



## Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby eNewsletter #553 - 17 May 2022

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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### 17 May, from NSW Road Safety

Take the pledge to keep yourself and others safe on our roads. Always drive under the speed limit, never drive while distracted, tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Watch video [here](#).

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### 17 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

E-scooters are illegal in NSW and cannot be ridden on roads, car parks, parks, footpaths or cycleways, except on private property.

Those caught riding one on the state's public roads can face fines starting at more than \$700. Prohibited vehicles can cause serious injuries if riders are involved in a crash.

More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



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### 17 May, from NSW Police Force

For this week's [#MeetTheTeamMonday](#) we'd love to introduce you to some of our VIPs (Volunteers In Policing) to mark National Volunteer Week.

We thank ALL of our incredible volunteers who so generously give their time to make our community a better and safer place.

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### 16 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

National Road Safety Week launches today, an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways - SARAH - Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it. Each day this week will focus on an important aspect of road safety with the focus on the pledge to drive so that others survive. The THPC are proud to be partnering with the initiative and the important work it highlights.

For more information visit site [here](#).



# National Road Safety Week 2022

15 - 22 May

13 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

**THINK SAFE**  
and  
remember to  
secure your  
load

Have a great  
and safe  
weekend

Share

**KURING GAI POLICE  
AREA COMMAND**

Remember to drive safely this weekend and if you are towing anything or have anything in the tray of your ute or truck, remember to secure your load.

Loose objects bouncing around in the back of your ute can cause chaos and is dangerous for other road users

Failure to secure your load may result in infringements being issued

'Drive/tow vehicle with unsecured load \$469 and 3 demerit points'

Think safety first and have a great weekend

13 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Do you recognise this male?



Police believe he may be able to assist with enquiries into an incident that occurred about 3pm on Thursday 28th April 2022 at a hair salon in Hornsby

If you know who this male is, please contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Event number E160183002 relates

Police remind the public not to report crime on the Police Eyewatch page.

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**13 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command - Week in Review**





#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

15 x Domestic Violence incident

3 x Domestic violence assaults

2 x breach AVO

59 x ADVO Compliance checks

OUR GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEAM ARE CONTINUALLY CONDUCTING ADVO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

#### BREAK AND ENTER:

Killara – Ground floor side door opened

Turramurra

Wahroonga Access through open door

Gordon – Access through open garage door

Hornsby

KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS CLOSED AND LOCKED WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME, NO MATTER IF IT EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME. WHY GIVE THE CROOKS EASIER ACCESS?

#### STEAL FROM RETAIL:

Hornsby – 8 x Apple iPhones stolen

#### TRAFFIC:

Normanhurst – RDT – Disqualified driver, drive with illicit drug in system - second offence, possession of knife in public place (Flick-knife). Further charges pending

Normanhurst – RDT positive to cannabis and drive with expired licence

Hornsby – Mid range PCA

Asquith – vehicle stop – Goods in custody - possible stolen goods, seized by police

Normanhurst - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

South Turramurra - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Hornsby - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Waitara - Fail to stop and exchange details after a collision

Turramurra - 'Not move out of path of Police or emergency vehicle' penalty of \$464.00 and 3 demerit points.

YOU MUST MOVE OUT OF THE WAY OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE – IMAGINE IF IT WAS YOUR LOVED ONE, WE WERE TRYING TO SAVE

DON'T DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IF YOU HAVE CONSUMED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL – IT'S DANGEROUS TO OTHERS AND YOURSELF.

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A COLLISION, YOU MUST STOP AND CHECK IF THE OTHER DRIVER IS OK AND EXCHANGE DETAILS

SEARCH WARRANT:

Killara – Search warrant executed at Killara residence

FRAUD:

13 x fraudulent incidents this week including, drive off, fail to pay for fuel, online selling scams, unauthorised access of funds, obtain funds by deception, identity theft, blackmail.

DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR PASSWORDS, PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION, BANKING DETAILS NOR NUDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOURSELF TO ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW OR TRUST AND PAY FOR THE FUEL YOU PUT INTO YOUR VEHICLE (LEGALLY, AS SOON AS YOU START PUMPING, YOU ARE AGREEING TO PAY FOR IT).

