



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai 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 LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (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? [Click here](#) to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. 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. **To subscribe, [click here](#).**

15 February, from MyGC.com.au: So THIS is what \$1 billion dollars worth of

ICE looks like!

The drugs were allegedly concealed in push-up bras, toy acrylic paint sets and glue bottles...

More than one billion dollars worth of ICE has been seized in a major joint police operation, the largest seizure of liquid methylamphetamine in the country's history.



[Full article here.](#)

15 February: TRADIES: Did you know that Bunnings have FREE stickers to help protect your gear?

"NO TOOLS left in this vehicle". A great crime prevention initiative.

14 February, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Three truck drivers have been fined after driving over-length trucks through the Galston Gorge today.

Just after 10am (Friday 12 February 2016), Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) contacted police after identifying a truck and dog-trailer on the over-length camera detection system on the Galston Gorge. The truck was intercepted by police from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command about 10.15am, as it left the Gorge into

Hornsby Heights.



[Full Media Release here.](#)

February 12: The wish of a seriously-ill nine-year-old boy has come true – he’s been declared a superhero for a day, carrying out a vital rescue mission and saving the city of Sydney from dangerous villains.

Video, [click here](#).

11 February: **TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL ******

Please be advised Turramurra High School had received a threat and the school was put into LOCK DOWN. There were a number of police in attendance and a search of the school was conducted. Enquires have been completed with the Principal and LOCK DOWN has now finished. All students are safe and well.

11 February, from the North Shore Times: Mother arrested for drink-driving in Lindfield with two-year-old daughter in the back seat

[Full article here.](#)

11 February, from NSW Road Safety: If you were driving this red car which is travelling at only 60km/h, you would be lucky to survive or come out without a serious injury. If you were driving the silver car, you™d come out relatively unscathed. Why? The silver car has a five star used car safety rating and the red car has only two, however, both these used cars cost around \$10k. So always check a vehicle™s star safety rating - you can buy a cheap yet safe car.



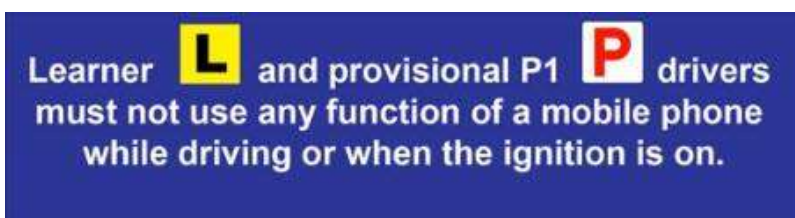
View [Crashlab video here.](#)

09 February: When was the last time you discussed online safety with your kids?



Today is [Safer Internet Day](#) - there's no better time to have a quick chat and make sure your children are aware of the risks associated with the internet. Here's a quick and fun quiz to test how cybersmart you really are, [click here](#).

09 February: Attention Learner and provisional P1 (red Ps) drivers and motorcyclists!



If you're a Learner or red P1 driver or motorcycle rider, and get caught using a mobile phone while driving or riding, you now face a three-month licence suspension. Find out more, [click here](#).

**09 February, from Office of State Revenue: WARNING! NEW SCAM!!!!!!
Attention Apple users!**



Please be aware of a new scam text message claiming to be from Apple's iTunes service. The message urges the recipient to click on a link to "validate your account". DO NOT CLICK THE LINK!!!! People who do so are exposing their phone to malware that may be used to STEAL your PERSONAL and/or FINANCIAL INFORMATION!

If you receive one of these text messages, you should advise [ACORN click here](#) and **DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY**.

09 February, from Ashfield command: Preventing Break and Enters

Each year, police officers investigate numerous reports of break and enter to area homes and are often successful in the apprehension of the offenders responsible. Much of this success is dependent on the eyes and ears of area residents and here are some tips that can assist community involvement in the detection, prevention and conviction of offenders:

Detection:

- Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area of your residence. Do not confront possible suspects.
- Record the licence numbers and description of suspicious vehicles.
- Record detailed descriptions of occupants of suspicious vehicles.
- Report your concerns and observations immediately to the police. Provide your address and your phone number.
- Make "would-be" thieves visible, install motion lights or leave an exterior light on to illuminate entranceways and rear yards.
- Don't hide keys in secret places. Instead leave a duplicate with a friend or neighbour.

