



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #634 - 05 December 2023

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!").

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🚗 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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04 December, from NSW Police Force



Domestic and family violence does not discriminate. It is a whole community issue. If you see it, report it. End the silence, stop the violence.

#DontJustBeASpectator #16DaysOfActivism

● If you, or anyone you know has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence, contact your local police. In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000). Support is available via the following helplines – Domestic Violence helpline 1800 65 64 63, 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78.

02 December, from Ku-ring-gai Command

Tuesday 5th December at Westfield Hornsby - Level 3 next to Muffin Break, Coffee with a COP will be on. Between 10am to 11am.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the Officers in your neighbourhood!

KU-RING -GAI POLICE AREA COMMAND

01 December, from Ku-ring-gai Command



1. Christmas e-card Scams

Christmas e-cards are fast becoming the new norm, as more and more people switch from traditional paper Christmas cards. Most are entirely genuine, however, scammers have been catching on to this trend by sending out their own nefarious e-cards.

These emails can contain viruses and malware that are embedded into your device without your knowledge. Which then steal valuable data from your device, such as personal information, financial and banking details, as well as usernames and passwords. The fraudsters can then use this data to defraud you, commonly by accessing bank accounts in your personal or business name (if you're opening them on a business device).

Protect yourself

Never open unsolicited emails. Delete them immediately!

As fun as they may look, exercise caution when opening e-cards even if they appear to have come from someone you know. Never click on any links or open any attachments in these emails.

Keep your computer updated with the latest anti-virus and anti-spyware software, combined with an up-to-date firewall.

2. Online Shopping Scams

Shopping scams are big business for cyber criminals. How big? According to a report by the ACCC, in 2019 alone the reported losses from online shopping scams in Australia were well over \$4 million!

Scammers often try to take advantage of busy times, such as people doing their Christmas shopping as well as the upcoming Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales. Commonly targeted items include shoes, smartphones and other electronic goods.

One of the ways they do this is by creating fake websites, where they advertise goods and services which are poor quality or unsafe, or goods that will never be delivered. To get attention, they'll often advertise with images of well-known products at much cheaper prices than usual, luring customers to go to their site. These scammers will often advertise their websites on social media platforms, especially Facebook, so they'll be seen and shared by a vast majority of people. It's also quite common for scammers to send out a link to the site through phishing emails.

Once you make a 'purchase' on the website, the scammers will use your personal information and card details you enter which can then be used to steal money or commit identity theft. Chances are you'll never receive the item you bought or, if you do, it will be of very poor quality or broken.

Protect yourself

Never pay for anything online via a bank or wire transfer. Only pay through a secure method such as a credit card or PayPal. This way your payment is protected.

If the seller takes you to a separate website for payment, check the URL in the address bar. For example, if you're using eBay and the domain name is anything other than ebay.com.au, it's fake

Check for a green secure padlock in the address bar. Any secure payment site should have this.

Make sure you read the website's terms and conditions regarding payments to see if and how your purchase is protected.

3. Parcel Delivery/Phishing Email Scams

Parcel delivery and phishing email scams are a regular occurrence for businesses throughout the year. But the risk typically rises towards Christmas with the increase in online gift shopping.

With people expecting so many deliveries during this busy period, it can be easy to lose track. Most companies will contact their customers via email to keep them informed on the delivery process, and when their parcel is expected to be delivered.

Scammers take advantage of this by sending out thousands of phishing emails advising that an individual has a package to collect, and importantly including a link or attachment within the email. Before thinking, many people click on these links – which often contain viruses or malware designed to lock you out of your computer or log your usernames and passwords for sensitive sites, providing hackers with either your personal information or your banking details.

Details [here](#).

01 December, from The Hills Police Area Command

Marketplace Scams

Beware of scams involving Taylor Swift tickets being sold on Facebook Marketplace

Only buy Taylor Swift tickets from reputable sellers like ticketek

RESELLING TICKETS

7 MARCH	TAY TAY
16.00 - 18.00	HOMEBUSH

Ticket No: 0123456789

Level: 2F, Sec: C, Row: 10, Seat: 25

TERMS & CONDITIONS

It is an offence to resell a ticket to a NSW Event for more than the original cost price, plus transactions costs, which are capped at 10% of original ticket cost.

MARKET PLACE SCAM

SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE

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Since the Taylor Swift and Coldplay Concert ticket purchase frenzies in recent months, we've received a large amount of reports of being Scammed for fake tickets. The original ticket seller is the only reliable vendor. Anything else is most likely a scam, or with Ticket Re-Selling laws - unlawful anyway.