MALICIOUS DAMAGE:

Turramurra – Warragal Rd. Egging of a vehicle

Waitara – scratching panels of vehicle

Turramurra - Graffiti

Killara – damage to garage door

REMOVE ANY DAMAGE AS QUICKLY AS YOU ARE ABLE – SO THE OFFENDER DOESN'T GET TO SEE THEIR HANDIWORK

TRESPASS:

Hornsby

DON'T GO ON TO ANOTHER'S PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION

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## **11 May, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: UNIT COMPLEX RESIDENTS – PLEASE BE VIGILANT:**

We have had some unit break and enters where entry has been made via the ground floor or first floor balconies.

As well, unit complex garage storage areas are being targeted for break and enters

Be on the lookout for anyone appearing to be acting suspiciously around unit complexes in particular.

If you see someone acting suspiciously, please contact police at the time or as close to the time as possible

## FOR YOUR HOME:

ENSURE your unit doors/sliding doors and windows locked

INSTALL a door viewer

ENSURE you know who you are allowing entry into your complex

FOR your garage storage cages:

CONSIDER the structure of the storage cage. Ensure it cannot be accessed, forced open or climbed into

LOCK storage cage at all times with a high-quality lock

AVOID storing expensive items in storage cage

CONCEAL property so it is not easily identifiable. E.g. Cover your property with a tarp

ENSURE carpark is secure

DON'T prop doors open

ENSURE doors lock and close securely

CHECK the garage door is closed completely so potential offenders can't sneak in

DO NOT allow any unauthorised entry to the building

INSTALL CCTV which covers entrance and exit points

INSTALL signage which states the area is under constant CCTV surveillance and that no valuables are stored in the storage cages

RECORD serial numbers of items and photograph

INSTALL good lighting



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11 May, from Fire and Rescue Staion 075 Berowra



你们好！ 我叫John， 我的中文名字是高嘉恩。 我是消防员十五年了， 和学中文四年了。 这个星期六在Hornsby Fire Station 是Open Day。 10am-2pm。 我们请你们来， 学消防安全， 看一下我们的卡车， 和帮我练习中文！ 我们也想说你： 如果你有急事变和你不会说英文， 没问题。 打电话 零 零 零 （000） 和 说 "Mandarin" 还是 "Cantonese" 和我们要给你一个翻译人。 谢谢你！

#### Translation

How are you! My name is John, and my Chinese name is Gaujin. I have been a firefighter for fifteen years and learned Chinese for four years. Open day this Saturday at Hornsby Fire Station. 10am-2pm. We invite you to come learn fire safety, check out our trucks, and help me practice my Chinese! We also want to say to you: if you have an urgent change and you don't speak english, no problem. Call zero zero zero (000) and say "Mandarin" or "Cantonese" and we will get you a translator. Thank you!

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#### 11 May, from NSW Police Force

The Sporting Partnership Industry program was launched today at Accor Stadium and involves state sporting clubs partnering with PCYC NSW clubs across the state to engage young people who are at risk of anti-social behaviour or criminal offending.

Specifically, ambassadors and pathway players from the Canberra Raiders, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, Parramatta Eels, Sydney Swans, A-Leagues – Macarthur FC



and Sydney FC, GWS Giants, Netball NSW and Cricket NSW will attend existing 'Fit for Life' programs that are delivered across the state year-round by NSW Police Force Youth Command and PCYC NSW.

The Sporting Partnership Industry program will commence on 30 May 2022 at four locations across the state including Queanbeyan PCYC, Northern Beaches PCYC, Penrith PCYC and Auburn PCYC.

Read more [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

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### 11 May, from Transport for NSW



🚧 We're on site working to get Galston Gorge open as soon as possible, with our community and crew's safety being our top priority.

👷 We've fixed 5 of 8 slips and have been busy working and planning for the next stage of this challenging project.

📱 Follow the latest updates [here](#).

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### **Message from your friendly Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers**

On 30 May, Google changes the way it allows users to sign in. This may affect our use of Mailchimp, Gmail etc. Fingers crossed everything goes smoothly for us, but please don't panic if you don't receive your usual weekly eNewsletter.

Maybe this is also a good time to request that you review the details we hold for you, via the <update your preferences> link at the end of this eNewsletter. Please also consider adding us to your address book, via the <Add us to your address book> link at the end of this eNewsletter. Adding us ensures that your mail system will allow our eNewsletters to reach your inbox, rather than be sent to Junk.

Thank you for your continued support of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.

