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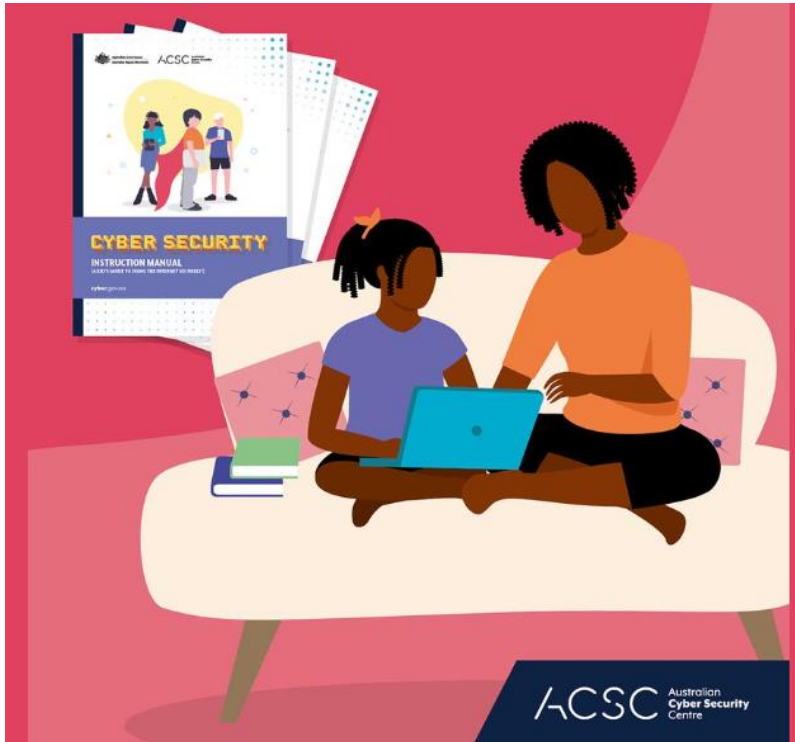
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Hi Neighbors,

This might be a long shot and I want to give a try. My car, parked at 7 Lochville Street, Wahroonga, got hit from the back last night. There is no information left at the scenes. I am hoping if any of you might have seen or have some information for us. That will be a great help! Thanks in advance!

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19 January, from Northern Beaches Command

A blue poster with white and purple text. The main headline reads "Car theft made easy for crooks". Below this is a photograph of several car keys hanging on a metal hook. To the right of the photo, the text says "Keys left hanging by or on furniture close to your front door". At the bottom, it says "can be triggered from outside". The Northern Beaches Police Area Command logo and name are in the bottom right corner.

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Many of us keep our car keys at or close to the front door.

It's convenient to grab them as we head out and drop them there when we

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come back.

Thieves know this too.

Now, they can remotely trigger these electronic keys to unlock our cars and drive them away.

As long as the keys are close enough to the door, the crooks don't even have to bother breaking in.

It's done usually at night when people are sleeping.

The first victims know about the theft is when they find a big empty space where the car used to be.

Keeping your keys well away from the door and out of range of crooks might not be so convenient, but it's better than losing your car.

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### **19 January, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade**



During training yesterday Ku-ring-gai 1B was responded to assist NSW Ambulance along with Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 075 Berowra, and Kuring Gai Police Area Command after a bike rider came off their bike on a mountain bike trail in Hornsby.

After clearing a safe exit path back to the track, crews then assisted in carrying the rider to the ambulance.

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19 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Dealing with barking dogs...



If you're concerned about the excessive barking of a dog, you can find information on the potential causes, and advice on how to deal with the problem at the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website.



If the noise is coming from your neighbour's dog, try talking to your neighbour as they might not know their dog is bothering you.

If the problem persists, there are a few ways to resolve the issue:



contact the Community Justice Centre (CJC) to help mediate and settle the problem



contact your local council who may issue a nuisance order (which incurs a fine for non-compliance) to the dog's owner, or



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What can I do about my neighbours barking dog? Click [here](#) for info.

