



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #679 - 15 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.
- 🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

09 October, from Ku-ring-gai command: Toll Ambulance crews often land in confined areas, like here on the M1 Motorway.

Before making the approach, they wait for emergency services to secure the scene and ensure the area is safe from traffic. Identifying and maintaining a safe clearance from all obstacles is crucial, while also being mindful of rotor wash, which can dislodge rocks and debris. The road's gradient must be within the aircraft's slope limits to prevent the risk of rolling, and comprehensive wire reconnaissance is completed well in advance of the landing. It's a team effort to ensure each landing is carried out safely! **Toll Ambulance Rescue**



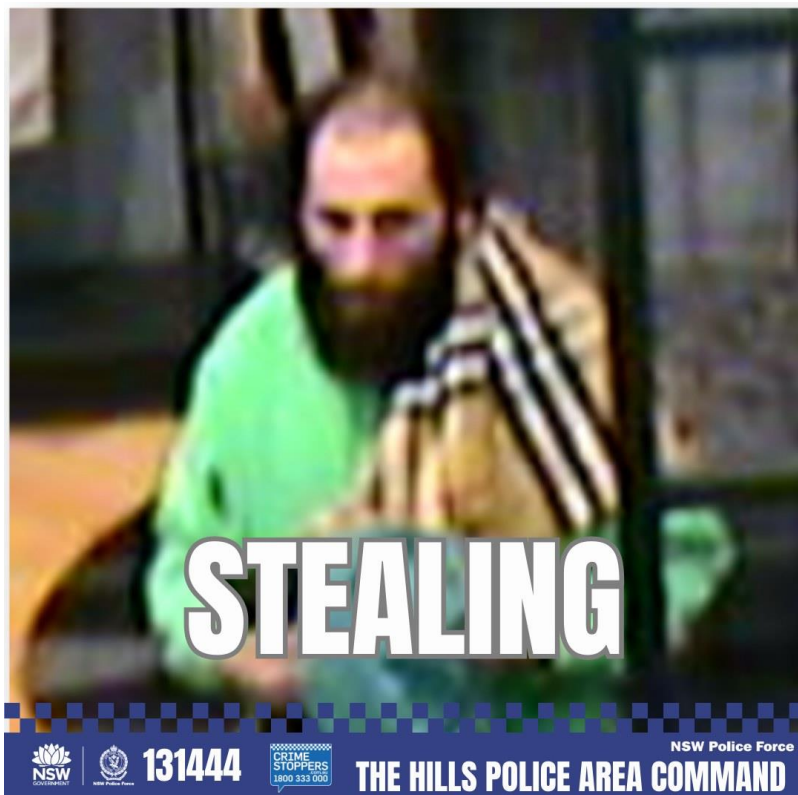
Image by Lachlan B

13 October, from The Hills command: 🚨 Do You Recognize This Person? 🚨

Hills Police are investigating an alleged stealing incident at Castle Towers Shopping Centre on September 17, 2024. We need your help! Police are keen to speak with the person shown in the photo below, as they may have important information that could assist with our enquiries. Ref No. E 84554381

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 1800 333 000 or visit their website. All information is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Please remember, do not report information via NSW Police Force social media pages. Thank you for your assistance! 🙏

