



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #702 - 25 March 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](#).

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### 24 March, from Transportnsw.info

🚲 The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic is taking place this weekend on Sunday the 30th of March 2025. There will be 4 available options for riders to take part in being the 27km ride, 57km ride, 80km ride and 104km ride.

Please be aware there will be numerous road closures from 5.00am to 3.00pm in Turramurra, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, St Ives, Mt Colah and Terrey Hills. Please plan ahead and consider all available travel options ahead of time.

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For more specific information on road closures, please visit site [here](#).



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## **22 March, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command**

Motorcycle riders face a much higher risk on our roads compared to other road users due to their reduced protection. In 2024, 67 motorcyclists lost their lives on NSW roads, 22 riders have already died in 2025, marking a significant increase from the same period last year.

Regardless of who is at fault—whether a motorcycle rider making poor decisions or a victim of another driver’s dangerous actions—motorcyclists are often the ones left seriously injured or killed.

If you are a motorcycle rider, ride within the speed limit or according to conditions to give yourself time to take action and avoid a collision.

If you’re driving a motor vehicle, be vigilant for motorcyclists and give them the time and space they need. We can all play a part in keeping each other safe on the road.

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**17 March, from NSW Police Force**



The NSW Police has rolled out five new Lenco BearCat armoured vehicles, designed to keep officers safe in high-risk situations, from tactical operations to counter-terrorism and riot response.

For the first time in Australia, one of these vehicles features an extendable ramp, giving officers rapid access to multi-storey buildings and aircraft. While

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this game-changing BearCat will be based in Sydney, the others will be strategically deployed across the state, ensuring faster response times and greater protection for communities across NSW.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).



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**25 March, NSW Food Authority: Ku-ring-gai is on the list this week.**

Find out which food businesses have allegedly breached food safety laws in NSW:

- 10 premises added this week
- 5 premises removed (publication period expired).

Read details [here](#).



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**25 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV and Transport for NSW**

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Anyone else grow up being told it was illegal to drive with the interior light on?



There's no specific road rule for this, but if it should be done is still up for debate



📖 Road Rules require that drivers have proper control of a vehicle, and state the need for a clear view of the road and traffic... 👁️

If having the light on impacts your vision, view of the road or ability to control the vehicle, then THAT'S when it becomes unsafe and illegal.



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**24 March, from NSW Fair Trading: Rental water efficiency measures for toilets are now in place.**

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As of 23 March 2025, landlords must make sure their rental property also includes water efficient toilets if they want to continue to charge tenants for water usage.

Here's what you need to know:

Tenants - You are only required to pay for water usage if the separately metered property has all water efficiency measures in place, and you have been informed about them.

Landlords/Agents - To charge for water usage, ensure your property meets all water efficiency measures and pass on this information to your tenants. This includes having a dual flush toilet that has a minimum 3-star rating in line with the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme.

Find out more on our website [here](#).



Now in effect:  
New water  
efficiency measures  
for rentals

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## 24 March, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command



**Lost keys handed in**

We have a box full of car keys, house keys, security keys and more.

They're attached to everything from lanyards and tags to discs and chains.

**What's not attached is a tag with the owner's name and number.**

Losing keys is inconvenient and replacing them comes at a cost.

Why not attach a tag with a name and contact number.

Give yourself a chance of getting lost keys back.

Police and community working together

Northern Beaches Police Area Command

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## 24 March, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

Police are seeking assistance from the public to identify a male who may be able to assist police with their enquiries in relation to a malicious damage of a glass panel which occurred at Central Railway Station around 12:30pm on Saturday 15th February 2025. The person police are seeking to identify is described as Caucasian appearance, about 175cm tall, medium build, sporting a grey goatee, wearing a black hat and sunglasses, short sleeve shirt with a Bob Marley print at the front, blue shorts, black shoes, and white headphones wrapped around his neck. Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote reference number C100539268. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report

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information via NSW Police Force social media pages.



