



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #695 - 04 February 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 [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

01 February, from Ku-ring-gai Command

If you have concerns for the safety or welfare of a person who is missing you can make a report in person at any local Police station.

Reports cannot be accepted by email or over the phone.

If you are unable to get to a Police station, Police may be able to travel to you.
Call your nearest Police station for advice.



NSW Police Force

31 January, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Ku-ring-gai Police are appealing for information regarding the whereabouts of a vehicle last seen in Lindfield on the 16th of December 2024. The vehicle of interest is a 2013 Holden Cruze Hatchback with NSW registration plates DM030.

Any information surrounding the location of the vehicle, please contact Hornsby Police Station on 02 9476 9799.



Appeal for whereabouts of similar vehicle above

Police are appealing for information to help located an outstanding vehicle with registration plates DM030, last seen in Lindfield on the 16th of December.

30 January, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Older Chinese Women are being targeted in Chinese Blessing Scams.

Scammers are stealing money and jewellery from women they meet on the street by saying they need a blessing to protect their family from a curse or illness.

BEWARE of people asking for directions to a Chinese Herbal Doctor or Spiritual Healer.

DO NOT follow people you have just met to a Doctor or Healer.

DO NOT bring strangers home.

DO NOT hand over money, jewellery, or valuable items or strangers.

DO NOT put money or jewellery in a bag for any blessing ritual.

THIS IS A SCAM. Call police and tell family before losing money or jewellery.



30 January, from Ku-ring-gai Command: We know we can become complacent in securing our homes and vehicles. There have been numerous incidents of break and enter offences in our command whereby offenders are entering via unlocked front and back doors.

Locking our doors is a simple task that can prevent this from occurring.

Please try to remember: LOCK IT, ALARM IT, LIGHT IT, RECORD IT.



29 January, from Australian Federal Police: ⚠️ Content warning.

The AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) has seen an increase in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to generate child abuse material.

Using AI to create material featuring the abuse of someone under 18 could be a criminal offence and classified as creating child abuse material. It doesn't matter if it's a video, image, drawing or story, or if it's 'real' or not.

One thing that has emerged is a rise in students creating material such as deepfakes for a range of reasons, including to harass or embarrass classmates. The AFP is urging parents and carers to have open and non-judgemental conversations with their children about the dangers and harms caused by using AI.

The AFP-led [ThinkUKnow Australia](#) program has free resources available to assist parents and carers to have these conversations [here](#).



**Warning over rise in
AI-generated child
abuse material**





03 February, from NSW Police Force: Fatal Crash - Macquarie Park

A driver has died after a single vehicle crash in Sydney's north west.

About 1.35pm today (Monday 3 February 2025), emergency services responded to reports of a green convertible colliding with a barrier at the intersection of Delhi Road and the M2, Macquarie Park.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command and NSW Ambulance paramedics performed CPR on the 83-year-old male driver but he died at the scene.

A 14-year-old male passenger in the vehicle was uninjured. He was taken to Randwick Children's Hospital as a precaution.

A crime scene has been established and an investigation into the incident has commenced.

Traffic diversion are currently in place and motorists are urged to avoid the area.

A report will be prepared for the information of the coroner.

Police are urging anyone who may have witnessed the incident – or has any available dashcam/mobile phone footage – to contact Ryde Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in

strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

03 February, from Hornsby Shire Council



A Castle Hill vehicle owner was recently fined \$8,000 for transporting illegally dumped waste. The vehicle was used to transport a large fridge and freezer, which were then dumped on top of existing rubbish in Asquith. 🚗

Did you know that fines for transporting waste to unlawful locations have increased significantly over the past year? These fines apply to illegal dumpers, the original owners of the waste, and even the vehicle owners used to transport it.

⚠️ The vehicle owner also failed to comply with a legal notice to provide documents and answer questions, which can result in an extra on-the-spot fine of \$15,000 for individuals or \$30,000 for businesses.

