



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #685 - 26 November 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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23 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Our Youth Liaison Officer and our Multicultural Liaison Officer out and about at Mission Australlia providing safety education to our younger generations and

their carers.



23 November, from St Leo's Catholic School

GUIDING FORCE | This week at assembly we were privileged to have two police alumni visit us. Leading Senior Constable Kate Bond (Class of 1999) and Senior Constable Ian Boon (Class of 1992) each spoke about their post-school journey which eventually led them to the police force.

As part of their local Youth Liaison roles, they then spoke about a range of current issues relevant to our students including staying safe online.

Thank you both for your wise words. It was a pleasure to have you back at St Leo's.



22 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Ku-ring-gai Police, along with representatives from CASS, Services Australia, Gamble Aware and Service NSW, attend the Hornsby Market Day once a month on a Thursday, located at Hornsby Mall on Florence x Hunter Street. Come chat and get to know your local police and local services!



21 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Sales are slowly trickling in as Black Friday approaches next Friday the 29th of November.

Be aware of scams, fake websites and scammers phishing for information.
Read these posts below and follow these tips and tricks to save yourself from

being scammed!

The image displays three posters from the NSW Government. The leftmost poster is titled 'BLACK FRIDAY' and 'OFFERS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?'. It discusses how scammers use social media and unusual website addresses, advising users to check for Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) and to be cautious with payment methods like money orders or moneygrams. The middle poster is titled 'CAUTION Fake Websites' and explains that fraudulent websites can look identical to authentic ones. It provides a list of indicators for fake websites, such as the use of numbers instead of letters, dashes or underscores, and spelling mistakes. The rightmost poster is titled 'CAUTION Is someone phishing for your information?' and defines phishing as a fraudulent attempt to obtain personal and financial information. It includes a list of 'DO NOT' and 'DO' actions, such as not providing personal information and not clicking on links, and provides a link to report a scam.

BLACK FRIDAY
OFFERS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Scams and social media can be easily spotted. An unusual website address, missing bad grammar or spelling errors. Ensure ABN (Australian Business Number) before purchases.

Be cautious of payment, especially with money order, or moneygram and request a full financial services in advance.

Payment using services that provide information.

If you are the victim of fraud, please report the matter to the NSW Police Force.

For more information on frauds and scams go to www.nsw.gov.au/crime/frauds_and_scams

NSW GOVERNMENT

CAUTION
Fake Websites

Fraudulent websites can look almost identical to authentic sites and can be sponsored links in search results.

How to identify FAKE websites

Check the domain (URL) name closely, look for:

- the use of numbers instead of letters
- dashes (-) or underscores (_) instead of full stops (.)
- capitals instead of lowercase letters or extra letters
- spelling mistakes

If still unsure check the:

- Australian Business Number (ABN) via <https://abn-business.gov.au>
- reviews of the website
- domain address and its details using a number of malicious website searching tools

Always remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.
Report a scam to: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>

NSW GOVERNMENT

CAUTION
Is someone phishing for your information?

What is phishing?
Phishing is a fraudulent attempt by criminals to obtain and use personal and financial information by sending messages via SMS/text or email which appear to contain genuine links (URL) from legitimate companies or organisations.

Unable to confirm your address, your packages can't deliver, please check <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au> as soon as possible

Your delivery attempt was unsuccessful. Please visit <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au> for updates.

Final Notice: Please review your E-Toll account through <https://www.1800.067.3766> by next business day

DO NOT provide personal or financial information.
DO NOT click on the link.

DO contact the company direct to confirm legitimacy.
DO screen shot the message and report to: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>

NSW GOVERNMENT

20 November, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

The annual international campaign of “16 days of Activism against gender-based violence” this year is just around the corner starting from 25 Nov – 10 Dec. Please join us again the “Hornsby Ku-ring-gai #16Days WALK THE TALK” to raise awareness on Domestic and Family Violence.

Title: #16Days WALK THE TALK

Date: Wednesday on 27 November 2024

Time: 8:30 am to 11:00 am

Venue: PCYC, 1 Park Lane Waitara (Waitara train station is just across the road and there is plenty of parking)

This will be the 4th annual event with a 20-minute walk around the streets of Hornsby with keynote speaker Dr Hannah Tonkin, NSW Women’s Safety Commissioner, and more stories to share.