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**24 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group yesterday (Saturday):**

Hi there, I'm a groundskeeper at St Bernard's Catholic School. Yesterday, Friday 21st March a weed sprayer fell off the back of my Ute. It's a STILH 12L Backpack Weed Sprayer (orange handle and lid with transparent tub and black STILH label on tub. It's got a little pressure gauge on the trigger. Has anyone

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seen it? Thank you.



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**24 March, from [canberratimes.com.au](http://canberratimes.com.au): Is it illegal to brake-check someone who is tailgating you?**

You may have done it to someone. You may have had it done to you. But did you know that to brake-check someone who is tailgating you could land you a big fine and possible demerit points? Or, worse – it could cost you your licence. Tapping your brake pedal to warn another road user not to tailgate is a chargeable offence

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You could face fines in some jurisdictions, while others may impose stricter penalties

Some states could imprison you if your driving is considered that dangerous.

Find out more [here](#).

PLEASE SHARE 🦋🦋🦋🦋



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### 24 March, from National Emergency Management Agency

Mobile phones are useful tools when preparing for emergencies, with apps designed to help you plan for, and respond to emergencies. 📱

The apps below can help you monitor your local area:

☁️ The [Bureau of Meteorology](#) app will use your location details to alert you to severe weather events happening near you.

📻 The [ABC Australia](#) listen app allows you to listen to local programs and emergency broadcasts from any ABC Radio station around Australia.

⚠️ The Emergency+ app helps you ring triple-0 and provides you with your GPS coordinates so you can tell an operator where you are.

Find more information, including state specific apps to download [here](#).

If the power is out during an emergency, it can be useful to have a mobile phone charger on hand that doesn't rely on mains electricity, like a portable battery charger, power bank, or a car charger. 🔋

A mobile phone can be an invaluable way to help keep yourself safe during a disaster, but you should make sure you have other ways of receiving information in an emergency.

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**24 March, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group 3 days ago (Friday):**

EDIT: LOOKING FOR A PINK CAR THAT WITNESSED A PEDESTRIAN HIT THIS MORNING ON MALS BURY AVE OUTSIDE OF NORMANHURST STATION (or any car that drove through there between about 7.50 and 8.05)

This morning my daughter was hit by a white small truck that ran a red light at Normanhurst train station just before 8am. The car that was stopped at the lights in the opposite direction was pink. Im hoping that I can find this car, and that they have a dash cam.

Alternatively, the driver parked briefly in a driveway just after the lights, so if anyone went through the area between 7.50 and 8.05 with a dash cam I would be very grateful for assistance.

EDIT 2: She is home from hospital, sore and tired but could have been much worse.

Thanks for any help.

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## 22 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

### We have a new Frequently Asked Question #35 HOW CAN I PROTECT MY KIDS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED WITH CRIME AT THE SKATEBOARD PARK?

We are asked by parents this and similar questions when we have a crime prevention stall at community events. Rather than simply answering a few parents, we are sharing the information with the community. There are plenty more questions on the list for us to research. Please keep those questions coming.

Thank you to those who gave input. And thank you to our local Youth Officer at Hornsby police station who reviewed it.

For a copy in your inbox, email us at [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com). Or go to our website and scroll down for the FAQs [here](#).

