



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 354 - 23 July 2018**

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 PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from 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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**23 July, from Inner West Police Area Command: As school returns today, here's a reminder not to park illegally in school zones.**

You don't want to cop one of these tickets, it's just not worth it. 🚓

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|    | <b>SCHOOL ZONE</b><br><b>Parking offences</b>  |  |
| Penalties that apply in <b>School Zones</b> – current from 1 February 2018          |  |  |
|    | <b>No Stopping</b><br>Means that under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies. Aus Road Rule - 167 | <b>Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points</b>  |
|   | <b>No Parking</b><br>Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. ARR - 168(1)          | <b>Penalty \$183 + 2 demerit points</b>  |
|  | <b>Bus Zone</b><br>Means that you must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus. ARR - 183(1)                           | <b>Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points</b>  |
|  | <b>Double Parking</b><br>Means that you must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. ARR - 189             | <b>Penalty \$330 + 2 demerit points</b>  |

**23 July, from NSW Road Safety: Lights flash on the back of buses to warn motorists that they are dropping off or picking up kids**

By law, a driver must not overtake or pass a bus with flashing lights at more than 40km/h.

More info on [Bus Flashing Lights here](#).

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**23 July, from NSW Government: Black boxes” are set to be installed in 1,000 young drivers’ cars in a new trial aimed at reducing road deaths and lowering Green Slip prices. 🚗🚑**

The device will link to driver smartphones and record behaviour like speed, acceleration, braking and turning. Participants will get feedback on how they performed to help them become better drivers.

[More info here.](#)

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**20 July, from 7News Sydney: Thousands of Sydney drivers are getting high, and then getting behind the wheel, many with a cocktail of drugs in their system.**

7 News has obtained official figures revealing nearly 20,000 have tested positive over just 2 years prompting a boost in mobile testing.

**New Drug Driving Laws:** "The (new) legislation...rather than having a list of drugs, will define that any drug in the person's system that's impairing them, at a level that is impairing their driving, police can arrest them" - Bernard Carlon - Centre for Road Safety.

[More information here](#) - New laws to make NSW roads safer

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**19 July, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Did you know? Almost 1 in 3 teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight.**

Here are 7 ways parents can manage web connected devices in the home.

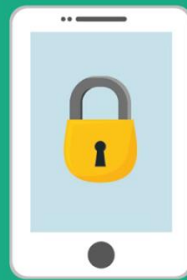
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## 7 WAYS

### Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

#### They can:

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



Office of the eSafety Commissioner

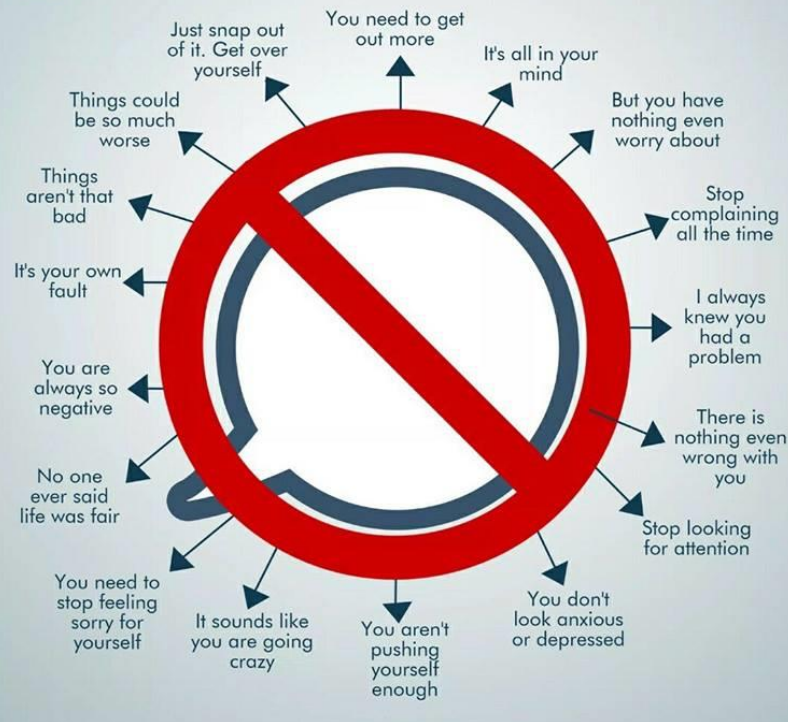
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### 19 July, from headspace Mt Druitt: Sometimes we say things that we think are helpful but are not.