Come in colours of orange, as it represents hope and a future free from violence. Wear a hat, comfortable clothes & shoes and slap sunscreen for the walk and join the pledge showing your support for victim-survivors and sending a message that family and domestic violence will not be tolerated. Chances of visiting local information stalls and meeting & chatting with specialists in the field for more information while enjoying free refreshments.



Against Gender-Based Violence
25 November – 10 December

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai DFV WALK THE TALK

Wednesday 27 November 8:30 am – 11:15 am

PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara

Please join us for a 20-minute walk at 9:00am (see map) followed by a commemorative ceremony, information stalls and art exhibition at PCYC.

The ceremony will include our keynote speaker, Dr Hannah Tonkin, NSW Women's Safety Commissioner and more stories to share. We encourage everyone to talk the pledge "We do not tolerate inequality and domestic and family violence" acknowledging those who have lost their lives this year to domestic and family violence with a minute of silence.

Come in the colors of **orange**, it represents hope and a future free from violence. Wear comfortable clothes & shoes and have a hat and slap sunscreen for the walk and enjoy the free morning tea.



Special thanks to Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Councils, Hornsby Girls High School, Knox Grammar, Normanhurst Boys High School, Pymble Ladies College for their support.



25 November, from Nepean Police Area Command

With hot weather occurring today and forecast over this next week, please don't leave your children or pets in a locked vehicle.

15 MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES!!!

It can take a mere 15 minutes for the body temperature to reach a lethal state.

30.4 DEGREES TO 31.6 DEGREES IN 1.5 MINUTES

(Average outside temperature at 31.6 degrees)

30.4 DEGREES TO 40.5 DEGREES IN 8 MINUTES

(Heatstroke occurs when the body's temperature exceeds 40 degrees)

30.4 DEGREES TO 45 DEGREES IN 15 MINUTES

(Core body temperature of 41.7 degrees is considered lethal)




25 November, from North Shore Police Area Command



MOTORISED BICYCLES

'E-Bikes'

Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.



There are only two types of **permitted e-bikes**:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electric power-assisted cycles

BUT they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They **cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor** and **cannot exceed 25km/h**.

Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind, NOT to be the primary source of propulsion.

Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions **cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.**