Ticket reselling laws started on 1 June 2018, which address ticket scalping. Ticket scalpers systematically buy large numbers of sport and entertainment event tickets with the sole aim of reselling at a high profit above the initial purchase price.

The amendments prohibit anyone from reselling a ticket to a NSW event for more than the original cost price, plus the transaction costs incurred in the original purchase. Transactions costs are capped at 10% of the original ticket cost.

The new laws apply to tickets to NSW events that are first sold from 1 June 2018 and have a resale restriction. A resale restriction is a term or condition of a ticket that limits the circumstances in which the ticket may be resold, or prohibits resale of the ticket.

Advertisements for resale tickets must specify the original cost of the ticket and a resale price that is no more than 10% above the original cost. The advertisement must also include any bay, row or seat number that applies to the ticket.

The laws include a protection for consumers that prevents an event organiser from cancelling a ticket on the basis it was resold, if it was sold in accordance with the new laws.

The use of 'bot' software is also banned as part of the amendments. Bots are computer programs that allow ticket scalpers to circumvent the security measures on ticketing websites to rapidly buy tickets in large quantities and place them on resale websites at inflated prices.



04 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW



Choose love, embrace diversity, and reject hate.

Hate crimes leave a lasting impact on victims and perpetrators. Everyone loses. To understand the lifelong consequences of being prosecuted for a hate crime, think (before you act) about how a criminal record would impact your life?

04 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch Gordon/Killara/E Killara held their AGM and get-together last week. Here are the Summary Notes, BOCSAR crime stats and a couple of pics.

A huge thank you to all those involved: Sgt Dean La Greca, Snr Cst Geoff Moeller, Gordon Baptist Church (especially Barry Nelson), and all the NHW coordinators, volunteers and residents.



Meeting Summary Notes

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Gordon/Killara/E Killara
AGM & Get-together
7pm Thursday 30 November 2023
@ Gordon Baptist Church (Thank you!)



Present

Belinda Uster, Bob Peterson, Brendon Hyde, Bruce Edwards, Sgt Dean La Greca, Di Knowles, Diana Tyne, Gay Balasubramanian, Sr Cst Geoff Moeller, Helen Uem, Julia Eagles, Lesley Tinkler, Linton Tinkler, Lois Peterson, Maren Van Der Broek, Mary Walker, Rob Long, Rosey Powers, Tom Powers, Wai Knowles, Warren Dunn.

Apologies

Anne Ridley, Anthony & Heather Roberts, Barbara Ward, David Beale, Eva Ford, Jack Liu, Patrick Winsbury, Tim Brown, Yael Hyman.

Introductions

Welcome, introductions, Apologies, mingle and goodie bags

1. **Speaker: Sergeant Dean La Greca, Highway Patrol, Ryde P&C: Random Breath Testing (RBT) & Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT)**
Dean outlined the MDT procedure and the stereotypical person being detected. He gave everyone a drug testing kit to experiment with on themselves. He requested this educational experience be shared with all friends and family. He also spoke at length about drug testing procedures, including many anecdotal stories from his career. He spoke about the equipment in the patrol cars, summarised the law [it detects a substance in your system and the law says it can't be.], as well as answered numerous related questions on driving capability, differences across the states/territories, detecting the use of heroin, and the M1 Freeway. Dean encouraged residents to phone police with any intel.

Dean also spoke about his new project, 'Behind the Blue', where participants from the community have an "immersive policing experience". It is an opportunity to see many aspects of the job over a few days, including such as: visits to operational units, staged active armed offender scenarios, aspects concerning DV/mental health, weapons training, building search, skid pan & high speed driving, meeting trainees at the Academy, water police, with various capability displays & equipment. It highlighted the split second decision-making necessary and what cops potentially deal with day-to-day.

2. **Crime Report from Senior Constable Geoff Moeller, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO), Kuring-gai**
(Police Area of Responsibility: 200405)

personal info, never click any links. He advised that reporting to Scamwatch helped stop the crime, but that you also needed to report any loss immediately to the financial institution, who may be able to stop or limit your loss. Then report it to the police. Unfortunately the police have no power overseas, where most of these frauds originate. Geoff outlined several frauds, including the examples: "...we have a warrant for your arrest" and the lost/broken phone message from a son/daughter requiring emergency cash. Check your accounts regularly. Double-check all characters in a website address, eg "a" versus "4".