Checkout this infographic on some phrases to avoid when supporting a friend experiencing a mental health problem.

# WHAT NOT TO SAY TO A FRIEND EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM

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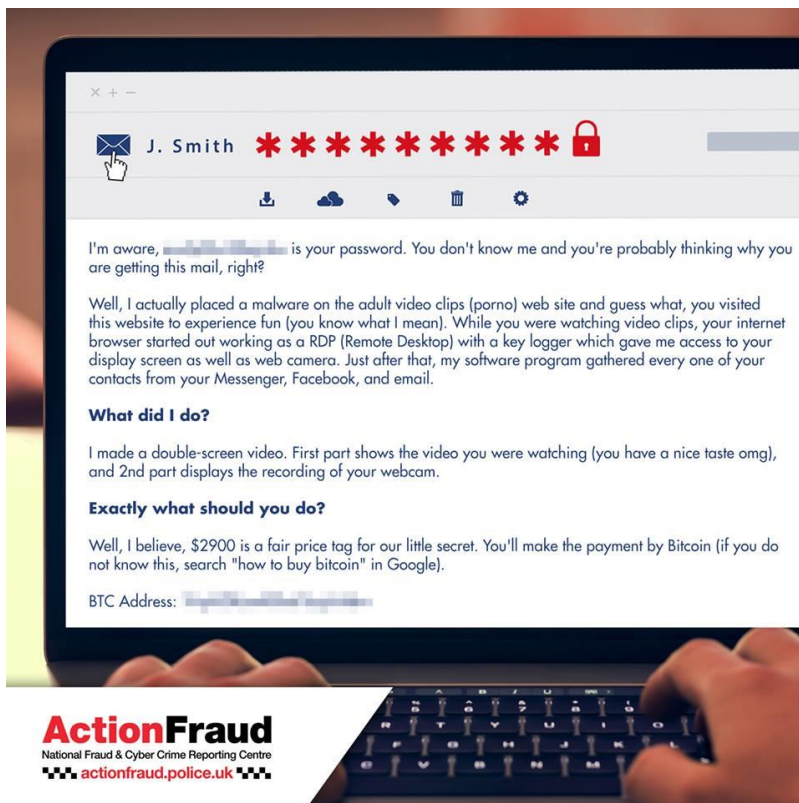
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**18 July, from Action Fraud (National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre, UK): Alert: This latest scam is one we haven't seen before and is bound to scare a few people!**

Cyber criminals are sending victims their own passwords in a new sextortion scam. Follow our advice to protect yourself.

[More information and advice here.](#)



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### **17 July, from 7News Sydney: Drivers caught using their mobile phone risk losing more demerit points under new laws.**

It will also soon be illegal to drive under the influence of prescription medication. This includes legal drugs like codeine which is found in many cold and flu tablets. The changes come into force in September. "If you think about long weekends or double demerit periods you could actually be at risk of losing your licence."

- Melinda Pavey - Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

[Video here.](#)



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**22 July, from Pymble & West Pymble Community group: Just thought I should pass this on in case some one saw something....**

Yesterday 37 Pymble Ave was broken into.

Jane wrote, between about 5 - 6pm yesterday evening, we were broken into and all jewellery and a few other things stolen. House was all locked, alarm was on but they climbed up (perhaps via a downpipe!) to the very small toilet window on the second storey at the back, removed the screen and squeezed through. They could not have been long in the house. Unfortunately very professional, no fingerprints were found by police and the police dog couldn't get their trail. We are not sure but we suspect a white SUV (Hyundai or similar parked directly outside our house at No 37) was their escape vehicle.

If anyone noticed that car or anything else, we'd of course love to hear from you.

Thanks, Jane

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**22 July, shared from Mt Colah/Ku-ring-gai Families: Good evening people**

Just a warning Asquith dog park , if you're in the know has a kiddy pool shell ! My daughter tipped out the Smirnoff vodka this morning washed the pool out and refilled it with fresh water . Just be aware we do have low life scum living in the area that are willing to harm our fur babies .

