



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #638 - 02 January 2024

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) 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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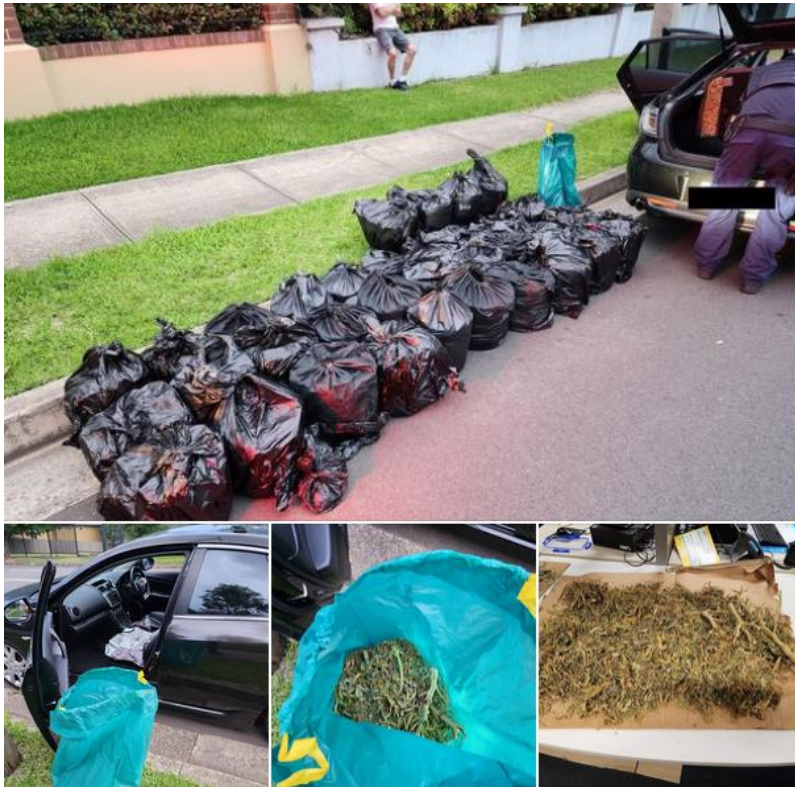
02 January, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

Camden Highway Patrol seize 1.5kg's of Cannabis, 34x 'root & stump' of Cannabis plant, and cash from unlicensed & parole breaching Victorian driver in Picton.

On the evening of the 30th of December 2023 Camden Highway Patrol had cause to stop a Victorian registered Mazda 3 sedan in Picton. When speaking with the Victorian man, who did not hold a valid driver's license, a strong smell of Cannabis was detected by the officers, and after forming their reasonable suspicion, a search was conducted on the vehicle. As a result of this search,

1.5kg's of loose Cannabis was located in a bag, as well as 34x 'root & stump's' of Cannabis plant, both being seized. Officers also found a large unexplained sum of cash of the man.

The Victorian man, who is currently on parole from Victorian courts to not leave Victoria, was arrested and conveyed to Narellan Police Station, where he was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug (Greater than Indictable Quantity), Deal with Proceeds of Crime, and Licence Expired (Less than 2 years). He was bail refused to appear before Picton Local Court on the 10th of January 2024. His parole office was contacted in relation to his breach, and are looking forward to his return to them upon being released from New South Wales.



02 January, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol suspend a P1 licence holder travelling 50 km/hr over the sign posted speed limit in a prohibited vehicle.

About 11.35pm on Sunday 31st December 2023, officers detect a Subaru WRX on the M2 Motorway, Baulkham Hills travelling at 150km/hr in a sign posted 100

km/hr zone. Officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with an 18-year-old female driver from Baulkham Hills. The driver was a holder of an NSW C Class P1 licence and her response to driving a prohibited vehicle - "I didn't know". The driver returned negative results for alcohol and drugs.

The driver was issued an infringement notice for P1 driver exceed speed limit - over 45 km/h (12 points) and Not Comply P1/P2 high performance vehicle restriction (7 points). Her NSW driver's licence was suspended and confiscated on the spot for a minimum period of 6 months. The vehicle was not owned by the driver and the number plates remained on the vehicle.



31 December, from NSW Police Force

Police have been made aware of scam phone calls that have been made across the state in recent days purporting to be from NSW Police.

In each reported incident, the caller says they are a NSW police officer and claim the recipient's relative is in custody and requires payment for their release.

