



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #722 - 12 August 2025

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 <u>Ku-ring-gai</u> <u>PAC Facebook page</u> (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.

11 August, from NSW police Force

A man will appear in court today charged after allegedly staging car accidents to fraudulently claim more than \$390,000 in insurance pay outs.

In January 2024, officers attached to Campsie Police Area Command commenced following reports of a number of suspicious insurance claims.

Between 2019 and 2022, a total of 16 collisions, involving 45 vehicles, were identified and suspected of being staged in the Canterbury-Bankstown area.

In each instance, fraudulent identities were allegedly used to obtain third party insurance on a vehicle, which would then allegedly collide with two parked vehicles, resulting in a claim being made.

In total, \$390,480 was paid out by the insurance company. More details here.

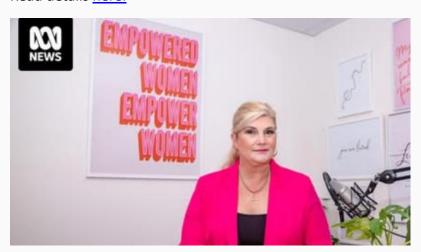
11 August, from abc.net.au

Gabrielle Morrissey reached a confidential settlement after she agreed to pay back \$150,000 in lieu of funds she had been accused of appropriating for her personal benefit.

Dr Morrissey was CEO of domestic violence charity Women and Children First until she resigned in 2024.

The settlement terms include the charity agreeing to send a letter to NSW Police saying it was content for a fraud investigation to be terminated.

Read details here.



11 August, from NSW Police Force

Good morning NSW 🗅

Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- A man will face court charged after an investigation into the alleged manufacture of 3D printed firearms in Wollongong.
- An investigation is underway after the body of a man was found on the road in the state's north.
- A teenage boy has been charged following a break and enter and pursuit in the state's north.
- Two teenage boys will face court after a pursuit in the state's north.
- ◆ A man will face court charged after a police pursuit from Sydney's eastern beaches to the Upper North Shore.
- A man remains in police custody after an alleged shooting in the state's north.

Want to read more? Visit our website here.



08 August, from 9News: WARNING: This story contains confronting details.

Two former police officers have been sentenced to years behind bars, for the assault of a mentally ill woman in Sydney's west.

A judge slamming the attack - which was all captured on video - as cruel and brutal. Watch video here.

05 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: ♣ Don't get Swapped, Sold or Scammed ♣

Buying or selling on platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Gumtree or other online trading sites?

Scammers are getting smarted - and faster. Here's how they're catching people out:

- Sending fake payment screenshots
- Offering to "reserve" your item and never paying
- Claiming shipping fees or overpaying, then demanding refunds
- Asking for personal or banking info
- Protect yourself:
- Stick to cash or verified payment methods
- Meet in public places police stations are a safe option
- Never click on suspicious links or share personal information

If it sounds too good to be true - it probably is.

Seen something dodgy? <a>
¶ Report it to Scamwatch or your local police.

Stay safe and sell smart! 🏂 🖁 🥉 🍝



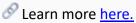


12 August, from Australian Communications and Media Authority: Do you know the rules about spam?

Spam rules apply to electronic messages – including email, SMS and IMs – that sell, offer or promote goods and services.

These materials should include clear unsubscribe instructions, which remain functional for at least 30 days after the message is sent.

Businesses must act on your request to unsubscribe within 5 working days and must not require the payment of a fee.





12 August, from abc.net.au: Woman allegedly sexually harassed by boss in Sydney restaurant speaks after record payout



Warning: This story contains details of sexual harassment some readers may find distressing.

When Biplavi Magar's bus pulled up outside her workplace — she couldn't physically move.

"I couldn't get myself off the bus. I just saw the station go right past by me," she told the ABC.

She was due to start her next shift at Mad Mex in Sydney's Hills District, a place where she alleged she had experienced months of sexual harassment by her manager.

"I was begging myself to get off the bus. I was remembering rent, uni, just to survive the life over here, and ... I couldn't."

Read full story <u>here</u>.

12 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/Killara /Roseville Community group yesterday (Monday):

Just saw this DHK-57Y reverse into the pictured white car on Highgate St, Lindfield. Stopped briefly, didn't think anyone was watching, so drove round the corner and walked to Lindfield. I'll be reporting to the police later today, unless I hear back on

here that details have been exchanged.



11 August, from NSW Government

Last year, over 75,000 people in NSW needed help after identity theft. Australians also lost more than \$2 billion to scams.

To better protect your personal info, new laws have been passed in NSW.

