



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #678 - 08 October 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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### 06 October, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force: LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND - P1 LICENCE HOLDER DETECTED AT 180KM/H.

About 8:30am on the 5th of October 2024, Albury HWP were conducting patrols of the Olympic Highway, Gerogery where they detected a silver coloured Holden Commodore being driven by a 21 year old P1 licence holder, travelling at 180km/h.

After stopping the vehicle, Police discovered the driver was not displaying P plates and the vehicle was in poor condition.

The driver was issued infringement notices for P1 licence holder exceed speed limit by more than 45km/h, Not display P plates and Use vehicle not comply with standard, totalling \$3415 and 14 demerit points due to the double demerit points period.

The drivers licence was suspended for a period of 6 months and the vehicle issued a defect notice.

P1 licence holders are subject to a maximum speed limit of 90km/h.

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### 06 October, from NSW Police: A Reminder

If there was ever a photo to remind you of the importance of child safety inside your vehicle, then this is it.

A child has miraculously survived with just minor cuts after a collision left the car they were travelling in a total wreck. When you take a closer look at the picture, you can see the child's car seat unscathed in the back.

"The collision highlighted the significant importance of child car seats being secured and the child appropriately fastened, which was thankfully the case in this instance," [NSW Police Force](#) officials said.

Full story [here](#).

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06 October, from NSW Police Force: An important message from the New South Wales Police Force:

The Hezbollah flag, symbols and portraits of Hassan Nasrallah should not be displayed at the public assembly as this may

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نيو ساوث ويلز.  
يجب عدم رفع علم حزب الله ورموزه  
وصور حسن نصر الله في التجمعات  
العامة لأن ذلك قد يرقى إلى جريمة  
جنائية.

پیام مهم نیروی پلیس نیوساوت ویلز.  
پرچم حزب الله و نمادها و پرتره های  
حسن نصرالله نباید در مجامع عمومی  
به نمایش گذاشته شود، زیرا ممکن  
است جرم محسوب شود.



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## 07 October, from abc.net.au: Australia detects the first case of the highly transmissible COVID-19 strain dubbed XEC



A new highly transmissible variant of COVID-19 has been detected in Australia, raising questions about whether it will lead to a wave of COVID-19 cases over summer.

The XEC strain has been reported in 29 countries including the United States, United Kingdom and China, according to global health data platform GISAID.

Here's what we know about the XEC variant and how many cases have been reported in Australia.

What do we know about XEC?

XEC is a "recombinant" COVID-19 variant, which means it's a mix of two previous Omicron subvariants called KS 1.1 and KP 3.3.

A recombinant variant is created when someone is infected with two strains of a virus that go on reproduce and create another strain.

There are conflicting reports about where the strain originated, but most suggest it was first detected in Germany in May or June.

Read details [here](#).

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### 07 October, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon

Shared with permission from the Gordon Community Group:

Last night around 8-9PM some drunk people passed my house and entered the driveway knocking over my greenwaste bin.

I am located in St John's Ave Gordon.

This morning my metal leaf rake is missing.

The rake has an aluminium pole handle and a metal rake.

If found pls send me a message.

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### 07 October, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group : **FOUND**



Silver ring found in Woolworths Chatswood East Carpark (near Eastern Valley Way) inside reads "Macy & Dennis", a date also engraved.

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### 06 October, from Riverstone Police Area Command: Spot the Demerit!