When hiring someone to remove waste, remember to:

- If you see illegal dumping in Hornsby Shire, report it straight away by calling Council's Waste Hotline at 13 70 30.
For more details, visit site [here](#).



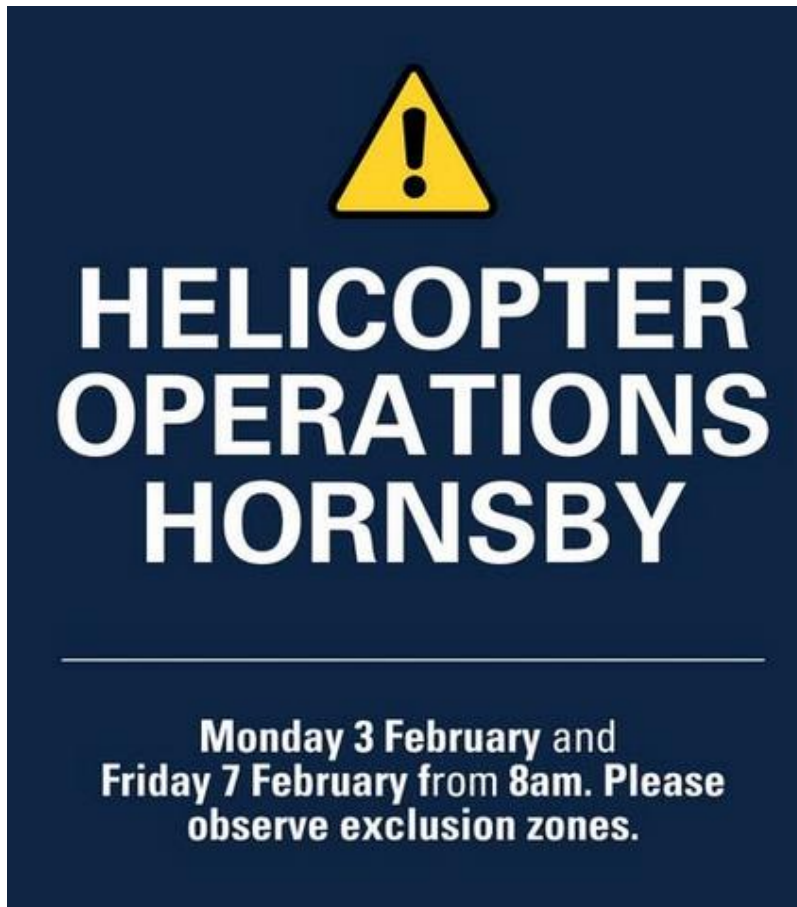
Christine Kay, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council; Stuart Clark, Deputy Captain, standing next to the plaque, a founding member of the Killara Brigade and a driving force behind the station's development; Cllr Barbara Ward, Rob Rogers, NSW Rural Fire Services Commissioner; Andrew Wilson, Captain of Killara Rural Fire Brigade; and Cllr Indu Balachandran.

The meeting was also attended by Paul Fletcher MP; Greg Donnelly, MLC; Shane Fitzsimmons, former Commissioner, and others.

02 February, from Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives Area: Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group:

Just wanted to let everyone know that I had my car broken into last night. I live on Mudies Rd. I've reported it to the police. Nothing of value was taken. Both glove boxes were rifled through and the doors left open to avoid the noise of closing them. The thieves are obviously experienced and it is likely they roam the streets looking testing cars and possibly houses for unlocked doors. There was no evidence of forced entry so it is likely I accidentally left my car unlocked or the button didn't activate when I thought I locked it. Keep your families safe and lock all doors and be sure they are. Just want the community to know.

01 January, from Hornsby Shire Council



Helicopter operations will be occurring in Hornsby next week, to deliver construction materials for the final stage of restoration of Hornsby Heritage Steps ⚠️

Operations are scheduled for Monday 3 February and Friday 7 February, starting at 8am and continuing for 7-8 hours each day.

