



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter # 363 - 24 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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## **22 September, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command**

Police are investigating an armed robbery in Sydney's north west.

At Midnight (Friday 21 September 2018), police were called to a pizza store on Rohini Street, Turramurra, after staff were threatened by a man with a knife.

The man took an amount of cash from the till before fleeing the scene on foot.

No staff were injured.

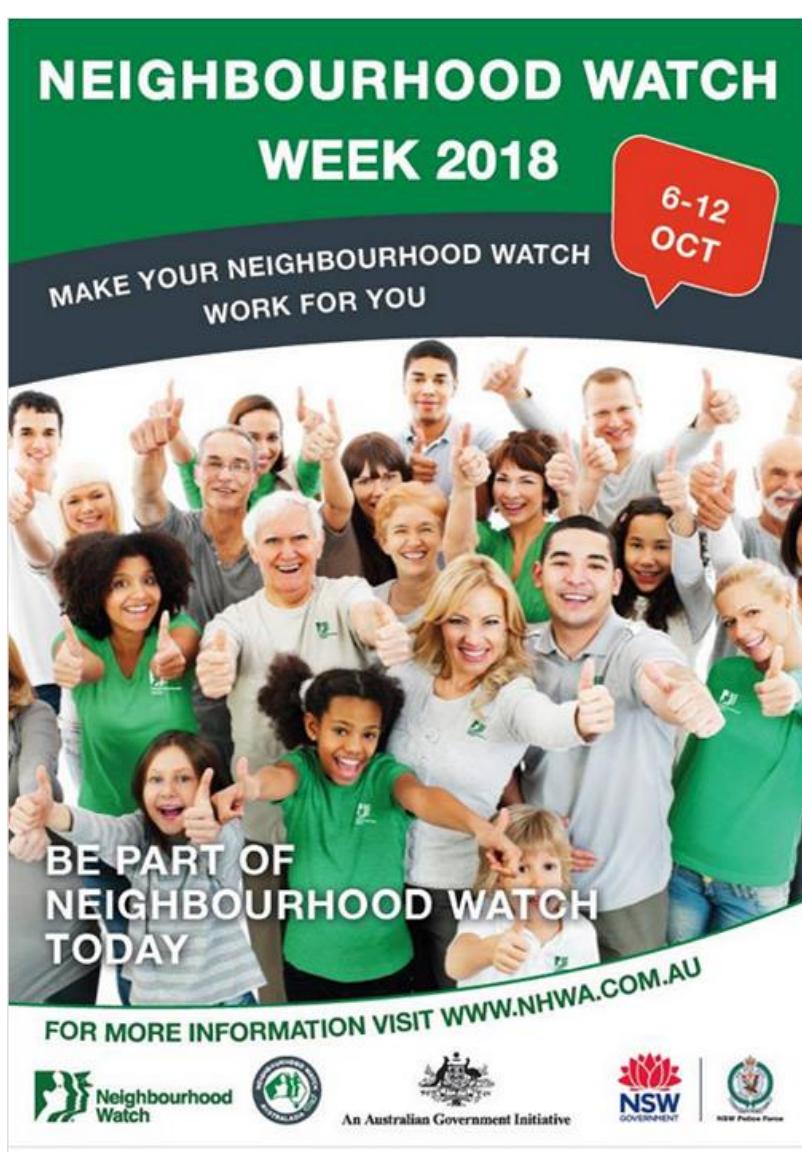
A crime scene was established which was examined by forensic specialists.

The man has been described as Caucasian, about 20 years old, slim build, and 185-190cm tall. He was wearing a balaclava.

Detectives from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command are conducting inquiries into the incident.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or click [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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## 20 September, from 7 News Sydney

New ratings have been released to provide the most up-to-date information on safety in cars.

Some vehicles with a price tag of less than \$10,000 are among the safest available.