Here's what's changing:

- ID Support NSW is now the main service for identity protection, so getting help is faster and easier.
- A new register is being built to stop scammers from using stolen details.
- You'll get quick alerts if your info is compromised.
- Organisations can now share info with ID Support more easily to protect you sooner.

These new tools are in development and will launch next year.

Visit <u>www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw</u> to learn how to protect your identity or get support.

Worried about ID theft or scams?

11 August, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: LOOSE ITEMS IN YOUR CAR IS DANGEROUS!

Yes, loose items in a car can indeed become dangerous projectiles during a crash or even a sudden stop.

The force of impact can turn everyday objects like water bottles, phones, or even a book into potentially harmful projectiles, causing injury to passengers.

Here's why and how.

Newton's First Law:

Objects in motion tend to stay in motion.

When a car stops suddenly, unrestrained items will continue moving forward until they hit something, like a person or the interior of the car.

Increased Force:

During a crash, the force of impact can be magnified.

A relatively light object can exert a significant force when it collides with something else in the vehicle, potentially causing serious injuries.

Examples:

Items like water bottles, handbags, laptops, and even loose groceries can become dangerous projectiles.

To mitigate this risk, it's crucial to:

Secure Items: Store items in the glove compartment, center console, or trunk.

Use Cargo Barriers: Consider using cargo barriers, nets, or tie-down straps to secure larger or heavier items.

Avoid Unnecessary Items: Remove loose items that are not needed for the journey.

Properly Restrain Passengers: Ensure all passengers are properly restrained with seat belts.

Consider Pets: If you're transporting pets, ensure they are in a secured carrier or crate.

By taking these precautions, you can significantly reduce the risk of injuries caused by loose items during a car crash.



11 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Man charged after pursuit from Randwick to Turramurra

Monday, 11 August 2025 08:43:25 AM



11 August, from Transport for NSW

POV: you're a light rail driver and you see this kind of stuff every other day 🚇



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09 August, from Australian Missing Persons Register

Kenneth Kemp was last seen at 9:30 pm on Sunday 12 February 1989 at Nazareth House (retirement village), Turramurra Sydney. A search of the grounds was made, however, Kenneth was not located. He has not made contact with family or friends since and grave fears are held for his safety.

Anyone with information which may assist in locating the whereabouts of Kenneth are urged to anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on their website or free call 1800 333 000.



09 August, from Australian Missing Persons Register

James Rothfield was last seen at Hornsby, Sydney on 12 August 1996. He was seen to be walking around the Hornsby area at the time. He failed to attend a scheduled appointment at 10.00am that day. James had no identification on him and it is

unknown whether he had any money on him either. It is unknown where James is likely to frequent. James has left behind his personal belongings, including his wallet. James was last seen wearing a white shirt and green track suit pants. He suffers from a mental illness but is not a violent person. He left the premises undetected and without money or personal effects. There are grave concerns for his safety.



09 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Gosh the dust under this hood... someone's not had a look under there in a while...

Anyone else guilty of not regularly checking their engine coolant levels?

Example 20 Locate the radiator or coolant reservoir (clear tank with min and max markers)

Make sure the engine is completely cool before opening the reservoir cap

Inspect coolant condition — it should be bright and clean typically coolant is green, orange, or pink.

If low, top with coolant mix suitable for your car (tip: check your manual) - don't overfill!

A quick check now can save you breaking down later <a>

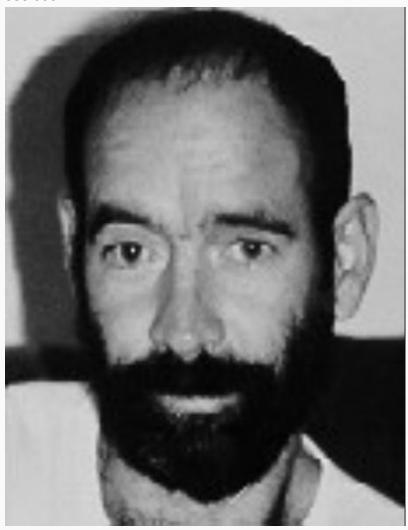


09 August, from Australian Missing Persons Register

Mark Stephen Melville was last seen on 21 September 1990 when he was discharged from hospital at 3:30am and driven to a location in Hornsby NSW.

Some of Marks belongings were found in the Hornsby area near the location he was taken to. Mark's family have grave concerns for his welfare.

Anyone with information that can assist is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



09 August, from Australian Missing Persons Register

Robert Woolcock left the Northside Clinic, Hornsby Hospital, Sydney on Sunday 11/11/79. At the time he was suffering a mental illness. At that time Robert was 36 years of age. There has been no contact with Robert since that time. At the time of his disappearance, Robert was married with two children. Since his disappearance all enquiries have met with a negative result.