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

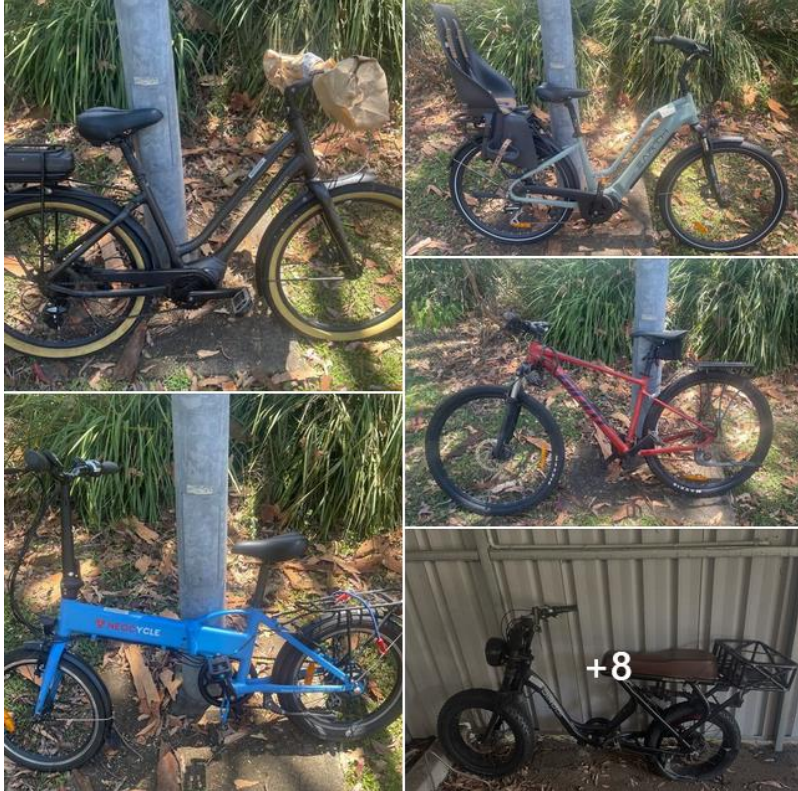


There has been an increase in incidents relating to E-bikes committing offences within the command. It is an increasing issue across the state and a good opportunity for us to reiterate rules that relate. Incorrect use of E-bikes poses a safety risk to pedestrians, and the riders themselves. Please see the attached flyer for reference. In addition to the flyer, the normal rules for bicycle riders still apply for E-bikes.

The main issue we are seeing is the use of E-bikes on footpaths. It is an offence to ride any bike on footpaths unless you are under 16 years old, or you are supervising a child under 16 years who is also riding a bike.

For the complete list of Rules for bicycle riders please visit site [here](#).

25 November, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command: LOCATED BIKES ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES!!!



These bikes have been located on the Northern Beaches and are currently stored at Frenchs Forest Police Station.

If this is your bike, please contact your local police station and use the reference number.

Please do not report crime on our social media pages.

Head to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

25 November, from 9news.com.au: One-in-10 NSW drivers test positive for illegal drugs as calls for crackdown grow

One-in-10 drivers who were pulled over for a random drug test in New South Wales tested positive in the last 12 months, according to a new report by the NRMA.

The "Driving High" report calls on the state government to increase roadside drug testing to 200,000 tests a year - up from 160,000 in 2023.

The report also found that drug driving is now the second-leading cause of road deaths in NSW, above fatigue, drink driving, and not using seatbelts.

Read details [here](#).

25 November, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade: 🚒 INCIDENT CALL - NORTH TURRAMURRA 🚒

Yesterday evening after finishing up training for the day [NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade](#) along with [Killara Rural Fire Brigade](#) and [Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade](#) were called to assist a bushwalker who had become lost while walking near the Murrumbidgee and Gibberagong trails in North Turramurra with limited water, low phone battery, and nighfall approaching. Alongside [Kuring Gai Police Area Command](#), [NSW Ambulance](#), [NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service](#), and with the the assistance of [PolAir - NSW Police Force Aviation Command](#) our crews successfully located the walker approximately 50m from the track in steep, dense bushland.

Thanks to the walkers use of the Emergency+ App they were able to provide an accurate location to 000 operators, and by remaining in a safe spot after becoming lost and not continuing to move the walker was safely back at their car within 90min of calling 000, avoiding what could have easily become a

multi-day search.



24 November, from NSW Health

NSW Health is warning of the danger of using drugs thought to be cocaine, which have resulted in five recent heroin overdoses.

Medical Director of the NSW Poisons Information Centre, Dr Darren Roberts, said all five people were hospitalised after the use of substances they thought to be cocaine, with two of the patients requiring treatment in an intensive care unit.

“A heroin overdose could quickly result from a single line,” Dr Roberts said.

“It is important that people recognise the signs of a heroin overdose early and know how to respond. Opioids such as heroin can cause pin-point pupils, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, slowed breathing/snoring and skin turning blue/grey and can be life-threatening.

“One of the dangers of illicit drug supply is the contents and strength of the substance you are getting is unknown and can be inconsistent.

“Opioids such as heroin can be sold as or found in cocaine, methamphetamine, and MDMA (ecstasy). You cannot always tell the difference between these drugs by appearance.

“In light of this detection, people who use drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine, MDMA or opioids should carry naloxone.”

If you witness someone experiencing any unexpected symptoms after using drugs, you should call Triple Zero (000) immediately or seek urgent medical attention. Naloxone should be given immediately if available.

Naloxone is an important life-saving medication that reverses the effects of opioids. It does not require a prescription and is free for anyone at risk of opioid overdose in NSW.

It is available as an easy to use nasal spray or injection from some pharmacies and other health services. For more information on the take-home naloxone program visit: <https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/.../Pages/Naloxone.aspx>.

