

Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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Welcome to our new readers following the weekend's 'Dads are Great!' event. This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

Please continue to email us anything that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

08 September: Operation Roam 2014 launched to capture Crime Stoppers Most Wanted

NSW Police Force has joined a nationwide operation targeting some of Australia's most wanted. Operation Roam 2014 was launched today by Crime Stoppers Australia and aims to promote the capture and exchange of information concerning the whereabouts of wanted people. This year, Crime Stoppers have compiled a list of the top 20 most wanted people from policing jurisdictions across Australia. It is believed many of Crime Stoppers Most Wanted have left their state or territory and reside interstate.

Operational Communications & Information Commander, Assistant Commissioner Peter Barrie, said the community is the key to solving crime. "Operation Roam aims to tap into the wealth of information in our community to locate some of the country's most wanted people," Assistant Commissioner Barrie said. "Crime Stoppers has proven that often the smallest piece of information, no matter how insignificant it may seem, can be the missing piece of a puzzle to solving a crime or locating a wanted person. We need the support of our community to help us capture these people and help NSW and Australia a safer place," Assistant Commissioner Barrie said.

NSW Police Force is appealing for information from the public to locate three wanted men as part of Operation Roam 2014.

Nathan Glover, 20, is wanted by NSW detectives over an alleged serious assault at Berkeley in the Illawarra, on Sunday 7 July 2013.



He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 175-180cm tall, with a medium build, brown hair and brown eyes.

Hisham Touba, 36, is wanted by NSW detectives over an alleged aggravated robbery at Prestons in Sydney's south west, on Saturday 1 December 2001.



He is described as being of Mediterranean/Middle Eastern appearance, 187-

193cm tall, with a medium build, black hair and brown eyes. At the time he was last seen, he has a goatee-style beard.

Matthew Tune, 32, is wanted by NSW detectives over an alleged assault and robbery in South Tamworth on Saturday 3 March 2012.



He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 180cm tall, with a medium build, black hair and brown eyes.

Call Triple Zero if you see a wanted person; do not approach them or attempt to apprehend them.

Police are urging anyone with information relating to the whereabouts of these men to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**

Full Media release, click here. Newspaper article, click here.

06 September: Dads are Great! fun community crime prevention event

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who made this community engagement day possible, as well as the Gordon Centre management for hosting this event. We couldn't get the Highway Patrol motorbike, but thanks to the Riot Squad guys for lending us their gear at short notice - we had fun pretending! And thanks also to East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 for organising and providing all the Father's Day card-making, origami and coulouring-in. We had help from Macquarie University students, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and the local SES, RFS and Graffiti Removal guys. We received many positive comments from the community, saying how much they appreciated a community engagement day like this and could they have more please?



Pictured: Carroll Howe (Volunteer in Policing (VIP)), Mario Fenech (Stik Tag), Chantelle Fornari-Orsmond (VIP), Mary Walker (E Killara Neighbourhood Watch, event organising team), Constable Charlie (huge thanks to the volunteer inside), Fiona Zhou (Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer), Paul Fletcher MP, Julia Eagles (VIP, event organising team), S/C Paul Cleary (Crime Prevention Officer, event organising team), Insp Ian McCarthy, Mario Dimovski (Stik Tag). Not pictured: Jessica Pagano (Gordon Centre, event organising team).

Click here to view the Dads are Great! Photo Album

05 September: Three men and two women were arrested and charged yesterday after allegedly being involved in a Colombian crime syndicate committing aggravated break and enters across the Sydney metropolitan area. (edited)

Strike Force Naughton was established in August 2014 by officers attached to Redfern and Wetherill Region Enforcement Squads to investigate alleged aggravated break and enter offences by a Colombian crime syndicate in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Following investigations, about 6pm, Wednesday 3 September 2014, Strike Force Naughton officers stopped a car on the Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove, and searched the vehicle, where balaclavas, mobile phones, and a navigational system were allegedly located and seized. A man aged 27, and a woman aged 35, were arrested at the scene and taken to Chatswood Police Station.

