



# Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

## eNewsletter #645 - 20 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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**20 February, from Police Transport command: Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify a male who may be able to assist police with their enquiries in relation to an assault which occurred at Wharf 3, Circular Quay around 11.25am on Sunday 21 January 2024.**

The male allegedly punched another man to the face when challenged over pushing through a queue. He is described as Caucasian appearance, about 165 centimetres tall, thin build with a beard and moustache with brown, curly hair. At the time, he was shirtless and wearing a black cap and black shorts. Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have knowledge of the identity of the person/s depicted to come forward.

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages. **Reference E357235498 and C97715578.**



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**19 February, from NSW Police: Police will prepare a report for the information of the Coroner following the death of a woman in a two-car crash on Sydney's Northern Beaches yesterday.**

➡ More details: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=110540>

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**19 February, from Police Transport command: Police are appealing for public assistance after a train guard was assaulted at St Leonards Railway Station.**

At 7:49pm on Tuesday the 14th of November 2023, the train guard was spat on by a male. Officers attached to Police Transport Command North Central have commenced an investigation. As inquiries continue, police have released images of a male who may be able to assist with inquiries. This male is described as Caucasian appearance, approximately 25-35 years old, medium build, brown hair, white Under Armour shirt, Fluro orange vest and black backpack.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000** or [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au). Please reference case number **C637340491**. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



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17 February, from Riverstone command:

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

## PREVENT TRAILER THEFT



**Park** the trailer out of sight from the street.

**Park** under a security light or CCTV.

**Ensure** you have plenty of photos that can identify the trailer.

**Engrave** the registration or an identifiable number out of sight.

**Think** about investing in trailer locks, wheel clamps, alarms or trackers.

**Investigate** other theft prevention methods or contact your local Crime Prevention Officer for advice.

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**15 February, from NSW Police: Operation Amarak V enables us to address domestic and family violence with the seriousness it warrants.**

It's about precision in targeting the most dangerous offenders; the ones who pose a significant threat to victims, to family members, to other members of the community. Throughout the four-day operation, almost 600 people with serious domestic violence offences. Police also conducted 131 Firearms Prohibition Order (FPO) compliance searches, and 5,493 Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs).

MORE INFORMATION ➡ [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=110429](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=110429)  
Watch video [here](#).



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**20 February, from Hornsby Shire Council: The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is investigating the discovery of asbestos in mulch ⚠️**

At the link below, you can learn more about asbestos, the risk to the community and the task force. If you have any concerns about recycled mulch around your

home, you can also contact the EPA via a form on the webpage or subscribe to the community mailing list to receive updates as their investigation progresses. 🙌 [here](#).

**Latest today:** a private aged care facility in **St Ives** returned positive results for bonded asbestos.

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## **20 February, from Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: DID YOU KNOW?**

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby has an ultraviolet pen set available to borrow.

Normally we recommend borrowing one of our engravers for marking expensive road bikes, electric tools, and other such items that can be easily on-sold at a car boot/garage sale. We recommend the NSW Police-preferred method of marking with your driver's licence number prefixed with 'N' (for NSW) at the top right of your item.

However, for delicate items, such as mobile phones, musical instruments and laptop computers, we suggest the use of an ultra-violet (UV) pen. The ink used is only visible under UV light. The UV marking deteriorates with sunlight, so should be applied on the underside or inside of an item and be re-applied every 6 months. We also supply a blacklight torch to view the UV markings. More information [here](#).

[Included for completeness.] GPS trackers are another option: (Not available from NHW). Trackers can be used for a range of items from motorbikes, jetskis, musical instruments, to mobile homes. Products are such as AppleTag, Tile Mates, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot recommend or endorse any product, service, or retailer! We can only bring something to your attention. You must do your own research.



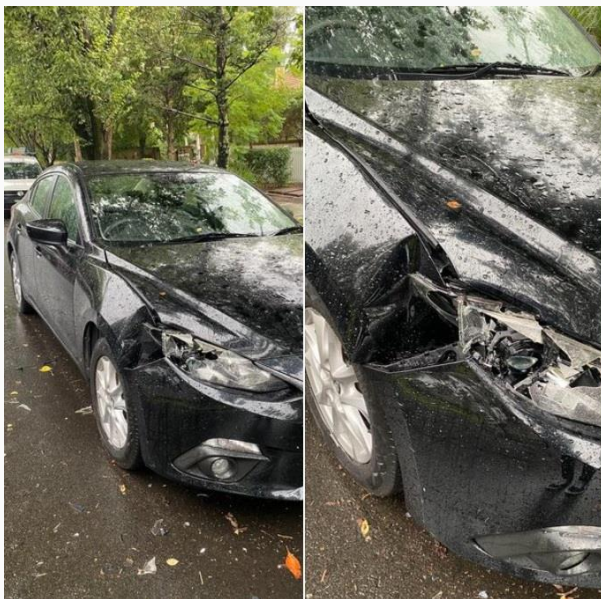


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**20 February, Shared with permission from Warrawee Valley & Surrounds Community group:**

Yesterday my car was parked in 6-7 Eulbertie Avenue, Warrawee. Someone hit my car and ran away. I would like to request if anyone saw it and knows about the incident can you help me please? It was between 3:20pm to 4:00pm, if anyone have any footage in their dash cam can you please contact me? Thank you.