NUAA can mail you naloxone in a discreet package. Order via their online shop (<https://shop.nuaa.org.au/>) or call (02) 9171 6650.

You won't get into trouble for seeking medical care. If you feel unwell, or if your friend feels unwell, do something about it.

Anyone who has concerns about adverse effects from drugs should contact the NSW Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 or

<https://www.poisonsinfo.nsw.gov.au/>, at any time 24/7.

For support and information on drug and alcohol problems, contact the Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 250 015 or

<https://www.svhs.org.au/.../alcohol-drug-information-service>. This is a 24/7 service offering confidential and anonymous telephone counselling and information.

NSW public drug warnings can be found [here](#).



24 November, from Hawkesbury Police Area Command: When you can't speak, 'Empower You' can help!

Hawkesbury Police Area Command will be available to explain how this free safety app can help those experiencing domestic and family violence.

 9am - 11am

 Tuesday 3rd December 2024

 Spears Cafe, Richmond Marketplace (playground end)



24 November, from NSW Ambulance

LEAVE A LIGHT ON: When emergencies happen, every second counts. After calling Triple Zero (000), make it easier for paramedics to locate your home at night by turning on your porch lights. Bright, visible lighting helps paramedics see your property from the street. It's a small step that can make a big difference in critical moments.



24 November, from abc.net.au: Louise Manning's Facebook account was taken over by a scammer — and it all started with a simple text message

It all started with a text on the Facebook Messenger application: "What's your phone number mate?"

Queensland resident Louise Manning thought it was an old friend reaching out to her, so after a little back and forth she responded.

"I gave him my phone number," she said.

Read details here.



24 November, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group yesterday (Saturday):

Just a shout out to the all of the residents that park their cars along Sherbrook road Hornsby unfortunately after 2.30am this morning someone has gone up & down the street smashing in right driver side mirrors some cars have their mirrors left hanging some worse than others if anyone hear or saw anything please let me know 🙄 obviously mine is one of these cars that have been damaged in their careless spree.

23 November, from 9news.com.au: A senior NSW police officer has been found guilty of drink-driving for an incident where he crashed a car in a tunnel after a marathon drinking session.

A senior NSW police officer who crashed his car into a tunnel and dodged a breath test has been convicted of drink driving.

But the officer, who cannot be named for legal reasons, avoided a high-range drink-driving verdict relating to the May 2023 incident which had previously drawn a scathing rebuke from NSW's law enforcement watchdog.

Details [here](#).



22 November, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Kuring-gai Families group:

Hi all,

My friend Mathew Hanham (known as Charlie) is a resident of Wentworth Point (near Sydney Olympic Park) and has unfortunately been missing since Friday 15th November.

Police currently have his last location as tapping off at Berowra station at 9.40pm on the Friday.

We are not aware of anyone that he knows in this area. This is extremely out of character. He has medical issues and we're deeply worried about him.

If anyone has seen or heard anything, please call crime stoppers 1800 333 000.

Have you seen me?



- 35 years old
- 200cm tall
- Short beard on date last seen
- Thin build

Mathew Hanham (known as Charlie) went missing from Wentworth Point at around 5.30pm on Friday 15th November.

This is extremely out of character. He has medical issues and we are deeply worried for his welfare.

If you have seen him or you know something, please call Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000

22 November, from Nepean Police Area Command

Our Friday funny with a message.

If you have conditions on your driver's licence, please adhere to those conditions. It's important and it's the law.

On a routine patrol of the back streets around Penrith last night, police activated their lights and siren and pulled over a female driver for a random breath test. They breathalysed her and the reading came back negative (which is great) but when the officer was checking the details on her licence, he noted that a certain condition applied. She had to wear glasses when driving. She was not abiding by this condition.

POLICE OFFICER: "Ma'am, it says here on your licence that you should be wearing glasses".

DRIVER: "Well sir, I have contacts".

POLICE OFFICER: "Ma'am, it really doesn't matter who you know. You'll still be getting a ticket".

Have a great weekend and stay safe.



