



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 360 - 03 September 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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01 September, from NSW Police:  **Mobile Phone demerit point increase**

From today you will now receive 5 demerit points and a \$337 fine for using your mobile phone while driving. Using your phone while driving is a distraction which

places the lives of others at risk. The NSW Police Force has zero tolerance for drivers committing this offence. Please watch this [short video](#) to clarify the rules. [#keepyourhandoffit](#) for everyone's safety.

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### **30 August, from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: The annual NSW Rural Fire Service Get Ready Weekend and Station Open Day is on again in 2018**

Come on down to Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade (7 Esk St North, North Wahroonga) on Sunday the 23rd of September 10am till 2pm. Have you made your Bushfire Survival Plan? Open day is a great opportunity to chat with us about your plan and your options during a Bushfire. You will also be able to walk through and explore a state of the art Rural Fire Station in NSW, there will also be informative displays, fun for the kids, firefighting equipment demonstrations including:

- Fire Drill & Over-run Demonstration
- Tanker and equipment demonstrations
- Ku-ring-gai Kids Fire Unit
- Rolling and bowling activities
- Fire extinguisher demonstrations
- Education & Information Talks
- Hazard reduction talks
- Property protection and bushfire safety advice
- Fund-raiser BBQ (sausage sizzle)

We will also be joined by:

- NSW Police
- Fire + Rescue
- NSW Ambulance
- Ku-ring-gai SES

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### **30 August, from Ku-ring-gai command: Online Shoppers, please stay alert and beware!**

Many fraudulently created online shopping websites offer extremely low prices for various items. Please remember the phrase: "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is".

- Make your online purchase from known legitimate sites that offer secure payments and offer you a customer protection.
- Avoid conducting direct bank transfers or use of international money transfer service providers that do not give you a customer protection.
- Please be aware that if you step outside of regulated payment protection rules, you will not be protected and reimbursed for your lost funds.
- Check the information about the seller on online public forums for the review and opinions about the seller.

In cases where customers have issues with registered businesses, complaints can be directly put through [NSW Fair Trading here](#).

Matters of such nature can either be reported through your Local Police Station or via contacting the **Police Assistance Line (phone number 131 444)** operates 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

You can also [report a scam via ScamWatch here](#).




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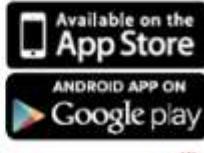
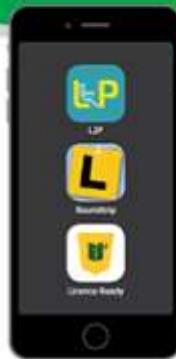
**30 August, from Road Safety Education - NSW Dept of Education: Young people can now choose one of the three new digital log book apps to record their driving experience and submit their log book hours.**

Share with a learner driver today.

More info from the RMS on [Digital learner driver log book apps here](#).

# Learner Driver Log Book goes digital

Logging learner driver hours just got easier with three new mobile apps.



[L2P information here.](#)

[Licence Ready information here.](#)

[Round Trip information here.](#)

Remember, it is illegal for learner drivers to use any function of a phone while driving, including when stopped at traffic lights or stuck in traffic. All of the endorsed apps let you 'set and forget' - start the app while you're safely parked out of the line of traffic, and then put your phone away while you're driving. The apps will record your drive in the background.

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**29 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: From the 1st September 2018 in NSW.**

"When you see the blue or red flashing lights on an emergency vehicle stopped on the road, safely reduce your speed so that you are not exceeding 40km/h when you pass." "Keep to 40km/h until you've safely passed all people and emergency vehicles." This will be a 12 month trial and is in line with other States and Territories.

[Daily Telegraph article here: New NSW road rule around emergency scenes comes with hefty \\$448 fine](#)

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**29 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: New speed detection**

program ...



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**29 August, from 7 News: Thousands of students were witness to a deadly road crash at Sydney Olympic Park.**

Thankfully it wasn't real, but it could end up saving lives.



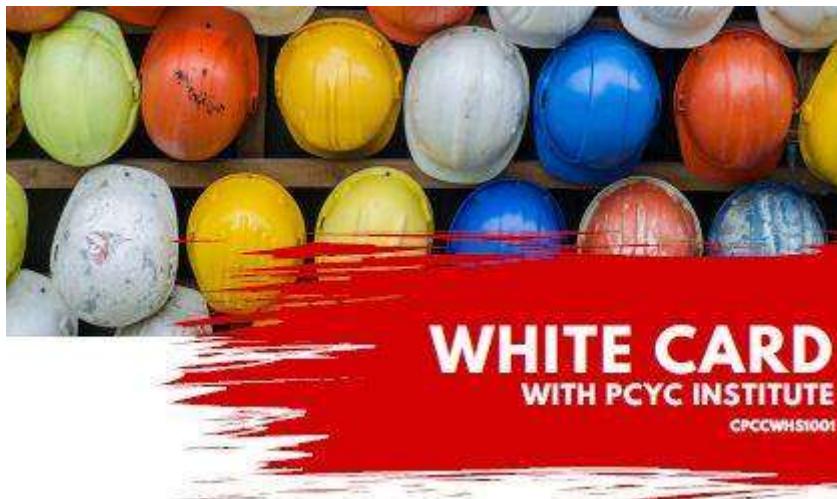
[Information on BStreetSmart here.](#)