My contact number is 0478836761. I work in Mark Moran, Warrawee.



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**The grapevine is grumbling today (Tuesday 20 February) about incidents in St Ives and Turramurra.**

Have you any warning to share?

**Shared with permission from the St Ives Community page group:**

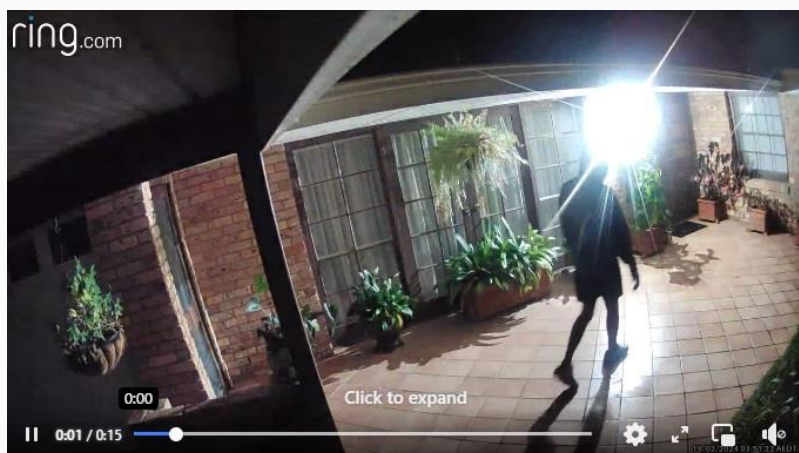
Hi all, Just wanted to warn all. We had two people break into our property on Monday morning around 5am. Luckily they were only inside for about 1min and

we didn't find anything of value missing. We have some cameras around the house and the police have been notified. I have attached some pictures - please keep your eyes open if you see these people looking around your properties.

We are located at **Cambourne Avenue, St Ives.**



Good Evening Snivers, We had an uninvited visitor creeping around our front door at 3.50am this morning. We are located in **Athena Ave, St Ives.** Keep your doors locked.



**Evelyn Street, Turramurra** - 3am "people roaming" and 1 house in that street had their house broken into and car keys stolen to then steal their car and dump in W Pymble.

### And in the comments:

- They are in the area. A few other streets nearby also targeted last night. Police have been notified.
- Located in **Catherine St, St Ives**, at around 11:30pm my brother and I heard someone at our door like they were trying to get in. Everything was locked already but we did a full sweep of our property.

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### PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai has March dates still available for their safer driving courses

#### SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

The Safer Drivers Course aims to provide learner drivers with the knowledge they need to reduce road risks and prevent accidents by becoming a safe driver. As an Accredited Provider of the transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course, PCYC NSW know that our students will complete the course with a greater of understanding of how to be a safe P-plate driver.

[Book here.](#)

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### 20 February, from the Australian Federal Police: Don't be a mule! Australian police warn university students about money muling.

A money mule is a person who receives money from a third party into their bank account, transfers it into another account and receives a payment for it. While being a money mule may seem like a low risk, high reward and victimless crime, it is a serious crime. Police are concerned about criminals targeting financially vulnerable university students, including through job ads offering quick and easy money for moving funds through their bank accounts. A month-long campaign is being rolled out nationally across 39 universities to educate students on what a money mule is, how to spot this cyber-enabled crime and what people should do if they think they've fallen victim to money muling.

If you are a victim of money muling, report it to police at [www.cyber.gov.au/report](http://www.cyber.gov.au/report).

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**19 February, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby has been invited to have a crime prevention stall at this Hornsby Info Expo event at 10:30am-3:30pm @ Hornsby Library on Tuesday 19 March 2024.**

Will we see you there?

