



Neighbourhood Watch

Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #643 - 06 February 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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29 January, from Hornsby Shire Historical Society: Construction of the M2

The new suburb of North Epping was declared, as a separate suburb to Epping, on 1st December 1995, although they still share the same post code of 2121. It is bordered by the M2 and Lane Cove National Park, that was established in 1938. A major change for both Epping and North Epping occurred with the construction of the M2 which controversially required the bulldozing of many homes and extensive bushland areas in the district. The M2 was initially identified as a future expressway in 1962...

More info [here](#).



Kuring Gai Police Area Command

★ Favorites · January 29 at 6:45 PM · 🌐

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05 February, from NSW Police: Save time, report online

Our NSW Police Force Community Portal provides many options for your policing needs. From online crime and lost property reports to applications for information. It's quick, safe and secure. You can also upload photos and CCTV to assist Police in identifying your property or offenders involved in a crime. 👉

portal.police.nsw.gov.au/

Go to the NSW Police Force website

<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au>



NSW Police Force Community Portal
A safer community with your help

02 February, from NSW Police: A rescue worth shell-ebrating! 🥳

#FeelGoodFriday

Leading Senior Constable Jason from Cumberland Traffic and Highway Patrol Command recently became the ultimate hero for a local turtle in need. Despite initially driving by, Jason turned around after realising it was trapped. Shelly (yes, we named it) was quickly picked up and taken to a nearby pond in Greystanes 🐢🌟



02 February, from NSW Police website: Shot fired after vehicle drives at officer - Ryde

Police are investigating after a vehicle allegedly struck an officer last night. About 10pm Thursday (1 February 2024), officers from Ryde Highway Patrol were conducting stationary random breath testing on Wicks Road, Ryde, when they observed a black Audi sedan attempting to evade the testing site. Police stopped the vehicle on Coss Road, Ryde, and while they were conducting checks, the vehicle allegedly drove at police. Police discharged a single round at the vehicle's windshield, before the vehicle drove away.

Full Media Release [here](#).

31 January, from NSW Police: Police have released images of a man they believe can assist in an investigation of a suspected domestic violence-related assault in the Sydney CBD

Officers attached to Police Transport Command were told a woman was

assaulted by a man about 5.50pm Sunday 17 December 2023, while waiting at the Chinatown light rail station, Haymarket. During the assault the man hit the woman several times in the head before the pair boarded the light rail with a child and left the scene. Following extensive investigations, police are hoping to talk to a man who may be able to assist with inquiries. The man, who police believe is in his 40s, is described as being of Caucasian appearance with short dark hair which is balding on top. At the time of the incident the man was wearing reading glasses, a blue T-shirt and blue denim shorts.


Anyone with information or CCTV vision of the incident is urged to contact police or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence.



30 January, from NSW Police: A \$500,000 reward is on offer for information into the murder of Radojko Djordjevic

“As we continue our search for answers for the Djordjevic family, we hope this

reward and the passage of time may encourage new witnesses to come forward. If you know anything – even if you believe it may be minor or insignificant – our investigators would love to hear from you,” Homicide Squad Commander, Detective Acting Superintendent Virginia Gorman, said.

MORE INFORMATION  police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=110254



**\$500,000
REWARD
ANNOUNCED**

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: **1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. It can be in confidence.

The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police Force social media pages.



05 February, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Our Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Geoff Moeller, came to our latest Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting.

Here is a summary of his advice about the current crime situation in the command, extracted from our meeting's Summary Notes. The crime statistics from BOCSAR (see attached pictures) were discussed.

- • Snr Cst Geoff Moeller read crime stats taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website with the following comments & advice:
- • Current problem at St Ives Village Green concerning youths at nighttime – residents asked to report anything at the time it is happening.
- • Residents must lock their cars, remove valuables from view & lock house doors. Geoff regularly hears, “I always leave the car unlocked”.
- • Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai are doing pretty well compared with other areas of NSW. Cost of living increases may have increased some crime.
- • Some Robbery offenders and their victims are known to the police.
- • Break & Enter offences have troughs & peaks corresponding to regular offenders being put in jail & then released.
- • Motor Vehicle theft is undertaken by out-of-area gangs of juveniles. Geoff outlined how juveniles are treated differently by the system due to ‘Doli Incapax’ (incapable of evil) – 3 cautions before charged & offer of a conference with the victim. Geoff gave a few examples.
- • Geoff confirmed NHW is “the eyes and ears of the community”. Call the police – “We are not mind readers; It’s our job”. If you see someone acting suspiciously in the street – get a description and call the police station. For a car, get the rego and make. If anything is happening – phone 000. If it has already happened & people are still there – phone the police station.