More info [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

19 September, from The Hills Police Area Command

## Stepping out

### The cost of illegal crossing

**8021** people fined for jaywalking in Sydney over the past two years.

**\$71** is the cost of current fine.



**16,000**

formal cautions issued.

**50**

pedestrians killed on NSW roads, so far this year.

**41**

pedestrian fatalities for 2014.

## 19 September, from Family Zone Cyber Safety

### 5 APPS EVERY PARENT OF A TEEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



1. **TIK TOK**; live streaming app that is a magnet for predators



2. **SECRET CALCULATOR**; looks like a calculator, works like a secret vault for inappropriate content



3. **DISCORD**; connects kid gamers with 19 million (adult) strangers



4. **AFTER SCHOOL**; invites anonymous confessions and abusive gossip



5. **VORA**; 'fasting tracker' notorious for glorifying eating disorders



## 19 September, from Inner West Police Area Command



## **18 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW**

It is not only adults who are affected by domestic violence.

Children who live in homes where domestic and family violence occurs are at risk of harm and actual injury.

Whether a child witnesses domestic and family violence, is in another room when an assault occurs, or attempts to intervene to protect their parent, the impact upon children exposed to violence in the home is serious.

Parents who stay in an abusive relationship with a perpetrator need to understand the significant impact of abuse and violence on their children. Children can be directly affected by being present or indirectly when they witness an assault occurring (pushing, hitting or twisting and arm); destroying property, seeing or hearing ongoing harassment and intimidation or witnessing the victim parent constantly crying from the trauma.

Some children are brave and try to stop the perpetrator and often get physically hurt themselves. Other children may react by copying the perpetrator and begin hitting the victim parent or their brothers and sisters.

If you know about Domestic Violence happening to someone else, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

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## **18 September, from 7 News Sydney**

In a world first, a new safety rating system has been introduced in NSW for clothing worn by motorcycle riders.

It's designed to help them choose the right protective gear to reduce the risk of injuries.

Watch video [here](#).

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**18 September, from Western Australia Police Force: Early danger signs of fatigue include:**

- wandering thoughts;
- missing a gear, road sign or exit;
- slowing unintentionally;
- braking too late

The driver in this video was a 69-year-old woman, travelling alone in the afternoon on Great Southern Highway at Murdong on Wednesday 12 September. She believes she fell asleep, but says she doesn't really know what happened, thinking it could possibly be medically related.

Katanning Police attended her crash and she was treated for minor injuries at Katanning Hospital. She has been interviewed and will not be facing any charges. However she will have to undergo a Fitness to Hold examination to prove she is able to hold a driver's licence.

The driver realises she was lucky to survive, and asked us to release her dash cam vision to warn other drivers of the dangers of fatigue.

Watch video [here](#).

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**17 September, from NSW Raod Safety - NSW GOV**

Do you know the correct way to use your headlights and fog lights?

Watch our short [video](#) to learn more.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 20 September: [\[online edition here\]](#)**  
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### **HORNSBY**

A man has been arrested after allegedly embezzling more than \$273,000 from a research company he worked for in the Hornsby area over an eight-year period. The 43-year-old man from Chipping Norton is facing 19 fraud charges dating between 2010 and this year. Police said he allegedly falsified records claiming he was paying people to complete market research. He allegedly embezzled those funds from the company. The man has been bailed and will appear at Hornsby Court on Wednesday, October 10.

### **NORTH TURRAMURRA**

A man has been charged eight years after allegedly starting a bushfire at North Turramurra. Police said the 47-year-old man from Hornsby was facing two charges relating to a fire in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park on July 5, 2010. Police will allege forensic evidence has matched him to the scene. The man allegedly carried a sponge soaked with accelerant into the park and started the fire. Fire services were quick to act and put it out. The man has been bailed and will front Hornsby Court on Wednesday, October 10.