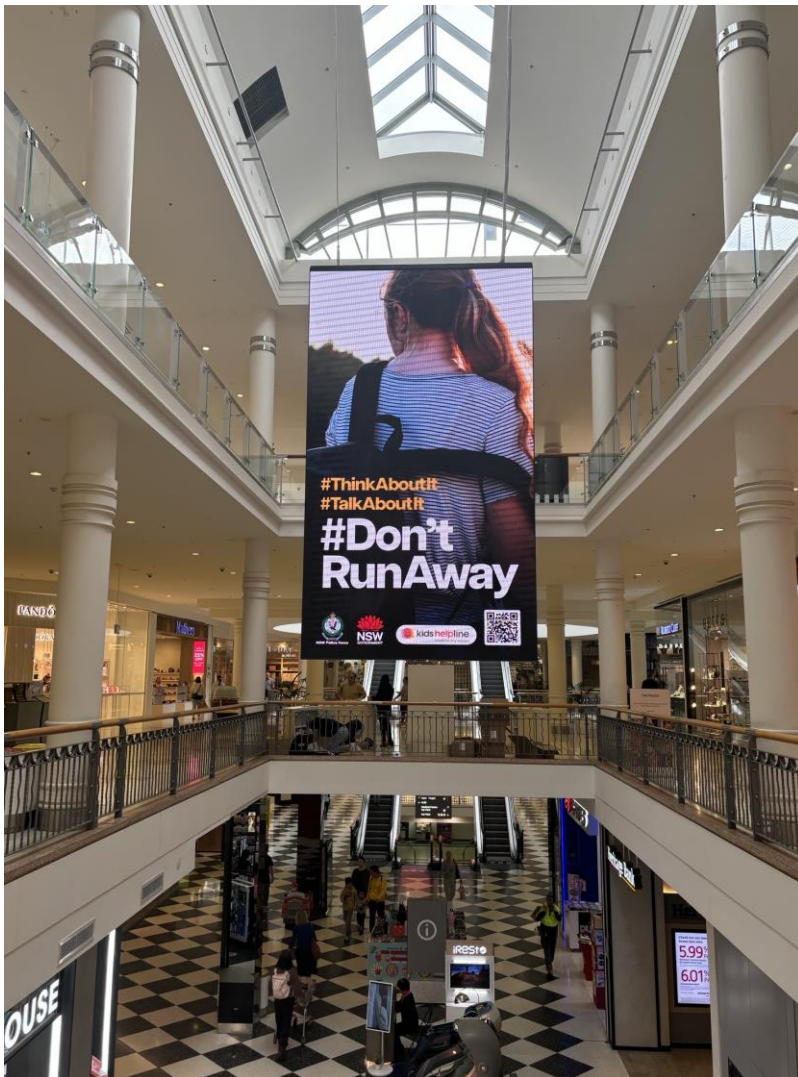


12 October, from The Hills command: A Huge Thank You to Castle Towers Shopping Centre!

We are incredibly grateful to Castle Towers for their generous support of our #DontRunaway campaign. This initiative aims to help teenagers who run away from home due to various reasons, including domestic violence, sexual abuse, and drug abuse. Together, we can make a difference and prevent these situations. Organizations like Kids Helpline Official are here to provide the necessary support and guidance.

Thank you, Castle Towers, for standing with us in this important cause. 💙

#DontRunaway #SupportTeens #CommunitySupport #KidsHelpline #thinkabout it #talkaboutit @kidshelpline @castle_towers



10 October, from Northern Beaches command: Another reminder to lock your cars and homes at night.

Thieves continue to come to the Beaches while we're sleeping, scouting our streets, driveways and homes for unlocked cars and doors.

- If you're car's not locked they'll rifle through the glove box and console to steal anything of value - phones, wallets, cash, etc.
- If the back door of your home's not locked they'll sneak in, again taking anything of value.
- On the way out they'll grab keys to your car, which most of us leave near the front door, and take that, too.
- Checking each night that our cars and homes are locked can be a simple going-to-bed routine.

Let's make things hard for opportunistic thieves.



15 October, from Hornsby Shire Council: Temporary closure of the Parsley Bay boat ramp, Brooklyn.

The Australian Government High Speed Rail Authority will temporarily close Parsley Bay boat ramp to set up for marine geotechnical investigations in Hawkesbury River on:

- 📅 22 and 23 October 2024, 7am - 6pm
- 🕒 4 November 2024, 7am - 6pm

During this time, please use the alternate boat ramp at Deerubbun Reserve, Mooney Mooney.