3. **AGM Coordinators' reports**

a. Gordon Area 24 - Julia reported on:

- Background. Since the last meeting (Nov 2022). Volunteers held a crime prevention stall with kids' activities at the St John's Church (Gordon) Fete.
- Thanks to those who've resigned: Jade, Heather & Anthony, David, Maureen.
- Tim Brown has donated a new NHW Gordon rope banner, placement to be determined.
- NHW Kuring-gai & Hornsby (NHWKGH) command: KerbWatch DIY kerb-numbering kits available for loan to all residents. [See: gdn.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/kerb/]

b. Gordon Area 12 - Bruce reported on delivery of "Cocooning" materials [a warning letterbox drop to homes surrounding a recent crime]. He requested new volunteers to assist.

c. East Killara Area 25/26 - Wai reported on his involvement with discussion about traffic congestion on Koola Ave around Killara High School drop-off and pick-up times. He suggested residents use the alternative route around the back of the school and requested parents drop-off and pick-up on the school side of Koola, to avoid the delays caused by drive & drops of students on the crossing.

d. Lynbora, St Ives - Warren mentioned the Mana Vale Rd clearway is in effect seven days a week.

4. **AGM Treasurer's report**

a. Gordon Area 12/24 Patrick Winsbury unable to attend. Julia explained NHW KGH use of the account and gave his report as at 21/11/23. The bank balance at AGM 2022 = \$6188.82. Less 4 x KerbWatch DIY kits expenses (paid to Julia & Gay) and website costs = \$997.95. Plus KerbWatch and other 'pay-it-forward' contributions = \$278.00. Balance at AGM 2023 = \$5468.87.

b. Repayment to Julia Eagles/Gay Balasubramanian for NHW KGH KerbWatch expenses to be determined at next NHW KGH meeting.

5. **2024**

New committee members: Gay Balasubramanian & David Beale

6. **Any Other Business**

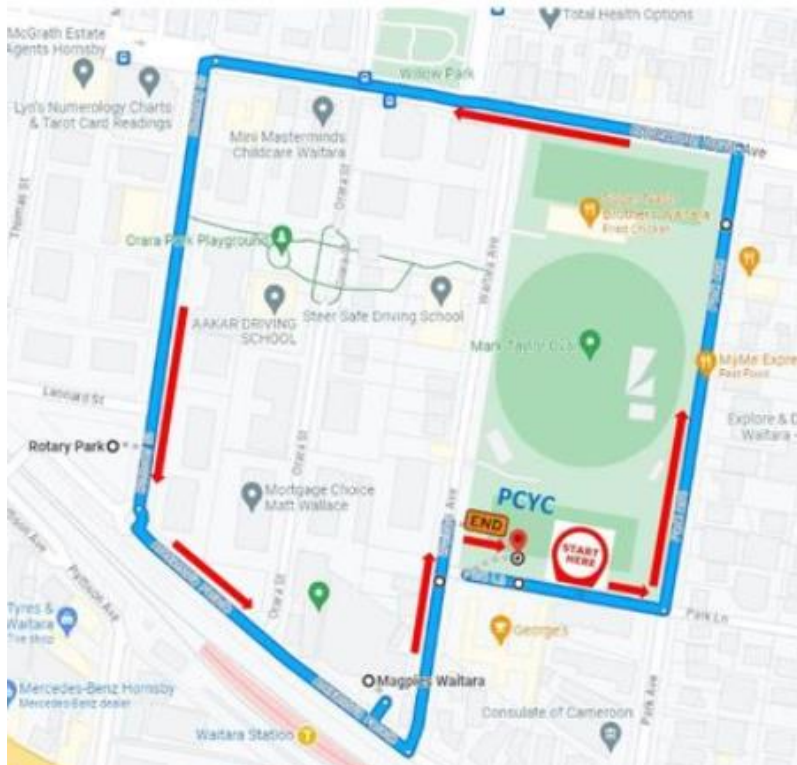
- Discussion on graffiti problem on newly renovated Gordon Park, Werrina Avenue. Bob & Lois agreed to do a letterbox drop of 'Reasserting Crime in Kuring-gai & NHW' trifold to residents in