Frequently Asked Question #35 HOW CAN I PROTECT MY KIDS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED WITH CRIME AT THE SKATEBOARD PARK?	
 <p>At skateboard parks, kids meet older kids/young adults. Some of those older kids may be using drugs or be a poor influence.</p> <p>Kids learn the culture of 'street art', as a form of artistic expression. They are introduced to tagging techniques that can be used for graffiti. Unfortunately, graffiti is seen as a 'gateway' to progressing to worse criminal activity.</p> <p>If crime goes unreported, the kids learn that they can beat the system - it fuels the urgency.</p> <p>Culture is also learnt on social media. Apps such as TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat allow kids to create, share, and discover short-form videos, typically ranging from 15 to 60 seconds. Kids learn to tag with beating the system, and you have kids learning about crime. They begin tagging, graffitiing, or jumping and riding externally on the trains, thinking that this has 'credibility'.</p> <p>It is sometimes associated with gang activity 'tagging', as it can be used to mark territory and messages. This association may introduce individuals to more serious criminal activity such as drug supply.</p> <p>That teenagers' behaviour is affected by raging hormones. They like showing off. The particular kind of behaviour will get them a partner, and possibly believe that these 'bad boys' or 'badass chicks'.</p> <p><b>Options</b></p> <p>Encourage your kids to take up organised sports or strongly supervise them when at the park. They will have a vastly reduced chance to come into contact with drugs, the drugs, and other potential criminal activity.</p> <p>Use supervised play dates and supervised sleep overs.</p> <p>Know your child's friends' parents, so you are all on the same page.</p>	 <p>After all, skateboarding is an Olympic sport. Not all skateboarders end up criminals! It is a fun, confidence-building, good exercise, and offers socialising. So, if your child is adamant about skateboarding, please closely monitor their activity, offering education and support.</p> <p>Do not allow your children to wander the parks and streets at night without supervision, as bad things will happen.</p> <p><b>Legal Information</b></p> <p>Under criminal law, a young person is defined as a person less than 18 years of age.</p> <p>The Act may divert eligible young offenders from court and detention through warnings, cautions, or referral to a youth justice conference under the <i>Young Offenders Act</i>. The Act provides that a formal caution or a Youth Justice Conference (YJC) can be prescribed for a young person if the young person has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>admitted the offence;</li><li>consented to a caution or YJC;</li><li>committed an offence for which a caution or YJC can be given; and,</li><li>is entitled to a caution or YJC.</li></ul> <p>A decision about entitlement is made with regards to the seriousness of the offence; the nature of the offence; the harm caused to the victim; previous offence history, and any other factors that the official thinks is appropriate.</p> <p>Not all offences are covered under the <i>Young Offenders Act</i>. Young offenders cannot be charged with a graffiti offence under the <i>Graffiti Legislation Amendment Act 2012</i>. Courts have the ability to use cautions and refer young offenders to a youth justice conference in these cases.</p> <p><b>Is it graffiti?</b></p> <p>Whether it is art or not, if it is painted onto premises without permission then it is graffiti. Graffiti vandalism is a crime. Graffiti vandalism significantly affects individuals and the community. Tens of millions of taxpayer dollars are being spent annually on cleaning up graffiti and repairing the damage that it causes. Spending this public money on cleaning up graffiti means that money isn't being spent on things that can benefit the community.</p>
<p>DES (including anyone on your property)</p> <p>FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)</p> <p>NON-EMERGENCY/POLICE TO ATTEND NON-URGENTLY (Police Assistance Line)</p> <p>UNIVERSITY PORTAL (Online reporting of minor crime/lost property)</p> <p>SURE (Hornsby Police Station)</p> <p>Police, type PFP</p> <p>TEN</p>	<p>This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. For more information, please contact the Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station or email us at <a href="mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com">NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com</a>. Our resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai website: <a href="http://www.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/">www.nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/tips/</a>. Our community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: <a href="http://WatchOut.org.au">WatchOut.org.au</a>. Follow us on Facebook, X, or at our website. Contact us at: <a href="mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com">NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>Mar 2025 V1.5KJ</p>

**22 March, from smh.com.au**

An 18-year-old man has been charged following an alleged assault on a woman on the north shore, in which she fought off her attacker, who had grabbed her from behind.

Read full story [here](#).