About 8pm, a car was stopped in Sir Thomas Mitchell Road, Bondi. Officers searched two men and a woman and the vehicle, where they allegedly located and seized balaclavas, house breaking implements, a necklace and diamond ring and cash. The two men, aged 29, 30 and the woman, aged 37, were arrested at the scene and taken to Waverley Police Station.

Further investigations led police to execute a search warrant at a unit on Francis Street, Bondi Beach about 12pm yesterday (Thursday 4 September 2014), where they allegedly seized photos and documentation, jewellery, watches, electrical items, handbags, mobile phones and cash.

Police will allege the property seized is in relation to break, enter and steal offences in **West Pymble and St Ives**.

Full Media Release, click here.

05 September: A man will face court this month over alleged commercial cannabis cultivation following a search warrant at Beecroft yesterday.

About 6.35am (Thursday 4 September 2014), officers attached to Gordon Region Enforcement Squad executed a search warrant at a home on Kirkham Street. Police allegedly located and seized a large hydroponic cannabis cultivation set-up containing over 430 cannabis plants, with an estimated street value of over \$2 million. It is also alleged that electricity had been illegally diverted. A 26-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Ryde Police Station. He was charged with large commercial cultivation of cannabis, supply cannabis and stealing electricity. The man was granted conditional bail, to appear at Burwood Local Court on Tuesday 23 September 2014.



05 September: NOTE: In the image, the genuine banknote is on top, the counterfeit banknote bottom.



The Commander of the NSW Police Force's Fraud and Cybercrime Squad has urged the community to be on the lookout for counterfeit banknotes, after an increase in the number of counterfeit notes reported to police during August. Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis, who heads up the Fraud and Cybercrime Squad, said counterfeit banknotes have been circulating in numerous locations throughout NSW in recent weeks.

"Since the beginning of August, we have seen an increase in the number of counterfeit banknotes being reported to police," Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis said. "During July, we received 41 reports concerning counterfeit banknotes. The number of reports for August was 81."

Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis added that police have seen a number of different counterfeit notes throughout the last month. "While the notes we've seized have been from a range of denominations, the vast majority are fifty and one hundred dollar notes," Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis said.

"Some of the counterfeit notes we've seized have been printed on paper, and some on plastic. All genuine banknotes are printed on a special form of plastic."

Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis said there are some key features which

distinguish counterfeit banknotes from real ones. "With respect to the counterfeit notes printed on paper, they tear quite easily," Detective Superintedent Katsogiannis said. "Obviously, real notes do not tear.

"As for the counterfeit notes printed on plastic, they feel slightly thicker than genuine banknotes. "Furthermore, the clarity of the images on the counterfeit plastic notes is not as sharp as it is on genuine ones.

"It's important that consumers and, in particular, businesses pay close attention to the notes in their possession, and check for all security features. "If you find a banknote that you are concerned about, please let us know."

Anyone seeking further information on the security features of genuine banknotes, click here.

04 September, from neighbouring The Hills command: Have you heard of: "Find my Iphone" and "Wheres my Droid"? (edited)

These are apps for both Apple Iphone's and Android phones. These are extremely useful if you either misplace/loose you phone or ipad or if it gets stolen. It can even help Police try and locate your electrical devices.

Stolen Phone?

Feel secure knowing that a thief won't be able to access your personal information on your lost phone. In the Pro version you are able to wipe and lock your stolen phone. Locking your phone will make it unusable while you try to track your lost phone's location. If there is no hope of finding your phone, then you can erase your personal information with the wipe feature.

Android? <u>Click here</u>. iPhone, iPad, Mac? <u>Click here</u>.

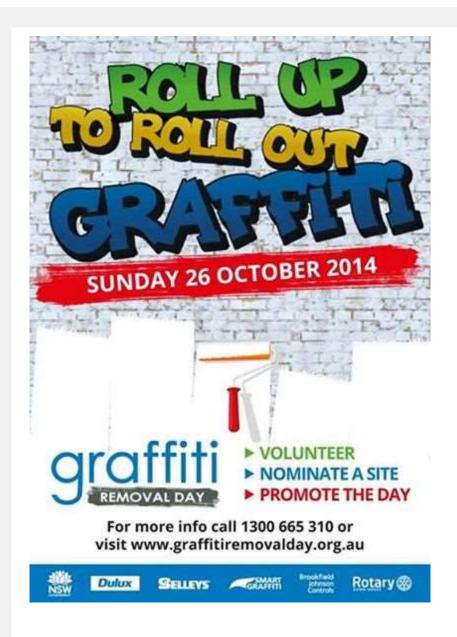
Full information, click here.

