



# Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). Unfortunately for the next 4 weeks there will be no Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer as he is on leave.

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 you may know of, that others may appreciate knowing: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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## 28 January, from Hornsby Shire Council: WHAT DOES "NO PARKING" MEAN?

As children begin heading back to school it's important that parents and carers understand the parking zones that apply outside schools. The most important aspect is that you can't drop children off in Bus Zones or No Stopping Zones

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“ doing so is highly dangerous and will incur a big fine as well as demerit points. Children should be dropped off and picked up in the No Parking Zones, where you can stop for a maximum of two minutes. The driver must remain within three metres of the vehicle at all times and cannot leave the vehicle unattended.



These rules are designed to create maximum efficiency and safety during the busy peak periods at the beginning and end of school each day.

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#### **27 January, from the Telegraph: Police investigate suspicious blaze at Hornsby motorcycle repair shop**



A GUARD dog has died after a fire at a motorcycle repair business in Hornsby early this morning that police are treating as suspicious. Firefighters discovered the dog, a white husky, unconscious inside the Love Motorcycles business, in James St.

Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/police->

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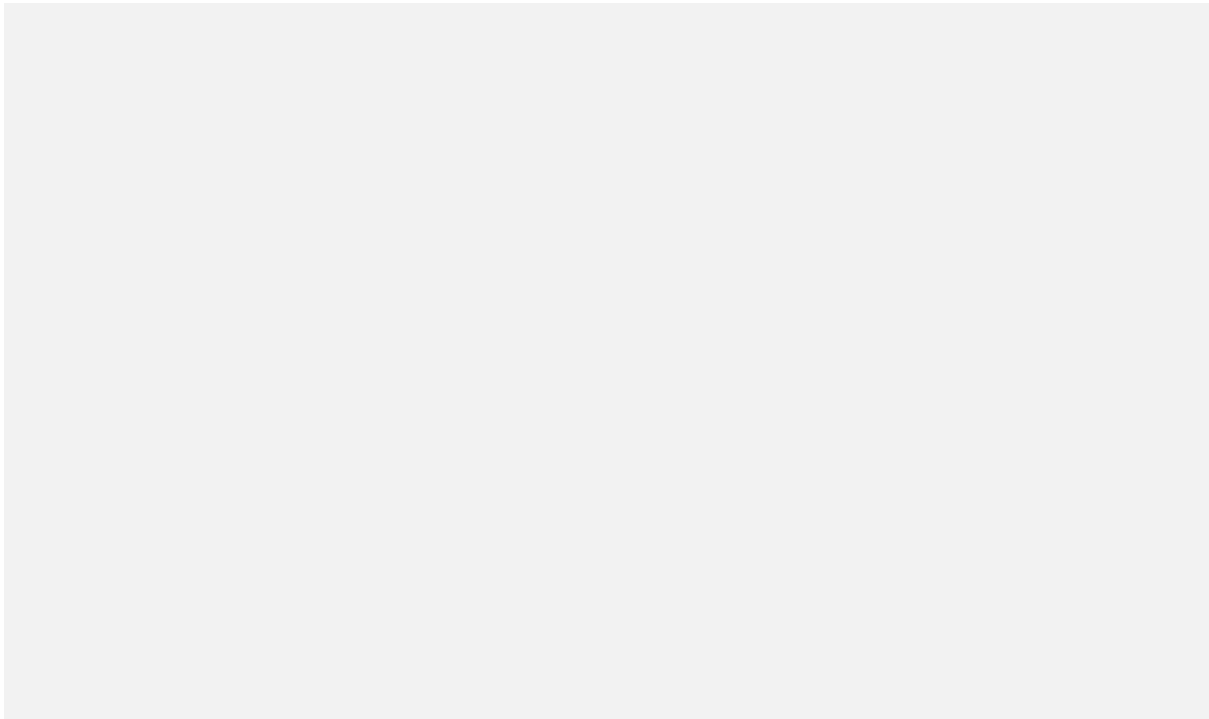
**26 January: Scam Warning!** SCAMwatch is warning consumers to beware of scammers targeting their smartphones and tablet devices using the "computer virus scam" - a scam where people get a call from an "expert" out of the blue claiming that their computer has a virus, with the offer to fix it for a fee.