Prevention:

- Lock your doors and secure any open windows prior to retiring for the evening.
- Borrow an engraver, engrave your valuable belongings. This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide an easy way to identify stolen property.
- Use a personal identification mark such as your driver's licence number when engraving your property.
- For deterrent purposes, the identification marks should be easily identifiable.
- Record the contents of your home on paper or using a video camera.
- Record the serial numbers of your property.
- Remove expensive articles from sight when away from home for extensive periods.
- Don't leave articles out, such as axes and tools that could be used to assist in breaking into your residence.
- Establish relationships with neighbours and check on each other's property when away.
- Lock and secure your property and outside belongings.
- Invest in an alarm system.
- If you are away, make sure that your residence looks like it is occupied. Have the sidewalks shovelled, the mail collected, and the grass cut. Make use timers to have lights coming on and going off at different intervals.
- Avoid posting on social media sites when you are away from your residence.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

HOT OFF THE PRESS - NEW Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby flyer

Helpful Hints:

- Assist identification of lost or stolen property by:
 - Etch or mark with an ultra-violet pen your driver's licence numbers on all items of value.
 - Keep records of model & serial numbers for valuable items.
 - Keep photographic records of jewellery, paintings, etc.
 - NHW groups & the Police have engraving tools & ultra-violet pens for you to borrow.
- Always report any crime you see to police.
- Don't let your neighbourhood be trashed: report graffiti to the **NSW Hotline: 1800 707 125**.
- Always lock doors & windows when going out, or are working in the back garden/shed.
- Always activate your burglar alarm system.

If you're not online – please consider having a go, eg email, NABO, Facebook. It's a great way to connect & keep up-to-date with what's going on in your area.

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Kuring Gai Police LAC covers:

Eastern side of Old Northern Rd between Quarry Rd, Dural & Casuarina; from Pennant Hills Rd overbridge to Goodbye; down the Pacific Hwy to Stanhope Rd; Eastern Arterial & Piddons Wharf Rd; Mona Vale Rd to Yankal Rd and St Ives Showground.



Important Phone Numbers

Emergency (Police & Fire Services)	000
Kuring Gai Police (Hornsby)	9476 9799
Neighbourhood Watch	9476 9799
Cyber Stoppers	1800 233 269
Police & Fire Line (P&F)	131 434
Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer	9476 9799

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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police

Kuring-gai

Local Area Command (LAC)

Hornsby Police Station
☎ 9476 9799



What?

Neighbourhood Watch in the Ku-ring-gai / Hornsby area is a joint venture, where the community & local police work as a team.

- Seen our website? NHWKuringGaiHornsby.wa.com/NHWKuringGaiHornsby
- NHW is 21st Century! All the old, plus new technology & social media – a new way to connect. We can't meet face-to-face, but we can online!
- Our weekly **eNewsletter** shares police facebook advice, warnings, keep-a-lookout-for, CCTV images, as well as NHW info, tips & dates. Available from NHWKuringGaiHornsby@gmail.com



- Download from the website advice, eg 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series.
- Note upcoming events with a crime prevention stall & freebies, such as car rego plate locking screws!

NHWKuringGaiHornsby.wa.com/NHWKuringGaiHornsby

Why?

- Keep up-to-date with what's going on within NSW Police Kuring-gai command.
- Know your neighbours. Build a safer community. Connect. Strengthen. Communicate.



- Deter criminal activity by early reporting of crime and suspicious activities.
- Increase the probability of apprehension.
- Improve quality of information to police.
- Fight mindless graffiti & vandalism, the "gateway" to other crimes.
- Learn how to better protect yourself, your belongings and your family.
- Be the eyes and ears of the community. Know who belongs & who doesn't.
- Establish a safer environment by reducing crime and fear.

How?

Eyewatch refers to the local Police Facebook page. Eyewatch enables you to access up-to-date crime information, pertinent to your area.

- 'Like' Facebook/ KuringGaiLAC
- Join the 'Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby' Facebook group – a forum for discussions that affect you!

Become an active member of your local NHW group.

- Ask the Crime Prevention Officer for details of your local group. Ph: 9476 9799.
- Set up an **eWatch** for your street or unit block. An **eWatch** links small communities via the Internet, eg email or NABO.
- Subscribe to our weekly **eNewsletter** or view the many online resources available on our website.



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From Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby: Our first Word Search puzzle! Please have a go and check it for us (no ones double-checked it yet).



WORD SEARCH #1

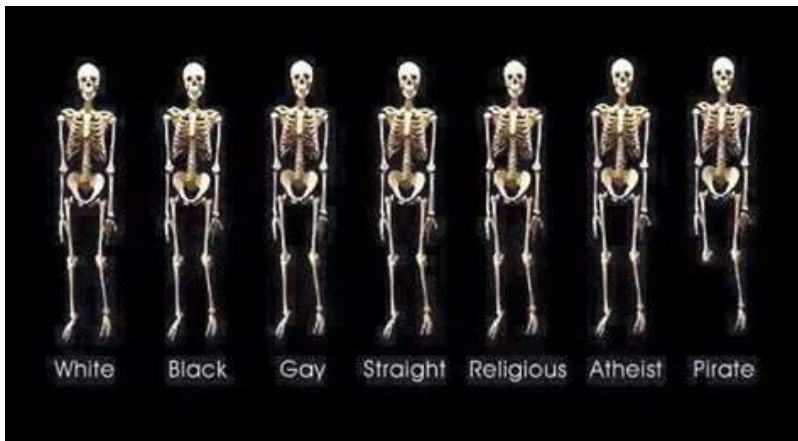
*From our volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch
in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.*