22 November, from The hills Police Area Command

🚨 Urgent Appeal for Information 🚨

On 7 November 2024, a defibrillator was stolen from North Rocks Shopping Centre.

Can you help? The Hills Police would like to speak to the male depicted in the image below, who may be able to assist with enquiries. Please contact Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000. Your information could be crucial in recovering the stolen equipment and ensuring the safety of our community.

Let's work together to keep North Rocks safe! 🌐



22 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsb: New publication: Coercive control monitoring report September 2024

Release date: Friday 22 November 2024

Link to report summary: Coercive control monitoring report September 2024:
<https://nsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click...>

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has released the latest Coercive Control Monitoring Report. This report describes the operation of this legislative reform in its first three months from July to September 2024.

The quarterly report includes statistics on coercive control incidents recorded by NSW Police, including the nature of controlling behaviours, location of incidents, co-occurring offences and demographic information on the victims and alleged offenders. It also includes statistics on legal actions taken by NSW Police to date. The report shows that:

Between 1 July – 30 September 2024, 76 incidents of coercive control were recorded by NSW Police

Of these incidents, two had charges laid for coercive control, and further 28 had charges laid for other DFV offences, but not coercive control

Of the 76 coercive control incidents recorded, 70 (92%) involved a female victim and a male alleged offender.

22 November, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

The St Ives branch of Commonwealth Bank in partnership with KNC is holding a scam awareness talk in the St Ives Library Meeting Room from 2:45- 3:45pm on Tuesday 3rd December

Please see below flyer for more details:

SCAM



AWARENESS TALK

Learn how to recognise and avoid scams. As scams become more and more advanced, it's important to take steps to protect yourself.

The St Ives Branch of Commonwealth Bank is holding a scam awareness talk in partnership with KNC on Tuesday 3rd December from 2:45pm - 3:45pm at the St Ives Library Meeting Room.

Book by calling 9988 4966 or emailing kncnews@knc.org.au by 28 November.



21 November, from Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon - NSW

A great AGM tonight, with three interesting speakers. As one resident said, "I felt I learned a lot." We will be sharing our notes with you over the next few weeks, because we heard some good advice tonight. Stay tuned.

Thank you to the Gordon Baptist Church for the use of their Garden Square facility.

Thanks to Sergeant Stephen Whalley, Crime Coordinator with NSWPF Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, based at Hornsby police station.

Thanks to Captain Andrew Wilson, Killara Rural Fire Brigade, based at the new fire station at 26A Koola Ave, East Killara.

Thanks to Phil Smith owner operator at Shore Safe Locksmiths.

And thanks to all the volunteers and residents for a good evening out. Very worthwhile.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 09 May - Thursday 02 January: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Wednesday 27 November: FREE Transition to High School & Mental Health Online via Zoom @ 6:30pm. Info & register [here](#).

Wednesday 20 November: FREE 스마트폰 소개 - Introduction to Smartphones (TSS Korean) 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. **Bookings & Info**.

Wednesday 27 November: Hornsby Ku-ring-gai domestic & family violence walk the talk. 8:30-11am PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lan, Waitara. [Info](#).

Saturday 07 December: FREE Rural eWaste Drop off Event - Galston 8am-3pm @ Rural Sports Facility, 18-20 Bayfield Road, Galston (entry via Mansfield Rd) (Hornsby Shire residents only) [Info](#).

Tuesday 14 January 2025: Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

meeting #44/Initial AGM. 6pm @ PCYC Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Ln, Waitara. Followed by dinner @ Magpies.

21 November, from NSW Police Force

About 7.10pm yesterday (Wednesday 20 November 2024), officers from Mt Druitt Police Area Command were conducting a general patrol of the Bidwill area where it will be alleged they observed a male slumped over the steering wheel of a vehicle parked at the intersection of Chestnut Crescent and Luxford Road.

As officers approached the vehicle it drove from the location.

Police indicated for the vehicle to stop and when it failed to do so a pursuit was initiated.

The vehicle was pursued into the North Connex Tunnel, Wahroonga, where it was terminated for safety reasons.

With the assistance of PoIAir the vehicle was tracked along the M1 where road spikes were successfully deployed about 500m south of Sparks Road, Warnervale, causing the vehicle to come to a stop approximately one hour after the pursuit had commenced.