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

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If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering.

This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights. However, this rule does not apply at roundabouts.

For their own safety, pedestrians should always check their surroundings before crossing the road.

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**PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE**



Whether you ride for work, sport or leisure, the loss of your bicycle can be very inconvenient and expensive. By following some simple tips, you can better protect your bicycle from being damaged or stolen.

**THINGS YOU CAN DO:**

- Always engrave or mark your bicycle frame with a UV pen, micro-dot or other permanent means (near the serial number) with your driver's licence number or unique identifier.
- Always record the serial number, brand and model of your bicycle and accessories and take a photo.
- Never leave your bicycle unattended and unsecured.
- Always use a good quality bike lock when parking your bicycle away from home.
- Always lock the wheels and frame to a secure object.
- Always park your bicycle in a well lit and populated area.
- Always secure your bicycle in a locked shed or inside your house when at home.

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

**Tip #2.** WHEN RETURNING TO YOUR CAR, HAVE KEYS IN HAND AND READY TO USE. Ask a friend to walk with you. Be aware of people in surrounding cars.

**Tip #6:** IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S SECURITY BY ARRANGING A 'SAFETY AUDIT' BY YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER (CPO). They can identify changes to make you feel safer. Phone Hornsby Police Station and ask for the CPO.

**Tip #10:** NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN A HIDING SPOT OUTSIDE THE HOME. Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

**Tip #14.** WALK IN WELL-LIT REGULARLY TRAVELED WALKS AND PATHWAYS AREAS. [Report a street light fault—Ausgrid 1800 044 808.] If

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followed, cross the street, crossing back and forth if necessary. If pursued, DO ANYTHING to attract attention—scream, pull a fire alarm, flag down a passing motorist, etc. Carry a personal alarm. Stay calm and in control.

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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## Hills Police re-reading their own post every time someone likes it



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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.

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### **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

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### **WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:**

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

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

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

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

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

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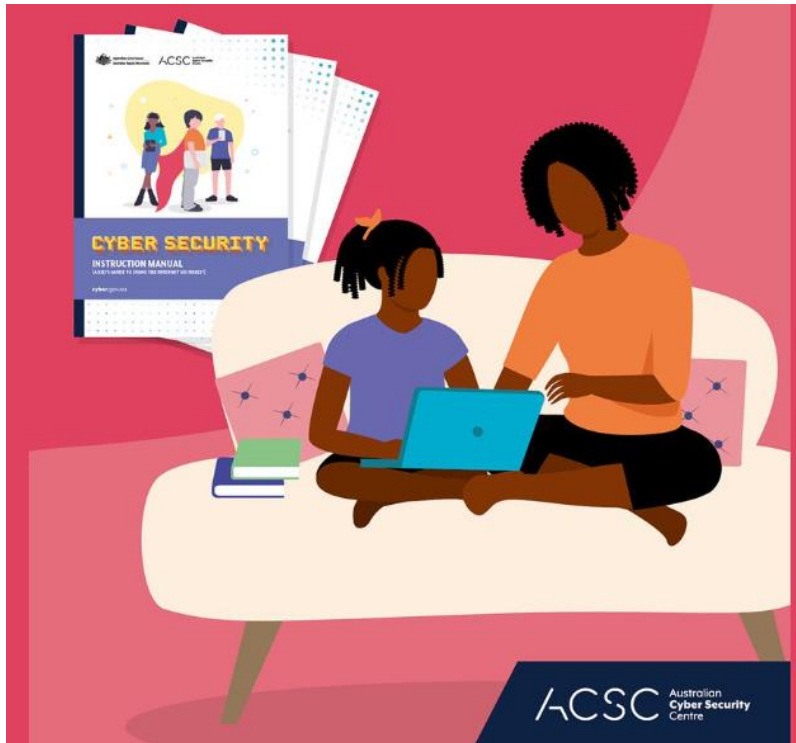
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credit/debit/Opal card linked to a Transport Connect account"

More information [here](#).