March 2022 to March 2023 Monthly & Killing by GIs from RCMP 06/08/2023									
Offence Type	Trend	Count year to Count				adult age			
		to Jun 2022	to Jun 2023	weekend	weekend	16 to 17	adult age	16	17
Domestic Assault - Homicide	stable	271	275	91	88	316	312		
Domestic Assault - Killing not	stable	116	125	52	48	62	76		
Non-Domestic Assault	stable	114	113	52	77	60	62		
Non-Domestic Assault	stable	58	79	23	21	17	23		
Assault with	not calculated	0	12	8	0	7	12		
Assault police	N/A	0	0	3	4	5	7		
Homicide - Murder	N/A	0	2			0	2 to 4		
Homicide - Murder	N/A	0	0			0	0		
Attempted Murder	N/A	0	0			0	0		
Attempted Murder	N/A	0	0			0	0		
Robbery without a weapon	N/A	0	0			0	2 to 4		
Robbery without a weapon	N/A	0	0			0	0		
Robbery with a firearm	N/A	2	1			2 to 4	0		
Robbery with a firearm	N/A	0	0			0	0		
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	N/A	2	4			0 to 4	2 to 4		
Robbery with a weapon-not a firearm	N/A	0	1			0	0		
Sexual Assault	stable	75	54			2 to 4	22		
Sexual Assault	stable	46	36			2 to 4	14		
Sexual touching, sexual act & other									
sexual offences	stable	55	41			15	22	0	0
Sexual touching, sexual act & other									
sexual offences	stable	34	24			2 to 4	8	3 to 4	0
Stalk & Coercive Stalking	stable	60	102	23	37	13	37		
Stalk & Coercive Stalking	stable	138	106	51	69	17	41		
STL non-stalking	(by 100's p.)	35	34			0	24		

This year, the theme of the campaign is “UNITE ! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women & Girls.” which calls on governments, civil society, women’s organizations, young people, the private sector, media, and the UN system to join forces to address the global pandemic of violence against women and girls. You can show your support by joining our local “Walk the Talk” event next Wednesday 6 Dec from 8:30am starting from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC

Waitara to “SAY NO TO FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”. Please refer to the attached flyer for details.

Walk the Talk Route



Walk the Talk

SAY NO TO
DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Date: Wed 6 Dec **Time:** 8:30 – 10:30 am
Meeting Venue: PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai
1 Park Ln, Waitara (2 min from Waitara station)

Join us on for a walk (see map) and participate in talking the pledge "We do not tolerate inequality and domestic and family violence" acknowledging those who have lost their lives this year to DV with a minute of silence.

There will also be key note guest speakers, video launch from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai DV network, and information stalls. FREE morning tea available.

Come in the colors of orange, it represents hope and a future free from violence, have a hat and slap sunscreen.

www.wshk.org.au E: info@wshk.org.au

年度步行活动

向家庭暴力说不!!!

日期: 12月6日周三 **时间:** 早上 8:30 – 10:30 点
集合地点: Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai 警察社区青年俱乐部 (PCYC)
1 Park Ln, Waitara (离 Waitara 火车站走路 2 分钟)

和我们一起来参加步行活动，一同许下“我们不容忍不平等和家庭暴力”的承诺，向今年因家庭暴力而失去生命的受害者默哀。

活动还将有主讲嘉宾，当地家庭暴力网络的视频发布以及信息资讯摊，提供免费早餐。

请穿着带有橙色的服装饰品，戴上帽子，涂上防晒霜，橙色代表希望和没有暴力的未来。

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03 December, from choice.com.au: 7 ways to spot a scam website



Think a shopping page might be a fake? Here's how to identify and report a scam website.

Need to know

- Fake shopping websites are a common form of scam, with fraudsters imitating the web pages of popular retailers
- These sites often appear very similar to those of legitimate stores, but there are ways of spotting them
- Red flags include unusual URLs, very large discounts, missing information and poor spelling and formatting

With online shopping becoming a fixture in our lives, more of us are being exposed to fake websites impersonating popular retailers. We explain how online shopping scams work and how to spot a dodgy website.

What are online shopping scams?

Online shopping scams are a type of product and service fraud. They usually involve criminals setting up entire fake websites that imitate those of popular stores.

Shoppers who are duped into purchasing items from these websites will often be left waiting for products that are never delivered, or end up receiving a poor-quality or counterfeit item.

Read interesting details [here](#).

02 December, from Hornsby Shire Council



We're proposing to install a marked pedestrian crossing to replace the current children's crossing in Tecoma Drive, Glenorie, near Glenorie Public School 🗨️👋

The upgrade of the crossing will provide a safe crossing location for pedestrians, especially school children.