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**29 August, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai: GET YOUR WHITE CARD with**

## PCYC INSTITUTE

**Friday 14 September 2018:** White Card training \$105 pp @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln Waitara **Info: 8998 5400**



*Choose PCYC Institute and invest in your future while helping tomorrow's youth.*

### **Empowering young people through education.**

This course is aimed at all workers carrying out construction work. Self-employed persons, labourers, apprentices, trainees, trades-persons, supervisors and project managers. This course provides participants with the basic principles of health and safety in the construction industry in NSW.

- Required to enter **any construction site** across Australia.
- **Nationally recognised** training.
- **One day** training.
- Only **\$105** per person.

PCYC Hornsby 1 Park Lane Waitara | **Friday 14 September 2018**  
To book contact David Grant (02) 8998 5400 or [dgrant@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:dgrant@pcycnsw.org.au)

*Safework NSW approved and license issued.*

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### **28 August, from NSW Police: SCAM ALERT! Fake JB Hi Fi text messages**

We are aware of the current fake SMS doing the rounds. These SMS texts have no affiliation with JB Hi-Fi. We advise not clicking the link or responding to the message. Scammers are clever and can make their content and messages look like us, but we would never ask for your personal information via SMS. JB will only use SMS to deliver notifications, services or if you have asked our counter staff to send you a copy of a digital receipt for your in-store purchase.

The best thing to do is to delete these fake text messages.



[Neighbourhood Watch recommends that prior to deleting, you forward these SMS messages to the Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA) on their **Spam Reporting number: 0429999888** - Ed]

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**28 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Today, Monday 27th August 2018 Kuring-Gai Highway Patrol conducted a combined operation with the Roads and Maritime Heavy Vehicle Inspectors at the St Ives Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station.**

As a result of the operation 67 units (truck and trailers) were inspection with 17 defect notices being issued for a variety of issues. 3 weight breaches were completed with 1 being a severe breach and the vehicle was grounded as a result of the weight breach. 31 Drug Tests were completed with 3 positive detections returned. The following infringement notices were issued:

12 heavy vehicle not carry warning triangles

6 work diary

2 expired licence

1 not comply licence conditions

2 minor load restraint breaches

1 substantial load restrain breaches

4 defective vehicle

14 other offences

Of interest 1 vehicle was loaded with concrete and was not restrained correctly. The steel mesh sides were insufficient for restraining that kind of load. There was no rear gate and the large pieces of concrete were just sitting on the tray of the vehicle. The driver was requested to produce his licence. He handed police an expired NSW driver licence. He told police that he knew it was coming up, but thought it was on the 28th. The vehicle was weighed and found to be overweight by 2 tonnes (Severe weight breach issued). The vehicle had other defects in that

there were no rear or side reflectors and the side wall of the front tyre was severely damaged and had the steel belt showing through the side wall.

A truck driven by an Overseas licence holder was found to be incorrect for the class of vehicle being driven.

A truck and dog was inspected where the dog trailer was found to be slightly overweight (Minor weight breach issued). The front driver side brake was found to be inoperable and a defect notice was issued and required repair before being allowed to leave the site.



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### **28 August, from Crime Stoppers: UNSOLVED CASE...**

It has now been 40 years since Michelle Pope and Stephen Lapthorne (pictured below) were last seen travelling on 25 August 1978 from his West Pymble home to her Berowra home. A \$100,000 reward remains on offer for information about the mystery disappearance. The couple - who were 18 and 21 respectively at the time - has never been seen since, and Stephen's lime green Bedford van has also never been located. Detectives initially suspected the couple was murdered and their bodies buried in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, but they have also not ruled out death by misadventure. All leads received since their disappearance were followed up without success. In August 2005, the Deputy State Coroner held an inquest into the couple's disappearance and issued death certificates for both,

before handing down an open finding as to the date, time and cause of death.

If you have any information relating to this case please report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**.



**[Michelle Pope image included by NHW - Ed]**



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**28 August, shared by Ku-ring-gai command:**



Thanks to Mark Broo's post to 'Law Enforcement for Life'!