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**19 January, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group:**



Hi Neighbors,

This might be a long shot and I want to give a try. My car, parked at 7 Lochville Street, Wahroonga, got hit from the back last night. There is no information left at the scenes. I am hoping if any of you might have seen or have some information for us. That will be a great help! Thanks in advance!

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19 January, from Northern Beaches Command



Many of us keep our car keys at or close to the front door.

It's convenient to grab them as we head out and drop them there when we come back.

Thieves know this too.

Now, they can remotely trigger these electronic keys to unlock our cars and drive them away.

As long as the keys are close enough to the door, the crooks don't even have to bother breaking in.

It's done usually at night when people are sleeping.

The first victims know about the theft is when they find a big empty space where the car used to be.

Keeping your keys well away from the door and out of range of crooks might not be so convenient, but it's better than losing your car.

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## 19 January, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade



During training yesterday Ku-ring-gai 1B was responded to assist NSW Ambulance along with Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 075 Berowra, and Kuring Gai Police Area Command after a bike rider came off their bike on a mountain bike trail in Hornsby.

After clearing a safe exit path back to the track, crews then assisted in carrying the rider to the ambulance.

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19 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Dealing with barking dogs...



If you're concerned about the excessive barking of a dog, you can find information on the potential causes, and advice on how to deal with the problem at the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website.



If the noise is coming from your neighbour's dog, try talking to your neighbour as they might not know their dog is bothering you.

If the problem persists, there are a few ways to resolve the issue:



contact the Community Justice Centre (CJC) to help mediate and settle the problem



contact your local council who may issue a nuisance order (which incurs a fine for non-compliance) to the dog's owner, or



seek a noise abatement order from your local court.

For more information on how you can deal with barking dogs, visit the EPA website

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For more information visit:

➡ Dealing with Barking Dogs, click [here](#).

➡ What can I do about my neighbours barking dog? Click [here](#) for info.

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

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### 19 January, from the Hills Area Command



If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering.

This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights. However, this rule does not apply at roundabouts.

For their own safety, pedestrians should always check their surroundings before crossing the road.

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**19 January, from Napean Police Area Command**



**PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE**



Whether you ride for work, sport or leisure, the loss of your bicycle can be very inconvenient and expensive. By following some simple tips, you can better protect your bicycle from being damaged or stolen.

**THINGS YOU CAN DO:**

- Always engrave or mark your bicycle frame with a UV pen, micro-dot or other permanent means (near the serial number) with your driver's licence number or unique identifier.
- Always record the serial number, brand and model of your bicycle and accessories and take a photo.
- Never leave your bicycle unattended and unsecured.
- Always use a good quality bike lock when parking your bicycle away from home.
- Always lock the wheels and frame to a secure object.
- Always park your bicycle in a well lit and populated area.
- Always secure your bicycle in a locked shed or inside your house when at home.

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

**Tip #2.** WHEN RETURNING TO YOUR CAR, HAVE KEYS IN HAND AND READY TO USE. Ask a friend to walk with you. Be aware of people in surrounding cars.

**Tip #6:** IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S SECURITY BY ARRANGING A 'SAFETY AUDIT' BY YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER (CPO). They can identify changes to make you feel safer. Phone Hornsby Police Station and ask for the CPO.

**Tip #10:** NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN A HIDING SPOT OUTSIDE THE HOME. Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

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**Tip #14. WALK IN WELL-LIT REGULARLY TRAVELED WALKS AND PATHWAYS AREAS.** [Report a street light fault—Ausgrid 1800 044 808.] If followed, cross the street, crossing back and forth if necessary. If pursued, DO ANYTHING to attract attention—scream, pull a fire alarm, flag down a passing motorist, etc. Carry a personal alarm. Stay calm and in control.

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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## Hills Police re-reading their own post every time someone likes it



### IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

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

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**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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