In a new twist, scammers are claiming to be able to fix similar viruses on people's smartphones or tablets. As with the previous version, the scammer will ask you to grant them remote access to your computer, however they will also ask you to connect your mobile device to the computer so that they can access the device through it.

If you receive an unsolicited call like this, the best thing to do is hang up. For further information, visit the SCAMwatch website - <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1116351>

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**25 January, one to pencil in your diaries:** Berowra Community Day. All the details are on the flyer. More nearer the time.



## Meet your neighbours Berowra Community Day

*you're invited...*

Please come and join us for a free BBQ and meet other people in your neighbourhood and learn more about the wonderful local services in Berowra.

There will be information from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch and games and face painting for the kids.

**When** Saturday 22 March, 10am-2pm

**Where** The car park of IGA Supermarket, 19 Turner Road, Berowra Heights

**Cost** Free. For more information, please call Fiona on 9476 9715, or Jian on 9847 6994.



For more information visit  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au)



**25 January: The NSW Government today (Thursday 23 January 2014) announced that a \$200,000 reward would be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the disappearance and presumed murder of a woman last seen in January 1982.**

Lynette Joy Dawson, a 33-year-old mother-of-two, went missing on or around Saturday 9 January 1982.

While at home with her husband on the evening of Friday 8 January 1982, Lynette Dawson phoned her mother. After chatting for a while, mother and daughter agreed to meet for lunch at Northbridge Baths the following day (9 January 1982). However, Lynette never arrived. She was officially reported missing on 18 February 1982 by her husband, Christopher Dawson.

Detective Sergeant Damian Loone from the Sydney City Local Area Command is leading the investigation into Mrs Dawson's disappearance, and believes there are people out there who know what happened to her.

"We have received some useful information and support from members of the public on this investigation," Detective Sergeant Loone said. "Yet we do believe there are people out there who know exactly what has happened to Lynette but are either afraid or unwilling to share that information with police."

"If you know where she is, or what has happened to her, please give us a call. We don't need to know who you are; all we need is the information you have to hand. You can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously and your call will be treated in the strictest of confidence."

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



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**23 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: A 41-year-old Mt Colah man rolled his van on the M1 motorway at Wahroonga last night and suffered arm, leg and serious head injuries.**

The accident occurred at 6.40pm in a northbound lane, about one kilometre south

of the Kuring-gai Chase Rd exit. A NSW Police spokesman said the Toyota Hiace van had come off the road, for unknown reasons, and hit a guard rail. Ambulance paramedics and a CareFlight trauma doctor treated the man and NSW Fire and Rescue officers worked for 45 minutes to free him. The man was believed to have been pinned inside his vehicle by his arms. CareFlight director Ian Badham said teams treated the man for injuries while he was trapped and again after he was freed. He said he believed the man underwent emergency surgery after being transported by road ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital.

A spokeswoman for the hospital this morning said the patient was in a stable condition.

All three northbound lanes of the M1 were closed. NSW Police Crash Investigation Unit is now investigating the cause of the accident. **Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.**



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### **23 January: Lost in Galston Gorge.**

We normally don't do this but in the interest of community spirit and helping out a young apprentice mechanic here goes. The attached photo was spotted at the bottom of Galston Gorge near the twin bridges. The tools he refers to are his work tools and work clothes (boots etc). The 19 year old apprentice who works locally was returning to work after being on holidays, the tools were in the rear of a ute, while rounding a hairpin bend the tailgate unlatched and the tools fell out. Instead of blocking traffic in a dangerous spot he drove on and pulled over when safe to do so. He went to where the tools fell out and they have been taken (stolen) by a passing motorist, a matter of a minute or so. So if you know anything about this or saw someone picking things up about 6.30am on Monday the 20th please pass on the info to the number in the photo. If you are that motorist, please have a heart

and call the number, no questions asked. This young bloke's job and livelihood is at risk.