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**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 30 August: [\[online edition here\]](#)**

**Street Watch [page 6]:**

**HORNSBY** A 52-year-old man from Eastwood has been charged with assaulting a police officer and failing to quit licensed premises. Police were called to the Hornsby Railway Hotel on Tuesday about 5.30pm. They said the man was arguing with patrons and refusing to leave. The man allegedly assaulted an officer shortly after being arrested. The officer did not suffer any significant injuries, police said. The man was due to appear in Hornsby Court as the Advocate went to press.

**HORNSBY HEIGHTS** A 41-year-old man has been charged with highrange drink driving after crashing into a parked car while driving with his 10-yearold son. The West Pennant Hills man crashed into a parked car in Somerville Rd about 5.15pm on Sunday, August 19. The man was taken to hospital after the crash, where he allegedly returned a bloodalcohol reading of 0.153. His son was not injured. He is due to face Hornsby Court on September 6.

**BEROWRA** A 27-year-old Newcastle man will front court after allegedly being

found with spray cans alleged to have been used for graffiti purposes at Berowra train station. Police arrested the man at the station last Wednesday, about 11.45pm. He is due to face Hornsby Court on September 19.

**HORNSBY** A 37-year-old man has been charged with supplying cannabis. The Hornsby man allegedly supplied the drug to an undercover officer in Hornsby CBD in August last year. He will front Hornsby Court on October 17.

**HORNSBY HEIGHTS** A Hornsby man, 21, has been charged with stealing after allegedly walking out of a shop at Westfield Hornsby without paying for confectionery and pharmaceutical items on Thursday, August 16. He will face Hornsby Court on September 12.

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

**Sunday 02 - Saturday 08 September:** National Child Protection Week 2018 [Info](#).

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

**Thursday 13 September:** R U OK? Day

**Friday 14 September 2018:** White Card training \$105 pp @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln Waitara [Info: 8998 5400](#)

**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](#)

**Saturday 22 September:** Westleigh Rural Fire Service Annual Open Day from 10am - 3pm @ Warrigal Drive, Westleigh. Live fire demonstrations, kids activities, famous BBQ, bush fire safety information and much more!

**Sunday 23 September:** Get Ready Weekend & RFS Open Day 10am - 2pm @ Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade, 7 Esk St, Wahroonga

**Monday 24 September:** NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting @ 7:30pm in the lounge area at Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra.

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

**Saturday 06 - Friday 12 October:** NHWAustralasia Week

**Saturday 13 October: Day for U** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ Warrawee Public School, 1452 Pacific Hwy, Turramurra. NHW Crime Prevention stall run by our NHW volunteers.

**Sunday 21 October:** Graffiti Removal Day

#### **2019:**

**Tuesday 05 February:** Safer Internet Day [Info](#)

**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 30 August [Online edition [here](#)]**

**[page 20] Serial rapist freed (Danielle Gusmaroli) [edited]**

Graham Kay under strict supervision orders



NORTH shore rapist Graham Kay has performed a dramatic U-turn in court by pleading guilty to attacking a teenage checkout girl who he grabbed and kissed "slobberingly" at the supermarket where she worked. The 66-year-old forklift driver stared ahead in the dock at Parramatta Local Court last Friday as Magistrate Tim Keady handed him a 15-month good behaviour bond after his legal team lodged a plea of guilty to common assault. He has now been released but has been fitted with an electronic tag which he must wear for the next two years.

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Our next NHW meeting will be held on **MON 24SEP at 7:30pm in the Lounge Area at Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra. Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Colin Mitchell** will give a presentation on '**SCAMMERS IN THE AREA**' just to remind everyone to stay alert and not be enticed into something that you haven't asked for and will end up costing you much more. Please spread the word and we'll look forward to you joining us on MON 24SEP at 7:30pm. Light refreshments available.

Stay safe. Regards Carroll Howe OAM, JP, Area Coordinator, NHW Area 3/4 [Turramurra] [carroll.howe@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.howe@gmail.com)

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**Should you have any damage to your property or cars please contact the Cricket nets**

Early morning of 30th August a group of vandals (apparently 3 males) jumped on the roof of one of our cars parked at the cricket nets causing serious damage,

myself.

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**Shared from St Ives Community group: If anyone saw this happen in St Ives plaza, please contact.**

The person decided to leave the scene, so if anyone noticed a new dent on front right side of someone's vehicle from Thursday 27th, let us know.