Other information to note: Some parking will be temporarily removed on George Street during work hours. Alternative parking is available in the boat ramp carpark. Pedestrian access is

still available for public bathrooms, Parsley Bay wharf and moorings. The public walkway around Lookout Bay will be temporarily closed at Parsley Bay boat ramp. Traffic control will be in place for the safety of workers, road users and pedestrians.

For further details about these works visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/brooklyn-closure

You can also call the **High Speed Rail Authority on 1800 958 562** or email **info@hsra.gov.au**



Parsley Bay Boat Ramp, Brooklyn Temporary Closure

Due to marine geotechnical investigations in the Hawkesbury River, the **Parsley Bay boat ramp** will be closed **22 and 23 October 2024, 7am - 6pm** and again **4 November 2024, 7am - 6pm**. Please use the alternate boat ramp at Deerubbun Reserve, Mooney Mooney.



15 October, from NSW Fair Trading: Beware! Online clothing retailers are popping up with Australian locations in their name, leading consumers to believe they are purchasing from an Australian company, but they are based overseas.

Consumers are finding it difficult to return products back to these businesses and getting a resolution when issues come up. Here are our tips:

- Be thorough – before making a purchase check the website for references to overseas locations and which countries laws the business adheres too. Note that this may be in their terms and conditions, or other policies on their website.
- Check their returns and refunds policies – where and how do you send products back?
- Have a look at online reviews – see what other customers have experienced.
- Be aware that if you purchase from an overseas business there may be difficulties in receiving a refund, replacement, repair or receiving the benefits of a warranty.
- If you're unsure, don't buy. Play it safe and shop elsewhere.

Visit our website for more information [here](#).



14 October, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Honour roll replacement work commences today

In late July, a 2m high bronze honour roll commemorating local WW1 veterans was stolen

from the entrance gate to Turramurra Memorial Park. Unfortunately, the stolen honour roll has not been recovered.

Council has commissioned a replacement and today representatives of Council's contracted sign company will be spending time at the entrance gate, including closely examining, and potentially temporarily removing elements of, the remaining right side honour roll. By doing this, the sign company will be able to closely replicate the existing honour roll, when preparing the new honour roll.

We will continue to keep the community up-to-date on progress preparing this new honour roll.

More info on the July theft [here](#).



4 October, from Hornsby Shire Council: Do you have a Bulky Waste Collection date coming up?

Before you place your items out for collection, check online to make sure you're across the size requirements, accepted items, and how to arrange everything on the kerb. Please remember to only place your items out from the Saturday before your scheduled collection, or the day before your booked on-call collection.

For info on all things Bulky Waste, visit our website [here](#).



14 October, from NSW Food Authority: 🌩️ **Storm and disaster season is officially here.**
Planning ahead ensures you and your family can manage if affected.

Learn more about what to do [here](#).

#InternationalDayforDisasterRiskReduction

What to stock for an emergency food supply



LONG-LIFE DRINKS
bottled water, milk,
juice, tea, coffee



READY-TO-EAT FOOD
canned meat, fish,
vegetables, fruit,
soup, bottled sauces



**BABY AND PET
SUPPLIES**
if you need them



CLEANING SUPPLIES
more bottled water,
detergent, bleach,
alcohol-based sanitiser



DRIED FOODS
snacks, cereals,
rice, pasta, sugar,
milk powder



Food Authority

13 October, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Did we see you today at the St John's Anglican Church annual fete?

Thank you to our volunteers; Paul, Paul, David, Gay, Sue, Kerrie, Cloris and Julia. Plus a shout out to Mary who popped by to say Hi.