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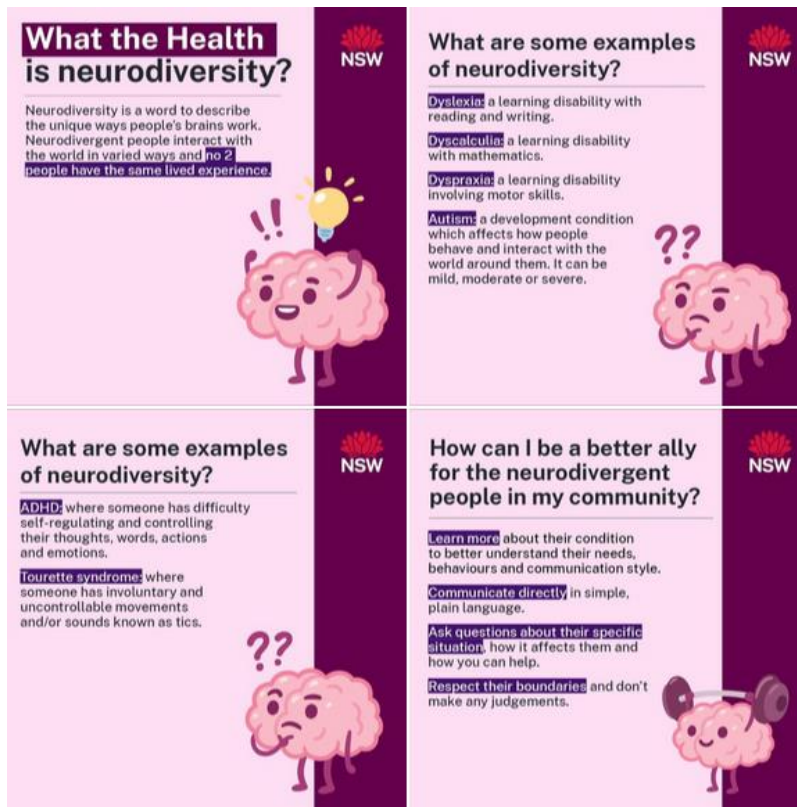
**21 March, from NSW Health**

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. People who are neurodivergent interact with the world in varied ways and no 2 people have the same lived experience.

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Be an ally and find out more about how to support the neurodivergent community: [here](#).



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**21 March, from NSW Government: Paid for something you never received? The business must provide a solution.**

Under Australian Consumer Law, you're protected when buying from Australian businesses—they must meet certain standards when dealing with customers.

Stay informed and shop confidently.

Learn more [here](#).

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**21 March, from Australian Communications and Media Authority:**

**Frustrated by spam? There are steps you can take to reduce it:**

- don't tick subscribe boxes when completing online forms
- check the fine print when entering online competitions
- look out for pre-checked boxes when you buy products or sign up for services
- improve your computer security with spam or advertising filters.

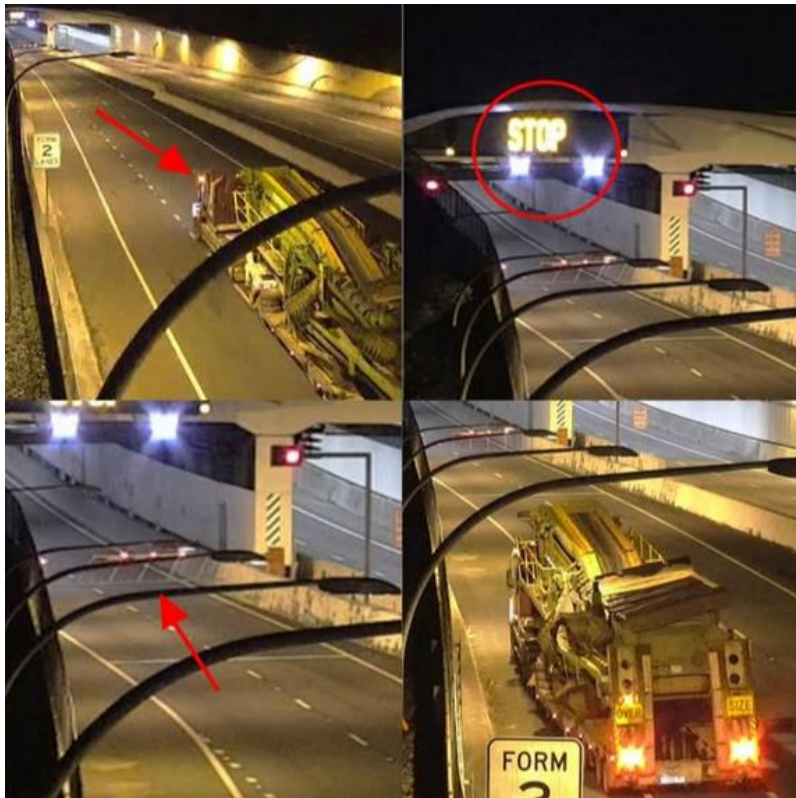
Find out more [here](#).