### **TURRAMURRA**

A 28-year-old man from Constitution Hill, near Parramatta, allegedly assaulted two people on a train before turning on police who intercepted him at Turramurra railway station. The man assaulted two people and used threatening language toward another on a train between Chatswood and Gordon about midnight on Saturday night. Police arrested the man at Turramurra station shortly afterwards,

but not before he resisted arrest and allegedly assaulted an officer. He was due to front Hornsby Court yesterday.

## **HORNSBY**

A learner driver who crashed into a bus shelter has been charged for refusing to provide a sufficient sample when breath tested after the crash on Sunday. The 20-year-old man from Hornsby was also driving unaccompanied when he collided with the bus shelter on the Pacific Highway near Pymble railway station shortly after 2am on Sunday. He will face Hornsby Court on Wednesday, October 3. There is a zero alcohol limit for drivers on a learner's permit in NSW.

### **Schoolkids' safety caught in red tape [Page 9]**

HORNSBY Council and the State Government have reached an impasse trying to solve a pedestrian and traffic problem in Beecroft, leaving one frustrated parent at his wit's end.

Beecroft resident Michael Turner said he would love for his sons to ride to nearby Beecroft Public School but crossing Kirkham St was "impossible".

"It is not just bad, it is horrific. It is backed up a long way from Beecroft Rd at peak times," he said.

"I would love to ride a bike with my two boys but I tend to drive just because it is not safe."

Mr Turner said putting in a zebra crossing would help but the real issue was the intersection at Beecroft Rd and Kirkham St.

He said putting in lights at that intersection would fix the traffic problems and would also give children a safe place to cross.

"It does not matter what time of day it is, it is always a bad intersection," he said.

“Traffic comes over the M2 from Carlingford and people travel up Kirkham St. If they want to turn right on to Beecroft Rd they are left waiting forever.”

He said many school families avoid Kirkham St by taking long detours.

Hornsby Council and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have pointed the finger at each other to fix the problem.

“There are no current plans to install traffic lights at the intersection of Beecroft Rd and Kirkham St,” an RMS spokesman said.

The council said lights were the safest solution.

“Council has been lobbying the NSW Government for a signalised crossing at Kirkham and Beecroft for at least a decade with no success,” it said.

“Council has investigated the options for a pedestrian crossing or island, but has concluded that is not safe enough. It needs a signalised crossing.”

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

**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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**23 September, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Council Areas**

Thank you to all the people who have shared this post and the poster in Hornsby.

UPDATE: The police have confirmed a sighting of Cecilia in Katoomba on 6th September, and we also have some more recent sightings in Wallsend (as well as the Hornsby one). We're remaining positive, and emailing as many community groups as we can in those areas. Thanks Rebecca (and thankyou for yours and everyone elses support)



We have had 288 comments and 2.2K shares on this news item

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**From The North Shore Times, Thursday 20 September [Online edition [here](#)]**

**Increased bushfire risk for Ku-ring-gai [Edited] [Page 4]:** Residents warned to prepare for 'intense' summer

THE head of the Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service is warning residents to be prepared ahead of what is expected to be an 'more intense' bushfire season than usual.

Nic Lyons is the Brigade Captain of the Ku-ring-gai RFS and his team have been hard at work over the last several weeks, as they prepare for a bushfire season which has arrived earlier than normal.

“The interesting thing is that the bushfire season has actually been brought forward this year, normally it starts the first of October and it has been set to the first of September,” Mr Lyons told the North Shore Times.

“Really that is a reflection of the fact that we have got really dry conditions and it has been dry for the last 12 months at least.”

To prepare for bushfire season visit this [site](#).

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#### **BOBBIN HEAD**

4 A journalist has been charged after allegedly hitting a cyclist while test driving a “supercar” in Kuring-gai National Park. The woman was driving a Mc-Laren sports car when she allegedly struck the cyclist in May. Last week police revealed they had charged a woman with dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm and negligent driving.

#### **Confronting suicide: Community hears of mental illness challenges [Page 20]**

THE TWT creative precinct at St Leonards has hosted an event supporting world suicide prevention day to raise awareness of a problem that causes over 2,800 deaths in Australia a year.