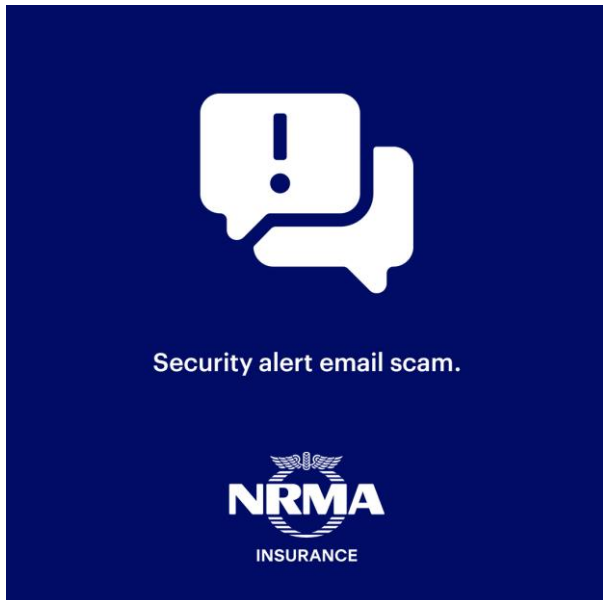
We had many happy dress-up police officers, several Mums and bubs colouring-in at the kids tables and a lot of 'Catch-the-Crim' photo shoots. A few good queries to do with the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Safer Driving'. And we gave out some one-way rego plate locking screws too. All-in-all a steady day. Thank you to Paul Fletcher MP who came over and had a chat. Also to Matt Cross MP, who is very supportive of the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby 'KerbWatch' DIY kerb numbering project. (Find out more on the website: au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/)

Thank you to St John's for the invite. See you next year?



12 October, from NRMA Insurance: Scam Alert

Please watch out for an email pretending to be from NRMA Insurance promoting a car emergency kit. If received, DO NOT click the link and delete immediately. For more information click [here](#).



11 October, from NHW Wahroonga: Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group

I have dashcam footage of a small collision on Redleaf Ave this morning @ 10:55am (9/10-24) between two cars one a P Plater in a Mitsubishi AU-52-** who was not at fault... If you need the footage for insurance purposes please feel free to reach out....

10 October, from Yup That Exists:



Yup That Exists

@yup.that.exists



These traffic lights in India have the LED light go all the way down the pole to make it more visible.



10 October, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community Group

We are not sure why kids in our area is doing this everyday, and why they have no fear either of their families or any laws? This is 2nd time in a week when our scooter got stolen and found near the station. The scooters are always locked and several times the lock has been broken, one of the footage we saw it's the kids we often see buzzing around from around. This is now too much and at the end police can't do anything, but surely we can this time? We have Emailed the council and commissioner of NSW and we will make it happen this time.

Also it's a matter of shame for parents to not see what these 5-10 kids are doing in our area, breaking into businesses, trying to break into cars which we are aware happened at Gordon station parking, or stealing money or scooters like this from our store.

We request everyone to stay safe and take care of their businesses and homes, this area is becoming unsafe everyday.



09 October, from NSW Maritime: 🤖 When was the last time you serviced your inflatable lifejacket?

14 Time to check! They need to be serviced annually to ensure they'll deploy when you need them most.



09 October, from NSW Fair Trading: Sudden death risk

Babies that sleep in a position that is inclined, propped, curved, or restrained could be at risk. New product standards have been introduced for all infant sleep products and inclined non-sleep products to keep your baby safe. The standards aim to reduce the risk of suffocation and strangulation and apply to the design, construction, performance, and testing of products like rockers, bassinets and cots.

To find out more about sleep hazards for infants, visit [here](#).