Updated report - Robert was admitted to Hornsby Hospital just days prior to going missing for observations. He was last seen on the 11th of November leaving the hospital. He has not contacted family or friends since this time and there are great concerns for his welfare.



Robert Woolcock

09 August, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: DRIVING **SAFELY AROUND BENDS!**

To drive safely around bends in Australia, slow down before entering the curve, position your vehicle correctly within the lane, and maintain a consistent speed while looking through the bend.

Avoid braking or accelerating suddenly and be aware of potential hazards like oncoming traffic or debris.

Here's a more detailed breakdown.

1. Slow Down Early:

Reduce your speed before you reach the bend, not while you're in the curve. This allows for better control and visibility.

Consider the sharpness of the bend and adjust your speed accordingly.

2. Position Your Vehicle Correctly:

Stay within your lane, avoiding drifting into the opposite lane or cutting corners.

For right-hand bends, position your vehicle slightly to the left to improve visibility and create space.

For left-hand bends, keep your vehicle to the right to avoid potential hazards on the left.

If you're having trouble with road positioning, avoid staring at the apex of the bend as it can cause you to steer towards it and cut the corner.

3. Maintain a Consistent Speed:

Avoid sudden braking or acceleration while in the bend, as this can lead to a loss of control.

If you need to adjust your speed, do so gradually.

Keep a gentle pressure on the accelerator to maintain a steady speed through the curve.

4. Look Ahead:

Focus your gaze on the exit of the bend and beyond to anticipate potential hazards and adjust your steering accordingly.

Don't fixate on a single point, but keep your eyes moving and scanning the road ahead.

5. Be Aware of Other Road Users:

Be cautious of oncoming vehicles, especially on narrow roads.

Be mindful of cyclists and motorcyclists, as they may be more vulnerable on bends.

Be particularly aware of large vehicles like trucks, which may need more space to turn and have blind spots.

Be aware of trucks that are turning and may take up more than one lane.

6. Adjust for Different Road Conditions:

Be extra cautious on gravel or unsealed roads, as they offer less traction and require more braking distance.

Slow down further and adjust your driving technique to maintain control on loose surfaces.

7. Practice:

Practice these techniques in a safe and controlled environment to build your confidence and skills.

Consider taking a driving course or refresher if you feel you need extra guidance on cornering.



08 August, from Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force

FIREARMS STOREAGE - Category A and B requirements Safe Storage Level 1 - FACT SHEET

Any person possessing a firearm in NSW must comply with the safe keeping and storage requirements prescribed by the Firearms Act 1996 (the Act), the associated Regulation, and the Commissioner's

requirements.

This fact sheet outlines the safe keeping and storage requirements that all category A and B firearm licence and permit holders are obligated to meet. Offences are prescribed within the legislation for failure to meet these requirements and associated penalties may apply.

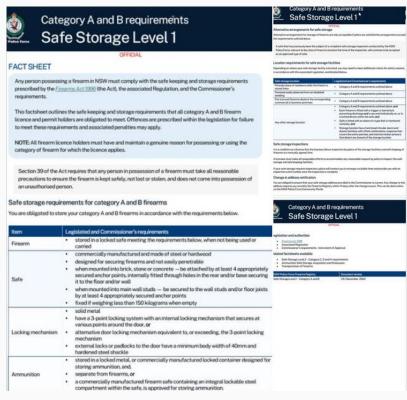
NOTE: All firearm licence holders must have and maintain a genuine reason for possessing or using the category of firearm for which the licence applies.

Section 39 of the Act requires that any person in possession of a firearm must take all reasonable

precautions to ensure the firearm is kept safely, not lost or stolen, and does not come into possession of

an unauthorised person.

Find the fact sheet here.



08 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community Group:

REMINDER; COMMUNITY CATCH-UP/MEET & GREET

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST, WAHROONGA PARK 11.00ish onwards.

Some have asked should they 'Bring-a-Plate'. If you want to, bring some nibblies to share, but all the cafes will be open, Charcoal Chicken, the IGA, the cake shop, so if anyone gets hungry, help is at hand.

It is all very casual. If anyone has some sheets of sticky labels we could all have name tags; I can't find the ones I have had for years.

It is just a chance for young and old, families, anyone in the community to meet some fellow travellers on the road of life. Have a bit of a natter, make some connections, make a new friend, catch up with an old one.

