



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

### eNewsletter #531 - 14 December 2021

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 our local police at the [Ku-ring-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 and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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### 10 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:

We're back with another 'A Day in the Life' episode! 🚢🌊

Jump on board with the Marine Area Command and see what they get up to patrolling Sydney Harbour [here](#). If you're interested in a career as a police officer or want to apply, search 'NSW Police Jobs', call 1800 222 122 or visit our [website](#).

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## 10 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: What would you do?

It's almost Christmas.

Everyone is out shopping.

You are dropping your passenger off at the railway station or Westfield shopping Centre but there are no vacant spaces to stop legally and let them out.

What would you do?

1. Stop in 'No Stopping' zone and let them out?
2. Stop on or near the crossing and let them out?
3. Stop in the disabled parking space as it'll be a quick drop off?
4. Stop in the mail zone - the postie isn't there?
5. Double park to let them out because you're running late?
6. Look for a safe legal space to stop and let your passenger out?

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**10 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:**

No luxury cars stolen in Ryde, Kuring-gai or Hills PAC in 7 days. Please continue to lock your doors, check your CCTV.

## **BREAK & ENTER LUXURY VEHICLE THEFT ALERT**



**LOCK DOORS & SECURE YOUR KEYS**

**THE HILLS KURING-GAI RYDE**



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**10 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: The corner of Pittwater Road (now Mona Vale Road) and Cowan Road, St. Ives, around 1900 to 1909.**

**Source: Ku-Ring-Gai Historical Society.**



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**09 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:**

If you park your car in the street, please lock your car before you go to bed, and know where you've put your keys. Unfortunately nearly all the luxury cars were stolen in the past month because car doors were left unlocked, enabling access to the home to take the keys using the garage door remote.



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**09 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:**

“NSW Police is committed to celebrating diversity and creating a supportive environment for everyone to feel safe and included, out in the community and at work,” - Assistant Commissioner Crandell.

NSW Police Force now has over 240 GLLO's within their ranks.

At Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, we now have our first GLLO (LGBTIQ Liaison Officer).

Apart from undertaking all the usual General Duties policing, she will be helping to build and maintain positive relationships with the community which includes

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connecting with key LGBTIQ organisations as community partners and providing support for LGBTIQ victims of crime.

If you see this GLLO Police Badge on one of our officers, you've met our new GLLO/LGBTIQ Liaison Officer.



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## 09 December, from Hornsby Shire Council





UPDATE 2: The revised roadworks schedule below is current, as of 1.50pm Wednesday 8 December. Transport for NSW has rescheduled the work based on community feedback, with the full road closure now occurring predominantly during the weekdays, instead of the weekend.


ON THE ROAD | A significant warning to anyone travelling along the Old Northern Road between Wisemans Ferry and Maroota to expect delays and road closures during the next two weeks. Transport for NSW will be repairing damage to a retaining wall from an accident on a switchback. The road will need to be partially or fully closed during the following times:



⚠️ From 7am to 5pm on Thursday 9 December and Friday 10 December –  single lane closure

⚠️ From 9pm Sunday 12 December to 6am Wednesday 15 December –  full road closure

⚠️ On Wednesday 15 December and Thursday 16 December from 6am to 9pm  single lane closure, and from 9pm to 6am the following day,  full road closure

⚠️ From 6am Friday 17 December to 9pm Sunday, 19 December – single lane closure

⚠️ From 9pm, Sunday 19 December to 6am Monday 20 December –  full road closure

⚠️ On Monday 20 December and Tuesday 21 December from 6am to 9pm  single lane closure, and from 9pm to 6am the following day,  full road closure

Please follow daily updates on the variable message boards in the area, call 132 701, or visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com)

The works will involve setting up a crane, removing crash debris, rebuilding the heritage-listed dry stone retaining wall, replacing the guard rail barrier and resurfacing the damaged road.

During the full road closures, local access will be maintained for residents and businesses located on Old Northern Road between the worksite and Wisemans Ferry Road under traffic management on either side of the work area.

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Road access to the north of the work area will be via the alternate route pictured. Please note this route may take approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes of additional travel time, so please plan accordingly.