The event was hosted by the Bridging Hope Charity Foundation together with Lifeline Research Foundation.

In support of Lifeline’s “Out of the Shadows” campaign, members of the community gathered to hear three guest speakers.

They included Dr Tim Sharp, aka 'Dr Happy', from The Happiness Institute on Psychology of Positivity, who said: "I have three degrees from 10 years of formal study of psychology and in all that time I didn't learn anything about happiness."

Paediatric psychologist Melody Qu talked about the importance of hope, saying: "People of all nationalities and all ages need hope."

"But you can't raise hope out of nothing. You need resources, you need something concrete."

Educator and photographer Paul McDonald said his work was focused on "collaboration and education, helping other people get their voices out there through art".

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### **23 September, from au.news.yahoo.com: Predator jailed for luring Australian teen to US**

An American child predator who built a relationship with a 16-year-old Australian girl over Facebook and then enticed her to fly to Los Angeles so he could sexually abuse her has been sentenced to 35 years' jail in New York.

Sean Price, 40, from Queens, New York, began communicating with the girl in 2016 on Facebook, and in their daily messages he openly discussed the girl's young age and expressed his desire to have sex with her.

For details, click [here](#).

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### **23 September, from NSW marine Rescue**

Marine Rescue experts are on the water north of Sydney this weekend as part of a major capability exercise before the peak boating season begins.

The Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) on the Hawkesbury today and on Broken Bay tomorrow is designed to test agencies' marine search and rescue practices and coordination.

More than 50 Marine Rescue NSW volunteers and nine rescue vessels from the Broken Bay, Central Coast, Cottage Point, Hawkesbury, Norah Head, Terrey Hills and Tuggerah Lakes units are participating.

The event also involves personnel and assets from the Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force and Westpac Life Saver Helicopter.

Marine Rescue NSW Deputy Commissioner Dean Storey said the exercise would help ensure crews were at peak readiness before the October Long Weekend which marks the start of the peak boating season.

"Our volunteers will sharpen marine search and rescue skills and strengthen cooperation with other rescue agencies in what is a high-activity waterway," he said.

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### **23 September, from smh.com.au: Drug trafficker owns operation at centre of strawberry scandal**

A fruit growing and packing business at the centre of the strawberry contamination scandal is owned by a convicted drug trafficker named in a confidential report on organised crime.

Donnybrook Berries, at Elimbah near Caboolture in the heart of strawberry country north of Brisbane, is owned by Pasquale "Pat" Cufari from Mildura, Victoria.

He was not at the family property on farmland, on the outskirts of Mildura, when Fairfax Media arrived. Two men came to the front of the home where a red Ferrari was parked in the drive.

[Details here.](#)

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## **23 September, from NSW Electoral Commission**

New electoral funding laws commenced 1 July 2018.

The new laws include specific requirements for electoral participants and political donors – changes relate to:

- Disclosure – more frequent disclosure of donations including pre-election
- Registration of electoral participants
- Campaign finances – how political donations and electoral expenditure are managed
- Associated entities of parties, MPs, and Mayors and Local Government Councillors
- Senior office holders of parties
- Public funding for parties and candidates.

The new laws must be complied with.

To learn more about how the new laws may impact you, visit our website for more information [here](#), or contact us on 1300 022 011 or email [fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au).

The new Electoral Funding Act 2018 is available [here](#).

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**22 September, from NSW Police Force**



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a prisoner who escaped from a minimum security correctional facility in the state's Hunter region.

Just after 11am today (Friday 21 September 2018), police were informed that 18-year-old Jake Nunn had escaped the correctional facility at Cessnock.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 170cm tall, a thin build, with brown hair and brown eyes.

He was last seen wearing green coloured shorts, and either a green t-shirt or sloppy joe and joggers.

It's believed they may be headed for Kurri Kurri or the Central Coast areas.