While the scam calls have been received across the state, many of them have been received in the North Shore area.

Officers from North Shore Police Area Command are conducting inquiries and urging members of the public to be vigilant.

Importantly, NSW Police will never contact a member of the public requesting money or credit card details.

When dealing with uninvited contact from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in person or on a social networking site, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam.

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately; and report the incident to police immediately.

To find out more information about scams or to find out other ways to protect yourself, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au.



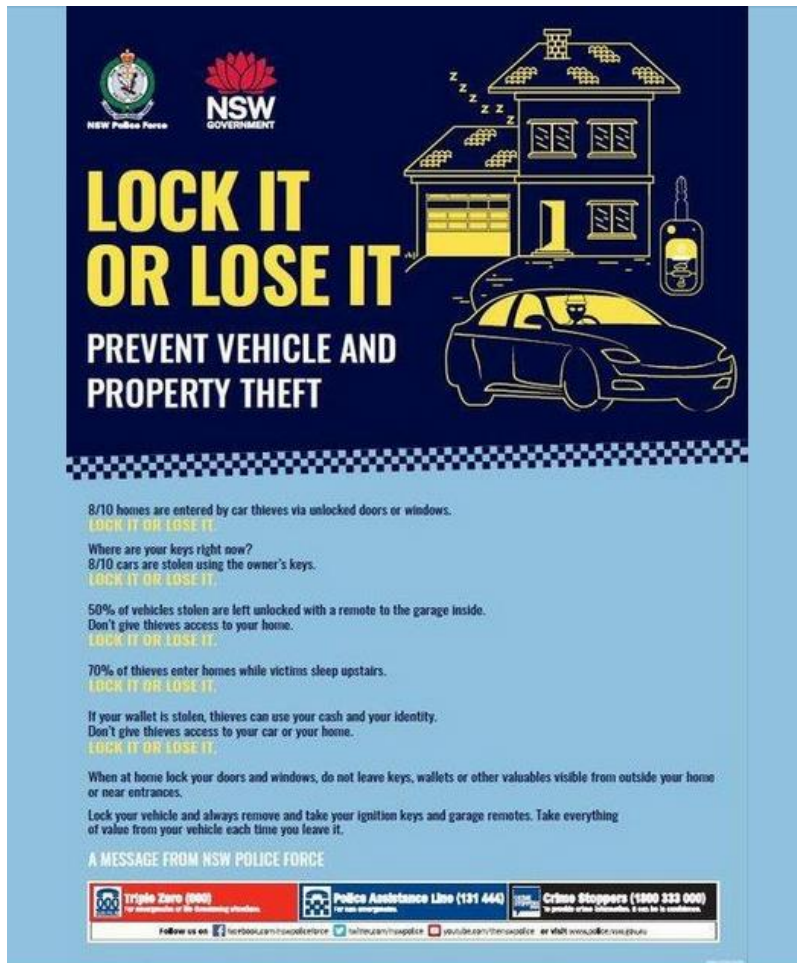
28 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

Attention residents and holiday makers. Kuring Gai Police Area Command have noticed a recent increase in property related crime; namely Steal From Motor Vehicle and Break Enter and Steal offences.

Many of these offences have occurred as a result of vehicles or residences being left open and/ or unlocked. We kindly ask that you take extra care in securing your vehicles and homes during the holiday season.

In doing so you will prevent the stress and anxiety commonly caused by the process of cancelling and replacing valuables such as bank cards, driver licenses, keys, mobile phones, computers and other devices. Offenders can be

quite brazen and opportunistic in their offending, testing door handles or looking for an open window..... Let's not give them the opportunity!
Happy New Year from Kuring Gai Police Area Command.



The poster features the NSW Police Force and NSW Government logos at the top left. The main title 'LOCK IT OR LOSE IT' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the subtitle 'PREVENT VEHICLE AND PROPERTY THEFT' is in white. To the right is a stylized illustration of a house with 'Z' symbols indicating sleep, and a car with a thief inside. A keychain with a remote is shown next to the car. The background is dark blue with a checkered border at the bottom.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT
PREVENT VEHICLE AND PROPERTY THEFT

8/10 homes are entered by car thieves via unlocked doors or windows.
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Where are your keys right now?
8/10 cars are stolen using the owner's keys.
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

50% of vehicles stolen are left unlocked with a remote to the garage inside.
Don't give thieves access to your home.
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

70% of thieves enter homes while victims sleep upstairs.
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

If your wallet is stolen, thieves can use your cash and your identity.
Don't give thieves access to your car or your home.
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

When at home lock your doors and windows, do not leave keys, wallets or other valuables visible from outside your home or near entrances.