You are invited to **Free**

# Hornsby Info Expo

**19 March 2024**  
**Tuesday | 10:30am to 3:30pm**  
**Hornsby Library**  
 28-44 George St, Hornsby NSW 2077

**INFO STALLS**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm**  
*Everything you need to know about the community*

**HEALTH CHECK**  
**11:00am - 12:30pm**  
*Booking essential or enquire @stall*  
**Hearing, High blood Pressure, Glucose, etc**

**MINI SEMINAR**  
**1:30pm - 3:30pm**  
*Booking essential, Limited spaces available*  
*Deliver in English, Mandarin and Korean*

- Plan your Retirement and Ageing
- Keep your Brain Healthy
- Scam and Road / Personal Safety

**Enquire and Register**  
**CASS: (02) 9789 4587**  
 English & Chinese  
**(02) 9063 8808**  
 Korean

Light  provided.  
 \*First Come, First Served




## 18 February, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Saturday):

Man caught looking through my bedroom window while getting changed, on the corner of Arnold street and Werona street (Killara). He ran off towards Lindfield when I had noticed him. The police have been called and are investigating now.

## 18 February, from NSW Maritime: 🚤 Don't just launch, make a splash with proper boat ramp etiquette!

👍 It all starts with the right preparation, ensuring you're ready to hit the water when your turn arrives.

🏆 Remember the 3 C's – care, courtesy, and common sense!



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### **15 February, from 9News.com.au: 'Find another space': Sydney drivers divided over parking act**

A parking act has divided opinion after a ute was spotted partly encroaching on a Sydney footpath with its tray. A passerby shared a photo of the ute to social media yesterday, prompting debate over whether the driver was entitled to park in the space.

Read more [here](#).



9NEWS.COM.AU

**'Find another space': Sydney drivers divided over parking act**

'Find another space': Sydney drivers divided over parking actBy Miriah Davis6:19am Feb 15, 20...

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### **14 February, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Authorities shutdown cybercrime warzone.**

An alleged key figure in an international cybercrime network has been arrested by The Malta Police Force and a criminal network has been shut down following a joint operation by the AFP, Europol and FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation. It will be alleged the man was a key promoter of a Remote

Access Trojan (RAT) known as Warzone. This software was used to target users in Australia and around the world.

The network distributed the Warzone software to other cyber criminals, allowing them to bypass security and remotely access computers without the victim's knowledge, browse files, record keystrokes, steal usernames and passwords and even access web cameras.

Warzone, which was available for a subscription starting from \$25 per month, also enabled other criminal activities such as ransomware attacks and harvesting of information that could lead to identify theft and phishing campaigns.

Full Media Release [here](#).

If you are a victim of cybercrime, report it via ReportCyber at [www.cyber.gov.au/report](http://www.cyber.gov.au/report).



## 14 February, Shared with us by a resident: I live on Rosedale Road in Gordon, near the Gordon Recreation Ground.

There is a bit of foot traffic generally to and from the ground and to the station. On Saturday, 3 February, around 1030pm a young male came up our driveway and banged on the living room windows, shouting obscenities. Of course, when I reacted and went outside to address it, the coward ran off. I called the police and gave some vague information as that is all I had but at least was reported. Probably a teenager having some odd fun, however it is the brazenness that is concerning in someone seeing people peacefully in their homes and crossing the threshold in entering the property, and then the unprovoked direct harrassment... There have been other incursions, such as our garden hose being snipped for bongs, and I found an earring on our trampoline that shows someone was on there. Result is I lock our gates now, have bought a security camera, and am installing fence spikes. Quite sad.



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**14 February, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group: Community Service announcement**

Due to the high rates of contamination in soft plastics from our recycling centre, our bags are being inspected currently. JFYI, post bags are not accepted when they have a paper address or barcode sticker on them. Try and cut them out beforehand.

**From NHW:** It's always a good idea to cut out address labels and destroy them before throwing postal items into the recycling, to avoid IDENTITY THEFT.

**And in the comments:**

Bakery plastic bags with stickers on them are the same deal. Cut them out before placing in recycling!

Ziplock bags with a hard plastic slider need it cut off.




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**13 February, from NSW Food Authority: Your reusable bags could be carrying more than just your groceries 🍌**

If you're loading raw chicken one week and fresh produce the next – or using them for the kids' shoes or other items - it's best to give those bags a good wash.

More info [here](#).





## DON'T BAG YOURSELF FOOD POISONING

- ✓ Separate different types of foods.
- ✓ Regularly wash reusable bags, especially if you notice a spill from raw meat or cracked eggs.

Food Authority

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### **14 February, from Australian Federal Police: Taylor fever has hit and the scammers are turning this season into a cruel summer.**

The AFP is aware of instances where people's social media profiles have been hacked and used to sell Taylor Swift concert 'tickets' through Facebook Marketplace and Facebook Community Pages. You can imagine their surprise when their angry Swiftie neighbour or friend ask for concert tickets which they believe they purchased from them! Our partners at the National Anti-Scam Centre have received over 270 reports of people being scammed buying Taylor Swift 'The Eras Tour' tickets via social media since tickets went on sale in Australia in June 2023.

For more information visit [here](#).