You can read more about this project at the link below and have your say by:

👉 Completing the feedback form at the the webpage

👉 Emailing us

👉 Writing to us

Submissions are open until 14 December 2023

Learn more [here](#).

02 December, from 9news.com.au: Identity of senior NSW cop charged with drink-driving to remain a secret for 40 years



The identity of a senior NSW police officer accused of drunkenly crashing and abandoning his work car will be kept secret for 40 years.

The high-ranking member was charged with drink-driving a fortnight ago over an alleged incident in May.

It is alleged the 46-year-old attended functions in The Rocks before getting behind the wheel of his police-issued car, striking a barrier while driving on the NorthConnex ramp before driving into a nearby street in Wahroonga and leaving the damaged car.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 06 December: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation) **North Turramurra - North**. [Info](#).

Wednesday 06 December: 'Walk the Talk' against Domestic Violence. PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai (1 Park Ln, Waitara) to PCYC. 8:30-10:30am. NHW K&H will be taking part in this walk. Everyone is invited to join in.

Wednesday 06 December: FREE Child Car Seat Safety Program. 9am-2:30pm. [Info](#) **& Bookings**.

Wednesday 13 December: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - West**. [Info](#).

Wednesday 31 January: 7-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Online Bushfire Ready Webinar (& Simulation). **North Turramurra - East & St Ives Chase - West**. [Info](#).

Tuesday 06 February 2024: Safer Internet Day. [Info](#).

Sunday 17 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Annual Santa Run
8:30am.

01 December, from 9 News Sydney



Terminally ill patients in NSW will be able to legally end their own lives when voluntary assisted dying laws come into effect from this morning.

It's the final Australian state to introduce the laws, which have been the subject of fierce ongoing debate.

READ MORE [here](#).

30 November, from Australian Cyber Security Centre

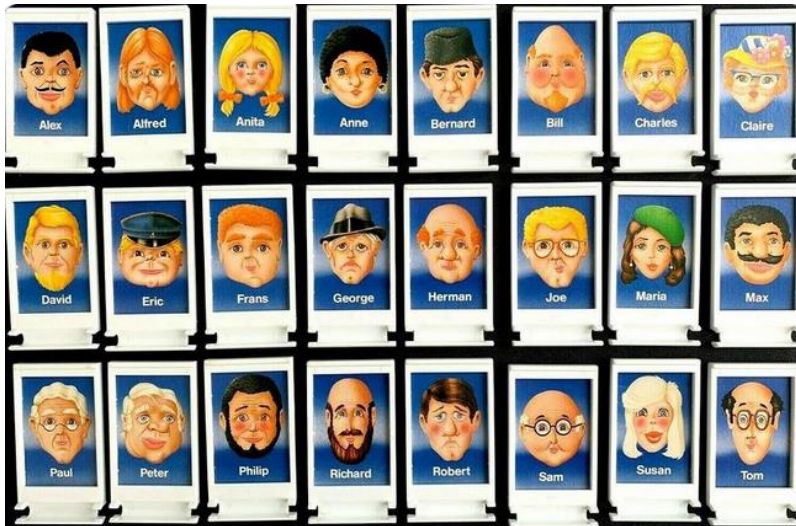


Anticipating the arrival of your online purchase may just be the adult version of the night before Christmas.

Cybercriminals can send fake parcel delivery notifications with links to trick you into downloading malware or giving away your personal details. If you're unsure, don't click on any links or attachments but contact the seller or the courier company using the details on their official website.

Watch out for delivery scams. Learn more [here](#).

30 November, from Sutherland Shire Command: You don't want to be left to guess who has stolen your parcel???



Remember these safety tips when having parcels delivered to your door,
Collect from Australia Post

- Signature confirmation for delivery
 - Deliver to a trusted neighbour who is home
 - Secure parcel delivery box
 - Click and collect from the store
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From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Fire Issues:

- **Tip #1.** Make a mental note if there have been repeated bush fires in your area recently. 70% of NSW bush fires are lit deliberately.
 - **Tip #3.** Contact the local fire service for help, assessing your own premise's fire risk and know how to protect it. Prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan, Emergency Evacuation Plan and Emergency Survival Kit for you and your animals. Know: When, Where, Who, What to take? Download the 'Bush Fire Emergency Plan' App. Refer to the Australian Standard AS 3959:
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“Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas” and other fire services authority publications

- **Tip #8.** Know about total fire bans:
 - Check the RFS website, or phone RFS information line on 1800 679 737 to find out if there is a total fire ban in place.
 - Beware of sparks: BBQs, incinerators, welding, angle-grinders, cigarettes, etc.
 - Know the law: e.g. to use an electric/gas BBQ you must have available “an immediate and continuous supply of water”.
 - Total fire ban & current fire danger can be found at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.
- **Tip #9.** Maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. If you underestimate the value of your property, any payout may be reduced accordingly.

