



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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UPDATE: From the beginning of December this eNewsletter will be compiled for distribution on a **TUESDAY** evening to correspond with our new Crime Prevention Officer's schedule. Just letting you know...

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 another 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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26 November, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command:



26 November, from NSW Road Safety: Vehicle safety has come a long way in the last few years. Do you know how safe your vehicle is?

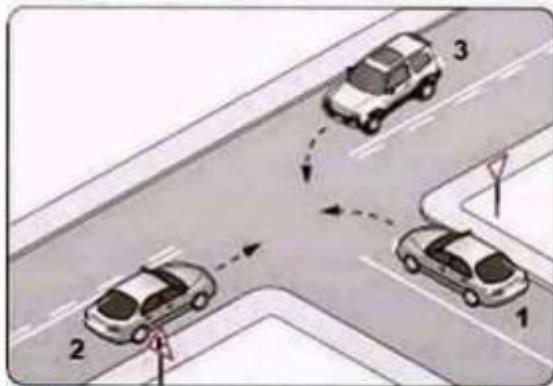


Watch video from SafeVehicles.com.au here.

With vehicle age and relative safety being one of the key contributors to road fatalities, safe vehicle choices can have a significant effect on your survivability in a crash. Check your [vehicle's safety rating here](#).

25 November, from Inner West command:

Which car should go first?



23 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: The Domestic Violence Team from Ku-ring-gai PAC were at Asquith Boys High School this morning to promote White Ribbon day and raise awareness about domestic violence with the students.

There is no such thing as an innocent bystander. Everyone has an obligation to report domestic and family violence.



From Asquith Boys High School Events & News 2018: An incredibly proud moment for Asquith Boys High School conducting our first White Ribbon Assembly.

Thank you to S/C Mal Baker who is the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer for attending the assembly, our incredible Prefects for their drive to deliver the White Ribbon message, and to the amazing staff at Asquith Boys High School for their support of this important initiative.

23 November, from Whte Ribbon: #WhatMenCanDo: Take action if you see violence happening.

Call the police – never assume someone else has. Ensure you do something to stop the violence, but do not use violence yourself or put yourself in danger. Do not

remain silent: stand up, speak out and act to stop men's violence against women.

Find out [how to safely intervene here.](#)



23 November, from NSW Police: NSW Police have today (Thursday 22 November 2018) launched a new video campaign highlighting proactive strategies officers are using in the continued commitment to tackle domestic and family violence.

The “ADVO Compliance Checks” video campaign is an initiative that targets perpetrator accountability, victim support and changing community attitudes.

[Full Media Release and video here.](#)



21 November, from Join the Drive: Did you know drivers may cross unbroken centre lines to pass a bike rider when it's safe to do so?

Stay at least 1m clear on roads under 60, and 1.5 clear on roads over 60. More info from [Roads & Maritime Services here](#).



21 November, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Over half of requests for nude or nearly nude images came from someone teens did not know.

Current research findings from the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. Young people and sexting—attitudes and behaviours.
[Learn more here.](#)



21 November, from The Hills Youth Liaison Officer: When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital.

With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger. Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about:

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- NEVER travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- ALWAYS try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- ALWAYS carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- DO NOT walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- ALWAYS walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- REMEMBER, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened



Have information about someone who preys on children?
Report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au
or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)

20 November, from Hornsby Shire Council: ON THE ROAD – Hornsby

Please be careful when you turn into Peats Ferry Road from Pacific Highway or leave the Westfield carpark at the Pacific Highway exit – the traffic conditions are about to change. The new rules will require traffic exiting Westfield Shopping Centre, heading onto the railway bridge, to merge with traffic from Pacific Highway to Peats Ferry Road. These changes are implemented to improve safety and traffic flow in the area and Council will re-mark the lines on the Peats Ferry Road rail bridge (opposite Westfield) this week. Drive safely!

[More info here.](#)

20 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Kuring Gai police, at the invitation of the Australian Asian Cultural Association held a presentation, informing the attendees of the types of and effects of drugs and alcohol on our society.