**And in the comments, the following was reiterated by the Police:** The offence in this case is steal by finding, be it picking up tools from the road which OBVIOUSLY belonged to someone or 'finding' a \$50 note in an ATM and keeping it, it is steal by finding and that is the criminal offence. So remember that post a week or so ago about a camera found on a train that was handed into Hornsby police, after 110,000 views we found the owner. So the wording of stolen, harsh or not if it was not handed in to police or to the owner then it is what it is, stolen. If the 'finder' just hasn't had time to hand them in, then all is good. I am just hoping the community spirit helps this young bloke out who is starting his career as a mechanic.

**Examples from the 74 comments:**

"If the tools don't turn up, I have spare socket sets and Sidchrome rachets/extensions etc and screwdrivers he can have to start getting sorted."  
"I've got a shed full of tools he can come over and get what he needs to keep working and gets himself set up again - PM [private message - ed] me Rob"  
"I really feel for you I would love to help you in a small way if \$50 helps please inbox me your address...."  
"Wow Bless each and everyone of you!! Makes me proud to be Aussie!! What everyone is doing is what its all about. Helping others. Shared. And hey, we want to help out as well. Bunnings voucher is a great idea. PM me."

**And how many have seen this post on facebook? 39,392**

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**23 January, from Mat Dunsdon: Changing lanes withOUT safety.** This 4x4 driver is lucky. Lucky the truck driver was on the ball. Watch the video at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10203004371653015&set=vb.1316275587&type=2&theater>

**Interesting question in the comments:** Are drivers able to be charged from the evidence in user submitted videos such as this one?

**Kuring Gai LAC reply:** I got it from the Highway Patrol command page so they would do what they need to do and yes, we use evidence from the public in all types of cases (CCTV from a store for instance). We just need a written statement.

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**From East Killara Neighbourhood Watch, Jan 28:**

From a resident, sent 28 Jan 2014, at 9:39 am: FYI last night we had most cars parked in Barrie St the side mirrors ripped off.

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Representatives from all Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Kuring gai Local

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Area Command were invited to the '**All Areas' NHW meeting** last Wednesday.



Some points:

- Planning underway for the **Meet Your Neighbour | Berowra Community Day - Sat 22 March 2014**
- Decision to pursue a '**Dads are Great' Day - Sat 06 September 2014**
- '**eyewatch**' groups frozen still, due to the change of eyewatch into a new Police Unit
- How can we advertise events better?
- The new Crime Prevention Officer at North Shore command (based at Chatswood) came along and introduced herself - **Snr Con Sascha Orrock**



**Craziest Street Signs:** <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/dropoff-pickup-go-stop-yes-no-is-this-the-craziest-street-sign-youve-seen/story-fni0cx12->

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**ThinkUKnow** is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

Created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKnow Australia has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and DATACOM. In March 2013 ThinkUKnow Australia welcomed the Northern Territory Police Force into the partnership.

**Lots of info on their website: <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>**

**Great advice from their latest newsletter (sign up at their website):**

"If we are trying to encourage young people to respect others'™ privacy, relationships and reputations, we need to respect the privacy, relationships and reputation of young people themselves. Installing tracking software or other surreptitious programs on your child's™ device without their knowledge is probably not the best way to monitor their activities and is likely to drive their usage underground with no supervision or monitoring. If you own the device and pay the bills, **you have a responsibility** to make sure it is used ethically, explain that to your child and discuss what options are available to make sure your child is safe.

You may like to ask your child to **write their passwords in a sealed envelope** that you can open in case of emergency, or ask your child to help you choose a filtering program to use on devices, but be honest and upfront with these activities. You are responsible for the safety of your child, but there are some underhanded techniques that may seem helpful, but could actually undermine the safety of your child."