Suffocation and
strangulation risk:
infant sleep products
and inclined non-
sleep products

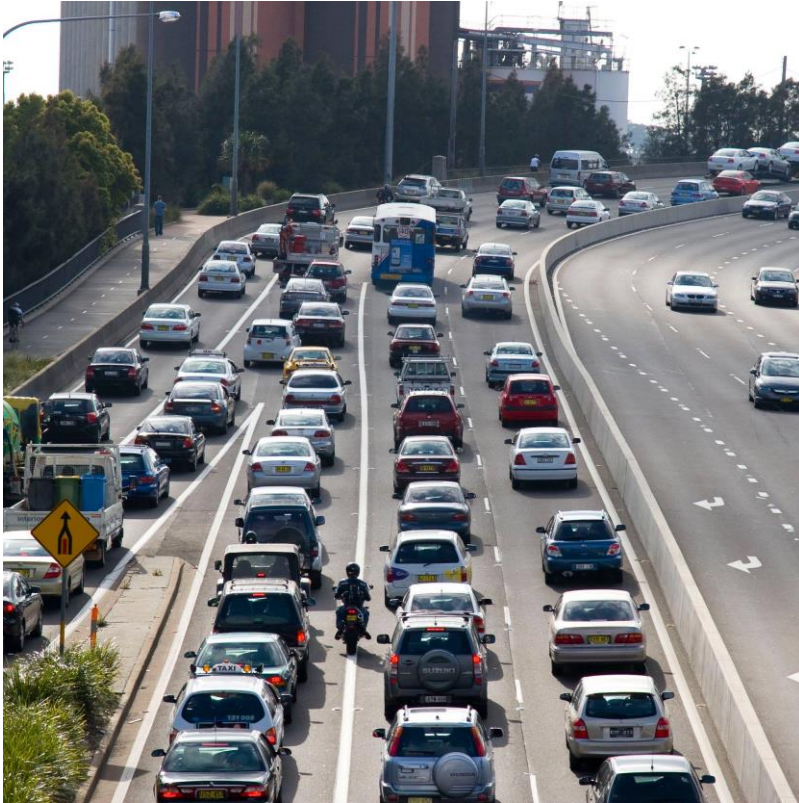


09 October, from NSW Road Safety: 🏍️ Quiz time!

Lane filtering is where a motorcycle rider moves past stopped or slow-moving vehicles at

30km/h or less, and is legal...

- A) for motorcyclists on their full licence
- B) for provisional riders
- C) all of the above



The correct answer is A) for motorcyclists on their full licence 🇦🇺

Unrestricted riders can lane filter between vehicles in traffic stopped side by side at intersections when it is safe to do so and the speed travelled by the motorcycle is 30km/h or less 🏍️

🇬🇧 Learner and provisional riders are not permitted to lane filter at any time 🚫

Learn more 📌 [here](#).

09 October, from Choice: Adult children attempting to take over the family home is just one of its many forms

Read more [here](#).

Financial elder abuse is happening more than we know



- A 2021 government report delivered the disturbing news that around 83,000 Australians aged 65 and over had been the victim of financial abuse
- Since then, the problem has gotten worse, with an estimated 15% of Australians 65 and over experiencing some form of elder abuse, a lot of which would be financial abuse

Read more at choice.com.au

CHOICE

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 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](#)

09 October, from Choice: We compare the privacy policies of Australia's most popular car brands to see how they track and monitor drivers

Read full article [here](#).



09 October, from NSW Maritime: 📣 Calling all parents!

Are your kids using a PWC (Personal Watercraft)? A few things to remind them this boating season. If they are under 16 and have a PWC licence, they must not:

- 🌊 Drive faster than 20 knots
- 🌊 Drive faster than 10 knots unless there's a person aged 16 or over on board who has a PWC licence
- 🌊 Drive faster than 10 knots while towing a person
- 🌊 Drive at night (between sunset and sunrise) – this rule applies to PWC drivers of all ages

For more check out the **Personal Watercraft Handbook** 👉 [here](#).



09 October, from Riverstone command: How far can you legally drive in reverse?

TRAFFIC TUESDAY

HOW FAR CAN YOU LEGALLY DRIVE IN REVERSE?

AS LONG AS YOU LIKE IF ITS SAFE

NO MORE THAN ABOUT 100m

ONLY AS FAR AS IS REASONABLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Share

Riverstone Police Area Command

Answer: only as far as is reasonable in the circumstances.

