



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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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 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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10 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police command: Some good advice from [Victoria Police](#).



Stay straight and brake

Never swerve to avoid wildlife on the road. You risk rolling your vehicle, hitting a tree or colliding with oncoming traffic

- 1 Slow down at dusk and dawn
- 2 Kangaroos travel in mobs (groups), there usually will be more than one in the area
- 3 If a collision is unavoidable **stay straight and brake**

In an emergency call 000



09 June, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: #loadfail (2018 finalist)

Numerous calls from members of the public about overweight load on utility. Vehicles front wheels seen to lift off the ground when vehicle in motion on several occasions. 10:30am today, Mona Vale Rd St Ives. Vehicle intercepted by Kuring Gai Highway Patrol. Load was 1440kg of cement bags. 72 x 20kg bags of cement. Vehicle has a GVM of 3t and when stopped had a combined weight (vehicle and load) of 3.5t. Infringement issued for overweight vehicle \$839.



08 June, from the Ray Hadley Morning Show: Despite new cameras, the overlength truck still drove through the Galston Gorge!

A truck has caused chaos at the Galston Gorge this morning, crashing and spilling diesel everywhere. The truck was reportedly overlength but didn't get stuck. It crashed into the bridge at the bottom of the gorge, damaging the bridge and the truck's fuel tank.

UPDATE | Truckie fined over Galston Gorge chaos



[Full article here.](#)

08 June, from NSW Roads Safety: Test Your Tired Self

[Test yourself here.](#)

07 June, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT! It's fine to ignore this fake infringement. Via Revenue NSW

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

Infringements Act 2006
Infringements(Reporting and Prescribed Details and Forms) Regulations 2006
Notice to the Owner This is an 'Infringement Notice' in relation to the Road safety Road Rules 2009

FAKE

Ticket No.819963
Date May 30 2018
Council - City Council
Officer ID 31363
Officer Name Adrien Wilkerson
Parking - LONGER THAN INDICATED
Penalty \$60.81
Due Date 05/06/2018

Links to malware

View Infringement Notice

This infringement penalty must be paid by the Due Date.
Failure to pay the infringement penalty by the Due Date may result in further enforcement action being taken and incurring further costs.

05 June, from 7 News Sydney: Asquith: Three people have stab wounds after a wild incident broke out at a birthday celebration in an apartment on Peats Ferry Road. Iranian interpreters are at Hornsby police station assisting police with their investigation.

Police Statement: An investigation has commenced after police were called to a unit in Asquith overnight. About 10.35pm (Monday 4 June 2018), police attended a unit on Peats Ferry Road, Asquith following reports of people arguing. On arrival officers found a 32-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man uninjured inside. A second woman, aged 28, was found lying on the floor suffering a wound. NSW Ambulance paramedics treated the injured woman before taking her to Hornsby Hospital where she remains in a stable condition. As investigations commenced, officers were informed that a man had presented at Hornsby Hospital with critical stab wounds. Investigations suggest he may have been in the Asquith unit prior to attending the hospital. He remains in intensive care. A crime scene has been established at the Peats Ferry Road premises while the 32-year-old woman and the 33-year-old man were arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where inquiries continue.



05 June, from Hornsby Shire Council: ON THE ROAD – PENNANT HILLS

Don't get caught out in Pennant Hills – by mid June, right turns are not allowed anymore in and out of George Street to/from Pennant Hills Road. Roads and Maritime Services will ban right turns from the night of Sunday 17 June to increase safety at this intersection.

[More info here.](#)