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**01 September, from Crime Stoppers: Do you have information which you think could make a difference to keeping the community safe?**

Have you seen heard something suspicious that just doesn't seem right? You can provide information in confidence by telephone, e-mail or post to help us address national security threats. The information you provide could be an important piece of the puzzle to prevent a terrorist attack. Contacting the National Security Hotline:

- To report suspicious behaviour, contact the **National Security Hotline on 1800 1234 00**.
- If you are calling from overseas, you can call the **Hotline on (+61) 1300 1234 01**.
- If you do not speak English well, call the **Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50** and ask them to contact the **National Security Service** and interpret for you.

If you have information relating to terrorist activity you can contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7).



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**through a very red light.**

Did you know that you can take the footage to the police station, make a statement and the police will follow up, possibly with the offender receiving a fine in the post? Hopefully it will help save a life. Thank you to John, who has just successfully helped the community by reporting an offender and shared his story to make others aware.

**In a similar vein:**

NHW also had an offer of help from some Killara neighbours who discovered there had been a Break & Enter in their street and realised several residents had CCTV that could possibly help. Neighbourhood Watch was able to put them in touch with the correct police officer. Please message/email us if you are unsure where to turn.

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**03 September, from NSW Police: Two former Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) members have been charged, and prohibited firearms and drugs seized as Strike Force Raptor continue to investigate the activities of an alleged criminal network.**

"Police will allege in court the man was travelling as a passenger in a vehicle on the M1 Pacific Motorway at Mooney Mooney, about 5am on Saturday 4 August 2018, and became involved in an altercation with the driver of another vehicle, throwing glass bottles and intimidating the other driver."

[Full Media Release here.](#)



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**01 September, shared from NABO. Thanks Don: Car vandalised parked at Lofberg Cricket nets**

Early morning of 30th August a group of vandals (apparently 3 males) jumped on the roof of one of our cars parked at the cricket nets causing serious damage, would appreciate anyone who may have seen anything reporting it to the police or myself.

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**30 August, from NSW Government: 13 innovative new projects will receive \$12.2m of funding to prevent and reduce domestic and family violence in NSW.**

One of the projects, OzChild, focuses on functional family therapy. Addressing adolescent violence within the home is an important step in preventing family violence.

[More information here.](#)

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**30 August, shared from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural News: "A colleague went away and house was ransacked and to cut a long story short the insurance would not pay out as she had blatantly posted pictures on Facebook which sometimes shows your destination.**

Apparently there is something in her small print on her insurance documents about social media whilst you are away. We checked ours and yes it basically says that your insurance is void if you advertise the fact you are absent from home so please be careful."

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**29 August, from Domain Media: Is it ever OK to put your rubbish in a neighbour's bin?**

A man who resides a few streets away had discovered that someone was sneaking extra rubbish into his bins at night after he had pushed them out to the kerb to be ready for early morning collection. He wanted to warn his neighbours that this was happening so we could take steps to protect ourselves. And because this was the internet a lot of people immediately weighed in with an opinion.

[Full article here.](#)

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### **29 August, from 7 News: Police warning after sleeping teen 'raped' in Uber**

Police have warned passengers using ride share services to watch out for each other after a teenager was allegedly raped when she fell asleep in an Uber in a late-night ride home to Sydney's eastern suburbs.

[Full article here.](#)

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### **28 August, from NSW Fair Trading: Warning!**

Keep informed of any unsafe and illegal practices within the beauty industry by visiting the [HCCC public statements and warnings page.](#)

#### **Why is this warning being issued?**

In NSW consumers are increasingly spending money on a range of cosmetic services. These services include a range of skin penetration procedures including micro-needling and Platelet Rich Plasma treatment, non-surgical breast and hip enhancements, nose bridge lifts, double eyelid suturing and anti-ageing facial treatments. The procedures often include the administration of Schedule 4 prescription-only medication including Botulinum toxin type A (Botox) and hyaluronic acid injection preparations (Dermal fillers), in addition to medications designed to numb tissue such as Lidocaine in injectable and cream form.

[Full warnings here.](#)

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### **From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Pedestrians"**

**Tip # 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.

**Tip # 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.

**Tip #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.

**Tip #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.

**Tip # 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.

**Tip # 19: AT NIGHT USE A TORCH.** Try and keep it pointing down and away from drivers, so as not to blind them.

These tips and others in the series can be downloaded from our Neighbourhood Watch website Tips page: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au). We have recently uploaded some versions in Simplified and Traditional Chinese - thank you to our volunteer translators and proof readers. More to come! Or [email us here](#) and we'll send you a copy.

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Milk truck crashed, looters showed up moments after



Thank you to Inner West command.

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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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**Local Facebook pages:**



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Gordon)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Hornsby)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Killara)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Normanhurst)



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[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatch-Wahroonga)

the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

**Our mailing address is:**

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