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**We must thank Simon for representing Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby on Tina's Triple H program last week. It's a great way for the community to stay informed about what the criminals are doing in our area and how we can stop ourselves from becoming a victim.**

**Thank you also to Tina for inviting Neighbourhood Watch to participate in her new venture. Well done! We look forward to many more.**



### **Monday 9th May, Tune in as I chat with...**

- **David Louie**, Australian Federation Party candidate for Berowra
- **Benjamin Caswell**, Independent candidate for Berowra
- **Simon Lennon**, Neighbourhood Watch

***4-6 pm - Listen Live [triplehfm.com.au](http://triplehfm.com.au)***

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**Thank you to Simon for another great article on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch Kuring-gai and Hornsby.**

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

By Simon Lennon

NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch is more than neighbours keeping an eye on each other's homes and gardens for anything or anyone untoward. It's neighbours helping each other by warning them of crimes afoot.

Increasingly afoot is phishing: the use of messages inviting people to reveal credit card details or other personal information. While we might think of phishing as being primarily by electronic mail, it is increasingly taking place through the use of spam SMS messages to mobile telephones.

Often looking very real and convincing, the SMS messages will appear to be from reputable companies or from people you know. In reality, they are from fraudsters and other criminals.

If you are in doubt about the genuineness of a message, assume it is not genuine. Disregard the message and contact the business directly, either by telephone or through your account.

No reputable business should ask you to click on a reply button or to click on a link to a website

them separately, say by logging in through your internet browser to your account.

You should forward unopened spam SMS messages to the Australian Communication & Media Authority (ACMA) on 0429 999 888. You might want to save that number in your telephone contact list, perhaps under the title: Spam.

ACMA will send you a confirmation SMS. You should then delete the spam message.

You should also report any scam to the Australian government through the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Scam Watch. The reporting page is at <https://www.scam-watch.gov.au/report-a-scam>.

**Please remember that SMS messages from +61 444 444 444 are not scams.** The New South Wales Police Force uses that number to issue missing person alerts.

Inquiries about Neighbourhood Watch through Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai may be sent by email to Julia Eagles or Simon Lennon, both in Gordon, at [17 May, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group yesterday \(Monday\):](mailto:ahwkuringgai-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)





LOOKING FOR WITNESS PLEASE My fence on Thornleigh Street was recently tagged. If you run or walk your dog in this street, maybe you've seen something?  
I will report to the police and my neighbours are checking their security cameras, but if you have seen anything, please DM me.

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**16 May, from Berowra Fire Brigade**



This photo of a lint filter was from a local resident's home after they could smell a strong smell of burning and called 000. d 000. remind each other if we have cleaned out the lint filter from our clothes dryers.

This photo of a lint filter was from a local resident home after they could smell a strong smell of burning and called 000.

They were unaware that a dryers lint filter:

- a) existed
  - b) needed to be regularly cleaned out
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**14 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force: Driving Tip:**



If you are going to turn and you brake before you activate your indicator, you aren't giving sufficient notice.

Indicators, as the name implies, are to indicate your intention! If you brake first, you already know your intention, so you should have been signalling already.

Also, most people get annoyed when you change lanes and your indicator only flashes once. When changing lanes, the NSW Road Rules require that an indicator be used for 'long enough to give sufficient warning', or if pulling out from a stationary position, for a minimum of 5 seconds.

Consider the distance of the vehicles in front and behind you. If you won't have a safe following distance from the vehicle in front, or leave one for the vehicle you are about to pull in front of, reconsider changing lanes.

Roundabouts - Indicate left to turn left - Right to turn right - when on roundabout signal left when exiting (including going straight ahead). If unsure, watch [this video](#).

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#### **14 May, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community group:**

I should have posted here last night- around. At 12:50am I wake up to the sound of voices outside.

My dog let of a bunch of fierce barks like I've not heard from him and whoever it was scampered off.

I've called the police station to get them to do a patrol because whoever it was was up to no good.

I hope whoever it was got spooked enough to go home and think about their life choices.

I hope you're all safe as well. Keep you're doors locked! ❤️🌸

Kiparra St.

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**13 May, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade**



Regularly check your wheat bag for signs of wear and tear or scorching. With age, the fillings dry out and become combustible.

Wheat bags can ignite and are not designed to replace hot water bottles for warming beds.