05 June, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer:

How to nurture a child's mental health



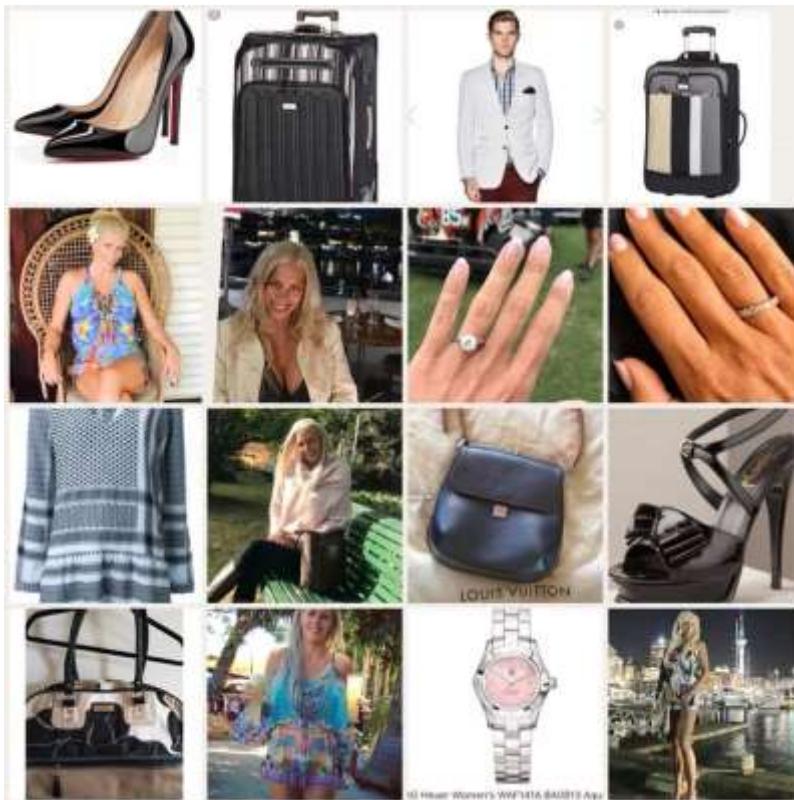
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08 June: A warning and a request for help.

Help please mums 🚨 we moved to **Westbrook Ave, Wahroonga** two weeks ago. Today I came home to find the house ransacked and everything gone. I mean everything. Right down to the foxtel box and all my clothes and shoes. This would have taken someone hours to do...Please if anyone saw a vehicle in the driveway loading up opposite the Claude Cameron dog park please let me know or **Hornsby Police ASAP Phone: 9476 9799**. Mainly ladies high end items and electronics stolen but also documents and anything and everything.

updated with pics of property taken some of the more 'likely to try and be sold' items. Some of these are small runs and the Spencer Rutherford luggage is quite

recognizable. Clothing is all size 8 to 12. Shoes 39 to 41 depending on brands. At least 7 to 8 suitcases have been taken, someone must have seen something 🤫



09 June, from Nathan Tilbury: HORNSBY COUNCIL'S FERAL CAT TRAPPING PROGRAM RESULTS TO DATE [edited]

I have received a lot of support from residents for the feral cat trapping program recently commenced by Hornsby Council and after eight weeks it is a good time to look at the results to date.

41 feral cats have been captured since the program commenced which on average one feral cat per day, with no sign of things slowing down. Once a feral cat is caught it is humanely euthanised by a veterinarian.

6 Kittens have also been caught and they have been sent to rescue organizations to be rehomed.

To date just one domestic micro-chipped cat has been caught. This was in bushland in Berowra and it was returned to its owner.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 20 June: Friends Of Mount Colah Meeting 2 for 2018. 6:15-8:15pm

@ Mt Colah Pizzeria, 5/599 Pac Hwy, Mt Colah

Saturday 23 June: Aussie Rock for KYDS. 730-11pm @ Pennant Hills Bowling Club. [Info & Tix.](#)

Sunday 01 July - Sunday 30 September: NSW Firearms Amnesty

Sunday 09 September: St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival 10am-4pm. [Info](#).

Friday 21 September: Colour of KYDS Fundraising Lunch 2018. [Info](#)

Friday 05 October: Walk to Work Day

2019:

Friday 08 March: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter fundraiser - Strength is her Superpower. International Women's Day 2019.

Sunday 07 April: Lindfield Rotary Fun Run.

07 June: HIT AND RUN! I need some urgent help.

My husband has been involved in a road rage incident on Pacific Highway on Tuesday evening at **KILLARA** (heading towards the city) at approx 7pm. A woman (wearing a brown flannelette check shirt) driving an old white Nissan van, hit the front of him, stopped and then threatened to stab him when he asked for her details. She then got into her car and purposefully reversed into his white 4WD Hilux - hitting him in the process and throwing him into the middle lane of pacific hwy before speeding away. He was transported to Hornsby hospital via ambulance receiving treatment for a dislocation, and scrapes and bruises.