Please email us [here](#) for your own copy (4 pages), or look for yourself on the BOCSAR website [here](#).

Sep 2022 to Sep 2023 Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai LGAs from BOCSAR 29/01/2024							
Offence Type	Trend	Count year to Sep 2022	Count year to Sep 2023	Sep 2022 weekend	Sep 2023 weekend	Sep 2022 offender adult age (vs Juv)	Sep 2023 offender adult age (vs Juv)
Domestic Assault - Hornsby	stable	221	234	83	102		
Domestic Assault - Ku-ring-gai	stable	133	121	61	44		
Non-Domestic Assault	up 23.6% pa	161	199	60	72		
Non-Domestic Assault	stable	68	84	21	28		
Assault police	not calculated	11	16	5	4		
Assault police	n.c.	6	10	1	7		
Homicide - Murder	n.c.	1	2				
Homicide - Murder	n.c.	0	0				
Attempted Murder	n.c.	0	0				
Attempted Murder	n.c.	0	0				
Robbery without a weapon	n.c.	9	7				
Robbery without a weapon	n.c.	5	6				
Robbery with a firearm	n.c.	1	1				
Robbery with a firearm	n.c.	0	0				
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	n.c.	4	1				
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	n.c.	1	2				
Sexual Assault	stable	77	59				
Sexual Assault	stable	50	47				
Sexual touching, sexual act & other sexual offences	stable	60	66				
Sexual touching, sexual act & other sexual offences	stable	28	42				
Break & Enter dwelling	Up 62.2% pa	74	120	28	36	33	16
Break & Enter dwelling	stable	154	110	58	37	40	25
B&E non-dwelling	stable	45	63				
B&E non-dwelling	stable	36	43				
Receiving/handling stolen goods	stable	58	54				
Receiving/handling stolen goods	n.c.	16	13				
Motor vehicle theft	up 74.4% pa	43	75	11	19	8	10

05 February, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #40 was held at 6pm on Tuesday 30 January 2024 @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai.

Thank you to all those who attended, especially Senior Constable Geoff Moeller. Thank you to PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai for use of their meeting room :)

If you would like a copy of the Summary Notes (5 pages) from the meeting, please email us: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

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a. NHW Carl Curl, Freshwater 8 Queenscliffe are folding. Julia has assisted in the past on FB. They intend to donate any useful materials such as window stickers, to us.

f. Mick suggested reminding everyone to include a NOK on your phone.

g. [Meeting ended 8:00pm] Thank you to PCYC for use of room. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 09 April 2024. Julia to email NHW Flyde with date.

Distributed with these Summary Notes:

- Photo from this meeting, clockwise from left: Pasquale Vartuli, David Beale, Mary Walker, Warren Darr, Oleg Bobadromian, Mick Gallagher, Ben Campbell, Will Knowles, Julia Eagles, Anne Ridley. Photo taken by: Sir Cat Geoff Moeller.
- Crime Stats BOCSAR 29/01/2024 (xls)
- NHW Victoria Branding Guidelines (pdf)
- Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) HOW CAN I MAKE MY CHILD'S COMMUTE TO SCHOOL SAFEST? (pdf)
- Procedures for Lending Items (pdf)
- Updated NHW KSH Infringement brochure (pdf)
- B&E strategy photo and document (jpg and pdf)



This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9705 9799.

Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: www.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: WatchOut.org.au.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) or at our [website](#). Contact us at: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

30 Jan 2024 NOTES ENGLISH

05 February, Shared with permission from our Neighbourhood Watch Kuring-gai and Hornsby group: *** Car Thief Alert! *******

Hornsby, near Clark Road School and Hornsby South Public School.

Our house got broken into at around 1:45am on 4th February. The thief stole our car key to steal our car. We scared him away. We are safe. Police were notified. The thief was a Indian-Asian looking guy in his 30s, dark brown/ black hair, no glasses, chubby with a big belly.

Please lock your windows, doors and cars.

04 February, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group: STOLEN CAR

Hi neighbours,

Last night at 1:05am my father's Red FJ cruiser was STOLEN out the front of the house on Kintore street, Wahroonga. The keys were taken from inside the house. It looks like a group of 3-5 teens/young adults who drove off towards Grosvenor street. The police have been contacted. We are just wondering if anyone has a camera facing the street or if anyone in the area saw or heard anything? Here is a photo of his car for reference. It's not the most subtle car, so we are hoping someone might have seen it. Thanks all, appreciate any help.