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D E A D L O C K D O O R S J S

ALARM	HOME	NEWSPAPERS	PREVENTION
BURGLAR	KEYS	OFFICER	SAFETY
CCTV	LADDERS	PADLOCK	STATION
DEADLOCK	LIGHTS	PASSWORD	STRANGERS
DOORS	LOCKS	PEEPHOLE	TAILGATING
EMERGENCY	MAILBOX	PHONE	WHEELED BINS
GARAGE	NEIGHBOUR	PHONENUMBERS	WINDOW
GUARDDOG	NEIGHBOURHOOD	POLICE	

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If everyone could only look past the labels they put on everyone else....





















Thanks to Humanising the Badge.

From Hornsby Shire Council, February 12: PARK SAFE FOR KIDS - Check out these great fact sheets put together by our team with the help of NSW Police! Please remember to park legally and safely to help prevent accidents.

Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

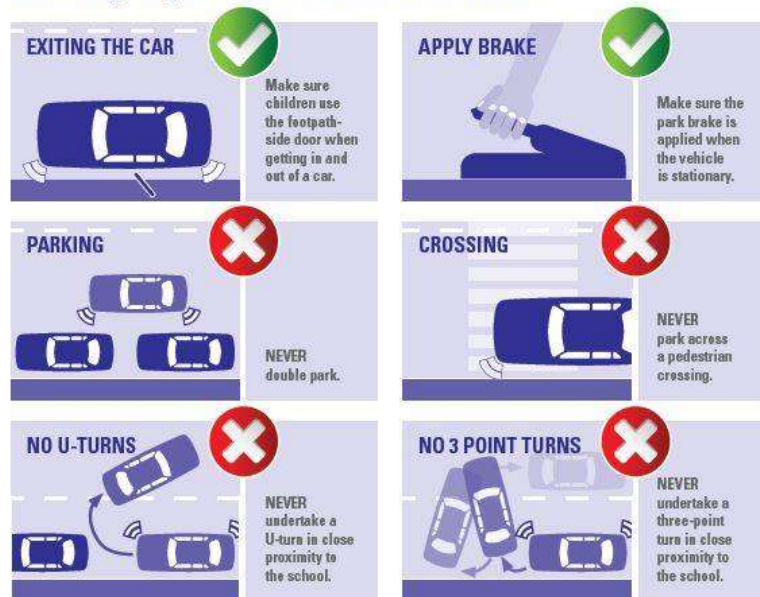
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$319 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$177 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$319 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$425 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$319 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$177 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of 1 January 2016. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.



Safety tips for school zones:



Safety tips for students:



Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/

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Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 18 February: FREE Parents and Carers Of Learner Drivers Workshop.
630-830pm Hornsby Shire Council Chambers.

Thursday 18 February: FREE Loose-Fill Asbestos Information Day 10am-8pm
Hornsby Library. [Info](#).

Wednesday 02 March: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee
(KPCSC) meeting 6pm. Info: ph Carroll 0405 558 660.

Sunday 06 March: Clean Up Australia Day [Info](#).

Wednesday 09 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's FREE Helping Learner Drivers become Safe Drivers workshop. 630-830pm @ Council Chambers. Book: 9424 0798.

Thursday 17 March: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills.

Sunday 20 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. [Info](#). **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sunday 27 March: Neighbour Day

Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016: Seniors Week

Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016: Youth Week

Sunday 01 May: Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. With Police/NHW crime prevention stall.

Wednesday 04 May: All Areas NHW meeting 6pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council, February 11: LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE - A recent survey done by the EPA showed many residents are not aware that putting out your bulky waste early is classified as illegal dumping. Please remember to check your collection dates and only put out any bulky waste for collection when it's due. Putting it out early is visual pollution for your street, can be dangerous if it is near a footpath, and can lead to pollution if it rains and materials get carried down the drain and into our water stream. You can learn more online and [check collection dates here](#).



From NSW Food Authority: Best Before and Use By dates

Food labels have date marks to tell us about safe shelf life. [Click here](#) for safety information.

From Ku-ring-gai Council, February 10: Road safety tip: SCAN THE ROAD

Safe cyclists and drivers are constantly scanning the road for potential hazards. Scanning is not just looking ahead and behind. Many crashes between bikes and cars involve a cyclist being hit from the side, so you need to scan for hazards to your left and right as well.