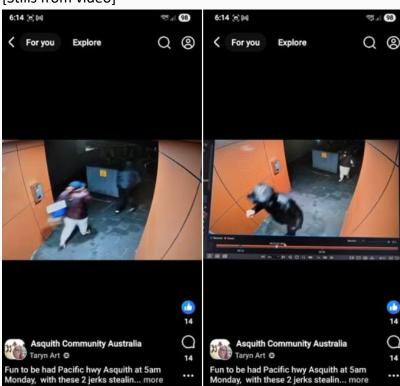
No hassle, no obligations, ring me if you have any thoughts or questions: 0412 175 006 Margaret-Anne

P.S. if raining or cold and miserable, Sunday 31st same time same place.

08 August, Shared with permission from the Asquith Community Group:

Fun to be had Pacific hwy Asquith at 5am Monday, with these 2 jerks stealing everyone's mail and food deliveries.

[Stills from video]



08 August, from Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch

Shared with permission from the Turramurra and Wahroonga Community Group yesterday (Thursday):

If this is your car parked at Turramurra station, I have a photo and license plate number of the car that damaged your car. They drove off unfortunately.



07 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

This may not be a real crash, but the lasting impact of this crash simulation is.

Over 3 life-changing days this week, more than 28,000 high school students took part in Australia's largest road safety event, <u>bstreetsmar</u>t, focusing on awareness and choices.

Young adults aged 17-25 are overrepresented in NSW road deaths. Events like this encourage young people to think twice and make safe decisions every time they get behind the wheel



07 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga: № STOLEN BIKE – Please Help!

My brand new red men's Trek mountain bike was stolen on Saturday night from my garage in Wahroonga (North Shore Sydney). I'm asking the local community and mountain bike riders to keep an eye out and share this post – I'm hoping someone sees something.

- Details:
- Bike: Red Trek mountain bike (brand new medium)
- Where: Wahroonga, Sydney
- When: Night of Saturday, August 2nd

Locals + MTB community: If you're in the area, ride trails, or browse second-hand sites like Gumtree, Marketplace, Cashies – please keep an eye out.

It's been ridden only 3 times. 🕱

If you see a red Trek bike for sale, parked oddly, or dumped anywhere, snap a photo and DM me or call it in to your local police station.

We love our community we have built on here and really am hoping you can help support us. With so much gratitude - Thank you Legends





07 August, from Tasmania Police

Roundabouts keep traffic flowing - but only if everyone knows the rules!

Here's a quick quiz to test your knowledge about how to navigate them safely and legally.

The Answers in the comments below.

Let's all play our part in keeping our roads safe and our roundabouts flowing smoothly!



07 July, from Jeff & Lauren: Simple Safety Trips for Traveling! Watch video here.



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07 August, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: CAR SEAT ERGONOMICS!

Not something we may consider, yet seating comfortably and safely will make a big difference to your journey.

In this informative video, Dr. Jon Saunders will show you how to discover the key to a more comfortable and pain-free driving experience!

Dr. Jon Saunders will show you step-by-step how to expertly position your car seat in your vehicle to minimize back and neck pain, allowing you to maximize your driving comfort. Say goodbye to discomfort and hello to relief with these practical tips to help your commute or long drives be easier on your spine

The tips for back and neck relief will work for any seat in any vehicle. Keeping your posture correct while in your vehicle will help you prevent back pain, neck pain, headaches, and sciatica.

Click here.



07 August, from news.com.au: A horrifying new trend is sweeping parks across the country.



07 August, from Nathan Tilbury, Independent for Hornsby: DUAL REQUEST FOR DESPERATELY NEEDED FOOTPATH ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BEROWRA

The Berowra railway station commuter carpark was constructed by the NSW State Government in 2010 and provided 130 new parking spaces. Since its opening, it has been apparent that the demand for commuter parking at Berowra exceeds the supply with hundreds of cars parking throughout Berowra impacting upon local residents, Council facilities & local business.

This demand was alleviated during the Covid Pandemic as many people worked from home. However, with more workers returning to their workplace the high demand for commuter car parking around Berowra railway station has returned.

While I support all day parking by commuters in general, there is a desperate need for Transport for NSW to provide footpaths for commuters to safely & conveniently access between car parking along the eastern side of Pacific Highway & the railway station.

There are approximately 50 parallel parking spaces along the Pacific Highway to the south and up to 25 spaces to the north, which are consistently used by commuters daily. To access these spaces, pedestrians must traverse through unformed terrain that is often a muddy mess with trip hazards.

Construction of a formal footpath along the railway station side of the Pacific Highway would significantly improve access and pedestrian safety. The length of the requested path is approximately 500m.

Hornsby MP, James Wallace has taken this request directly to Transport for NSW, but it is not a priority for them.