03 February, from NSW Police website: Officer charged - North West Metropolitan Region

Friday, 02 February 2024 04:25:18 PM

A police officer has been charged following an investigation into alleged larceny-related offences. Officers attached to Professional Standards Command established Strike Force Namsos and, on Friday 12 January 2024, investigators executed a search warrant at the officer's home and work locker. The 42-year-old constable – who is attached to a command in North West Metropolitan Region – was today (Friday 2 February 2024), served with a court attendance notice for two counts of larceny as a public servant. She will appear in Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 20 March 2024. The officer is currently suspended from duty with pay. Her employment status remains under review.

03 February, from 9News.com.au: Pair killed by Sydney freight train were picking up phone thrown onto the tracks

By Adam Vidler [Mikala Theocharous](#) 6:53pm Feb 2, 2024

A couple has been killed by a freight train in Sydney's far north overnight, after trying to retrieve a phone from the tracks. 9News understands Aroulen Chinnien and his partner, a woman in her 30s, had got into an argument when the woman's phone was thrown onto the tracks. She jumped onto the rail line to retrieve her phone, and Chinnien followed to try to push her out of the way of the oncoming train.

Read more [here](#).



02 February, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group (Sunday 28 January): Dear St Ives friends

Last night around the Roma/Blackburn/Acron up to Douglas Street area, young people (hoons) in a large pale older sedan were spinning tires, roaring the engine and behaving in a completely antisocial, dangerous manner. If you think your young person may have been in this car, please speak with them. Drivers often survive bad crashes where control is lost. Passengers often die. Let's not lose another young life to a lack of brain development and experience.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby has a FAQ #13 HOW SHOULD I REPORT HOONS? on our website [here](#). Email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox.



Frequently Asked Questions #13

HOW SHOULD I REPORT HOONS?

How Should I Report Hoons?

1. If you hear a car being driven in a reckless manner and are able to see the incident, it is helpful if you can obtain any details at all.
2. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, call triple zero '000', or the Police Assistance Line (PAL), or report it to the local police station and ask for advice - see phone numbers below.
3. Record all incidents and those details listed below.
4. Possibly take a photo or make video if this can be done safely - never place yourself in danger or at risk when trying to gather evidence.
5. Consider installing quality CCTV at your residence and/or dash cam in your vehicle for recordings that can act as proof.
6. Talk with your neighbours. See if you can band together, help get the hoon details, support one another.
7. Phone Crime Stoppers NSW 1800 333 000 with all collated information. All calls are treated confidentially.

What to report?

- Description of behaviour, e.g. speeding, drag racing, burnouts, etc.
- Description of driver
- Description of other occupants
- Usual day and time of behaviour (approximate time will suffice)
- Usual location of behaviour
- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle make, model (if you can recognise it, or similar types)
- Vehicle description - any notable accessories (eg spoiler, LED lights), damage or paint patches may also assist.
- Vehicle colour
- Vehicle registration

FOR EMERGENCIES (including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 111
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	976 9799
TTY--to ask for Police, type PPS	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1800 555 727
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Related information:

"Hoons" are also known as "toy racer", "hoolligan" and "tout", "especially a young man who drives recklessly or dangerously". Hooning is anti-social and dangerous driving behaviour, ranging from doing burnouts and doughnuts, to more serious offences such as street racing and ending police by speeding in excess of the speed limit. It is generally undertaken in order to provoke a reaction from onlookers. It is also an offence to organise or promote (includes taking photos or film of) hooning/street racing.

Anti-Hoon Laws:

Australian police have been given increased powers to investigate hooning, known as 'Hoon Laws'. In order to eliminate hoon behaviour and improve safety on the roads for others, legislation has been changed to include offences related to hoon behaviour and to allow for impounding/confiscation of vehicles involved. The Car Hoon Act allows for impounded cars to be used for car crash testing.

More information on Hooning, Street Racing and Anti-Hoon Laws can be found on the NSW Transport for NSW Roads & Maritime website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving/hooning-and-transport/roads-safety-and-rules/safe-driving/hooning-and-street-racing>

This and other links are included on the WatchOut.org.au/drivers-cycling page - see below.

Remember:

The only way a hoon may be convicted, if police don't witness the incident, is for you to attend Court. If you are not willing to attend Court, in some cases your information may help to establish a pattern of behaviour that could lead to later apprehension, and conviction, so your information is still appreciated.