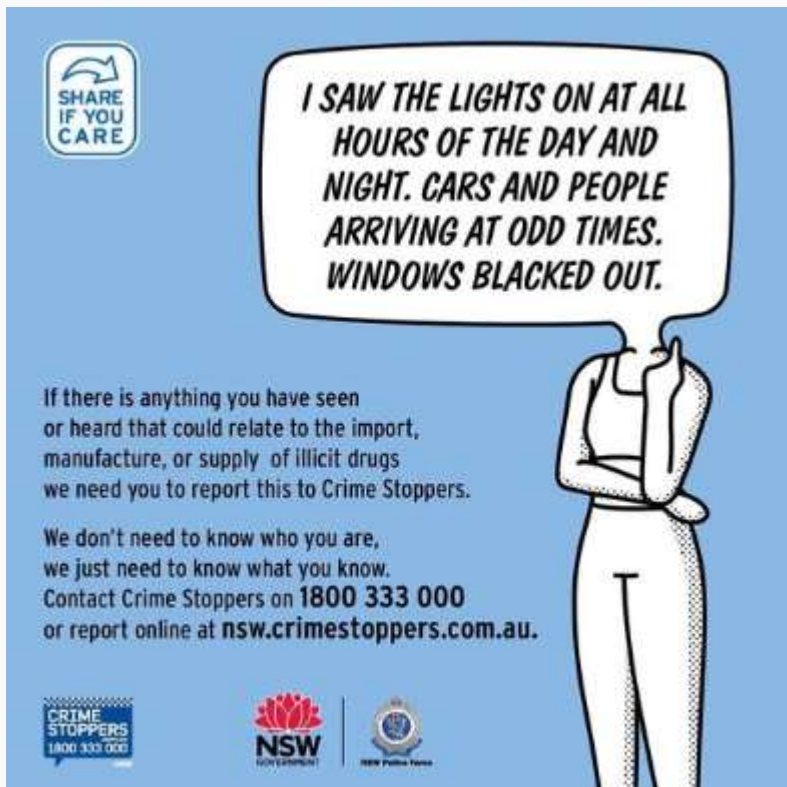
Regularly check your wheat bag for signs of wear and tear or scorching. With age the fillings dry out and become combustible.

Only use wheat bags for direct application to body aches and pains.

For more fire safety tips visit site [here](#).

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**12 May, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Are there drug dealers in your neighbourhood?**



Drug dealers who operate out of their home are usually easy to identify with some tell-tale signs.

Make sure you report online to Crime Stoppers if you have a drug dealer in your street [here](#) or call us on 1800 333 000.

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Crime Stoppers is a highly recognised and trusted organisation that plays a critical role in supporting police to stop, solve, prevent, and disrupt crime globally.

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**12 May, Volunteers Needed Please**





## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

An exciting opportunity exists for you to volunteer to assist us in running a Road Safety Program called 'bstreetsmart'.

Year 10 to 12 school students aged 16 –18 will attend the bstreetsmart event with the aim to decrease road trauma in this age group.

An exciting program of a crash reenactment, interactive displays, personal stories & braking stopping distances engage these students each day.

- When:** Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3, & Thursday 4 August 2022  
(one day only required or more if you want!)
- Where:** Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay
- Time:** 0800 – 1330
- Duties:** Crowd management, information relay, ushering, safety officer
- Transport:** Olympic Station close to venue, Parking @ P1 (free).
- Lunch is provided.**

For further information check the web: <http://www.bstreetsmart.org> or contact:

**Chapin Ayres**  
bstreetsmart Event Manager  
Westmead Hospital  
Phone: 8890 7458  
Email: [chapin@bstreetsmart.org](mailto:chapin@bstreetsmart.org)

(Nursing staff will earn 4 CPD points per day)

## 11 May, from Crime Stoppers, NSW

The advertisement features a red car on the left with a blue silhouette of a person standing next to it, appearing to be interacting with the vehicle. The background is a dark blue gradient with white stars. In the top right corner, there is a white box with the text 'CRIME STOPPERS' and '1800 333 000'. The main text in the center reads 'HAVE INFO ABOUT THEFT FROM CARS?'. At the bottom, the phone number '1800 333 000' and the website 'https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au' are listed.

Stealing from vehicles is a high-volume crime in NSW.