During this time, there will be no public access to:

👉 Ginger Meggs Park

👉 Quarry Road

👉 Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail

👉 Hornsby Heritage Steps (between Rosemead Road and Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre)

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

For more information, please contact Council by phone on 9847 6666.

01 February, from Blacktown Police Area Command



01 February, from Australian Federal Police

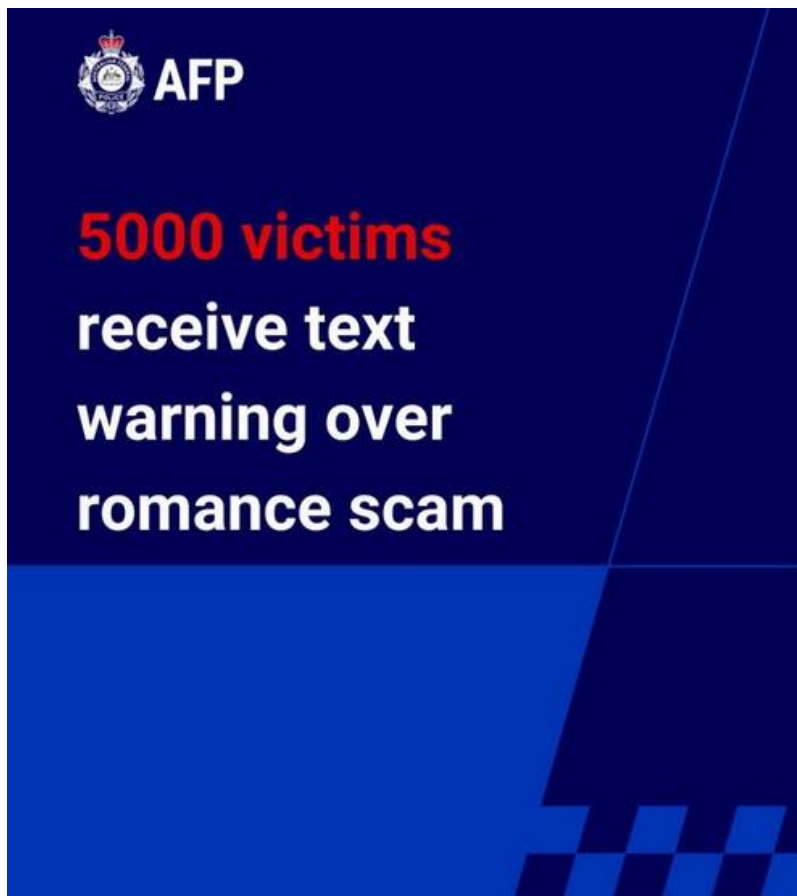
Authorities have texted more than 5000 potential victims in Australia to warn they may have been targeted by romance scammers.

The potential victims were identified following an investigation by Philippines authorities into a scam compound operating in central Manila, where more than 300 computer towers, 1000 mobile phones, and thousands of SIM cards were located.

The AFP-led Joint Policing Cybercrime Collaboration Centre (JPC3) identified more than 5000 Australian-based phone numbers linked to messages found on an end-to-end encryption platform on the devices.

The National Anti-Scam Centre, in partnership with JPC3, urges possible victims, some who may not be aware they've been targeted, to not send money to people they've met online and outlined next steps to take if they already have.

For more information visit site [here](#).



31 January, from NSW Incident Alerts: **STATEMENT FROM THE NSW PREMIER**



Chris Minns MP
PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES

STATEMENT FROM THE NSW PREMIER

I have been briefed by NSW Police on an ongoing investigation into a caravan containing explosives dumped in Dural.

It's believed that these explosives were part of an attempted antisemitic attack.

And I want to make it incredibly clear that anyone attempting this level of violence will be met with the full force of a massive and growing police response.

The advice from NSW Police is that this threat has been contained.

The public can be assured that the NSW Police will not stop until these people are defeated and put behind bars.

The vast majority of NSW finds this hateful behaviour abhorrent and appalling.