04 September: Graffiti Removal Day - Sunday 26th October 2014

Graffiti vandalism is a problem across New South Wales and costs local communities millions of dollars each year. The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing this vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the fight against graffiti. To support this goal, the Government has established a state-wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day". The aim of the Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

This year Graffiti Removal Day will take place on **Sunday 26 October 2014**. Graffiti Removal Day is a joint initiative between the New South Wales Government and Rotary Down Under.

To know more about the day or get involved, <u>click here</u> or call us on **1300 665 310**.



02 September, from NSW Fair Trading:

Many people enjoy the challenge of DIY work to repair or create something themselves, especially when they're on a budget, but sometimes things can go horribly wrong. See our tips to stay safe in the comments below and follow the Don't Be A Tool campaign throughout the month of September, supported by consumer protection agencies nationally. You can read more at the link in the comments.

Click here for the 'Don't be a Tool' Tips .

02 September: Mr Gabriel Williams, aged 42, was last seen at a residence on Kensington Park Road on Saturday 30 August 2014. He was reported missing by a carer about 9.15am on Monday 1 September 2014. Police hold serious concerns for his welfare as Mr Williams has a severe intellectual disability and requires daily medication. Police from Quakers Hill Local Area Command have received information Mt Williams has been sighted in the Lakehaven area on the Central Coast



Gabriel Williams is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, about 170cm tall, with a large build and short black hair.

02 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: Loreto Normanhurst evacuated, dog squad called in following threat of bomb in staffroom

TWO-HUNDRED boarders and staff at a prestigious Sydney girls school had to be evacuated last night when police responded to a bomb threat at Normanhurst. Police were called to Loreto Normanhurst on Pennant Hills Rd at 6pm to

investigate after receiving a phone call about "a suspicious object in staff quarters". Ten police crews from Kuring-gai, Hills and Ryde local area commands attended alongside forensic officers, three ambulance crews and three fire units. Osborne Rd was closed to traffic because of its proximity to the staff area and a "white level search" — a basic sweep — was undertaken.



The police dog squad was called into sweep the staff area before the all clear was given. Picture: JERAD WILLIAMS

Hornsby Police crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said police received a phone call shortly before 6pm. He said the call, which has been tracked to the Mascot area, alluded to a bomb threat "to be activated at 7.30pm. Police evacuated about 200 people to the gym as a precaution and undertook a basic sweep of the staff area," Constable Cleary said. "Police self-evacuated half an hour before the threat was supposed to detonate and set up a perimeter. The bomb dog squad was brought in and swept the staff area an hour later and found nothing. A further search in other areas of the school found nothing either."

A spokeswoman for NSW Police said the all clear was given shortly before 10pm. Constable Cleary said police are continuing their investigation into the origin of the threat.

01 September, from our neighbouring North Shore command: Inquiries are

continuing after a man allegedly exposed himself to a child inside a library at Chatswood yesterday (Sunday 31 August, 2014).

An eight-year-old girl told police she was at a library on Victoria Avenue with her father when about 2.20pm she felt a man touch her shoulder. The girl turned around and saw a man performing an act of indecency. The girl ran to alert her father who was only a short distance away, but when they returned the man had gone.

He has been described to police as being of Caucasian in appearance, aged between 40 and 50 with short brown hair and a tanned complexion. He was clean shaven and wearing a beige shirt with a dark zip-up jacket with brown jeans. Police from North Shore are investigating the matter and would like to speak with anyone who may have information that could assist.



From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: What is Suspicious Behaviour?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place. Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it. Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours; if you see similar activities occurring, we recommend you need to report it to Police.

- A person carrying property; such as computer equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- Someone going door-to-door in an office building or residential area without proper identification; Or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; This person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.

- Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; This is highly suspicious especially at night and in isolated parking areas.
- Business transactions being held at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis; Someone could be conducting an illegal drug or stolen property sale.
- One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; They may be lookouts for a crime in progress burglary/robbery or for planning a crime.
- Someone being forced into a vehicle; this may be abduction.
- A person showing unusual mental or physical symptoms; He or she may be injured in an accident, be under the influence of illegal drugs or prescribed medications, or need other medical or psychiatric help.
- Strange noises; gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.

Remember – A quick and accurate description of events, vehicles and persons can make all the difference in stopping a potential criminal. Any type of activity or circumstance that seems unusual should be reported.



A person isn't suspicious, their behaviour is!

Report suspicious behaviour to Police on the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 44 or to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. In case of emergencies telephone 000.

From StaySmartOnline: Security updates for Firefox now available: SSO Alert Priority High

Mozilla has released security updates addressing a range of issues that affect its Firefox web browser. The update takes Firefox to version 32.0 and includes feature improvements as well as security updates. The security updates address vulnerabilities Mozilla categorises as critical and high. If you use Firefox, you should ensure your system is up to date as soon as possible.

Click here for full Media Release, including update links.

From the FBI: Vintage Fraud - Rare Wine Dealer Sentenced in Counterfeiting Scheme 09/05/14

"The same old wine in a brand new bottle" is a phrase that aptly describes how fraudsters deceive the public in ever-changing ways. It applies perfectly to Rudy Kurniawan's profitable and long-running counterfeiting scam—except that Kurniawan was putting new wine in old bottles.

Earlier this month, a New York federal judge sentenced Kurniawan to a 10-year prison term for his elaborate counterfeiting scheme in which he mixed newer, cheaper wines together and poured them into old bottles with forged labels.



Fake vintner labels used by recently sentenced wine dealer Rudy Kurniawan in his

massive counterfeiting scheme.

Click here for full Press Release [Recommended reading for wine buffs! - Ed].

The Opal card came in on 01 September 2014. Weekly, monthly and yearly train passes for adults are among 14 paper-based tickets "retired", while bus and pensioner tickets remain. Opal cards cost nothing, but require a minimum "load" of \$40 online and \$10 in stores. Retailers can be found easily at the Opal website, click here.

R U OK? Day Date: 11 September 2014



R U OK? Day is day to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, "R U OK?", in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference and even save lives.

If your gut says something's not quite right with someone, chances are that they

might need a bit of extra support from the people around them. They might be acting a bit differently, seem to have a lot on their plate, or simply aren't themselves. Don't ignore those signs but instead take some time to start a conversation.

Read more on the R U OK? website, click here.

Publications freely available about helping to prevent slips, trips and falls (compiled by Stan Wesley, Warrawee Valley E-Watch for the 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force Local Area Command).

Stay on your feet-Your safety check list.(27p) - NSW Health Phone: 9879 0443 Available at Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls-Guide 2007.(17 p) - WorkCover NSW Phone: 1300 799 003 Available at Website: www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

Slips, Trips and Falls-A Guide.(17p) - Macular Degeneration Foundation Phone: 1800 111 709 Available at Website: www.mdfoundation.com.au

From 9News.com.au: Jack the Ripper 'revealed' thanks to DNA test

An author has claimed he finally solved the mystery of who carried out the Jack the Ripper murders that terrorised London towards the end of the 19th century. Unfortunately for royal family conspiracy theorists, Ripperologist Russell Edwards said DNA evidence proved the culprit was Polish immigrant and barber Aaron Kosminsky. Edwards purchased a shawl that belonged to Ripper victim Catherine Eddowes, which contained DNA samples that matched both Eddowes and Kosminski.



An artist's impression of Jack the Ripper suspect Aaron Kosminski. (Supplied)

Full article, click here.

From the Hornsby Advocate 02 September: Michael McEwen's family responds to Jamie Ennis' 12-month good behaviour bond for role in Bondi assault

THE father of one-punch victim Michael McEwen says the family has been let down by a lenient sentence handed to one of his attackers. The man who started the fight that almost ended the Turramurra 23-year-old's life in December, but did not throw a punch himself, has walked away from court with a good behaviour bond.