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**Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate, Jan 23:**

**2 ASQUITH** Two service stations had phone lines cut in the early hours of Monday morning in an attempt to steal items. One was at the Coles Express at Thornleigh and the other was at the BP in Asquith. At Asquith two men entered around 2am trying to buy items with a card. When the Eftpos machine would not work they "bought" \$20 in cigarettes manually. It was later discovered that the wires were cut. The pair were described as around 20 years old, caucasian, of thin build. One had a fair complexion with a green baseball cap. The second was wearing an orange and black baseball cap. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**5 HORNSBY** The ignition of a car was removed during an attempted stealing at Hornby on Monday night. The car was parked on Water St between 9pm on Monday and 6am on Tuesday. During this time the Commodore had its front lock forced open. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**10 HORNSBY** Hornsby North Public School had several windows smashed over the weekend. The windows were damaged on classrooms as well as on the toilet block some time between Friday night and Monday morning. Witnesses or anyone with information should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**4 HORNSBY HEIGHTS** Jewellery and cash totalling more than \$7000 were taken from a home Hornsby Heights on Monday. The property on Karoo Cres was broken in to between 8am and 3.40pm. Thieves also took a bike. Neighbours saw a man described as caucasian, 20 to 30 years old, with dark hair and a short build. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**8 BEROWRA** An iPad left in a car was stolen in Berowra on Monday night. The car was parked on Lonsdale Ave between 9.30pm and 7am on Tuesday. The car's lock was broken open. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**11 BEROWRA HEIGHTS** A wallet containing \$200 in cash was stolen from a home on Warrina St in Berowra Heights on Monday night. Some time between 8.30pm on Monday and 6.30am on Tuesday the front window to the home was smashed. A series of bank cards were also taken. Witnesses to the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

### Take the time to be more secure

HOMEOWNERS are being urged to complete a security audit on their homes while

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they have time during the summer holidays. Police believe now is the perfect time to put locks on windows, get that safe for valuables or check your alarm system. For a complete list of suggestions from NSW Police visit [www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au).

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### **Pet Safety in Storms, from the NSW SES Sydney Northern Region:**

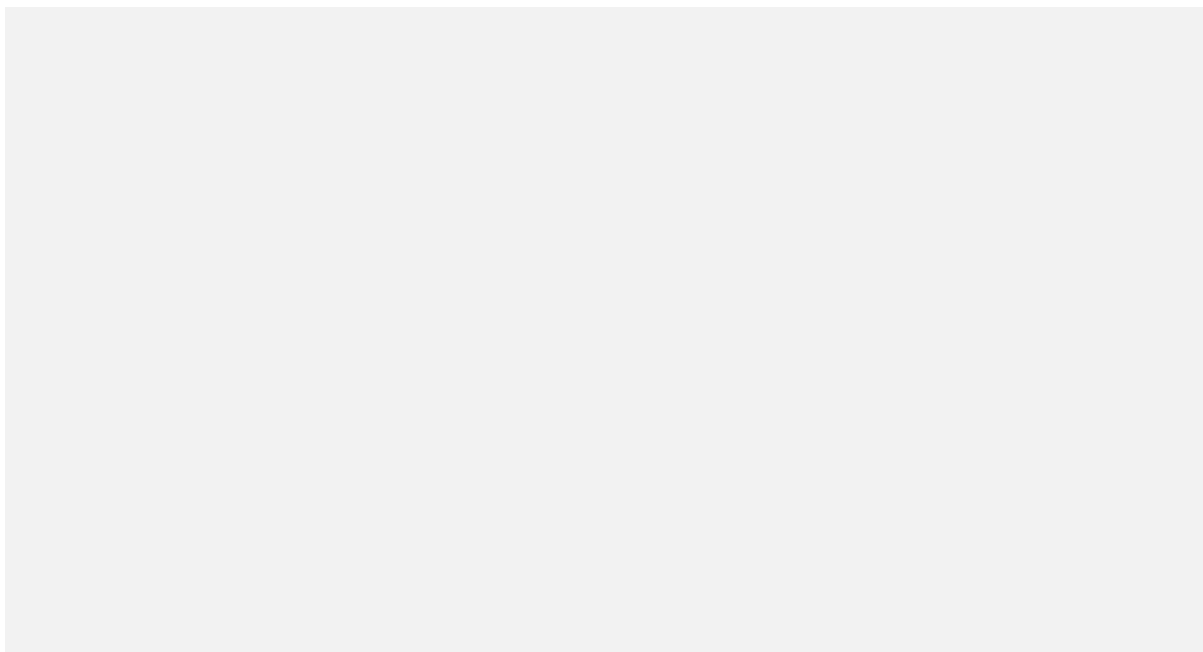
Many pets fear storms. The sound of thunder, winds and heavy rainfall can cause stress in some animals, particularly dogs who are sensitive to storm noises.