All of our resources will go towards keeping the community safe and putting an end to division in NSW.

31 January, from cleanup.org.au

If you have a no junk mail sign you can report offenders [here](#).

Ku-ring-gai Council have provided us with No Junk Mail stickers for residents.

Request one for FREE at our website [here](#).



31 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Northern Beaches have created a Parking Guide - Top tips for avoiding a ticket.
You can find the leaflet on their website [here](#).

Or email us for a pdf in your inbox: nhwkuringgaihornsby@gmail.com.



31 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Penannt Hills: Shared with permission from the Pennant Hills/Thornleigh/Westleigh and Surrounds group:

Dear Community,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for the overwhelming support and concern you've shown since I posted the footage of the theft that occurred at my shop. Your reactions, messages, and offers of help have deeply touched me, and I am incredibly appreciative of the strong sense of unity and care that we share.

My intention in posting the footage was twofold: to seek out the individual responsible and to serve as a warning to others who might consider breaking the safety and peace of our warm and loving community. I believe that by standing together, we can deter such behavior and maintain the harmony we cherish.

I have reported the incident to the Police with necessary footage uploaded, and the footage is removed from Facebook.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and solidarity. It is truly heart-warming to be part of such a wonderful community.

With gratitude,

Jacqui

Fleet Street Pennant Hills Cellars

30 January, from Neighbourhood Watch Pymble & West Pymble: Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group: Long shot.

But this was Stolen from my car in Wyuna road.

IXON Race suit I had it repaired and stitching on the hip area. It was in the back seat last week. I've been away for a week or so at Phillip island.

it was before that. It's only suitable for someone my size. \$1987 race suit.



30 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page:

APPEALING FOR INFO:

Do you know this car? Or did you get a quote for a job recently for a tradesman with this vehicle?

Unfortunately number plate can't be seen and we only have partial registration details.

A possible Black Toyota Hilux dual cab with silver cab trim. They drove on to our driveway and damaged our car parked on our driveway. 😞

Several witnesses saw them drive off, with a passenger in the car as well. They would have damage to there front drivers side.

Pls message me directly if you know this car?

Skid marks and the noise they made prior to impact was clear that they were trying to do some tricks or speeding. Smoke was seen by a witness travelling behind the car prior to impact on our driveway.

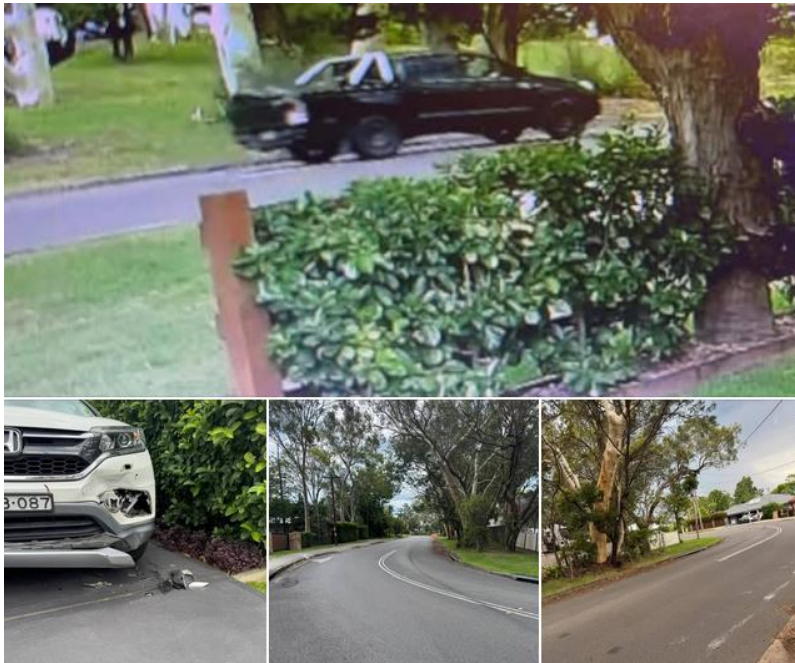
If it's your son, hopefully they all think of kids and people walking around our area and about being safe.