More information from Ku-ring-gai Council on Cycling, [click here](#).

And a rule we found for cyclists: TRAVELLING BEHIND A CAR - You must not ride your bicycle within two metres of the rear of a moving motor vehicle continuously for more than 200 metres.

[Email us for the Handbook for Bicycle Riders](#) from the RTA (now Roads & Maritime Services).

If you spot a cycle safety hazard on the bicycle network, let RMS know. Report a cycle safety hazard via [RMS website here](#).

Beginning in May, a new online registration process will allow people to sign up as organ donors in less than 10 minutes. There will be no paperwork, and no forms required.



From the Hills Shire Times, 03 February: Koala Park Sanctuary fined \$75,000

THE Koala Park Sanctuary in West Pennant Hills has been fined \$75,000 and banned from acquiring new koalas for six months after it was taken to court by the RSPCA.

[Full story here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, 11 February:

1 HORNSBY A 29-year-old man was charged with assault causing grievous bodily harm on Friday after he allegedly assaulted his partner at their Hornsby apartment. He will face Central Local Court on March 27.

2 MOUNT COLAH A 21-year-old P-plate driver from Ourimbah was allegedly seen driving without headlights at 3.10am on Sunday, January 31, on the Pacific Highway in Hornsby. The driver was breath tested by police and allegedly returned a positive result. He was charged with special range drink-driving.

3 NORTH TURRAMURRA

Over the past few months Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby retirement villages have been targeted by fraudsters. North Turramurra has had the most frauds reported but other areas have also been hit. A man described as caucasian between 30 and 40 years old has broken into units, sometimes while the victim is home, taking credit and debit cards from purses and wallets. The man then rings the victim claiming to be from the bank reporting that suspicious transactions have occurred. The fraudster then asks the victim to confirm their details including their PIN to verify ID. He will also ask for any other personal information to use in identity theft crime. If the PIN is given, the victims account is then emptied. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said banks will never ring and ask you to confirm your details and will never ask for your PIN.

If you do receive a call like this, hang up and ring the bank on the number you know, then cancel those cards and have new cards reissued. If anyone is seen on your property or in your home, ring 000 immediately.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to these break and enter thefts as well as those who may have been victims of fraud. Call Hornsby Police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799) or Crime Stoppers to report any information relating to the matter anonymously on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000).



4 MOUNT COLAH A 26-year-old man was charged with assaulting his partner at their Mt Colah home on Wednesday, January 13. He is due to face Hornsby Local Court on March 4.

5 HORNSBY Police warn residents that several trail and motor bikes have been stolen after being advertised on Gumtree, eBay and other online trading post websites. Thieves asked for the owners' addresses and then broke into the property to steal the bikes. Police warned the public to be wary of giving out their details online or over the phone to people asking about their bikes.

8 DURALA \$1200 Shindaiwa leaf blower was stolen from a van as its owner was doing garden maintenance at the Round Corner shopping village. The theft happened at 7am on Thursday. The owner saw a man riding a pushbike nearby. He was described as 25- to 30-years-old, skinny, short hair and acne on his face. He was wearing a blue hoodie, grey and black shirt, brown shorts and thongs.

Learning to drive with PCYC

DID you know the PCYC is the state's largest provider of driver education programs? Its learner drivers course has helped more than 12,000 young people get their Pplates sooner. Under the program, young people can get a 20 hour reduction in their required driving hours if they attend a seminar. To find visit: drivers.org.au

YELLOW PAGES, WHITE PAGES, DIRECTORY SELECT: If you don't use them, you may wish to cancel them.

[Click here to cancel.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Sunday March 20th 2016

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter is one of the 5 nominated charities that benefit from the **Bobbin Head Cycle Classic** which runs from Karuah Oval Turramurra via Bobbin Head out to West Head and back. Last year the Shelter received \$22,000.00 by our involvement in the Cycle Classic and we expect this year's event to be even bigger and better. If you can help out, please sign up by [clicking here](#) and filling out the email form that pops up.

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#).

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

11 February, from NSW Finance, Services & Innovation: Loose-Fill Asbestos Information Day at Hornsby 10:00am – 8:00pm at the Hornsby Central Library – George Street, Hornsby NSW.

A drop-in event will take place in Hornsby on Thursday 18 February to offer local residents information about loose-fill asbestos insulation. Loose-fill asbestos is raw crushed asbestos which was used in ceilings as insulation in the 1960s and 70s. The NSW Government has determined the best way to ensure the health and safety of the community is to purchase and demolish those affected homes built prior to 1980.

Residents can [register their attendance online here](#) or call **NSW Fair Trading on 02 6299 1479** or **Service NSW on 13 77 88** to register or request further information.

[Click here for Media Release.](#)



Thanks to 911 Operators Peer Support Page.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific Hwy), 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

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

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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