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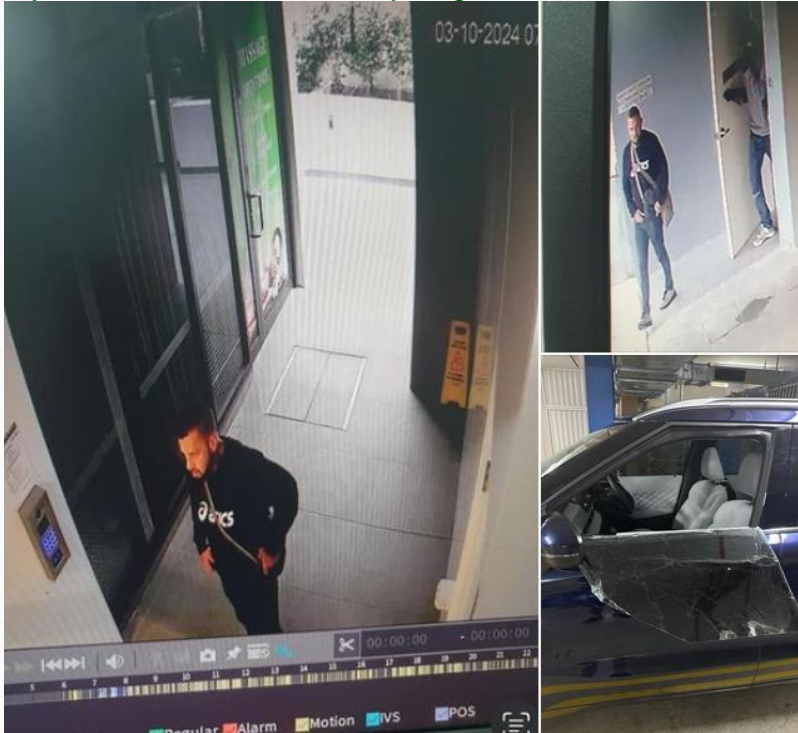
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**06 October, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch: A resident has contacted us:**

Hi,

I live at 266 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh.

My apartment building was broken in on Thursday between 7:30 and 7:50am. They smashed my car window and stole my bags.



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**05 October, from 9news.com.au: Dad slugged with \$25k defamation bill over Facebook post he didn't write**



A Sydney father-of-two is trying to recuperate \$25,000 in legal fees after becoming embroiled in a defamation lawsuit, sparked by a Facebook comment left by a stranger.

Andy Leonard, 45, was an administrator of a private Facebook group about surrogate parenting when he was sued for a comment he didn't write in 2023.

The post had named a person in a negative light to its less than 240 followers and had only

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been viewed by six people, but unbeknownst to Leonard that comment would lead to a legal nightmare.

Details [here](#).

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#### 04 October, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall and kids' activities at the St John's Anglican Church annual fete next Saturday 12 October from 9am to 2pm. Bring your questions, discuss any issues and make your own goodie bag. Do you need one-way locking screws on your car rego? Do you display a Neighbourhood Watch sticker on your front window? Would your children like to dress up as a police officer? See you there.



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#### 04 October, from eSafety Commissioner



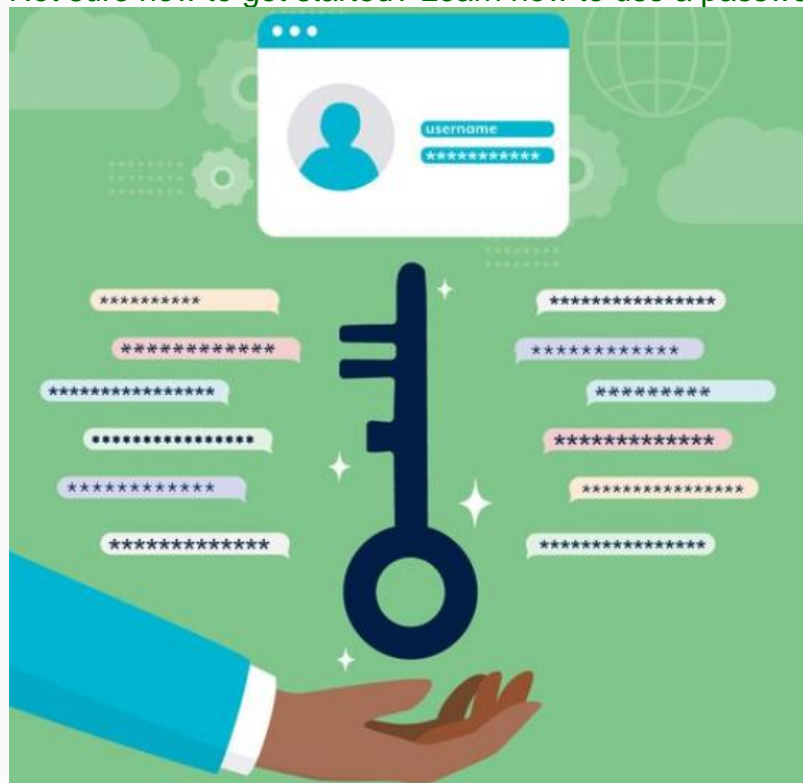


#### 04 October, from Australia Signals Directorate

It's important we use a unique password for every account, but remembering them all can be a challenge. That's where password managers come in handy.