Lock your vehicle and always remove and take your ignition keys and garage remotes. Take everything of value from your vehicle each time you leave it.

A MESSAGE FROM NSW POLICE FORCE

Crime Zero (000)
For immediate or life threatening situations

Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non-emergencies

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be confidential

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01 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Here's two booklets from Youth Rezolutions that we have had copies of in the past: Talking to Parents, and Talking to Teenagers. It's proving difficult to get more printed copies and yet they are so popular, so we have a scanned copy of each as a pdf that we can share instead. Each is 14 double pages, with hints on listening, as well as talking, recognising how we block communication, along with sample conversations, with emphasis on discussion about drug use.

Email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the pdf(s) in your inbox.

31 December, from Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch

From a resident, the before and after of a graffiti on the Pacific Highway near Cowan Rd.

Hi Team. Please post about graffiti in photo attached below. I and my wife have cleaned it off, but lots of this going around at the moment. The sooner people take a photo, file a police report online and clean it off/report with the NSW

Graffiti Hotline, the better.



31 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Shared from St Ives Community group:

CCTV/DASHCAM FOOTAGE REQUIRED BY HORNSY POLICE-

XMAS DAY 1.15pm- 1.55pm.

BREAK IN : 25 Dec 2023.

PLEASE check your cameras/ dashcam along Bobbin Head Rd near the shops
on 25/12/23 anytime from 1.15pm to 155pm.

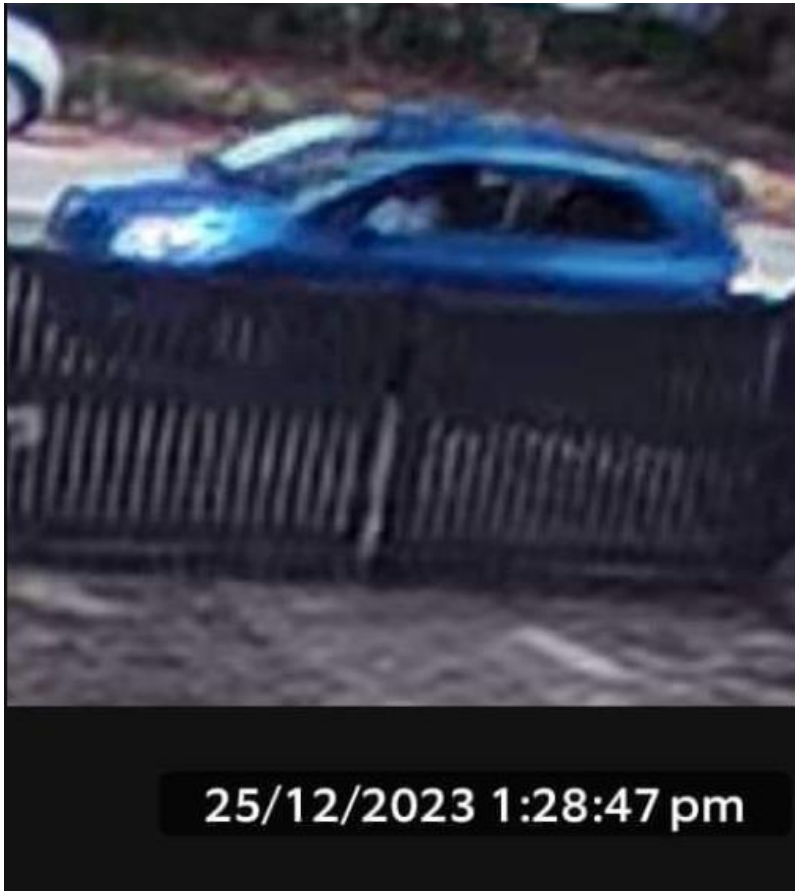
Break in on Bobbin Head Rd near the shops.

Entry into house at 1.27 pm. Leaving area 1.48pm.

Please contact Constable Wilson Young, Hornsby Police 9476 9799

if you have footage with this car in this time.

Rego number urgently needed.



31 December, from Police Dog Unit - NSW Police Force



Great work to PD Charger and his handler who located the alleged driver from this crash in the The Hills Police Area Command.