In support, I raised the matter through a successful Notice of Motion at a recent meeting, as a result Hornsby Council has written to the relevant NSW Government Ministers to seek their support for this project and construction of the path by Transport for NSW as a matter of priority.

Council is awaiting a response from the Ministers' offices however, James Wallace MP and myself are assuring residents that we will stay on this issue until the footpath is

delivered.



07 August, from Nathan Tilbury, Independent for Hornsby: 87 RESIDENT SUBMISSIONS FOR NEW FOOTPATHS, AS HORNSBY HAS A LONG-AWAITED FOOTPATH DELIVERED

Last month, council delivered a much-needed footpath to Valley Road, Hornsby, in front of Ginger Meggs Park and playground. This provides an important link with Pretoria Parade & Rosemead Road.

For a longtime, locals have written to me about this is a much-needed pedestrian link for both residents and park users, as well as bushwalkers. There are several popular bushland tracks nearby, including the Ginger Meggs Loop (a 950-metre loop track) & the spectacular Blue Gum Walk (a 4km loop walk via Fishponds) with all walkers coming out on Valley Road.

You will certainly notice the difference as the attached before & after photos illustrate.

Whilst Valley Road, Hornsby has a win, many others across the Shire will not, because of council's woefully limited annual footpath budget.

My recent appeal to residents for new footpath requests (via local newspaper & social media) resulted in 87 individual submissions from right across the Shire & I have inspected each site.

The greater majority of these are desperately needed but very few will be delivered any time soon, unless the footpath budget is increased.

The highest priority, & unsurprisingly, each of these having multiple requests for the same footpath, were;

- Wareemba Ave, Thornleigh
- Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah to Pacific Highway
- Galston Road, Dural (missing link Carters Road to Old Northern Road)
- Castle Howard Road, Cheltenham
- Comenarra Parkway, Thornleigh

I also had a lot of support for my campaign to have Transport for NSW deliver a shared pedestrian/cycle pathway (separate from the road) along Old Northern Road, between Glenorie & Dural.

I will be discussing the above priorities, & the full list footpath submissions received, with both council's senior staff & my fellow councillors shortly, as I continue to work for an increase to council's annual footpath budget.

If you have a request for a footpath in your area you can call me on 0403 227 560 or email ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.



06 August, from Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

We have been requested to share this:

Hi my white Suzuki swift was parked outside 37 Albert street between 5am and 10am this morning. I have come back and it has been hit. I was just wondering if you could

make a post please asking if anyone saw it?



06 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Maybe it's time for a bit of parent and child revision?

This little flyer is available to download as a pdf from here.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14 August: FREE Computer Pals - Avoid Scams 2-3:30pm @ East Lindfield Community Hall, 9 Wellington St, East Lindfield. Info.

Monday 18 August: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Pymble Community Hall.

Tuesday 19 August: FREE Hornsby Australian Red Cross EmergencyRedi™ Workshop (Prepare for extreme weather) 10-11:30am @ Hornsby RSL. Info & Bookings.

Thursday 21 August: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'Al-assisted image-based abuse: Navigating the deepfake threat' webinar. 12:30-1:15pm. Info.

Thursday 28 August: FREE CPR & Basic First Aid workshop' for the Korean community. 10am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Info.

Friday 29 August: Wear it Purple Day Info.

Saturday 20-Sunday 21 September: Killara RFS Get Ready Weekend. venue etc tbc. **Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 November:** Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Clean Out weekend @ St Ives Showground. Info.



crime and stuff

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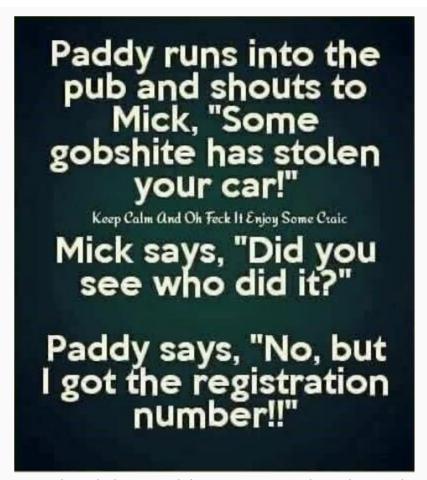


By ouzounian on March 16, 2012









From Chris Clarke, Spread the Humour Australia and Beyond

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. For Police to attend non-urgently without lights & sirens.

NSW Police Community Portal

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft. No emergency/investigation.

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 NSW - Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u> Facebook <u>@NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>

Facebook Group NHWKuringgaiHornsby

Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

WatchOut!

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

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 - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)