We know all too well (10 min version) the stress scams like this cause so to help stop this bad blood from happening to you - secure your Facebook account with a strong passphrase and setting up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and only buy tickets through authorised sellers. Not sure how to set these up?

#### **How to set up MFA on your Facebook account:**

1. Go to Security and login settings.
2. Scroll down to Use two-factor authentication and click Edit.
3. Choose the security method you want and follow the onscreen instructions.
4. You can choose security key, third party authentication app or SMS code to your mobile phone.

What is a passphrase you ask? Passphrases are made up of 4 or more random words making them longer than a traditional password – this makes them harder to crack but easy to remember. A good passphrase is unique, complex and easy for only you to remember.

These simple steps can protect you from becoming a victim of cybercrime and leaving a blank space in your bank account.

Remember, if you are a victim of a scam, report it to [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au).



## Local Community Noticeboard

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SELLING TAYLOR SWIFT TICKETS FOR SYDNEY

FEBRUARY 23 2024

4 seats available

\$225 AUD EACH

SECTION 62B

#taylorswift #sydney #tickets #nsw



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### Dates for your Diary

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

**Thursday 22 February:** FREE 11-12noon Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Government websites". [Info/Register](#)

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

**Tuesday 27 February:** FREE 2-3pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Apps for Smarter Travel". [Info/Register](#)

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

**Tuesday 27 February:** Business Clean Up Day. Register [here](#).

**Thursday 29 February:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected'

online presentations - "Selling Safely Online". [Info/Register](#)

**Friday 01 March:** Schools Clean Up Day. Register [here](#).

**Sunday 03 March:** Community Clean Up Australia Day. Register [here](#).

**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.

**Tuesday 19 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "All you need to know about data & public wi-fi". [Info/Register](#)

**Thursday 21 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Protect yourself against scams". [Info/Register](#)

**Tuesday 26 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "Technology & your Health". [Info/Register](#)

**Wednesday 27 March:** FREE 3-4pm Australian Government. 'Be Connected' online presentations - "iPhone Basics". [Info/Register](#)

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### **Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #28: 'IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON MY HOUSE?'**

YES. It is a legal requirement to display the correct house number (street number) on the building (house) OR fence fronting the street pursuant to Section 124 Para 8, Local Government Act 1993.

- • Make sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street on a dark, wet night.
- • Rather than simply one number, Neighbourhood Watch suggests all three numbers:
  - 1. A number displayed on the façade or fence of the property, and
  - 2. In addition, a number displayed on the letterbox (optional) and
  - 3. In addition, a number on the kerb outside your property (optional).
- • If your home is situated on a corner, the number should face the street named in your address.
- • Property numbers must remain legible and be repaired or replaced as required.
- • Reflective numbers are optional, although highly recommended by NHW.

- • Bigger is better.
- • Double-check for Homeowner's Association restrictions.
- • A council may order a person to display a house number on premises. Failure to comply is an offence.

See **FAQ #28** on our website for other information, such as for businesses: [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/faqs/](http://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.

Want to paint your house number on your kerb? Contact NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby for the [loan of a DIY KerbWatch kit](#).

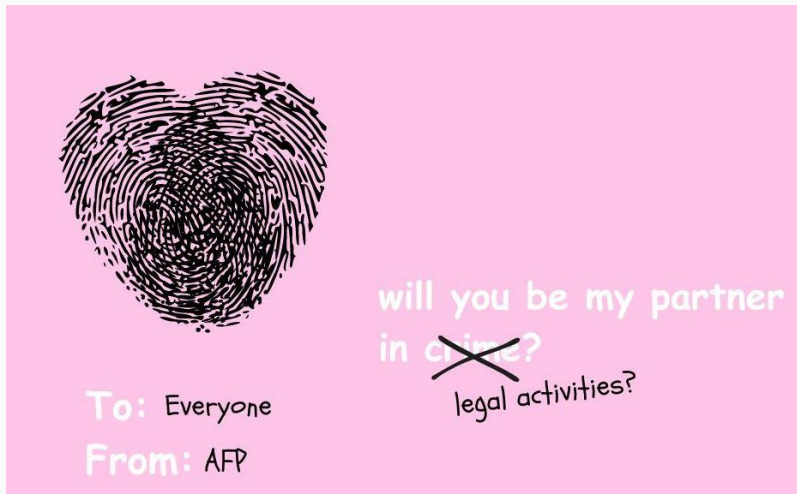
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**Thanks to Meanwhile in Australia: Cheers to these legends who personally delivered my phone to me at 2am after I left it behind in an Uber.**

Love the sly selfie that you guys left me! I may or may not accidentally/on purpose lose my phone again 😊



Why is it always 'partner in crime'? Don't worry, we've fixed it.  
Happy Valentine's Day 🍷



Thanks to the AFP.

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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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)  
**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)  
**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)  
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**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](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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