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**22 July, from Australia Cybercrime Watch: End unlicensed software use in Australia**

If you see it, report it. Know a company using unlicensed business software? File a report today to be eligible for a cash reward.



[Report piracy here.](#)

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**21 July, shared from Mt Colah/Ku-ring-gai Families group.**

Hi all

Just trying to look out for anyone within the community with this message.

Our house has been broken into on Nyara road at Mount Kuring Gai. Bit of a strange coincidence seeing as my car was also rummaged through about a month ago.

Police have been contacted and are on their way.

We have seen a suspicious person in a camary (silver) sitting outside our house.

We had been out for the space of two hours so someone has been watching and been doing their research.

Please look out for your neighbors

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**21 July, shared from East Wahroonga Community group.**

My fathers house in Westbrook ave between Boundary road and Golden Jubilee Oval was broken into yesterday, sometime between 9am and 6pm. If anyone was walking or driving past that area and saw anything suspicious please inbox me. I know that there have been a few break-ins recently, so please be safe!

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**21 July, from NSW Police: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted by detectives in Redfern.**



A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Josiah Burton, aged 31, over the alleged manufacturing of a commercial quantity of prohibited drugs. Detectives from Redfern Police Area Command have conducted searches to locate him and are now appealing for public assistance. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, approximately 165cm to 170cm tall, of medium build and has brown hair.

Anyone who sees him or believes they know his whereabouts is urged to contact **Triple Zero (000) immediately.**



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

**Thursday 26 July:** FREE Hornsby Shire Council Library 'Be Scam Aware'

Presentation by Dept of Fair Trading @ 6:30pm. [Info.](#)

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

**Friday 14 September:** FREE Hornsby Shire Council Library 'Be Scam Aware'

Presentation by Dept of Fair Trading @ 1pm. [Info.](#)

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

**Friday 05 October:** Walk to Work Day

**Sunday 21 October:** Graffiti Removal 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.

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**From the North Shore Times Thursday, 19 July** [\[Online Edition here\]](#)

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**THE NSW Firearms Amnesty is under way.** The aim of the amnesty is to improve public safety by reducing the number of unregistered firearms and firearm-related articles in the community. Any person who is in possession of a firearm and who no longer wishes to keep it is encouraged to hand it in at their local police station. People can also take the opportunity to surrender their firearms licence. On July 11, a Mosman man handed in a firearm to North Sydney Police. The weapon belonged to his grandfather and was never used.

**ROSEVILLE CHASE** A Frenchs Forest man was viciously attacked while carrying out a Gumtree sale in Roseville Chase. The man had listed a new iPhone X on Gumtree and arranged to meet with a potential buyer in Allen St on July 15. Police said that at 9pm the seller met with two males to execute the transaction when one of the offenders struck him in the back of the head and in the face more than 10 times. The offenders, one caucasian and one of Mediterranean appearance, took the phone and fled.

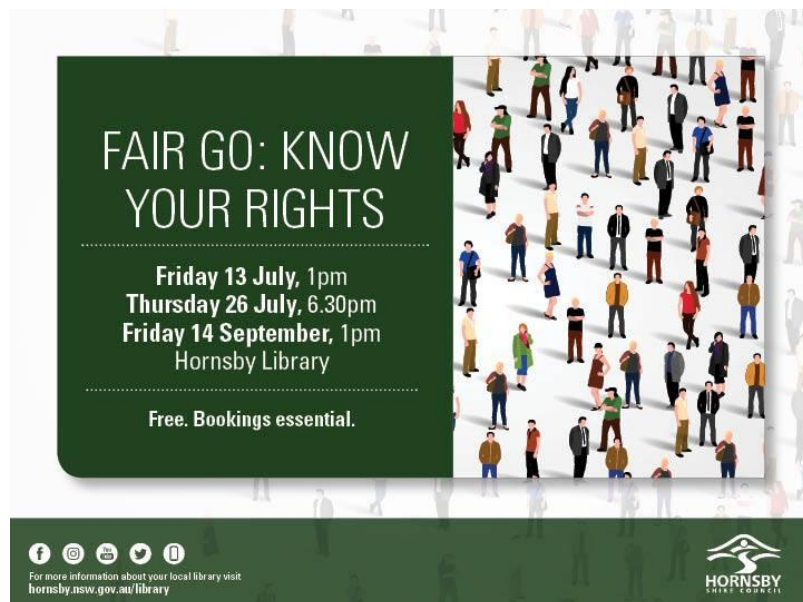
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#### **20 July, from Hornsby Shire Council: We all know how to shop, but do you know what to do if the deal turns sour?**

Hornsby Library will help you out with Your Shopping Rights, a presentation that explains the key points of the Australian Consumer Law as it applies to you when buying goods or services. It will cover a range of topics, such as when you can get a refund and whether extended warranties are worth the extra money.