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Jul 2022 Y1 HOONS ENGLISH

02 February, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Voyager Estate - 2023 Tempranillo Rosé

Product information: Voyager Estate is conducting a recall of Voyager Estate 2023 Tempranillo Rosé. The product has been available for sale at the cellar door, independent liquor retailers in NSW, QLD, WA and online nationally.

Date markings: Batch Number: 23236 - 23 ROSE (printed on glass bottle).

Problem: The recall is due to the presence of foreign matter (glass).

Food safety hazard: Food products containing glass may cause illness/injury if consumed.

What to do: Consumers should not consume this product. Consumers should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

For further information please contact: Voyager Estate 08 9757 6354 www.voyagerestate.com.au

See more [here](#).



01 February, shared with permission from a resident, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara: *URGENT*

Again I am reaching out in search of these two individuals who helped me after witnessing a car crash on Wednesday 17/1 evening on the highway in Killara near Lorne Ave. They said they live in the apartment blocks just by there, but a

letterdrop failed to reach them. If you know these people please message [Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#) or comment on this post please and thank you.

If you can help in any way, please email us [here](#).



01 February, Shared with permission from the Asquith Community group: Thomas has been found.

Thank you to everyone in the community for all your help. I'm so appreciative of all your messages and those who sent words of comfort. ❤️

Thomas is missing again, left home at midnight - heading down to St Leonard's. He is wearing a black Nike jumper, black track pants and white shoes with black laces. If anyone sees him please let me know or contact Hornsby Police. We contacted the police immediately last night. He does already have mental health resources. I am posting earlier this time, and I am really sorry for the

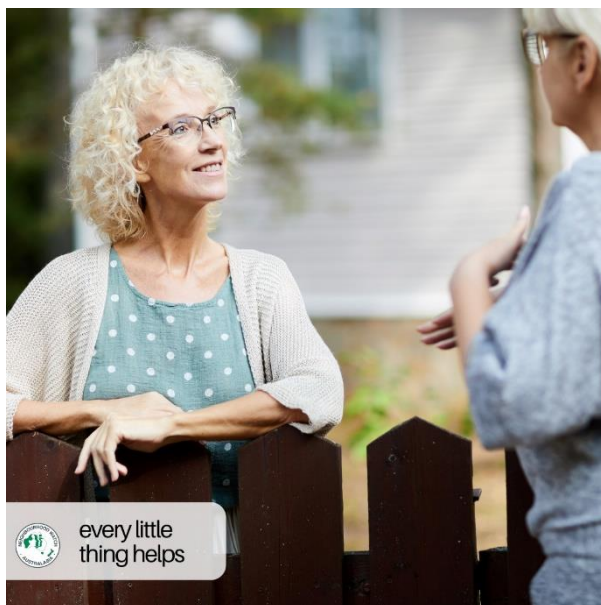
inconvenience this causes everyone around us, but with myself and police only looking we are never able to find him.

01 February, from NHW Australasia: Good Neighbourhood ABC's - H is for Helping Hand

Great neighbourhoods become that way because the people who live there look out for each other:

- ☒ Mow your neighbour's front lawn when you're doing your own.
- ☒ Bring your neighbour's bins in when you bring yours in.
- ☒ When you're going to the grocery store, see if there's anything you can pick up for your neighbour.
- ☒ Smile and wave hello whenever you see someone from your neighbourhood.

Every little thing helps someone 😊



01 February, from ACCC: Businesses can pass on the cost of processing card payments.

They often do this by adding a card surcharge on top of their prices. How much it costs a business to process a payment depends on the size of the business,

the technology used and the payment method. Some businesses may have greater costs than others. For example, small businesses may have higher processing costs than large businesses.

Card surcharge rules

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:



Card surcharges can't be more than what it costs the business to use that payment type.



No nasty surprises! Card surcharges must be displayed prominently so you're aware of them before you pay.



If there's no way to pay without incurring a surcharge, businesses must include the minimum surcharge payable in the displayed price.

01 February, from 9News.com.au: 'Absolutely elite': Tasmanian shopping centre praised for unusual car park markings

A shopping centre is being praised for its unusual car park spaces. Photos of the car park at Tasmania's Glebe Hill Village shops show the white lines painted on the ground.

But instead of single lines, there's a marked box between each car space to allow for opening doors.

Read more [here](#).



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(Facebook)

31 January, from 9 News Sydney: ALERT: Australia's consumer watchdog has issued a warning after an imported male enhancement supplement was found to contain an undeclared ingredient.