Transport for NSW pass on their apologies for the inconvenience.

For more information, including FAQs, directions and contact details of the project manager, go to [site here](#).

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### **09 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV**



School Holidays are coming up and our roads are expected to be busy. If you're taking a road trip please ensure you're well rested, plan ahead to allow for traffic and regular breaks, slow down and always wear a seatbelt.

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### **08 December, from Ku-ring-gai command:**

Saturday night in Waitara

A reminder of some of the penalties regarding seatbelt offences:

Driver not wear seatbelt properly adjusted/fastened \$352 3pts

Passenger not occupy seat with seatbelt (16 yrs or older) \$352

Drive with 2 unrestrained passengers (16 yrs or older) \$704 6 pts

Drive with passenger 6 mths or older but less than 4 yrs old not restrained as prescribed \$352 3 pts.

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The passengers who were not restrained are very lucky on this occasion they were not killed.



**REALLY ???**

What were they expecting?

**Saturday 4th Dec  
Alexandria Pde, Waitara**

**Driver plus five passengers**

**Only two out of five seatbelts  
being worn**

**One young child not restrained**

**Head on into a tree**

**Resulting in injuries**

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### **08 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: Meet and Greet**

#### **KURING GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND 'MEET AND GREET'**

On Wednesday 15th December members from the Crime Prevention Unit at Kuring Gai Police Area Command will be at the West Pymble Shopping Centre, Pymble between 10am and 12pm.

We'd love for you to drop by and say hi and bring with you any questions or concerns you have from within the local community.

If you have no questions or concerns, then we're always up for a friendly chat

Hopefully we'll see you there

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**WEST PYMBLE SHOPPING CENTRE,  
PHILIP LN, PYMBLE  
'Meet and Greet'**

**DATE:**  
**Wednesday 15th  
December**

**TIME:**  
**10am - 12pm**



Do you have any questions  
you've always wanted to ask  
a police officer but haven't  
had the opportunity?

Do you have any concerns  
within your local  
neighbourhood you'd like to  
speak with us about?

Do you just want a chat?

Then please come and visit  
us



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**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**13 December, from Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby  
Council Areas: We all need reminding...**

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This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within Kuring-gai and Hornsby council areas. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.



### OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Check the NSW Fair Trading website for product recalls as we approach Xmas eg toys, Xmas tree lights, etc. [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au).

- Lock all windows when in the open position with a maximum 10cm gap. Please don't plug Xmas decorations inside the house and pass the cable through the window for outside display! Ensure you know of the available fire prevention advice regarding trees, overloading, candles etc: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au). Please remove parcels from display inside your car. Covering with a blanket may not work.
- Before Xmas, don't leave the Xmas presents under the Xmas tree if they can be seen from the windows, or by visitors when you answer the door. After Xmas, remove from view any packaging that came with any new expensive items.
- If you go away, make your home look lived in: Lights on timer, washing on the line, TV (Note: a timer plug is available which emits light to emulate a TV), radio on timer, etc. Leave your normal answerphone message on the phone.
- If you go away, ask a neighbour or friend for their help: park on your driveway, put out/take in the bins, empty the letter box, clear the freebie newspapers from in front of the house, mow the council strip, etc. Inform the neighbours and share emergency contact numbers.
- If you go away, consider putting a hold on your post. Don't forget to cancel newspapers. Ensure the letterbox is regularly emptied.
- Beware pick-pocketers in shopping malls. Keep your bags close to your body. Consider carrying your wallet in a front trouser pocket.
- At the beach, allocate a person to watch your gear when you go in the sea. Bring only the minimum valuables. Consider use of a waterproof bag and/or nappy pin. Consider locking valuables away from view in a hiding place within your car boot. Do not leave keys hidden on the car.
- If you have a party, lock the front door. Consider allocating someone to monitor guests coming in/out. Thieves aren't deterred by a house full of people!
- Hide any spare house keys very carefully. Thieves know the typical places:

### OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON contd.

- under door mats, plant pots, fake rocks, or just inside the garage door.
- Consider reviewing your security systems and lighting. Thieves are not fooled by fake or faulty security. Set your alarm EVERY time you leave your home.
- Do not share anything on Social Media to indicate you are on holiday. If possible, avoid setting up auto-replies to emails. [See also 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel' and [WatchOut.org.au/Travel/](http://WatchOut.org.au/Travel/)]
- Consider temporary travel locks, or a simple door wedge to secure hotel doors. See also info from the Travel page on our [watchout.org.au/travel/](http://watchout.org.au/travel/) website and our 20 Tips for Travel on our [nhw.kuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/](http://nhw.kuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/) website.
- Beware allowing parcels to be delivered to your empty house doorstep. They follow delivery vans. Consider requesting a FREE 24/7 parcel locker, or have mail held at the local post office. Maybe ask family or neighbours to help out.
- Consider the deterrent of a dog. Put a dog bowl, warning sign, lead, tennis ball etc. at the front of your property. Consider a plug-in that attaches to sensor lighting and emulates a dog barking. See other 20 Tips for your home on our [nhw.kuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/](http://nhw.kuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/) website.
- If you are going on a road trip, check your car's safety before you travel. Service your vehicle, tyres and trailer. Check the safety of any load or trailer: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/towing.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/towing.html).
- If you are going on a road trip, secure any pet with a dog belt/pet cage/seat belt. Plan entertainment for any children so they are not a distraction to the driver. Stay hydrated and get fresh air. Check your route. Plan frequent rest stops. Swap drivers regularly.
- If you are going on a road trip, expect traffic delays especially noon-5pm on the first and last days of school holidays. Beware wildlife at dawn and dusk – do not swerve to try and avoid them.
- If you are leaving vehicles behind, hide the keys, or take them with you.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799

[WWW.kuringgaihornsby.org.au](http://WWW.kuringgaihornsby.org.au) @ [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) @ [NHWKuringgaihornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaihornsby@gmail.com)  
 dated Dec 2018

Just in time for Christmas, we have just uploaded the new "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Festive Season" onto our website Tips page [here](#). Please take a look. They are all good reminders and we all need reminding once in a while.

13 December, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community group:



Hi. My kind, hard working son who has just graduated year 12 had 2 car tyres slashed on Thursday night in front of our home on Wyanna st. I understand another car was also targeted in Kywong rd. I'm wondering if there are any other instances and/or if the perpetrators were identified. Not a very nice cost or experience this close to Xmas. I will report to the police. Sad.

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**13 December, Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra Community Group:**



Edited to include extra information:

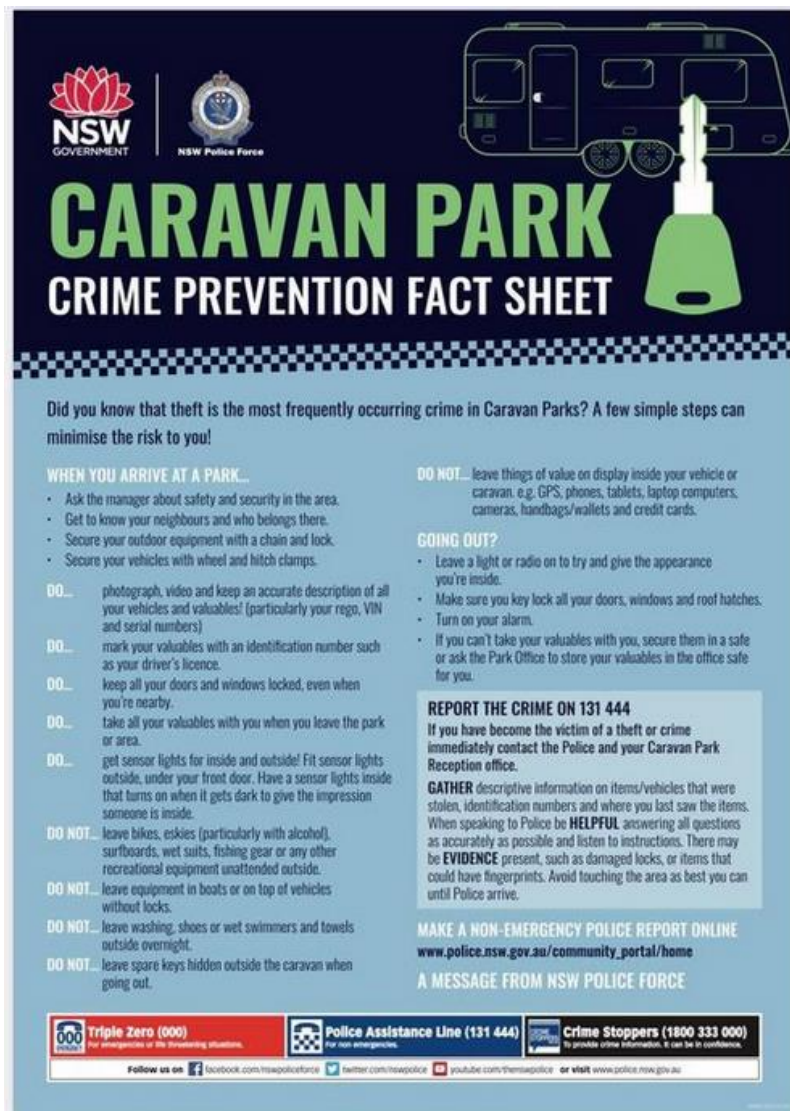
Thank you for posting. This is my 12yr old son's bike. It's a 24inch Giant Mountain bike in used condition - it has rust and the seat is worn. My son has Autism and uses this bike to help regulate his sensory system and his anxiety. He cannot access a lot of things that kids take for granted and this bike was the one of the only ways he can access the community. It was propped against our house down the driveway so definitely taken on purpose. They also took his back helmet. He would really like his bike back. Thank you

Bike got stolen. It's a light blue mountain bike. It was taken sometime on Saturday night from our house on Kissing point Road, Turrumurra. We would appreciate any assistance you could provide. Thanks.

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## 11 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW



This time of year sees an increase in family trips to holiday and caravan parks. Make sure you are prepared and have your crime prevention strategies in place!

Visit site [here](#).

*We make our community safer by making an arrest every 11 hours.*

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## 09 December, Sydney Local Health District

UPDATE: We've now had 46 people diagnosed with COVID-19 related to a trivia night at a pub in Petersham.

All were fully vaccinated.

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If you were at the Oxford Tavern, 1 New Canterbury Rd, between 4pm and 10.30pm on Tuesday, November 30, you're considered a close contact.

You must get tested immediately and self-isolate.

If you are fully vaccinated, you can come out of isolation if you've had a negative test on or after December 6, but please have another test on December 12.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, please remain in isolation until December 12, and have another test on this date.

Stay safe, everyone.

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#### 09 December, from NSW Police Force



Check out the updated National Security website.

The updated National Security website gives you the tools and resources to report possible signs of terrorism and foreign interference in our community.

Trust your instincts and find out how to report something suspicious. Visit [site here](https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au).

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03 December, from NSW Police Force



Homicide Squad detectives have released CCTV as they appeal for public assistance to identify the movements of two vehicles used in the lead-up to the CBD murder of 34-year-old Bilal Hamze, and an alleged murder attempt of another man in Sydney's north earlier this year.

Just before 10.30pm on Thursday 17 June 2021, emergency services were called to the intersection of Bridge and Pitt Streets, Sydney, following reports a man had been shot by an unknown person in a black Audi.

The man – who has since been identified as 34-year-old, Bilal Hamze – was treated at the scene before being taken to St Vincent's Hospital, where he later died.

A short time later, police located a burnt-out Audi at Fleming Street, Northwood, and crime scenes were established at both locations, which underwent forensic examinations.

Detectives from the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad established Strike Force Englorie to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

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Separately, on Saturday 14 August 2021, officers from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command attempted to stop a Mercedes on Walker Street, North Sydney.

The driver failed to stop and following a short pursuit, the Mercedes was located abandoned on Miller Street, Cammeray, and seized for forensic examination. It's alleged the occupants – described as two men in dark-coloured clothing – approached a nearby Toyota Camry and threatened the 76-year-old male driver with a firearm, before fleeing the area in the man's vehicle.