23 year old man arrested - High Range Drink Driving 0.168 after crash at Dural. It will be alleged in Parramatta Court next month that the 23 year old Glenwood man was driving a Ford Ranger on Wyoming Road Dural at 7.40am on Thursday the 28 December 2023 when he crashed the vehicle. It is also alleged that he left the scene on foot. Police and Emergency Services arrived a short time later. Police Dog Unit - NSW Police Force conducted a search for the driver, and found him in Landford Road hiding. He was subjected to a road side alcohol test, which returned a positive reading. He was arrested and conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station, where he returned a Blood Alcohol reading of 0.168. His licence was immediately suspended, and he was given a Court Attendance Notice to attend Parramatta Local Court next month.

30 December, from NSW Police Force



Eastern Beaches Police Area Command are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Timothy Brown, aged 25, is wanted by virtue of an outstanding warrant for a wound person with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Timothy is described as being of Pacific Islander/Maori appearance, 175cm tall with a medium build, short black hair, beard and has a mole under his left eye. He is known to frequent the South Coast, Maroubra, Mascot, North Sydney and Sydney CBD areas.

Anyone with information into his whereabouts is urged to not to approach him but to call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident 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.

We have heard that pickpockets are targeting supermarkets in Hornsby.

30 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community group yesterday (Thursday):

Hi, my son left a bag full of cricket balls (yellow & leather) in Koola nets this evening around 6pm. We went to check later and it's not there. Hoping someone in this community has seen/found it.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11 January: Ku-ring-gai Council Car Maintenance workshop 4-6pm \$35 @ St Ives Community Centre. [Info](#).

Thursday 18 January: Ku-ring-gai Council Car Maintenance workshop 4-6pm \$35 @ St Ives Community Centre. [Info](#)

Wednesday 31 January 2024: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - East & St Ives Chase - West.** [Info](#).

Tuesday 06 February: Safer Internet Day. [Info](#).

Tuesday 06 February: FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 计算机简介 Introduction to computers (Mandarin). [Info](#).

Tuesday 13 February: FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 互联网和

网络安全简介 - Introduction to Internet and Cybersafety (Mandarin) [Info](#).

Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We merely bring it to your attention. Please do your own research.

29 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

Shared with us by a resident on Wednesday:

Since I contacted you there was another break in last night on Billyard Avenue. Two in 2 nights.

This follows multiple break ins/attempted break ins and car theft on Halcyon (off Billyard) last month as reported on the Neighbourhood Watch page last month.

This is what the police told one of the residents who were broken into this week:

“The police said that they come in a car load from west and just walk along until they find an unlocked door or car. Then they rarely go much further than the front door. Grab what they can, especially car keys if there are cars parked outside and go.”

28 December, from NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit: Know when to call the SES for help



28 December, from Australian Cyber Security Centre

So you've got a new phone, tablet or gaming device and it's time to get rid of the old one. Before you sell, gift or throw away your old devices, make sure you take the necessary steps to protect your information otherwise it could be accessed by strangers.

Some basic tips for securely disposing of your devices are:

- Back up any information you want to keep
- Transfer any authentication applications to avoid losing access to your accounts
- Check for removable media and other connected devices
- Perform a factory reset and erase your data
- Remove any identifying markings that could reveal something about what it was used for or who it was used by

For detailed steps on how to securely dispose of different devices, visit site [here](#).



28 December, from North Shore Police Area Command

It has come to our attention that scammers are now targeting the local community through unsolicited phone calls, claiming they are a NSW police officer. The scammer will claim to be a Sergeant at the local police station (in recent cases North Sydney Police Station) and advise you that a relative is currently in custody. The scammer will then request your credit card details to validate police procedures. THIS IS A SCAM!

NSW Police will never request you to provide financial or credit card details over the phone.

If you are uncertain about a phone call you receive of this nature, contact:

Chatswood Police Station - (02) 9414 8499

North Sydney Police Station - (02) 9956 3199

Mosman Police Station - (02) 8855 8900

Crime Stoppers – 1800 333 000

To avoid falling victim to a scam, we'd encourage you to:

- ✓ Stop – take your time before giving money or personal information.
- ✓ Think – ask yourself if the message or call could be fake?
- ✓ Protect – act quickly if something feels wrong.

If you've seen a scam, report it to ACCC Scamwatch [here](#).