The 24-year-old male driver and sole occupant was arrested and taken to Wyong Police Station.

Police will allege that speeds of up to 160kph were reached.

The man has been refused bail to appear at Wyong Local Court later today (Thursday 21 November 2024).

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

21 November, from The Hills Police Area Command



Early this morning, 4am 20/11/24 Hills Police responded to a report of suspicious activity at a residence on Davey Rd, Dural. Officers arrived to find two vehicles with engines running and headlights on.

As police attempted to block the vehicles, one accelerated towards the police cars, narrowly avoiding a collision, and then sped away, followed by the second vehicle.

A pursuit ensued, during which one vehicle reversed into a police car before speeding off at high speed. The chase continued onto Derriwong Rd and then onto Old Northern Rd. For safety reasons, the pursuit was terminated on New Line Rd. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800333000.

20 November, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

Support Station is a giant workshop this week as Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) are installed in every operational response vehicle across the District.

MDTs allow incident alerts and response status, mapping and navigation, accessing pre-incident plans and incident data, reports and orders, and fireground management processes, to all take place instantly online.

What previously required radio calls, provision of paper documents, and laborious manual processes should now become much faster and more streamlined. This will include vastly improved situational awareness for all crews at incidents as well as fireground managers, which has been proven to enhance efficiency and safety for firefighters. Training in MDT use for Brigades commenced last weekend.

Installations are already ahead of schedule, and will be completed next week, before the systems go live in early December. Thanks to all Brigades for ensuring that their vehicles are dropped off at allocated times, allowing the program to progress well.



20 November, from Hornsby Shire Council

Please be aware that Transport for NSW are undertaking nightwork and Galston Rd will be closed from 8pm to 5am for nightworks on Galston Timber Bridge from **17 November until 13 of December.**

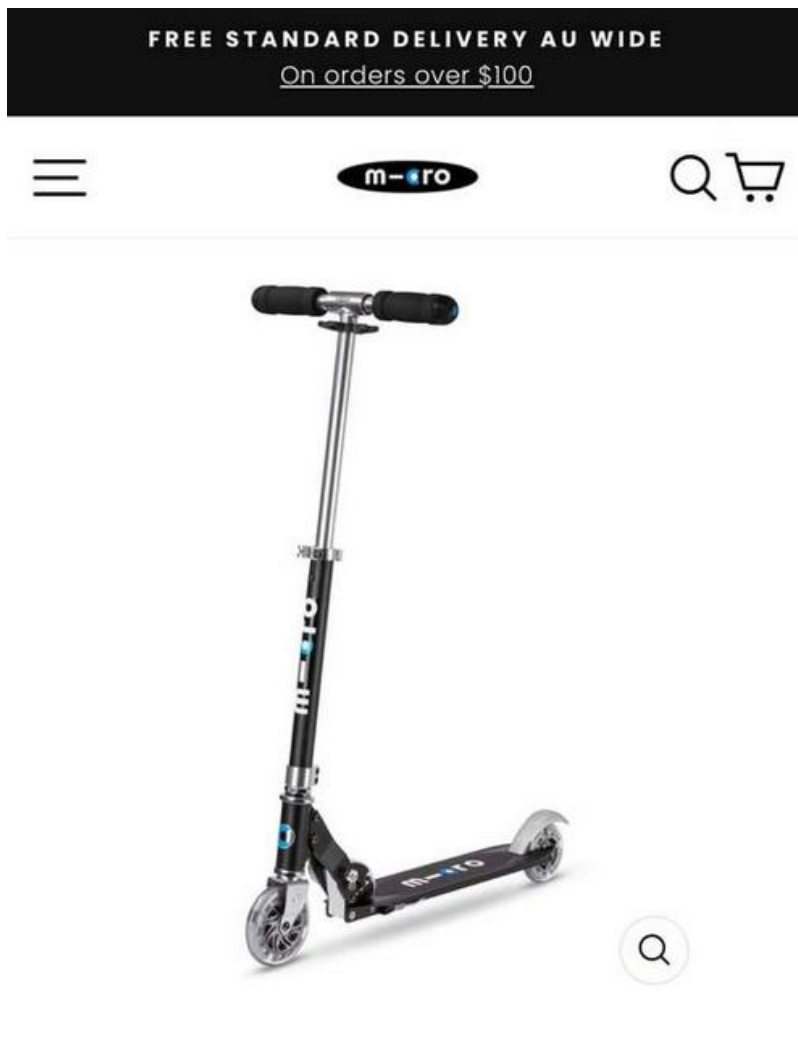
More details [here.](#)