The items most commonly stolen from vehicles include:

- ➡ Number plates
- ➡ Cash
- ➡ Wallets (including bank cards and licences)
- ➡ GPS devices
- ➡ Electronic devices including mobile phones, tablets and other small items.

Generally, a vehicle is a target because the items stolen are visible from the outside.

Unlocked doors also make it easy for curious criminals to enter your vehicle without creating much noise or commotion.

Make sure you remove all valuables from your vehicle and always lock your doors!

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Crime Stoppers solves crimes every 14 minutes, 24x7, somewhere in the world.

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### **10 May, from Australian Communications and Media Authority**

Can you be found in an emergency? Your phone can be your lifeline when you call Triple Zero (000). Make sure your address details are up to date with your telco provider so you can be found in an emergency or receive alerts about emergencies in your area.

Learn more [here](#).

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### **Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesday 18 May:** Wear Orange Wednesday WOW Day to show support for the SES.

**Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May:** **FREE** Chemical Cleanout. 9am - 3:30pm @ St Ives Showground

**Sunday 22 May:** FREE Clothing & Linen Collection 10am-3pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#)

**Thursday 26 May:** FREE Domestic Violence Awareness presentation. 7:30pm @ St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra. Speakers: Snr Cst Tash Doggett (DVO) & Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womens Shelter.

**Sunday 29 May:** Ku-ring-gai Chase & Barry Ease Walk through Wahroonga

**Wednesday 08 June:** Thank a First Responder day.

**Wednesday 20 or 27 July:** Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby 'All Areas' meeting #34 @ 6pm online or at PCYC tbc

**Sunday 04 - Saturday 10 September:** National Child Protection week

**Thursday 08 September:** RUOK Day

**Sunday 18 September:** Bobbin Head Classic charity bike ride

**Wednesday 05 October:** International Coffee with a Cop Day.

**November:** Neighbourhood Watch Week.

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

**Tip #1.** MAKE EYE CONTACT with drivers before crossing any road, even on a pedestrian crossing. Parents – teach your kids this life skill. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you. Your life – your decision.

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

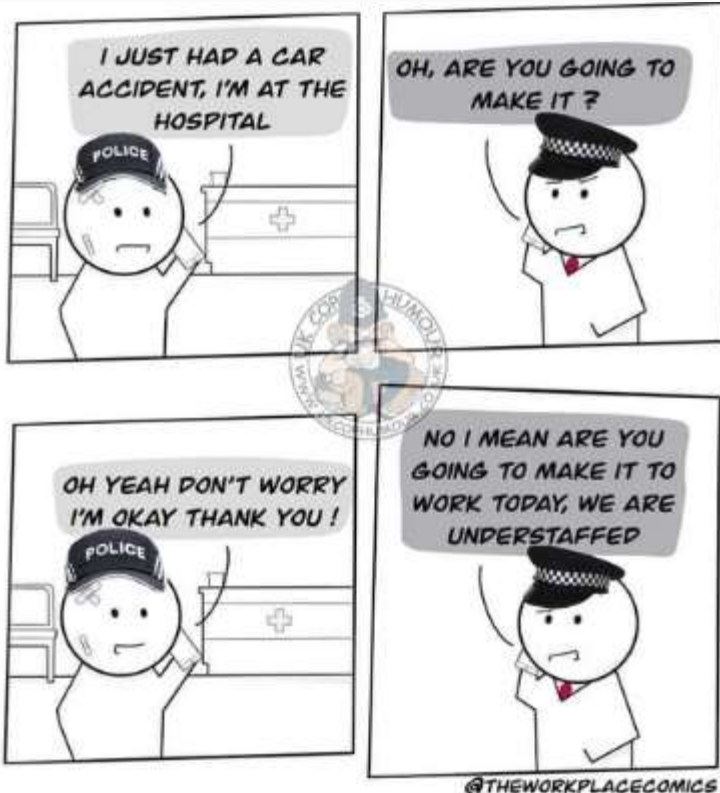
**Tip #15.** REFUGE ISLANDS ARE NOT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. Please do not treat them as such. They are to help you cross the road in two stages, when traffic is busy or the road is wide. A driver should not stop for you at these islands.

\* Engravers can be borrowed FREE through Neighbourhood Watch via our Borrow webpage [here](#).

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**



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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.

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

**Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

NSW Police - website for crime prevention advice  
Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

**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! - the NHW NSW 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](#)

[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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