Police are warning members of the public not to approach the man, but instead call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit this [site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

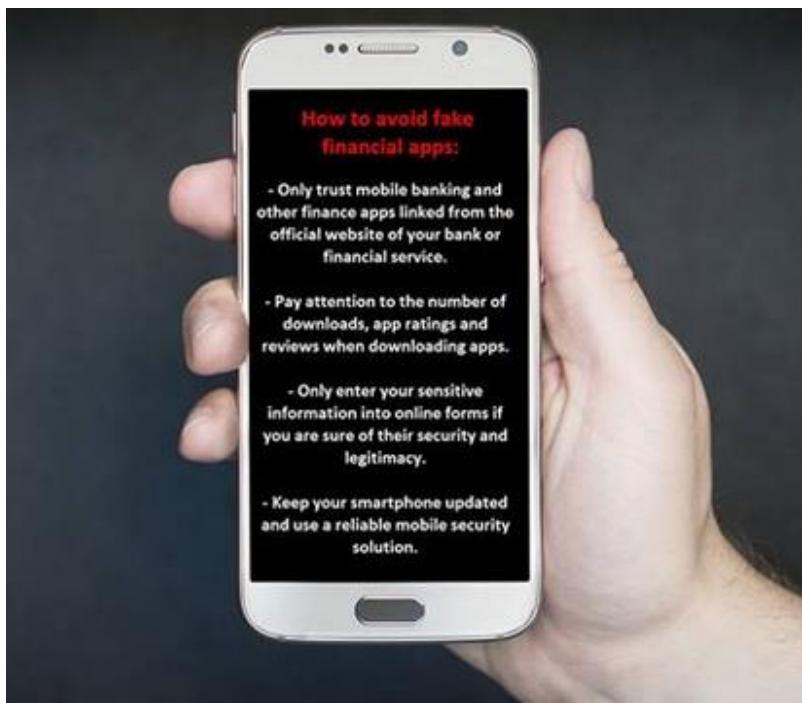
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### 21 September, from the Daily Telegraph

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### 21 September, from NSW Police Force



Fake Banking Apps have caught out thousands of people, taking their financial information.

When downloading your bank's app always check for the correct company name, reviews and how many times it has been downloaded.

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### **21 September, from Stay Smart Online**

A backup plan can save the day....and your data! Whether it's an internet nasty or your device gets misplaced, backups help you to hold onto your data.

Check out our backup advice [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

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### **19 September, from NSW Department of Primary Industries**

Beachgoers in NSW will have extra protection in the sky this summer, with the Government's collaborative drone trial program expanded to more NSW beaches.

In partnership with Surf Life Saving NSW, 15 beaches will have drones assisting lifeguards and lifesavers to spot any potential risks in the water as they happen.

This summer's collaborative trial will see drones at Main Beach Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Lighthouse Beach Ballina, Evans Head, Kingscliff, Yamba, Coffs Coast, Tacking Point Port Macquarie, Birubi, Redhead, Avoca, Kiama, Mollymook, Pambula and Tathra.

This incredible footage was captured during NSW DPI Fisheries aerial surveillance operations on the North Coast, and during drone research trips as part of the PhD collaboration between DPI and Southern Cross University. If you watch until the end, you'll see everything from a White Shark surfing a wave, to Tiger Sharks foraging on a whale carcass! 

For information on how you can be SharkSmart on our beaches, visit [site](#) or download the SharkSmart app from the iTunes store or Google Play.

Watch video [here](#).

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**19 September, from 9news.com.au**

Find out which eight brands of alcohol have been recalled here.



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**19 September, Shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Community group:**

Sadly this was found in our front yard this morning. Everyone needs to be careful. Keep your kids safe. Household security is also a big worry now.



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**19 September, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: The YeS Project Launch!**

Newly launched, The YeS (Young & eSafe) Project is a digital & social health classroom program which encourages young people, aged between 14 to 17, to be positive influences and supportive friends in all their social spaces, especially online. Find out more & download the handbook & educator guide [here](#)

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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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Email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)



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