Thursday 26 July @ 6:30pm, a FREE presentation by the Dept of Fair Trading - Be Scam Aware.

[More info and booking here.](#)



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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday, 19 July** [\[Online Edition here\]](#):

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**HORNSBY** A 34-year-old man has been charged with stealing after walking out of a Woolworths supermarket without paying for 45 containers of A2 baby formula. The man allegedly filled reusable bags with the containers and was spotted by staff walking out of the store at Westfield Hornsby on Monday about noon. Security approached him and brought him back to the store. Police charged the man with stealing and also found other goods, believed to be stolen, in his vehicle. He will face Hornsby Court on September 3.

**HORNSBY** Police are asking pedestrians to take care and remain vigilant when crossing roads in Hornsby after the latest pedestrian death in the suburb. A 68-year-old woman died after being hit by a truck at the intersection of Burdett St and

Sherbrook Rd on Friday, July 6. It is the third pedestrian fatality since December in Hornsby. Police said an investigation into the latest fatality was continuing, but they asked pedestrians to stay extra vigilant when crossing roads.

**NORMANHURST** An elderly resident has been robbed after letting a man, pretending to be a tradie, into their home on Redgrave Rd. The incident happened last Wednesday about 10am. A man posing as a fencing tradesman tricked the resident to letting him inside the property. While inside, the man stole a large amount of cash from a wallet. Police said this was not an isolated incident and they urged residents to be vigilant and not to allow tradespeople into their homes if they were suspicious. Police said it was a good rule of thumb to check the credentials of a tradesperson if they knocked on your door.

**NORTH TURRAMURRA** A 20-year-old man from North Turramurra has been charged with highrange drink driving. Police attended a minor crash on the Pacific Highway near Killara on June 30 about 10.35pm. The man failed a roadside breath test and was taken to Hornsby police station where he returned a blood-alcohol level of 0.202. He will face Hornsby Local Court on August 9.

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### **20 July, from Cloud Management Suite: Microsoft Patch Tuesday: Uninstall**

Microsoft has republished all of the recent July Patch Tuesday updates with one exception: KB 4018385. Microsoft have recalled this update because it crashes Office.

[Full article here.](#)

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A police officer came  
to my house  
and asked me  
where I was  
between 5 and  
6 He seemed  
irritated when  
I answered  
'kindergarten!'



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**19 July: A special edited version of last week's eNewsletter [#353A](#) has been shared on Facebook.**

It is the same as #353 but with a post removed regarding an article about Ronald Bobroff. Ronald has made threats to the volunteers at Neighbourhood Watch as to what will happen if this post remains accessible via Facebook. We have removed the original post that shared the article on our timelines. The eNewsletter #353A now replaces the original #353 version shared on Facebook.

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**18 July, from NSW Police: Police have charged a man after seizing cannabis plants worth more than \$1 million in Sydney's north-west today.**

Strike Force Tassie-18 was formed by officers from North West Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad to investigate the cultivation of cannabis in Sydney's north-west area. Following inquiries, strike force investigators executed a search warrant in Castle Hill Road, near Old Northern Road, at Castle Hill about 7.30am (Wednesday 18 July 2018).

[Full Media Release here.](#)

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## **PREVENT CREDIT CARD FRAUD - A VIDEO FROM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE**

Last week's eNewsletter had a post about credit card fraud, with a link to a video. Those readers not on Facebook weren't able to view the video. After viewing the video, one of our readers suggested we include a link that *everybody* can watch. And he believes **everyone should watch it!** It's an eye-opener. The reader even suggested we send a link to the North Shore Times in order to educate more of our community. What do you think? Please email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com) if you think it is worthwhile doing.