The result was overwhelmingly positive stating that communication between the police, community and families was a key to education and awareness.



20 November, from Botany Bay command: Victim of a Break & Enter?

1. Remain calm and listen
2. Ask yourself, "Can you still hear someone still on premises?"
3. Avoid touching anything
4. Call the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 if it is clear the offender/s have left
5. **OR** call 000 if you believe they are still inside your home.

Then What? If you call PAL a report will be done over the phone for you. You'll be given a 'E' Police Event Number.

General Duties (GDs) Police will then be notified to attend and canvas the scene and your neighbourhood. A Scene of Crime Officer (SoCO) will be also assigned to you to attend to see if any fingerprints or DNA have been left behind by the offenders.





Gordon/Killara/East Killara Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) meeting 7-9pm

Tuesday 27 November 2018 @ Gordon Library Meeting Room #2 (Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council).

Have you thought of coming along to this meeting?

We would love you to attend. Gordon host it, but the speakers and information are relevant where ever you may reside:

- Do you know about the ***NSW Elder Abuse Hotline & Resource Unit?***
- Have you met our new ***Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station?***
- Do you want to know about the ***crime currently in the area?***
- Do you know all the ways that ***Neighbourhood Watch can help you?*** For example; what you can borrow, what we can give you, what you can download, what crime prevention advice is available for every possible type of crime and where you can access it?
- Have you a suggestion for how ***NHW can better help the community?***

Please come along. Bring a friend or neighbour, family or colleague. And please bring a plate, because it's the closest thing to a Christmas party that we have! We're offering sandwiches, homemade cake and NHW freebies...

**Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 22 November [Online edition here]
Street Watch [page 10]**

ASQUITH A masked, machete-wielding man was arrested after a robbery at an Asquith store on Saturday afternoon just hours after he robbed another shop up the road. About 2pm, the 31-year-old man allegedly entered a shop at the Pacific

Highway at Mt Colah and demanded money. Police said he stole a sum of cash and about 3.45pm he entered another store on the same road at Asquith. He allegedly pulled out a machete and demanded the staff give him money from the till. CCTV footage helped police identify the man's vehicle, which led to his arrest on Monday. A court date has not yet been set. Police say the man may have been from Arcadia.

WAITARA Goods were stolen from a shipping container near Mark Taylor Oval last Wednesday about 2.45pm. The goods included a grinder, drill and laser level, which were stolen from the shipping container.

HORNSBY About \$10,000 worth of goods were stolen from the Apple store at Westfield Hornsby last Thursday about 1pm. The offender walked into the store and placed two iPhones, three head phones and 10 electronic pens into his backpack before leaving the store.

HORNSBY Police are asking motorists to be mindful of changes being made at the intersection of Peats Ferry Rd and Pacific Highway, near the busy Westfield Hornsby carpark exit. The new rules will require traffic exiting Westfield, heading on to the railway bridge, to merge with traffic from Pacific Highway heading on to Peats Ferry Rd. The changes are being introduced to improve safety and traffic flow in the area and council will remark the lines this week.

PYMBLE A man who allegedly embezzled more than \$300,000 from a Pymble market research company, Quality Online Research, will have his case heard in court again next week after it was adjourned in October. Dimitrios Casdas, 43, from Chipping Norton, is facing 19 fraud charges from 2011 to 2016 when he allegedly defrauded the business of more than \$300,000. Police said the man worked for the company. Mr Casdas allegedly created several fraudulent PayPal accounts using false names, date of births, addresses and email addresses. His case is due back at Hornsby Court on Wednesday, November 28. His charges include 18 counts of dishonestly obtaining financial advantage by deception and dealing with identification information to commit/ facilitate the commission of an indictable offence.