Consumers should stop using Bull Blood testosterone tablets immediately and take any remaining tablets to their local pharmacy for safe disposal.

Read more [here](#).

A graphic with a white background and blue wavy borders on the right side. At the top, the text "ALERT FOR MALE ENHANCEMENT SUPPLEMENT" is displayed in bold, with "ALERT" in white on a red background and the rest in blue. Below this, the text "Consumers should stop using it immediately." is written in blue. To the right of the text is a black bottle of "BULL BLOOD" testosterone tablets, featuring a red bull logo. In the bottom left corner, the "9NEWS" logo is visible.

31 January, from Nepean command: UPDATED WED 31. A great Facebook post from Nepean Police Area Command. We have pulled out some questions and answers for you from the comments to the original post.

Q: If you're in MacDonald's drive thru waiting at the window to pay and your phone is a hands free cradle. If you touch the screen to pay via pay ID, not taking the phone into your hand. Would they get fined? Asking for a friend

A: No.

Q: On the M4, the speed limit sign will flash 80, is that a hard limit or a suggested limit?

A: The limit is a 'hard' limit. The flashing sign is to bring it to the immediate attention of drivers in that section of the road.

Q: Why can't you fine people that do 20-30kms below the speed limit on the motorway?

A: A driver can be fined for driving too slow, particularly if they are obstructing traffic. ROAD RULES 2014 - REG 125 - Unreasonably obstructing drivers or pedestrians.

Q: If I stop at a stop sign behind another car, do I have to stop at the stop line when it leaves? Is there a defined distance within a vehicle has to stop to the stop line???? 🤔

A: If you stopped behind another car which in turn has stopped at the stop sign, you have stopped behind the other car, not the stop sign. Each vehicle must come to a stop before the line and as close to the line as possible.

Q: Nepean Police Area Command close to the line as possible, of within 1 metre?

A: As close as possible with no other vehicle in front of you.

Q: Is it legal for cops to do a u-turn over double white lines after picking up lunch? Is it legal for cops to use a phone while driving? I see both multiple times daily in cessnock and when asked they respond with we allowed to or we trained to do it.

A: Yes, it is permitted for police to do this. A scenario may be they have picked up lunch and a job or call has come over the radio and the most direct path is to do cross unbroken lines. And yes, a police officer is permitted to use their phone while driving, under certain circumstances. And no, we are not 'trained' to do it, but we are permitted to do it when working, for work reasons. Police

are working even when the warning lights and sirens aren't activated. Often it depends on how busy the police radio is and the importance of the information being sought by the officers.

Q2: Nepean Police Area Command so if you guys do a u-turn and cause an accident and you may be at fault, as the public doesn't know you have a call from dispatch? I would activate the lights to do the u-turn, no bells. This would cover me for sure.

A2: Yes, the police driver could possibly be at fault and yes, that may be a safer alternative.

Q: Can I use Siri to send a text whilst driving if the phone is in a proper holder?

A: So long as the interaction is totally hands free, then yes, unless you are a Learner driver or P1 and P2 - then no.

Q: Do trucks still have 100km max limit. If so could someone enforce it

A: Yes they do and yes it is enforced. HWP run operations targeting trucks doing the wrong thing.

Q: Why are drivers that break road rules and cause a collision not fined anymore? e.g. not stopping at a stop sign causing an accident.

A: Police are not required to attend crashes unless someone is injured and taken to hospital for treatment, drivers do not exchange details, or where it appears a driver is under the influence of a drug or alcohol. So, you are correct, some drivers do not receive a fine but if police attend and investigate, they may receive one. Ultimately, in pretty much all crashes, someone is at fault. In most crashes, it is an insurance issue, and it is not the police's job to simply obtain information for insurance companies. Insurance companies have their own investigators for this. I would strongly suggest purchasing a dash cam which will show which driver is at fault and submit that to the insurance company if one is in a collision that police are not required to attend.

Q: My question is: why are motorbike riders allowed to weave in between cars at traffic lights, are their rules different to a car driver?

A: Because Lane Filtering is legal in NSW.

Q: Is it illegal to undertake in an 80 zone when the car in the right lane is going slow?

A: No, if the road is a double or multi lane road.

Yes if the road you're driving on is a single lane.

The only time you can overtake on the left is when the vehicle you're overtaking is:

- waiting to turn right or make a U-turn from the centre of the road
- stopped
- travelling on a multi-lane road.