20 November, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Tuesday):

Hello fellow Lindfield residents, would like to check if anyone saw/found below scooter near Charles bean oval or shout ridge footpath, my son has accidentally left it outside on 11th Nov. someone may think it is no longer wanted, it was his Christmas gift, he is now very upset. Would be much appreciated if it can be returned to the building manager or Stone real estate (mention it belongs to unit 3,6 shout ridge) or myself. No questions asked, only appreciation please. Much

thanks!



20 November, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:

Quick update and a lesson for us All

Firstly, we'd like to sincerely thank everyone for your kind wishes and support during this difficult time. A quick update: both our daughter and our little dog are undergoing surgery today for the injuries they sustained in the yesterdays dog attack at Helvetia Avenue. We are hoping for the best and are grateful for the care they are receiving.

We also wanted to share something important for the benefit of our community. During our discussion with Phil, the investigator from Hornsby Council, he

asked us why we hadn't reported prior aggressive behavior we had observed in the attacking dog. It was a hard lesson for us to learn.

We realized that reporting aggressive dogs or incidents early can make a significant difference (hopefully). To prevent something like this from happening to others, we urge everyone to take action if they observe aggressive behavior in any dog or experience a dog-related incident.

You can report such concerns directly to the Hornsby Council by emailing dogs@hornsby.gov.au. Address your email to Phil, and provide as much detail as possible.

Let's work together to ensure the safety of our loved ones and pets. These situations are not easy to deal with, and prevention is always better than facing the aftermath.

Thank you again for your kindness and support.

20 November, from the Australian Signals Directorate: Don't fall for scams in two steps

First, check if it is a scam

Know what to look for. View common types of scams such as dating scams, investment scams, phishing emails and text, or invoice fraud:

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/.../watch-out-threats/types-scams>

Go direct to a source you can trust. Visit the official website, log in to your account, or call their phone number. Don't use the links or contact details in the message or given to you on the phone.

Check what the official source says about what details they might request from you. Often companies or government agencies will say what they will and will not ask you online or over the phone. For example, the bank may tell you that they will never ask for your password. If someone claiming to be from the bank then asks you for your password, you know it is likely a scam.

Then, if you still think it's a scam

Don't click on links, open any attachments or reply to requests. Scam messages may try and trick you into giving out your personal information. A

scammer might ask for your bank account details, passwords or credit card numbers. They may also ask you to download files, software, or allow remote access to your computer.

Contact your bank. Contact your financial institution if you think your credit cards or bank account may be at risk. They may be able to close your account or stop a transaction.

Report a cybercrime via ReportCyber if you have fallen victim to a scam:

<https://reportapp.cyber.gov.au/>

Help keep Australia secure by reporting the scam to the National Anti-Scam Centre - Scamwatch: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Staff in Aged Care' (Traditional Chinese): 20 個實用預防犯罪技巧：銀髮護理的工作者

Tip #1.

不要將手提包、手機、鑰匙等放在明顯的地方。盜賊會分散你的注意力並偷你的財產。個人物品放鎖櫃或抽屜中。

Tip #6. 無人看管時，汽車在直接可視的地方，不要放貴重物品。

Tip # 12. 商業或個人郵箱，應每天清除並用適當的鎖保護。 Hornsby 警察局的犯罪預防官員可以提供協助。 電話：9476 9799。

Tip #20. 在場所發現的任何可疑或看到未經授權的人員進入，請致電 000（三個零）。如果認為有必要，舉報看起來不正常的一切。相信你的直覺。

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 Tiff Iman, Sign Appreciation Society

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.