Car dealerships hit by vandal [Page 15]

FIVE car yards in Waitara have been vandalised by a drunk offender who scratched the words “cars stink” on to windows, signs and walls at each dealership and damaged vehicles. The car yards are within 600m of each other along the Pacific Highway and police said the vandalism took place between 5.30pm on Sunday and 8.30am on Monday. Deep scratches spanned multiple glass windows, doors and panels outside some of the stores. Vehicles were also scratched up at some of the dealerships and will need repair. The five businesses affected included Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Kia, Mazda and Toyota. A nearby Avis car rental store also had the words “cars are sh**” scratched into its front entrance. Hornsby Mazda sales manager Corrie Taylor said he had seen some footage of the alleged offender. “You could see the guy stumbling and drunk.” He added at their car yard a Mazda CX5 had been scratched along with some glass panels and aluminum cladding. “In my opinion he was not just a young fella, he was an adult.” He said it seemed to be an isolated incident and they had not had much trouble with vandalism in the past 14 years. Police are investigating and have released a description of the man.

He has been described as aged 20 to 40, tall, slim build, caucasian, with a moustache and goatie. He was wearing a black hat, long-sleeve jacket, jeans, black shoes and was carrying two green shopping bags. Anyone with information should call **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 27 November: 7pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2, Gordon/Killara/East Killara NHW meeting - ***How can Neighbourhood Watch help me?*** Come & meet your new NSWPF Crime Prevention Officer. Speaker from the Elder Abuse Hotline. Giveaways, advice, update on crime in the area. All welcome! Refreshments provided.

Wednesday 28 November: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Child Car Seat Check Day

9am-2:30pm Bookings: Phone **9424 0843** [Info](#)

Sunday 02 December: PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai 3-9pm (Carols from 6pm) the 2018 Time4Kids Carols Undercover. **Bookings: 8998 5400**

Sunday 09 December: Carols @ Asquith Oval. BBQ, Food, Face Painting, Jumping Castle 530pm, Carols 730pm, Fireworks 9pm

Thursday 13 December: **4:30pm** 'Safer Drivers' classes @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077, Australia. [Book online](#) or phone: **02 9477 2310**.

Friday 14 December: FREE AWOL Youth Hub Party 3:30-6:30pm @ Ku-ring-gai Youth Services, 799 Pac Hwy, Gordon

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.

26 November, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Thanks to the Australian Federal Police for talking us through the scammer's usual procedure.

SCAM ALERT! Did we call you on your cell phone? Answer – probably not... There's a new version of an old tax scam doing the rounds, but guess what scammers, we're exposing your secrets:

- First, they'll call with an automated message saying they're from the "tax department" saying you're being audited.
- You'll be asked to select an option to be put through an operator (*cough scammer*) – who says you owe a tax debt.
- If you question the caller or hang up, you'll likely receive a call back about 30 mins later which "appears" to come from an AFP phone number in

Sydney. (For all you detectives, it looks like us. BUT IT'S NOT, the scammers are just imitating our switchboard).

- An "AFP Federal Officer" will then claim you'll be arrested unless you pay the fine. **DO NOT PAY!**

Remember - the AFP will NEVER request payment of fines or other monies over the phone.

If you believe you or someone you know might be a scam victim, or have any information, you can report it through SCAMWatch (www.scamwatch.gov.au) or your local police.

26 November, from the Daily Mail: Australia's happiest and safest suburbs are revealed - so how does your local area rate?

Wahoo! Ku-ring-gai!

[Full article here.](#)

25 November, from News.com.au: Spread the word!

Aussie households have been officially advised to run their taps for at least 30 seconds in the morning amid fears of lead poisoning.

[Full article here.](#)

23 November, from Crime Stoppers: Taking a road trip up the coast? [edited]

Access the latest information about every Australian beach on the go. Offering unrivaled coverage of the Australian coastline, **the Beachsafe App** provides detailed information from patrol status, facilities and hazards to weather, swell and tide. Beachsafe also provides expert advice about rip currents, flags and signs,

waves, marine creatures, surf skills and more. Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) recommends swimming at patrolled beaches, between the red and yellow flags.

Download the [BEACHSAFE for Apple](#) here.

Download the [BEACHSAFE for Android](#) here.

21 November, from NHW Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: Thank you to those people who have contacted us requesting more information about the post we shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group re: theft of parcels.