28 December, from North Shore Police Area Command



CRYPTO SAFE

What is Cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency (crypto), such as Bitcoin is a digital form of money that is an alternative method of payment and exchange, not regulated by government entities.

The three main cryptocurrencies are Bitcoin, Ethereum and Tether, although there are many more in circulation.

If you are scammed of your credentials, seed phrase or cryptocurrency, the likelihood of recovering your money is low due to the lack of a governing body and anonymity.

Tips

- When conducting digital currency transactions, keep your login credentials, including passwords, private key and seed phrases OFFLINE and PRIVATE.
- Do not click on links sent in anonymous chat groups, such as Telegram or received via emails. You could be talking to a scammer or be hacked to gain access to your passwords or seed phrases, so DO NOT give them.
- Beware of fake wallet apps.
- Understand what you are investing in and do your due diligence.

28 December, from The Hills Police Area Command



While a daily reboot may seem like a basic measure, it can do wonders for keeping cybercriminals off your device.

Often, applications and processes are running in the background of your phone or computer, even when you're not using it.

If a scammer gains access to those apps and processes, they can begin to monitor you and collect your data, including by accessing financial information and identification documents, or even taking control of your webcam or phone camera.

Rebooting your phone forcibly closes any applications and processes that are running in the background, effectively booting out anyone who may be tracking your movements virtually.

28 December, from pcycdrivereducation.org.au: Still spots at PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai in January.

Details [here](#).



27 December, Shared with permission from the [Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group](#) :

Ku-ring-gai went to a lot of trouble to install footpaths and sadly, not everyone is keeping them off the footpaths. So please use this extra time over the summer to tidy up your garden so people with prams, the elderly and people with mobility issues can enjoy them.

It's such an ongoing issue I feel that council should be fining people for not maintaining them (as they do in other countries).

And in the comments:

As a postie who delivers with one of those yellow prams, I hate these plants with a passion... Don't mind the ones in their front yard and in parks, but they really shouldn't be a sidewalk plant unless the owners intend to stake them for support. 🧑

...or a baby in a pram getting smacked in the face as a mum tries to walk.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)

#12: What Should I do if I have a collision with an animal?

If you hit an animal, or spot an injured animal on the roads, follow these actions:

1. Stop: If it is safe to do so, stop to check if the animal is alive. Remember, if you spot a clearly visible paint mark or cross on the animal it means they have already been checked by a wildlife carer and there is no need for you to stop.
 2. Call for help: If the animal has survived, contact a local wildlife rescue group. Save their numbers in your phone: <http://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/help-byb/injured-wildlife>
 3. Check the pouch: If the animal has not survived, please note that marsupial
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joeys can live for days

in a mother's pouch after she has died. You just might find that you're able to save her joey.

Download this brochure from Fourth Crossing Wildlife for instructions on how to safely remove a

joey from the pouch: [https://www.fourthcrossingwildlife.com/--how-to-remove-a-joey-from-](https://www.fourthcrossingwildlife.com/--how-to-remove-a-joey-from-the-pouch.html)

[the-pouch.html](https://www.fourthcrossingwildlife.com/--how-to-remove-a-joey-from-the-pouch.html)

4. Move the animal away from the road: Dead animals can attract scavenger animals towards the

road to feed, and increase the chances of more collisions. You can reduce this risk by moving the

dead animal even a few metres away from the road.

For more FAQs, 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](#). Other languages are available.

27 December, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara Community group:

Crazy long shot, but is there any chance someone found a random packing box on the side of the road between Sydney RD East Lindfield and Koola Avenue, East Killara around the 14th to 15th of December? It would have had a plastic container full of medical stuff and a bunch of prescriptions/referrals for various Conlons.

27 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia



If you're out and about this week, keep your wits about you.

A few seconds' distraction is all a thief needs to steal your wallet, bag, phone, tablet or laptop.

Not a great way to end the year.

27 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV: 🚗 Driveways are for cars, not kids!

Actively supervise your children when they play outdoors, don't let them play on driveways and always hold their hand near driveways. 🏠

Remember to always keep a look out for kids and double check around your vehicle before reversing.



From NSW Speed Camera Locations



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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:
Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org
Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)
Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)
Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:
Website WatchOut.org.au
Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local NHW Facebook pages:
[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](#)
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[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra
Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga
Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (paused)
*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara
*Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara (plus part of Pymble)
Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)
*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)
Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.