Just thankful no locals with pets were hurt today and the lady in the little car wasn't hurt who was on the other side of the road.

But I would appreciate your help. Cops have been informed.

Thank you 🙏

Stay safe everyone.



30 January, from Neighbourhood Watch: St Ives Area

UPDATE: FOUND - WAS HANDED IN.

Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds yesterday (Wednesday):

We have a missing iPhone 🤖 black with blue wallpaper - left at or near St Ives Village / skate park at around 5pm. If anyone finds a phone, please msg me 🙌
🙌. Thanks!

30 January, from Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives Area

Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group:

WARNING. Attempted break in Toolang Road at 2.45am. Cars tampered with and front and back doors also. Police and forensic evidence collected.

Please be careful.

Security cameras from our house and neighbours show a white SVU, unfortunately the offenders were wearing typical thug attire.

And in the comments:

Hey my car was broken into on Merrivale Lane on Tuesday night!

Our car also got broken into last night on Mudies Road. Left the doors open and looked through glove box.

30 January, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Cape Herb & Spice Grinder Products

Product information:

Rex Imports Australia Pty Ltd are conducting a recall of various Cape Herb & Spice Grinders. The products have been available for sale in Independent Retailers including IGA in NSW, QLD, VIC and WA.

Products and Date markings:

- Sweet & Smoky BBQ Seasoning 230g - Best before 14 DEC 25 and 09 MAY 26
- Atlantic Sea Salt 360g - Best before 06 NOV 2025, 08 FEB 2026, 25 APRIL 2026 and 21 MAY 2026
- Extra Bold Peppercorn 185g - Best before 06 NOV 2025, 8 FEB 2026 and 21 MAY 2026
- Chilli & Garlic Seasoning 190g - Best before 15 FEB 2026 and 03 MAY 2026
- Himalayan Pink Salt 390g - Best before 08 NOV 2025, 08 FEB 2026, 30 APRIL 2026 and 06 MAY 2026
- Salt & Pepper 310g - Best before 18 OCT 2025, 24 JAN 2027 and 15 MAY 2027

Problem: The recall is due to the potential presence of foreign matter (plastic).
Food safety hazard: Food products containing plastic may cause injury if consumed.

What to do: Consumers should not eat this product. Consumers should return the product(s) to the place of purchase for a full refund. Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

For further information please contact:

REX IMPORTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

08 92045666

Click [here](#) for more information.



30 January, from NSW Department of Communities and Justice: Do you need a place to stay?

If you are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, we're here to help.

Link2home can offer:

- 👉 Information about local services.
- 👉 An assessment to determine what kind of support you need.
- 👉 A referral to appropriate homelessness services, support services, and temporary accommodation across NSW.

Call Link2home on 1800 152 152, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Need somewhere safe to sleep tonight?

Call Link2home: 1800 152 152
24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 January - Thursday 03 July: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Tuesday 04 February: 10-12 Mandarin 1-3PM English. @ Gordon Library.
Intro to cyber security

Thursday 06 February: 10-12 Mandarin 1-3PM English. @ Gordon Library.
Intro to apps on smartphones

Tuesday 11 February: 10-12 Mandarin 1-3PM English. @ Gordon Library.
Intro to online shopping and banking – Part one

Wednesday 12 February: FREE online webinar for carers and parents of Year 7 (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school. Info & registration [here](#).

Thursday 13 February: 10-12 Mandarin. 1-3pm English. @ Gordon Library.
Sharing photos and other attachments

Thursday 20 February: 10-12 Mandarin. 1-3pm English. @ Gordon Library.
Intro to cyber security

Tuesday 25 February: FREE online webinar for carers and parents of Year 7 (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school. Info & registration [here](#).