NOTE: The lady who originally posted this is happy to be contacted directly if you can help or think you may have information. She is happy to share the clearer original video images. If you have any information that may help, please call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799.**

Shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group on Monday:

Be aware that a female in what looks to be a grey car is following the Auspost van that delivers packages and helping themselves to what the driver leaves at the front door. I'll now change my delivery instructions to require a signature as Auspost said it's very common this time of the year for thieves to do this. Luckily we have cameras so got a good shot of her face, just not the rego plate. If you recognise her, please let me know. Got a shot of the car.



For MyPost customers we believe deliveries can be made to an AusPost 24/7

parcel locker for FREE. [Auspost 24/7 info here.](#)

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

19 November, shared as a warning from Scam Watch Australia:

This is an email received. How dare they! Sherye Yurtsever
[ceingramckn@outlook.com]

Hi there - I know the dirty secrets. I won't tell you what I am aware of, I've got everything along with me. To demonstrate this, just let myself tell you that one of your security passwords is actually needlework. Pay me \$8000 via BITC01N to the address 17kcmD9MwiGmP2hqYFBRhCMZYKXYjPRd6G within the next 44 hrs. I would like to make one thing crystal clear, that I will damage your life fully if I don't get the payment. However, if I do get the payment, I will remove each details I have with me, and I will disappear altogether and you will definitely don't ever hear anything from myself. It is the first as well as final e-mail from me as well as the offer can not be negotiated, therefore do not reply to this email.

19 November, from News.com.au: Big change coming to parking tickets in New South Wales, with a 'saving grace' rule

If you've ever copped a parking fine for staying a few minutes longer than you'd paid for, this new rule will come as good news. New South Wales will introduce a "saving grace" rule from next year, giving drivers a 10-minute window before tickets are issued by inspectors.

[Full article here.](#)

18 November, shared from East Killara Neighbourhood Watch: Here's Wal,

our Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator for East Killara NHW group. He's holding a Rotary award recognising his volunteering. Congratulations, Wal! And thank you.



18 November, shared from Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group conversation:

- Be alert everyone, liquorland was just about to be robbed when disturbed

by some locals. Persons wearing fluros, hat, gloves and driving a silver hilux/triton style ute.

- This afternoon Liquorland bottleshop had an attempted robbery with a machete.
- Apparently yesterday a gent pulled a balaclava on and was about to go in there, saw too many people and bolted.
- He came into the Plant Bug nursery yesterday but I think there were too many people, so he robbed the poor girls at Headcandy.
- Supersave Pharmacy in Asquith and Headcandy Salon robbed yesterday.
- We were robbed about a month ago in Asquith (our home).
- I was talking to a lad working at Liquorland yesterday when we went in and he said the day before a guy was walking with a balaclava down the road and a concerned lady reported it.
- We live near to liquorland/the pharmacy. Our neighbour said someone had tried to break into their home Friday morning.
- ALDI Mt Kuring-gai Friday arvo - some drugged-up bloke walked out the indoor after pouring wine into his water bottle.

16 November, from NHW Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby: We now have a new WATCHOUT! Facebook page that will advertise updates to our WatchOut.org.au website.

Have you looked at the Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention website 'WatchOut!'

Today we've Included a new link on the Fraud page, to report insurance fraud in Australia.