For more 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.

30 November, from NSW Road Safety

In NSW, what type of offence is a burnout considered? 🚗💨

- a) bombastic side eye, criminal offensive side eye 😏
- b) a hoon offence 😡
- c) an ick-worthy offence 🤢

Answer:

🙋 While you could argue that all these answers are correct, the real answer is
b) a hoon offence.

🚗 A hoon offence is any act of dangerous and reckless driving behaviour on the road. Hoon offences include:

- Speed racing
- Burnouts or doughnuts
- Drag racing
- Driving at dangerous speeds
- Being involved in a police pursuit

👮🏻🚗 It's not cool to be a hoon, so stick to the road rules while driving to keep yourself and others safe. Learn more about hoon offences or 'hooning' 👉
<https://bit.ly/HoonOffences>

NSW.GOV.AU

Street racing and other hoon offences

30 November, from NSW Police Force



We're on the hunt for someone who took the term "sweet getaway" to a whole new level 🕵️🚗

About 4am today (Wednesday 29 November 2023), a van carrying doughnuts was stolen from outside a business on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.

The woman is described as being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, in her early 30s, with long black or brown hair. She was wearing dark clothing and carrying a white handbag.

The van, regrettably not sprinkled with tracking devices, is a white LDV van with NSW registration DG94MY.

If you've got any sweet leads or krispy CCTV footage, donut keep it to yourself! Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit website [here](#).

30 November, from smh.com.au: Gone in a puff of smoke: Importing disposable vapes banned from next year



Disposable vapes won't be allowed into Australia from New Year's Day under the federal government's bold plans to stop a new generation becoming addicted to nicotine.

Australia's ambition to become the first country to limit vaping to people with a prescription will be rolled out in several phases next year, starting with an import ban on single-use products and an expanded access scheme for medical use from the start of 2024.

Health Minister Mark Butler's crackdown aims to stop a thriving black market that imports millions of flavoured disposable vapes from China and sells them to young Australians on social media or under the counter in convenience stores.

For details, click [here](#).

29 November, from smh.com.au: Woman, 90, dies after intruder allegedly rapes her in NSW aged care



A 90-year-old woman has died in hospital, days after a man in his 30s allegedly broke into the elderly woman's room at an aged care facility and sexually assaulted her, causing serious injuries, on NSW's Central Coast.

Brett Anthony Crawford, from nearby town The Entrance, allegedly broke into the facility at Bateau Bay on November 15, NSW Police allege.

Read details [here](#).

29 November, from 9news.com.au: 'We couldn't save Sam but we can help others': The device empowering victims of domestic violence



When Lija Matthews looks at the view from her Phillip Island home, she's flooded with memories of her best friend Samantha Fraser.

"If she was going through a tough time, the stress almost left her body when she looked at the view," Matthews said.

It's where the friends raised their children after meeting at kindergarten.

It was a safe haven for Fraser, who was a victim of domestic violence.

"She was my person. We'd have the playdates and the beach dates and the highs and the lows," Matthews told 9News.

The most unimaginable low struck on July 23, 2018, when Fraser was murdered at the hands of her estranged partner Adrian Basham.

Fraser had driven into the garage at her Phillip Island home after dropping her children at school when Basham ambushed her.

After years of abusing her, he then staged the killing as a suicide.

"At the time, it was profound to be honest," said Paul Bruders, a former police officer who was in charge of the Bass Coast Shire Council at the time Fraser was murdered.

Basham was ordered to spend at least 30 years behind bars.

The tragedy galvanised a community that said "enough is enough".

Details [here](#).

When people get mad and speed
past you and y'all end up at the
same red light together



Thanks to Transport Accident Report - Australia Wide

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000
TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)
Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444
For non-urgent minor crime.

NSW Police Community Portal
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

NSW Police - website for crime prevention advice
Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police.
The Police are here to help you.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously
Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

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

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

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

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website WatchOut.org.au

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

Local NHW Facebook pages:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

*Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara (plus part of Pymble)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.