Full article, click here.

Did you Know? You can access a lot of information from the local Police on Facebook. Valuable crime prevention information is stored in the form of photos. There is no need to be involved with Facebook to access Police pages (unlike normally). Simply google 'Kuring Gai LAC Facebook' then select 'Photos', then select 'Albums' on the right-hand-side and scroll through. One 'Album' is the **Senior Safety** pamphlet.







Click here for the 'Senior Safety' pamphlet.

From Gordon Neighbourhood Watch: Great community day on Saturday. If you couldn't make it, have a look at the 'Dads are Great!' photo album on our local Kuring Gai LAC police facebook page. Feedback from the community was good, with requests for something similar for West Pymble and Gordon East areas. Thank you to all the volunteers, participants and everyone who made it happen.

Next scheduled stall is at the **St John's Anglican Church Fête on Saturday 11 October 2014**. Please pencil it in your diaries and we'll provide more details nearer the day.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 09 September: FREE Learner Driver workshop, 6:30-8:30pm Hornsby

Council Chambers. Bookings essential, ph: 9847 6856.

Thursday 11 September: RU OK? Day

Saturday 13 September: Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Open Day

Saturday 13 September: Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade - Open Day. 10-2pm Esk

St North North Wahroonga.

Saturday 13 September? Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade Open Day - 'Taking it to the Streets!'

Sunday 14 September: Open Day FREE 10am-2pm. NSW Mounted Police Stables, 7 Baptist St, Redfern.

Saturday/Sunday 20/21 September: Ku-ring-gai Council's Medieval Faire at St Ives Showground

Thursday 02 October: FREE concert by Ambre Hammond (on a Stuart Grand piano), 10:30 til 12 noon at Lorraine Smith Auditorium (Gate 3), Ravenswood School for Girls. Celebrate UN International Day of Older Persons. Enq: **9424 0000**.

Saturday 11 October: St John's Anglican Church Fête, cnr Pac Hwy & St John's Ave, Gordon 9am - 2pm. Crime Prevention stall there, with NSW Police and local Neighbourhood Watch.

Sunday 26 October: National Graffiti Removal Day.

Wednesday 03 December: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety

Committee 5:30 for 6pm

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival.

Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.

A sting operation?



Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW, Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council

BEROWRA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) and Pacific Hwy between Collingridge Way and Yallambee Rd: Sun 7 Sep 2014 - Thu 18 Sep 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduced speed limit. Work will be carried out in two nights during this period, excluding Saturdays.

The off-ramp and on-ramp from/to M1 Pacific Motorway at the Windybanks Interchange will be closed and detoured for the first night of work. There will be some noise associated with this work.

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry: Tue 9 Sep 2014 - Tue 9 Sep 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (10.30am to 2.30pm) closed. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 1 Nov 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

KILLARA Provincial Road: Road resurfacing is currently underway.

PYMBLE Grandview St: Road resurfacing is currently underway.

ROSEVILLE Boundary St at Ferncourt Ave: Thu 4 Sep 2014 - Wed 10 Sep 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed.

ST IVES Memorial Avenue (between Killeaton Street and Cranford Avenue): Road resurfacing is currently underway.

TURRAMURRA Pacific Hwy at Warrangi St: Wed 3 Sep 2014 - Wed 10 Sep 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Reduce speed. Check signage.

WAHROONGA Pacific Hwy and M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Lucinda Ave *and* Pennant Hills Rd: Tue 9 Sep 2014 - Thu 18 Sep 2014

Check signage. Reduce speed. Asphalt patching and linemarking work will be carried out over one night shift (Saturday nights excluded). There will be lane closures, some noise and minor delays.

WAHROONGA Burns Road (between The Chase Road and Trentino Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for early September.

Hornsby Shire Council areas: If you would like to enquire about any work taking place please **phone 9847 6666 or email** hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following

us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil.

For further information, see <u>NSW Live Traffic</u> and the <u>Ku-ring-gai Council</u> Roadworks page.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 **Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, Hornsby 2077**

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

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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This email has been forwarded to you by Gordon Area 12 / 24 Neighbourhood Watch group. Please share 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 LAC, 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.

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