wrong people. Just imagine — if everyone else's bins are out and empty in the neighbourhood while yours is stuffed to the brim and still in the driveway, it's quite likely to signify that someone hasn't been home for a long period of time.

ADJUST THE CURTAINS Having everything drawn can create too much attention. Consider asking someone to open and close your curtains at appropriate times for you.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 21 December. [View online version here.](#)

Page 11: 'Lucky' break saved teen [edited]

How police collaboration and some good fortune led to New York rescue of abducted Lindfield girl

GUT instinct and a "bit of luck" helped a NSW Police officer track down a missing Lindfield teenager in the US, after a convicted criminal groomed her online. Sergeant Ashley Clifford was the first to look into the case, after the 16-year-old's mum reported her disappearance to north shore police on April 11. Several clues including details from her Snapchat account – which police were given access to under an emergency disclosure request – as well as an Australia Post receipt and tracking number found in her room eventually led officers to the address of Sean Price's mum in the suburbs of New York.

Sgt Clifford contacted Interpol and the Australian Federal Police who co-ordinated

with the New York Police Department (NYPD). “The Federal Police human trafficking team picked up (the case) and got in contact with me,” he said. “There happened to be a New York detective ... working in Sydney with the AFP. He made some phone calls and then (we sent) all the information we had ... back to the NYPD and that’s how they got it. “They arrested Price right at the beginning and their boss called homeland security to see if they were interested because they thought it might be more a human trafficking case.

Page 15, Street Watch:

L I N D F I E L D A garage in Lindfield was broken into, with \$27,000 in property being stolen. The incident occurred between 1pm on December 15 and 10am on December 16, when an unknown offender gained entry into the unlocked garage on the Pacific Highway. Clothing, jewellery, DVDs and luggage was stolen. Anyone with information is asked to contact Chatswood Police.

P Y M B L E A West Pymble man pled guilty after being caught driving more than four times over the limit in October. Matthew Fernandes, 36, drove his car down a grass embankment and into a tree at 2am on October 28. He was later stopped by paramedics, who found him staggering down the road. Fernandez returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.213. He later confessed to drinking four litres of wine before driving. He has been fined \$500 and suspended from driving for seven months.

From Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes:

Tip# 16. Record description/model/serial number for all valuable property. Photograph all jewellery, alongside a ruler for scale. Keep these records off-site. Consider borrowing a FREE engraver and/or FREE UV light pen from your local Crime Prevention Officer and engraving/mark your property with your Driver’s Licence Number. Check adequate levels of insurance cover.

Tip# 17. Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Supervise them all the time in your home. You are probably NOT insured for theft by tradesmen or visitors - this includes party guests and buyers at a garage sale.

Tip# 18. Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.

Tip# 19. Suggest an arrangement with neighbours for when any of you are on vacation, eg for regularly checking your home, clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, mowing grass strips, etc. Consider placing old items on the washing line. NEVER advertise your travel plans on social media. Consider re-directing/holding your mail.

Tip# 20. Consider promoting a dog on site: a dog water dish, dog lead and warning signs. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can 'bark' (or 'chirrup') as a warning/deterrent.

Email us here for a copy in your inbox and details of others in the '20 Tips' series.



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:



Website nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au



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