Password managers let you create, manage and store passwords securely. To access a password manager, you only need to remember a single master login to access all your stored passwords.

Not sure how to get started? Learn how to use a password manager [here](#).



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#### 04 October, from Riverstone Police Area Command: Check Twice



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#### 04 October, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

We have been asked to share this information by our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou.

"Please share the following with your relevant contacts and networks.

I also attach our NSWPF fact sheets for ways of contacting the police should you need any support. We are always here to help."

We are stronger together

As a multicultural society, whenever conflict occurs overseas, there will be communities in New South Wales who are affected.

The escalating regional conflict in the Middle East is being felt deeply by communities and we acknowledge the pain they are experiencing.

Right now, it's important to demonstrate our resilience as a multicultural society by showing compassion and support for each other in times of need.

Please see below a statement from the NSW Faith Affairs Council acknowledging the pain felt by members of the community, and affirming the Council's continuing commitment to promoting peace, harmony and understanding.

Multicultural NSW strongly supports this statement and seeks your help to share it to your networks.

For those in your community who may need support, these services may help:

NSW Mental Health Line: Call 1800 011 511

Transcultural Mental Health Line 1800 648 911

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Lifeline: Call 13 11 14, text 0477 13 11 14 or chat online: <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Kids Helpline: Call 1800 55 1800 or chat online: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Beyond Blue: Call 1300 22 4636 or chat online: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

1800RESPECT: Call 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or chat online: <https://www.1800respect.org.au/>

13 Yarn: Call 13 92 76 <https://www.13yarn.org.au/>

MensLine Australia: Call 1300 78 99 78 <https://mensline.org.au/>

Please take care of yourself and each other, because we are all stronger together.

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Acting Chairperson, Multicultural NSW