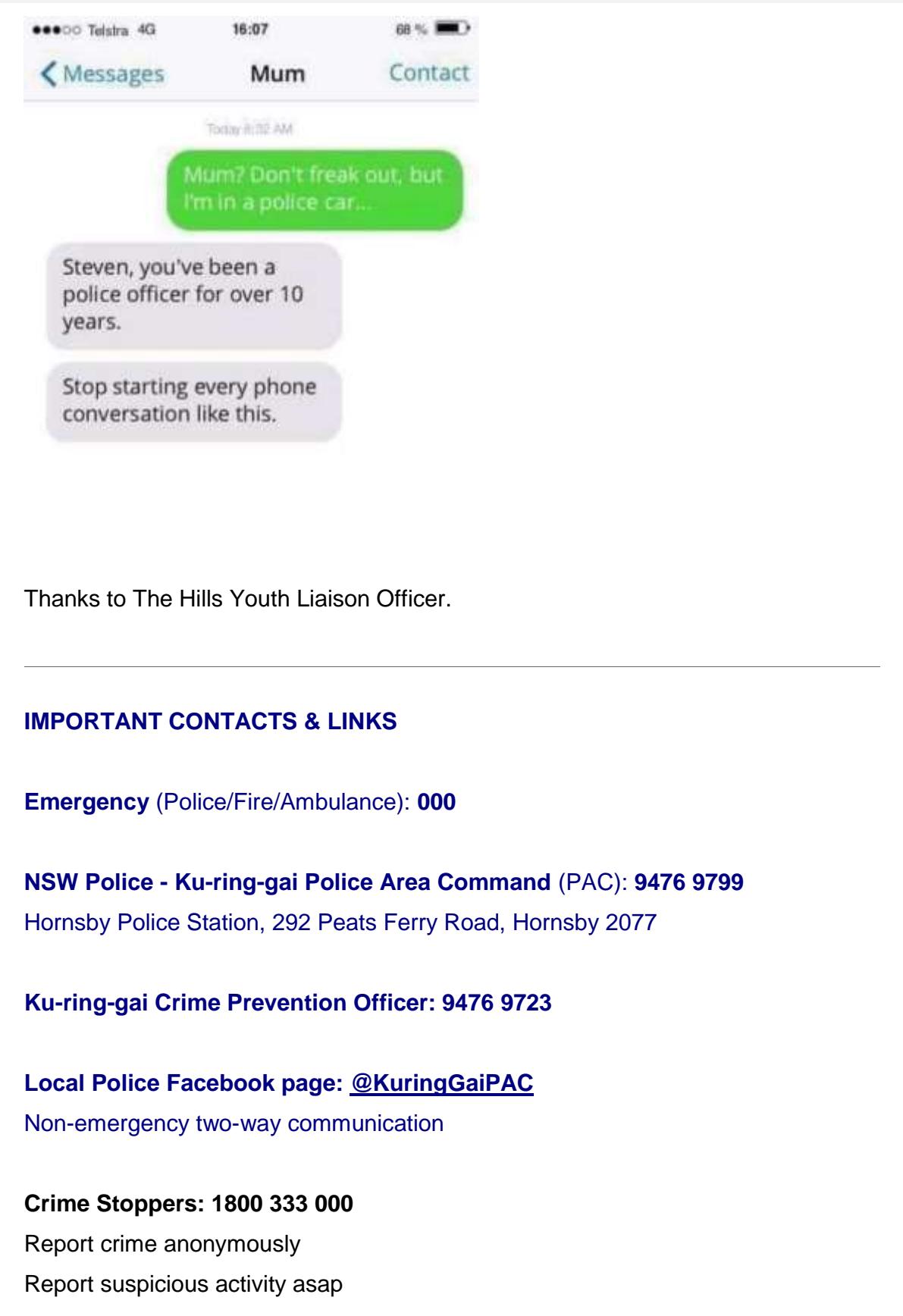


A simple 'one-stop-shop' with an A-to-Z index of easy-to-follow links at your fingertips. We have hunted out the most pertinent advice, alerts and post-crime

advice, particularly from Australian government departments and non-profit organisations.

15 November, Thanks to Karen, the Education Officer with Ryde Police Area Command:

Body Warn Video (BWV) cameras are being introduced to all NSW Police officers. They will be worn front and centre and must be visible to the public. Green light = standby, redlight flashing = recording. The video is recorded during a shift and securely processed as it is downloaded onto a dvd. There is no way to edit the information, although faces can be pixilated, and it is stored for 6 months. The unit is allocated to officers each shift by using a scan of the veins in their handprint. ASAP persons being recorded should be advised. No permission is needed in public or private (if lawful). Have had a 2 year trial and the benefits are many: enhanced evidence collection, decreased complaints against the police, over 30% decrease in assaults, approx 25% increase in early guilty pleas, decrease in work-based claims, improved officer conduct & accountability.



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.

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Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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