If anyone saw this incident, please contact Gordon Police Station so that she can not turn this around to try to blame him. [**Phone Hornsby Police station: 9476 9799** - Ed]



From the North Shore Times, Thursday 07 June: [\[online edition here.\]](#)

Pages 22 and 23 [edited]: Safety upgrade for St Ives junction

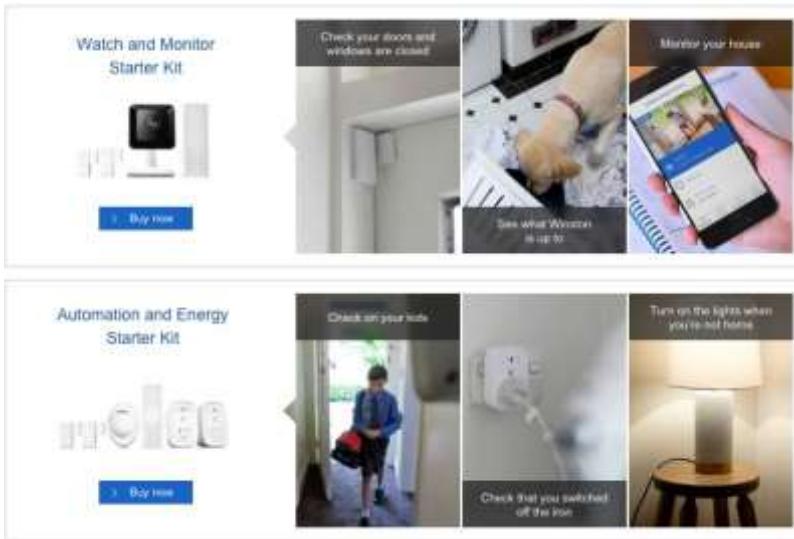
New signs and median for black spot intersection

A DANGEROUS intersection in St Ives will soon get a \$300,000 safety upgrade. Works at the Mona Vale Rd and Douglas St intersection will help reduce accidents at a black spot where 12 people injured in crashes needed hospital treatment in the five years to 2016. A raised median strip and the installation of no-right turn signs will address the issue of opposing vehicles turning into the intersection, the cause of two-thirds of the crashes.

TELSTRA SMART HOME

The Telstra Smart Home app lets you set up automated instructions to tell your smart home cameras, lights and sensors what to do, and when to do it. You only need to set up automations once and the Telstra Smart Home Hub will remember them for you.

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We can only bring it to your attention. You must do your own research. This is an example of a product that can automate lights etc so as to make your home look lived in whilst you are away.



From the latest draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel"

Tip#15: ALWAYS REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR or harassment.

Familiarise yourself with local emergency numbers and program them into your phone (see Australia below).

Tip#16: REQUEST A ROOM ON A FLOOR OTHER THAN THE LOWEST – most crimes happen on the lower floors. Acquire or photograph the fire escape plan on the back of your hotel door. Keep a flashlight next to the bed and within arm's reach.

Tip#17: KEEP THE 'DO NOT DISTURB' SIGN ON THE HOTEL DOOR, even when unoccupied. Keep the drapes/blinds pulled at all times, even when unoccupied. Do not rely on hotel room safes - carry passport & anything of value at all times.

Tip#18: USE A MOBILE PHONE APP to let people know exactly where you are, using Apps such as Glympse, Find My Friends. See www.WatchOut.org.au/Personal.

Tip#19: USE A MOTION ALARM that can be placed over the hotel doorknob, or a door-stopper alarm, or a simple rubber wedge to place under the door. Request an extra key at the front desk, so no one will know if you're traveling alone.

For further advice visit the [travel page on our WatchOut! website](#), and read/download the 20 Tips series on our NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/Tips webpage or request your copy by emailing NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

06 June, from the Hornsby Advocate:

An 89-year-old shoplifter has been foiled after trying to walk out of a Coles supermarket without paying for groceries twice in one day. Police said the man purchased items from the supermarket in Westfield Hornsby on Monday about 10.30am but did not pay for two, 3L containers of olive oil. He then returned shortly after and allegedly collected 3.8kg of tomatoes before walking out of the store again. Security approached him and police were contacted. Police said the man has a history of shoplifting. He is due to face Hornsby Court on Wednesday, July 11.

MORE POLICE NEWS FROM ACROSS HORNSBY REGION:

Hornsby: A man has been arrested after allegedly masturbating on a train. A passenger on the Newcastle-bound train alerted a train guard on Sunday about 8.55pm after the 33-year-old Central Coast man started touching himself. The train stopped at Hornsby train station where police arrested the man. He was taken to Hornsby police station and will front Hornsby Court on July 4.

Dural: A man allegedly asked a 15-year-old girl to get into his vehicle at a carpark on Old Northern Rd on Thursday about 11am. Two people with bright yellow shirts were getting into a car when one of them called out to the girl 'Hey sweetie hop in the car' as she walked by. She said no and left the area before contacting police. Police have encouraged parents to remind their children about important Safe People, Safe Places messages. People with any information about the incident are asked to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Hornsby: A man will face court after police found a small bag of crystals alleged to be ice in his possession. Police approached the man at an address on Sherbrook Rd about noon on Tuesday. The man was searched and police found the bag. He will face Hornsby Court on June 27.