Joseph La Posta

CEO, Multicultural NSW

<b>Emergency Plus App</b> <p>Emergencies can happen in places that are difficult for a caller to describe - on an unmarked stretch of beach, bush track or unfamiliar road, or outside a crowded sports stadium.</p> <p>We encourage members of the public to download the free Emergency Plus App which provides the GPS coordinates of their location as well as What3words.</p> <p>When callers need to report an emergency in hard-to-find locations, the Emergency- app gives them the option to tell the emergency services their location, either in the form of their closest street address, their GPS coordinates or their What3words address.</p>	<b>What3words</b> <p>The What3words is a system that has given every 3m square in the world a unique three word identifier. The What3words functionality contained within the app is a quick and simple way to communicate your precise location.</p> <p>Unlike street addresses, What3words addresses work offline, so it can be used in remote areas with poor data connection and are as accurate as GPS coordinates.</p>	<b>NSW Police Force</b> <b>CUSTOMER SERVICES 24</b> <p><b>Triple Zero (000)</b> For emergencies, or a crime in progress</p> <p><b>Police Assistance Line (131444)</b> Non urgent crime reporting and general enquiries</p> <p><b>Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)</b> To provide crime information confidentially</p> <p><b>Community Portal (online)</b> To report non urgent crimes and apply for services online</p> <p><b>IN AN EMERGENCY</b></p> <p>000 EMERGENCY emergency.gov.au</p> <p>NSW</p>		
<b>Emergency Information</b> <p>The Emergency Plus App provides other helpful information and contacts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Triple Zero 000</li><li>• State Emergency Service (SES)</li><li>• Police Assistance Line (PAL)</li><li>• National Relay Service</li><li>• Royal Life Saving</li><li>• Crime Stoppers</li><li>• Health Direct</li><li>• Life Line</li><li>• National Security Hotline</li><li>• Poisons Information</li><li>• Fire Alerts</li></ul>	<b>SMS Geo-Targeting System</b> <p>NSW Police Force are now able to send an SMS geo-targeting alert to mobile phones in an area a person has gone missing.</p> <p>If you receive an SMS from 0444 444 444, it is an official alert seeking your assistance. The SMS will provide a link to an image of the missing person and instructions on how to contact police.</p> <p><b>Received a call or text from 0444 444 444?</b> If you receive a call or SMS from the number above, it is genuine.</p> <p>The message is from Emergency Alert, a national telephone warning system that sends voice messages to landlines and text messages to</p>	<b>NSW Police Force Community Portal</b> <p>The New South Wales Police Force Community Portal is an online digital engagement channel for the community, which is easy to use, confidential, and always secure. You can access Community Portal at <a href="http://portal.policenew.gov.au">portal.policenew.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>Providing a range of services including minor crime reports and applications for information, reports and applications can be lodged online using phone, tablet or desktop devices.</p> <p>Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a police officer is not necessary you can now report crime and apply for services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lost property</li><li>• Theft</li><li>• Intentional damage &amp; graffiti</li><li>• Fail to Pay</li><li>• Break, enter &amp; steal</li><li>• Stolen motor vehicle</li><li>• Minor traffic crash</li><li>• Access to information</li><li>• Property loss</li><li>• Fraud</li><li>• Firearms Applications</li><li>• NSW Police Check</li><li>• Insurance related police event report</li></ul>	<b>Police Assistance Line</b> <p>Should you become a victim of crime, and you are not in a life threatening or time critical emergency you can contact the <b>Police Assistance Line (131444)</b>.</p> <p>The Police Assistance Line can create the following report types over the phone for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lost property</li><li>• Theft</li><li>• Intentional damage &amp; graffiti</li><li>• Fail to Pay</li><li>• Break, enter &amp; steal</li><li>• Stolen motor vehicle</li><li>• Fraud</li><li>• Minor traffic crashes</li></ul> <p>The Police Assistance Line can also assist you with general enquiries and NSW Police Force Directory Assistance.</p>	<b>Emergency Resources</b> <p><b>Call Triple Zero (000) when</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The incident is happening now</li><li>• The suspect is still at the scene</li><li>• Anyone is seriously injured or in immediate danger</li></ul> <p><b>Where are you?</b> There are several resources to assist police and the community to help us find you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced Mobile Location</li><li>• Emergency Plus App</li><li>• What3words</li><li>• SMS Geo-Targeting Emergency Alert System</li></ul> <p>Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.triplezero.gov.au">www.triplezero.gov.au</a>.</p>
	<b>Crime Stoppers</b> <p>NSW Crime Stoppers collect information which may help police stop, solve or prevent crime. The community can confidentially provide information regarding crime and criminal activity to Crime Stoppers by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phone: 1800 333 000, or</li><li>• Online at <a href="http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au">nsw.crimestoppers.com.au</a></li></ul>	<b>Advanced Mobile Location</b> <p>Advanced Mobile Location is a technology built into the operating system of Apple and Android telephones which will provide greater location accuracy to Triple Zero during an emergency call from a mobile telephone. It has the potential to save lives and improve outcomes for mobile callers in Australia. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.triplezero.gov.au">www.triplezero.gov.au</a>.</p>		

04 October, from Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas



Shared with permission from the Neighbourhood Watch- Galson, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural - Rural Areas group:

Hi everyone,

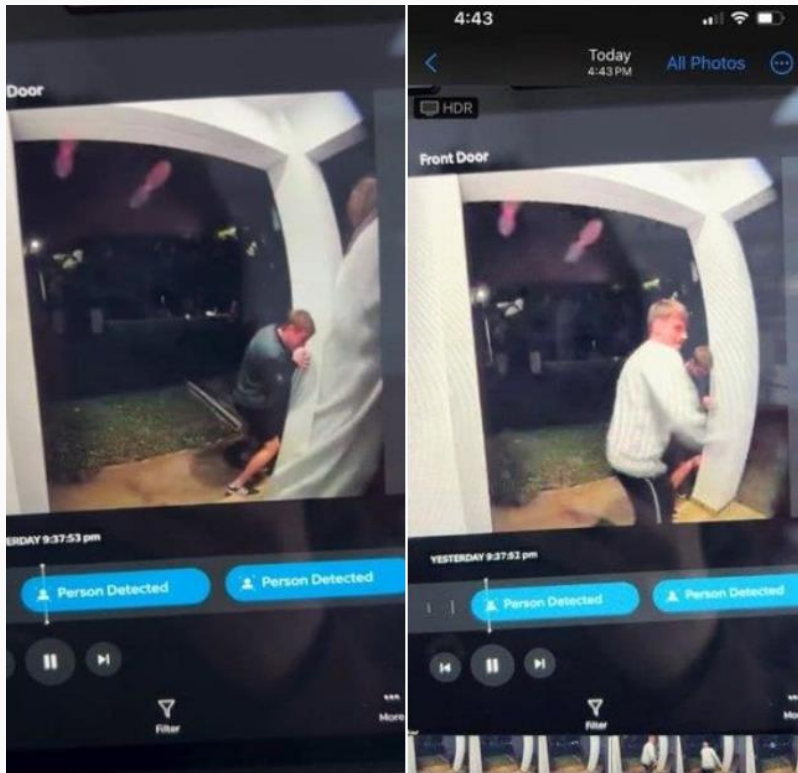
Does anyone know these boys? They have been causing problems with knock and run and vandalism the past week.