In September (2021), detectives from the State Crime Command's Criminal Groups Squad charged two men – aged 31 and 19 – for their alleged roles in that incident. They remain before the courts.

Since that time, an extensive canvass of CCTV has identified that the Mercedes used in the alleged murder attempt was captured travelling with the Audi used in the shooting murder of Bilal Hamze, in the weeks before his death (June 2021).

Homicide Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Danny Doherty, said investigators believe the same individual may be responsible for the cloned number plates which were found to be in use on both vehicles.

"We're appealing to anyone who may have seen these vehicles travelling or being stored together – in any part of Metropolitan Sydney – to come forward and contact police," Det Supt Doherty said.

"Of note, both vehicles are depicted traveling westbound in the M4 East Tunnel about 15 minutes apart on Thursday 27 May 2021 and have been identified on traffic cameras across the Sydney metropolitan area after that time.

"Additionally, the Audi has been captured on CCTV using the Sydney Harbour Bridge both before and immediately after the murder of Bilal Hamze earlier this year.

"Both the murder of Bilal and the alleged murder attempt at North Sydney have obvious familial and organised crime related links, with this CCTV revealing a further link to the possible acquisition and storage of the vehicles.

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“We know these stolen luxury cars are kept in garages and unit blocks across Sydney until they are later used to facilitate deadly public place shootings and other violent crimes.

“We’re particularly interested in anyone who may have seen these cars travelling around Sydney in May and June this year, or who was perhaps approached through social media or other means to store one of these cars on their property,” Det Supt Doherty said.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Englorie investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit site [here](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 08 February 2022:** Safer Internet Day 2022 - Play it safe & fair online. [Info](#).

**Friday 24 March 2022:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Day - crime prevention stall - TBC.

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**08 November, from Marine Area Command**



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**08 December, from Australian Financial Security Authority: Check before you buy**

Considering buying a used vehicle privately this holiday season? Cars, motorbikes, caravans, trailers and more can make great purchases but it's important to protect yourself before buying.

Doing a \$2 search on the PPSR can help you check if the vehicle you're buying is recorded as debt free, stolen or written off. Find out more [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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**From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Pedestrians'**

**Tip #3. PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE.** Unplug your earphones. Give all senses to

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the job of keeping you safe. Concentrate whilst you are on that road. Pause any involved conversations with those near you. 100% concentration please!

**Tip #4.** NOTICE THE CAR SLOWING before you consider stepping onto the road/crossing. Do NOT assume that a vehicle is doing the displayed speed limit and that you “should have enough time to cross”. Even cyclists can break the speed limit and it’s very difficult to assess their speed from straight on. Rain and wet roads make stopping distances a lot further.

**Tip #5.** ALWAYS USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS where possible. Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses or large vehicles. Do not ‘Jay walk’. Use a crossing, or cross at an intersection if it is close by.

**Tip #8.** WAIT FOR THE WALK SIGNAL at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. Do not enter the road if the red ‘Don’t walk’ signal shows, flashing or otherwise. Beware adjacent crossings having similar ‘Walk’ sounds – you may start to cross prematurely, by mistakenly hearing the other crossing’s ‘Walk’ signal – easily done!

**Tip #9.** BE A ROLE MODEL FOR CHILDREN. Don’t run across the road. Walk at a determined pace. This helps to avoid a trip or fall, and also gives time for a driver to predict your path.

**Tip #20.** CHOOSE A WELL-LIT, WELL-POPULATED ROUTE to walk. If possible, go with others.

Check transport time-tables to minimise waiting times. Consider using a mobile phone App so others can track your progress (See: <https://watchout.org.au/personal/>).

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).

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**Thanks to UK Cop Humour: "We will leave no stone unturned."**



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### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**  
**TTY: 106**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**  
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)**  
Non-emergency two-way communication

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**  
For non-urgent minor crime (Only victims may report.)

**NSW Police Community Portal**  
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

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## **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.

## **Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

## **Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

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



## **WatchOut! - our own one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](#)

## **Local Facebook pages/groups:**

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

## **Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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