[Watch video here.](#)

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## **18 July, from NSW Police: ⚠️🚨 SCAM ALERT – Watch out for fake myGov emails offering you a tax refund.**

Scammers impersonate myGov to trick you into sharing your login and bank account details. Always log on to myGov independently to check debts or refunds owed with Australian Taxation Office and never follow an email hyperlink to log on or provide details.

More on the [Stay Smart Online page](#).

**From:** MyGov. <[support@teliasupportdonotreply.freshdesk.com](mailto:support@teliasupportdonotreply.freshdesk.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 May 2018 6:46 AM  
**To:** [support-accounts@customersonline.my.gov.au](mailto:support-accounts@customersonline.my.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Re: Important information regarding your account



**You have a tax refund of \$65.93 AUD**

After the last annual calculations, we noticed that you are eligible to receive **\$65.93 AUD**

**1 - Enter your contact information\***

To submit the application electronically, please fill out the form. Once the form is completed, you will be asked to confirm that all the information in the document is correct

**2 - Treatment\*\***

The information you enter and the completed application form sent to myGov via a secure encrypted connection, and others will not be able to see the information.

Please click below and submit the refund request:

[myGov](#)

We'll be in touch soon with more info.

Sincerely,

© myGov Team

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## WatchOut!

In response to a request from one of the Queensland Neighbourhood Watch groups, two new links have been included on our [WatchOut! Seniors page](#). The links are for documents designed for recording your important medical information.

**[NPS MedicineWise - Medicines List \(pdf to download\)](#)**

**[NSW Department of Health - Medicine List \(Medi-List - pdf to download\)](#)**

Have you any suggested links for inclusion on our [WatchOut! website](#)? Please email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com). Anyone's suggestions included on the website get a goodie bag! View [www.WatchOut.org.au](http://www.WatchOut.org.au) [here](#).

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### **From Ku-ring-gai Council: FREE TV and Computer Recycling**

No need to wait for an e-waste collection. Recycle up to 15 items for free through the [National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme](#) at listed nearby locations.

- Kimbriki Resource Centre - Kimbriki Road off Mona Vale Road, Ingleside/Terrey Hills [Location map](#)
- Suez - Wicks Road, North Ryde [Location map](#)
- Suez - Crozier Road, Belrose [Location map](#)
- Office Works Hornsby - 108-114 George Street, Hornsby [Location map](#)
- Office Works Dee Why - 800 Pittwater Road, Dee Why [Location map](#)
- Domayne - 111 Wicks Road, North Ryde [Location map](#)
- Harvey Norman Belrose - Home Maker Centre 4 Niangala Close, Belrose [Location map](#)

Any household or small business can drop off their items in a car, ute or trailer in the designated television and computer recycling areas. Customers must unload their own waste.

[Full info here.](#)

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### **From Hornsby Shire Council: Can I park my boat on the street?**

Hornsby Shire Council has joined councils across Sydney to enforce new laws that make it illegal to park boat trailers on residential streets for an unlimited time. Boat trailers are now restricted from parking on residential streets for more than 28 days and offending trailers will be impounded. These laws are mainly targeted at people from other areas who use their boat a couple of times a year and leave it on our shire's streets the rest of the time.

[Full information here.](#)

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## **From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel":**

**Tip #12:** CONSIDER A REDUCED CREDIT LIMIT on a credit card purely for your overseas travel. Let the bank know of your trip. To avoid being over-charged, consider using a currency exchange mobile phone App such as XE Currency. Consider wearing a hidden wallet (that attaches to a belt and tucks inside your pant's leg). Use a wallet/bag/passport holder with RFID protection.

**Tip #13:** TRY AND LOOK LIKE A LOCAL. Respect local customs and culture. Drink in moderation. Try and plan routes with maps INSIDE the hotel or inconspicuously when out. Download local maps prior to departure. Research the area and routes, using 'Street View' to familiarise yourself. Avoid beaches at night, as they are usually not patrolled.

**Tip #14:** BEWARE PUBLIC AND FREE WI-FI unsecured by password, such as at airports and hotels.

**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.

For your copy of this or any other of the 20 Tips series, email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com).

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## **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](#)**

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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas:**



Website [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



Our Crime Prevention website [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)



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