Thursday 27 February: 10-12 Mandarin. 1-3pm English. @ Gordon Library.
Intro to online shopping and banking – Part one

Sunday 02 March: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 19 March: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Algorithms and adolescents: the rewards and risks of recommender systems for young people. Info & registration [here](#).

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Frequently Asked Questions #29: 'IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON THE KERB?

NO. There is no legal requirement for kerb numbers. It is optional. It is only a legal requirement to display the correct house number (street number) on the building (house) OR fence fronting the street [– see FAQ #28 IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON MY HOUSE?].

However, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.

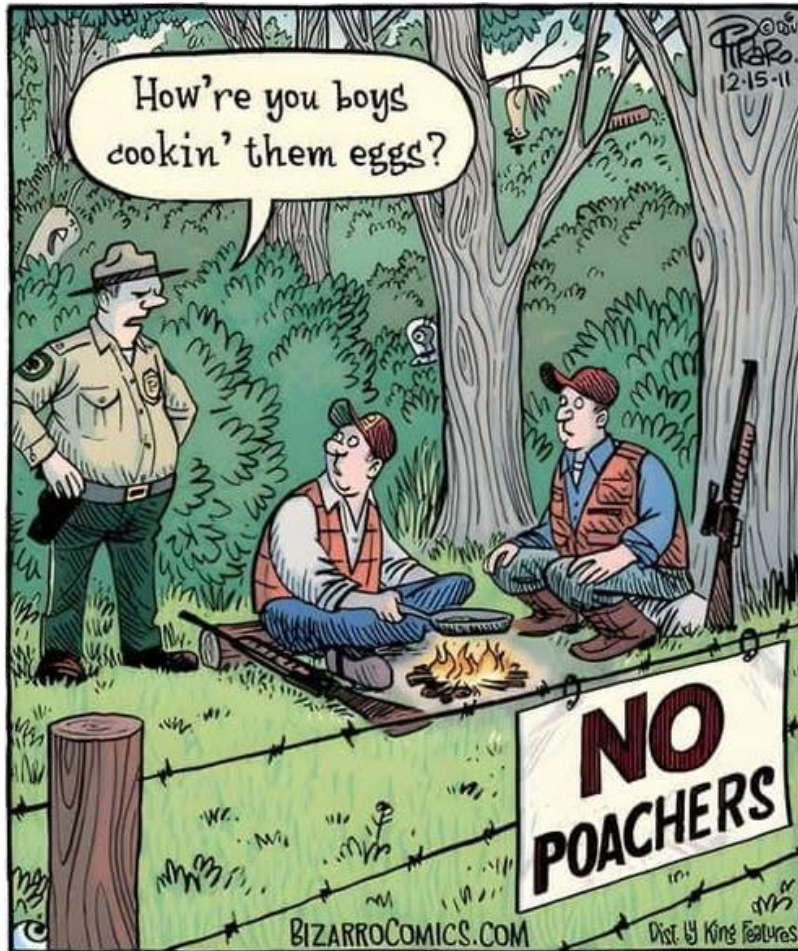
- The kerb is chosen to enable emergency services to look to a common place, away from the physical structure of the house, to identify an address.
 - The kerb number should be located about 60cm from your driveway entrance.
 - You will need the kerb number to be visible, eg a white number on a black background.
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Some councils dictate the height, font, colour and method of kerb numbering.
Each Local

Government Area has its own Policy. Please check your council's regulations.

- Rather than simply one number, Neighbourhood Watch suggests all three numbers:
 1. A number displayed on the façade or fence of the property, and
 2. In addition, a number displayed on the letterbox (optional) and
 3. In addition, a number on the kerb outside your property (optional).
- If your home is situated on a corner, the number should face the street named in your address.
- Reflective numbers are optional, although highly recommended by NHW.
- Double-check for Homeowner's Association restrictions. For the complete FAQ, with reasoning etc, see the FAQ#29 [here](#).

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 International Laugh Day



Thanks to Steven Acree, 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.