To overtake a vehicle turning right or making a U-turn from the centre of the road, you can:

- use the left lane
- drive on, across or outside edge lines for up to 100m
- drive in a bus lane, transit lane or truck lane for a maximum of 100m
- drive in a bicycle lane or tram lane for a maximum of 50m.

Q: What is the distance to park from a corner please?

A: 20 metres from an intersection with traffic lights, 10 metres from an intersection without traffic lights.

Q: Are motorcycle's allowed to use the TS Lanes? I think that's what's painted the road.

A: Yes they are.



30 January, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community group (Sunday?):

Was anyone else woken up last night by street racing? They did 4 laps of Acron

Rd after 2am and on the last one I could hear the joyriders having a great time through open windows. I hope that no one was hurt! If your kids were out last night, check your tyres because there was rubber burning around the corners. Perhaps they haven't heard about double demerits!! 🔥🔥

Dates for your Diary

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](#).

Thursday 22 February: Meet the Author - Allan Sicard 6:30-7:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info](#).

Friday 23 February: FREE IDSupport NSW. 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info](#).

Tuesday 27 February: FREE 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. 平板电脑介绍 - Introduction to Tablets (Mandarin) [Info](#).

Sunday 03 March: Clean Up Australia Day

Thursday 07 March: Upper North Shore Volunteer Expo 1:30-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Rooms [Info](#).

Thursday 07 March: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Learner driver workshop online event 6:30-8pm [Info](#).

Wednesday 13 March: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors Expo 10am-2pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall.

Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #26: WHAT IS A 'BITUMEN BANDIT'?

'Bitumen bandits' are bogus tradespeople who rip-off unsuspecting and vulnerable consumers, by peddling bitumen-laying services for a supposed "substantial discount". They use misleading and deceptive conduct. The scam starts when someone knocks on your door and tells you they have asphalt or bitumen leftover from a "nearby job" and offer to sell it to you at "a heavily reduced cost". Consumers are forced to comply because if the work isn't finished, they're unable to use their driveway. Regardless of how solid the offer

seems, itinerant bitumen layers often leave consumers out of pocket: • they may ask for a deposit and simply never return to do the work, or • they do such a substandard job with watered down bitumen, it may cost you a lot more money to fix the job, or • they do (more) damage, or • they may initially quote a low cost, but then a much higher payment is demanded during the work for it to be completed.



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- they may initially quote a low cost, but then a much higher payment is demanded during the work for it to be completed.

A licence is required for:

- residential building work valued at more than \$5000 (inc GST) in labour and materials
- all specialist work regardless of cost.

Specialist work includes electrical wiring, plumbing, drainage and gas-fitting work and air conditioning and refrigeration work (except plug-in appliances).

Check any contractor or tradesperson is qualified and/or licensed to do the job by using the NSW Fair Trading Home Building Licence Check online tool:
<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/online-tools/home-building-licence-check>

The Licence Check will tell you of any cancellations, suspensions, formal cautions, penalty infringement notices, non-compliance or public warnings issued.

FOR EMERGENCIES (including anyone on your property)
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers) 1800 333 300
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line) 131 144
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station) 9476 9799
TTY - To ask for Police, type PPP 136
SPEAK AND LISTEN 1800 555 727

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When choosing a tradesperson:

1. Get several quotes
2. Ask family and friends for recommendations
3. Ensure all quotes are written down
4. Don't pay any money without a written contract
5. Ask for references
6. Request to see examples of the tradesperson's past work
7. Check if a licence is required
8. Do a Licence Check (using the online tool mentioned)
9. Ensure the contract is written down
10. Discuss insurance.

If you have been visited by any Bitumen Bandits, or fake tradespeople:

1. Please be community-minded and warn others ASAP.
2. Make a note of their appearance, vehicle registration and description.
3. Report them AT THE TIME to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) or the local police station - see phone numbers below.
4. Report them to the **National Travelling Conmen Hotline 1300 133 108** (8.30am - 5.00pm, Mon - Fri).

Related information:

If you require more information or wish to lodge a complaint against a trader you can click on the following link www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

Notes:

Bitumen is also known as 'Asphalt', or 'Tarmac'.
'Travelling Conmen' includes tree-toppers, roofers, 'Bitumen Bandits' and fake tradesmen.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: (0)2 9799 7999. Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: au.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/Tip/. See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: WatchOut.org.au. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or on our website. Contact us at: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com.

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See **FAQ #26** on our website for other information, such as when a licence is required, checking a person's licence, when choosing a tradesperson, how to warn others, etc: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/faqs/

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.

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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 Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)

[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 - 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.



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Our mailing address is:

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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station
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