Once may be funny but everyday is a matter of police now.

Please DM if you know them.

Thanks so much! [OBJ]

Old Northern Rd.



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#### 04 October, from Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst

Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

I've heard the biggest crash outside, I've come to see all our garbage bins scattered all over the sidewalk and road and the car that hit them is sitting up about 80m away all banged up with the driver doing a runner...police have been called...registration number given...idiot! Malbury Rd.

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#### **04 October, from The Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby**

We have received a message from a resident yesterday:

"If anyone has left their ipad on a hornsby bound train from the city (north shore line) I have handed it in at hornsby station. It did not have any obvious contact details on it to contact the owner. The staff said you can contact the station or lodge a form through the transport nsw website. Thanks"

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#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 09 May - Thursday 14 November:** LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

**October: Cyber Security Awareness month.**

**Tuesday 08 October:** FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Computers 10:15am-12:15 pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

**Wednesday 09 October:** FREE 计算机简介 - Introduction to Computers (Mandarin)

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10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Saturday 12 October:** St John's Anglican Church Fete 9am-2pm NHW crime prevention stall & kids activities.

**Tuesday 15 October:** FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Internet 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Tuesday 15 October:** NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Volunteers meeting #43 6-7pm at PCYC, 1 Park Lane, Waitara, followed by dinner afterwards @ Magpies. We'd love to meet you.

**Wednesday 16 October:** FREE 互联网入门 - Introduction to Internet (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Tuesday 22 October:** FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Tablets 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

**Wednesday 23 October:** FREE 电子邮件简介 – Introduction to Email (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Tuesday 29 October:** FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Smartphones 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Wednesday 30 October:** FREE 智能手机简介 – Introduction to Smartphones (Mandarin) 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#)

**Saturday 02 November:** Bushfire Emergency Expo 10am-2pm @ West Pymble Green (opp Philip St Mall). NHW K&H will have a crime prevention table and activities.

**Sunday 03 November:** FREE Motorcycling Safety Workshop – Survive the Ride 10:30am-2pm @ Storey Park Community Centre (Fowler Hall), 12 Old Berowra Road, Hornsby. [Info & Bookings](#)

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### **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours' (Traditional Chinese):**

**Tip #5.** 在 Facebook上 搜尋在地警方的最新警告和信息：facebook.com/KuringGaiPAC。考慮 加入當地社群團體認識新朋友，例如 facebook/northshoremumsgroup 或守望相助團體：facebook/NHWKuringgaiHornsby。

**Tip #9.** 考慮讓擁有可以更換、更新、重新鍵入的鎖。為防盜報警的報警程式重新編碼。

**Tip #12.** 是否游泳池或水療中心已註冊並且安全？是否符合所有法律規範？是否有緊急救生表？逃生門是否可以正常開啟？沒有灌木長得離游泳池太近了？

**Tip #19.** 更改你的日常作息，以防被竊賊預測。

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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Thanks to Jo Haylen:

Might tell my kids the police showed up because the koala wouldn't stay behind the yellow line! 🐼

A big thanks to [NSW Police Force](#) for making sure our unexpected visitor at Casula Station got home safe.

Watch video [here](#).

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Thanks to Hood Vibes

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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**

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[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)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/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](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 - Turrumurra](#)

[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 - Turrumurra (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:**

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby  
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station  
292 Peats Ferry Road  
Hornsby, NSW 2077  
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