Turramurra: A man was allegedly spotted masturbating while driving his car on the Pacific Highway on Friday about 5pm. Another driver contacted police after she saw him staring at her and biting his lip while he touched himself. The man was driving a small, black Toyota.

TIGHTER RULES FOR AIRBNB

SYDNEYSIDERS will be limited to letting out their homes on Airbnb for 180 days a year as the State Government finally announced a crackdown this afternoon on the popular online accommodation platform.

[Article available in Hornsby Advocate online version, page 10](#)

~~The 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips online version has just~~

gained a new PEDESTRIANS version.

Please go to our [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au/TIPS](#) page and download the pdf for your copy, or email us at: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.



This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.



OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

1. MAKE EYE CONTACT with drivers before crossing any road, even on a pedestrian crossing. Parents – teach your kids this life skill. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you. Your life – your decision.
2. CONSIDER WHAT YOU WEAR – dark colours may not be seen by drivers. Wear bright, lighter-coloured clothing when walking from dusk onwards or in reduced visibility conditions. Just because you can see a car (or their lights) doesn't mean the driver can see you, or will stop for you. The driver may have different priorities than you today. Or their vision may be affected by the sun. Consider reflective clothing and/or shoes with reflective strips. It is possible to buy reflective strips and armbands.
3. PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE. Unplug your earphones. Give all senses to the job of keeping you safe. Concentrate whilst you are on that road. Pause any involved conversations with those near you. 100% concentration please!
4. NOTICE THE CAR SLOWING before you consider stepping onto the road/crossing. Do NOT assume that a vehicle is doing the displayed speed limit and that you "should" have enough time to cross". Even cyclists can break the speed limit and it's very difficult to assess their speed from straight on. Rain and wet roads make stopping distances a lot further.
5. ALWAYS USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS where possible. Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses or large vehicles. Do not 'jay walk'. Use a crossing, or cross at an intersection if it is close by.
6. CHECK FOR TURNING VEHICLES at intersections, before you leave the kerb, and whilst you are crossing the road. Look in all directions, including over your shoulder! If you have a stiff neck, or limited movement, remember to turn your body.
7. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR CORRECT GLASSES when you go out. Similarly, always wear your hearing aids, so you can hear traffic and warnings. Wear sensible footwear if you are prone to losing your balance/tripping etc.
8. WAIT FOR THE WALK SIGNAL at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. Do not enter the road if the red 'Don't walk' signal shows, flashing or otherwise. Beware adjacent crossings having similar 'Walk' sounds – you may start to cross prematurely, by mistakenly hearing the other crossing's 'Walk' signal – easily done!
9. BE A ROLE MODEL FOR CHILDREN. Don't run across the road. Walk at a determined pace. This helps to avoid a trip or fall, and also gives time for a driver to predict your path.

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OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS contd.

10. CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD! Please be prepared to assist the young, elderly, disabled, or parents with prams and/or shopping bags. Please lend a helping hand.
11. 'SCRAMBLE CROSSINGS STOP ALL VEHICLES and allow pedestrians to walk in all directions at the same time. Be even more aware of cars coming from every direction, especially if you are at the vulnerable point in the middle of the intersection when the green man disappears.
12. PLEASE DON'T RACE THE TIMERS! Pedestrian countdown timers have replaced the flashing red man at some intersections in NSW.
13. RESPECT CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS, sometimes helped by lollipop men/women. Take extra care looking for little feet behind and under cars, rolling balls, children running with over-balancing backpacks, etc. Children can be difficult to see and may act unpredictably. Children under 8yrs should hold a parent's hand when crossing a road, or in a carpark. See also <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/pedestrian-safety/>
14. PLEASE DO NOT CLIMB OVER FENCING, if pedestrian fencing is in place to direct pedestrians to better crossing points.
15. REFUGE ISLANDS ARE **NOT** PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. Please do not treat them as such. They are to help you cross the road in two stages, when traffic is busy or the road is wide. A driver should not stop for you at these islands.
16. CROSS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE ROAD, not at an angle. This is shorter, quicker, and is the route that drivers will predict you as using.
17. BE CAREFUL AS A PEDESTRIAN when you have consumed alcohol. Your judgement is impaired. Your decisions may not be good, so be extra extra careful. Go with a friend, share a ride, or ask for help.
18. AVOID WALKING ON THE ROAD. Use a nature strip, or footpath if available. If you must use the road, walk **FACING** the oncoming traffic, and as close to the side of the road as possible.
19. AT NIGHT USE A TORCH. Try and keep it pointing down and away from drivers, so as not to blind them.
20. CHOOSE A WELL-LIT, WELL-POPULATED ROUTE to walk. If possible, go with others. Check transport time-tables to minimise waiting times. Consider using a mobile phone App so others can track your progress (See: <https://watchout.org.au/personal/>).