It's important for pet owners to plan ahead and create an emergency plan which includes what to do with your pets during an emergency.

Things to include in your plan may include who responsibly it will be to bring your pet indoors before a storm and keeping your pet's medications and vaccination papers handy in case you need to evacuate your property in a hurry.

Animals may be distraught, frightened or disorientated during and after a storm event so it is important to keep them inside and make sure they have bedding and plenty of water.

To make your own Home Emergency Plan and for tips on how to look after your pets during a storm visit [www.stormsafe.com.au](http://www.stormsafe.com.au)





**From the Hornsby Advocate, Jan 25:** A 12-year-old Wahroonga girl has been reunited with the teddy she was gifted on the day she was born after losing it as Sydney airport. Using the hashtag [#findteddy](https://twitter.com/hashtag/findteddy), a social media campaign reached 2.5 million people and even [Russell Crowe](https://www.russellcrowe.com/) got involved. She is, as you'd imagine, thrilled to have her teddy back. Full story at <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/wahroonga-tween-jessica-malcolm-reunited-with-beloved-teddy-after-a-twitter-campaign-spearheaded-by-the-likes-of-russell-crowe/story-fni0cx12-1226809440692>



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### WA Police update their in-car map systems...



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A selection of tips from a publication, '**Crime Prevention for Seniors - A Guide to Personal & Financial Safety**' from the Attorney General's Dept:

- If you hear a noise at night, turn on all the lights.
  - When you are away, do not leave a message on your answering machine saying you are away.
  - Some older men carry two wallets - one with a small amount of cash in it to give to a thief if they are robbed.
  - If dropped off by a courtesy bus or friend, ask them to wait until you have entered your house before they leave.
  - Don't feel pressured by salespeople - always ask for time to think it over.
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- Have a credit card which you use only for Internet shopping and have a low credit limit on it and check statements regularly.



(Thanks to Spice of Life)

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

**This facebook page can be accessed without being signed into facebook, or even a facebook person!**

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### **Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW and Ku-ring-gai Council**

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd *between* Durry Ave *and* Pacific Hwy

Date: Thu 30 Jan 2014  
- Thu 27 Feb  
2014

Impact:

**Scheduled  
lane closures  
for this week**  
Sun to Fri (8pm  
to 5am) Both  
directions  
affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduce speed

Other Info: Maintenance work will be carried out over 10 nights (except Saturdays). Motorists are advised to expect minor delays as partial lane closures will be in place.

Traffic controllers will be on site and will provide access to properties as required. Some bus stops will be relocated.

**TURRAMURRA** Fox Valley Rd *between* Lucinda Ave *and* Ada Ave

Date: Tue 10 Dec 2013  
- Tue 11 Feb 2014

Impact:

**Scheduled  
road closures  
for this week**  
Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions closed

Diversions: Detour via Lucinda Avenue, Pacific Highway and Ada Avenue.

Advice: Check signage  
Allow extra travel time

**ROSEVILLE CHASE** Babbage Rd *between* Eastern Valley Way *and* Park Ave

Date: Mon 3 Feb 2014 -  
Mon 10 Feb 2014

Impact:

**Scheduled  
lane closures  
for this week**  
Sun to Fri (8pm

	to 5am) Both directions affected
Advice:	Check signage Reduce speed
Other Info:	Maintenance work will be carried out on one night (except Saturday). Motorists are advised to expect minor delays as partial lane closures will be in place.  Traffic controllers will provide access to properties as required.

**Pymble, Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road:** Road resurfacing scheduled for two nights from 24 February, weather permitting.

**Wahroonga: Strone Avenue and Elizabeth Street :** Road reconstruction works are scheduled for late January.

**For further information, see:**

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>

[http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects\\_and\\_initiatives/Council\\_initiatives/Roadworks](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/Council_initiatives/Roadworks)

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## 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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