NSW Road User Handbook (click [here](#)): "When reversing - Pedestrians, particularly children, are at greater risk when vehicles are reversing. This is because the driver cannot see them as well. Take extra care when you're reversing, particularly when you're entering or leaving a driveway. Only reverse for the distance that's necessary."

09 October, from The Hills command: At 2pm on Monday, 7th October 2024, The Hills Highway Patrol were conducting a northbound patrol on Old Northern Road, Dural, near Wyoming Road.

Officers observed a silver Mitsubishi Mirage, closely following their fully marked highway patrol vehicle.

Despite police activating their lights and sirens and veering to the left, the driver continued north on Old Northern Road. Police followed the vehicle, eventually causing it to stop on Old Northern Road, Dural.

Upon approaching the vehicle, police identified the driver, a 32-year-old woman, as the sole occupant. A roadside breath test returned a VERY positive result. An open bottle of white wine was found in the passenger footwell.

The driver was arrested and transported to Castle Hill Police Station for a breath analysis. The driver allegedly exhibited signs of intoxication. The driver failed to provide a sufficient breath sample for analysis after three attempts. Her licence was immediately suspended, and she was issued a Court Attendance Notice to appear at Parramatta Local Court on 21st November 2024 for the offence of failing to submit to a breath analysis.

At Law - fail to submit to breath analysis is deemed to be the same as High Range Drink Driving.



09 October, from Loving Living Ku-ring-gai: Bushfire Ready Expo - West Pymble

Talk to emergency responders, grab a sausage sizzle and get advice on how to prepare for bushfire season. NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW SES, Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby, NSW Police Force #climatewisecommunities

- 📅 14 Saturday 2 November
- 🕒 10am - 2pm
- 📍 West Pymble Village Green
- 🆓 FREE event, no bookings required.



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby will have a crime prevention stall and kids activities at this event. See you there?

1 October, from Ku-ring-gai Council: \$100,000 grant program to fight violence against women

Ku-ring-gai community organisations have been invited to apply for part of \$100,000 in new funding to help tackle the rising problem of domestic and family violence against women.

Ku-ring-gai Council has set aside this grant funding as part of its Prevention of Violence Against Women Action Plan, which was endorsed at Council's August 2024 meeting.

Statistics show that violence against women is increasing with:

- 15 adult women across NSW tragically murdered through domestic violence in 2023/24, up from 13 in 2022/23
- Recorded domestic violence assaults across NSW increasing by 6.5 per cent in 2023/24, compared to 2022/23
- The number of recorded domestic violence-related assault incidents in the Ku-ring-gai council area rising from 79 in 2014/15 to 146 in 2023/24, a jump of 85 per cent
- One in four Australian women (27 per cent) estimated to have experienced violence by an intimate partner or family member since the age of 15 years

Read Media Release [here](#).

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

Tip #5. 盡可能使用行人跨越道。避免從停放的汽車之間，公車或大型車輛的前後方穿越。不要任意穿越馬路，如果要穿越十字路口，請用跨越道或十字路口。

Tip #9. 作為孩童的榜樣，不要任意穿過馬路。保持行走的速度，助於避免絆倒或摔倒，並且這還可以讓駕駛者預測你的行走路線。

Tip #13. 尊重孩童穿越號誌，有時義工導護爸爸或媽媽會舉此號誌。特別注意車後的小腳（孩童的腳）在汽車下面、滾動的球、背過重且不平衡的背包等。孩童難以看清，並無法預測。8歲以下孩童穿越道路或在停車場時，應抓緊父母的手。另見<http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/pedestrian-safety/>

Tip #14. 如果行人圍欄用於疏導行人路線，請不要攀越行人圍欄。

Tip #16. 直接跨過路口，而不是斜著走。直線更短更快，並且能讓駕駛者預測你跨越的路線。

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.



Thanks to plantsages

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](#)
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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](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)
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[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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