FOR EMERGENCIES (including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799

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05 June, from Crime Stoppers: Protect your child online.

Safety for children and young people on the Internet is quite possibly the biggest issue facing Australia's youth. Parents are more concerned than ever about how they can actively protect their child in the online environment. Talking with your children and being upfront and honest with them about the risks can help them understand how to best secure their safety online.

Tell your kids to NEVER:

- Tell anyone your name, address, phone number or school
- Send a photo of yourself to anyone that you don't know
- Tell anyone your credit card or bank details
- Make plans to meet anyone you find online – people you meet online aren't always who they claim they are
- Talk to anyone who is nasty or makes you feel uncomfortable

Tell your kids they should ALWAYS:

- Be careful who you talk to in chat rooms or on instant messenger
- Ask permission to use chat rooms
- Tell your parents or carer if someone says something to you in an email or chat room that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Stay away from websites that are not meant for children
- Remember that people are not always as they seem online

Information sourced from [Bravehearts. Educational Resources available here.](#)

07 June, from 7 News: The road rule no one is getting right and it could cost you hundreds

There is a road rule nobody seems to get right and it could cost drivers hundreds of dollars in fines. Authorities are breaking down misconceptions when it comes to roundabout rules, with a number of drivers under the impression they have to give way to people entering a roundabout on the right. However, drivers are actually meant to give way to those already on the roundabout.

[Full article and video here.](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council - Scheduled Roadworks

- [Night work on Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst](#)
- Dates scheduled: Sunday 17 June and Saturday 30 June, 2018
- Roads and Maritime Services will be repairing concrete slabs and repainting road markings on Pennant Hills Road just after Campbell Avenue.
- [Pedestrian Refuge Construction Works – The Gully Road, Berowra](#)
- Dates scheduled: From Thursday 7 June 2018 until Tuesday 26 June 2018
- Council is scheduled to commence the construction of the pedestrian refuge island, concrete footpath and vehicular crossing near the entrance to the Berowra Community Centre on The Gully Road, Berowra.
- [Notifications of Night Works on 82 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights](#)
- Dates scheduled: Friday 15 June until Friday 29 June, 2018
- Zinfra has been contracted by Jemena to deliver construction and repair and maintenance services on the Jemena Gas Network.
- [Notifications of Night Works on 113 Sherbrook Road, Asquith](#)
- Dates scheduled: Wednesday 6 June until Wednesday 20 June, 2018
- Zinfra has been contracted by Jemena to deliver construction and repair

and maintenance services on the Jemena Gas Network.

- [Notifications of Night Works on 71 Jersey Street, Hornsby](#)
- Dates scheduled: Wednesday 13 June until Wednesday 27 June, 2018
- Zinfra has been contracted by Jemena to deliver construction and repair and maintenance services on the Jemena Gas Network.
- [Notification of Night Road Works - Old Northern Road, Dural](#)
- Dates scheduled: Monday 21 May to Friday 29 June
- Roads and Maritime Services will be installing traffic counter sensors on Old Northern Road between Malabar Road and Glenhaven Road. We have included a map to help better explain the project.
- [Night work on Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst](#)
- Dates scheduled: Sunday 6 May to Friday 29 June, 2018
- Roads and Maritime Services will be upgrading the ladder and access to the variable message sign on Pennant Hills Road between Jasmine Road and Fraser Road. We have included a map to show the location of the work.
- [Landscaping work, Middle Dural to Galston](#)
- Dates scheduled: From February 2018 to August 2018
- Roads and Maritime Services will be carrying out landscaping maintenance on Mid Dural Road from Old Northern Road, Middle Dural to Galston Road, Galston.

[Current Roadworks webpage here.](#)

GET THE 'DO NOT KNOCK' STICKER

When displayed in a prominent location – such as on your gate post or by the front door – a Do Not Knock sticker sends a clear message to salespeople – they are not welcome at this address.

[More info here.](#)

[Email us for your sticker](#) - please state whether you wish to collect from Hornsby or Gordon police station.

Do not knock



Sales people please note
unsolicited door knocking here
is **UNLAWFUL**.

© consumer
action

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www.donotknock.org.au



Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@KuringGaiPAC](https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiPAC)

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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas:



Website nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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