**21 March, from Transport for NSW: This truck is TOO TALL for the tunnel it's heading towards... so here's how we stop it 🙌**

Our sensors pick up the overheight truck and alert our operators of the danger. From there, they give warnings to the oncoming truck, flashing lights and programming the message board to say 'STOP' 🛑

And if needed, they even initiate the tunnel closure process, but thankfully this truck saw the warnings and stopped in time 🙏



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**21 March, Shared with permission from the West Lindfield/Killara Facebook group:**

This morning (Friday 21.3.25) I was parked on Moore Ave, opposite the newsagency and Moore Ave Cafe between 7.45am and 8.30am. Someone has scraped down the entire right side of my car. The car is possibly white or grey (\*\*may have been a Woolworths truck). The cafe is checking their CCTV. It would have been loud so perhaps it has caught the attention of someone.

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Please message me if you saw anything. Thank you.



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### **21 March, from Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch**

We have been contacted by a resident who wished to warn the community about a person collecting returnable bottles/cans from yellow bins on other people's property in the West side of Mount Colah.

Our comments:

Don't put your bins out until the latest possible convenient time.

Store your bins out of sight if possible.

Secure your yard and property where possible.

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If you don't want to reclaim the 10c deposits, then consider leaving these containers separate from your bin, for others to reclaim (eg local school children, or those collecting for charity).

Know that the bins aren't yours - they belong to council.

You are entitled to move/remove anything left on your property.

If any one is trespassing on your property and you fear for your safety, phone the police on 000.





**20 March, from [sgcarmart.com](http://sgcarmart.com): Life saving tips - what you can do if the driver of the car you're in passes out at the wheel.**



So, what should you do if you find yourself in the unlikely position? Here are several tips on what you can try to do when you face such a situation.

1. Do not turn off the engine!
2. Do not jump out of the car!
3. Alert other road users of your predicament.
4. Try to take over control of the vehicle.
5. Stop the car from gaining speed.
6. Try to slow the car down to a stop.

Of course, unless you are really flexible, or have a pair of really long legs, it is easier said than done.

Hence, you should also use the handbrake (if the car has one at the centre console area) to gradually slow the car down - don't yank at it, you might lock up the wheels and unsettle the car!

When you finally get the car to stop safely, you should engage the handbrake and turn the ignition off, to prevent any possibility of the car moving off again.


With the car stopped, you can now contact emergency services.

PLEASE SHARE 🦋🦋🦋

Read full article [here](#).

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19 March, from NHW K&H: Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council for organising another great Everything for Seniors Expo at Turramurra



**e-bikes**

*Have you or a family member lost an e-bike or had one stolen?*


*It might be at one of our police stations.*

*If you have its serial number or the bike has a particular identifying feature, please get in touch.*

*If you own an e-bike, please take a few minutes to photograph both it and its serial number and keep them handy. Perhaps even add an identifying feature that's hard to remove.*

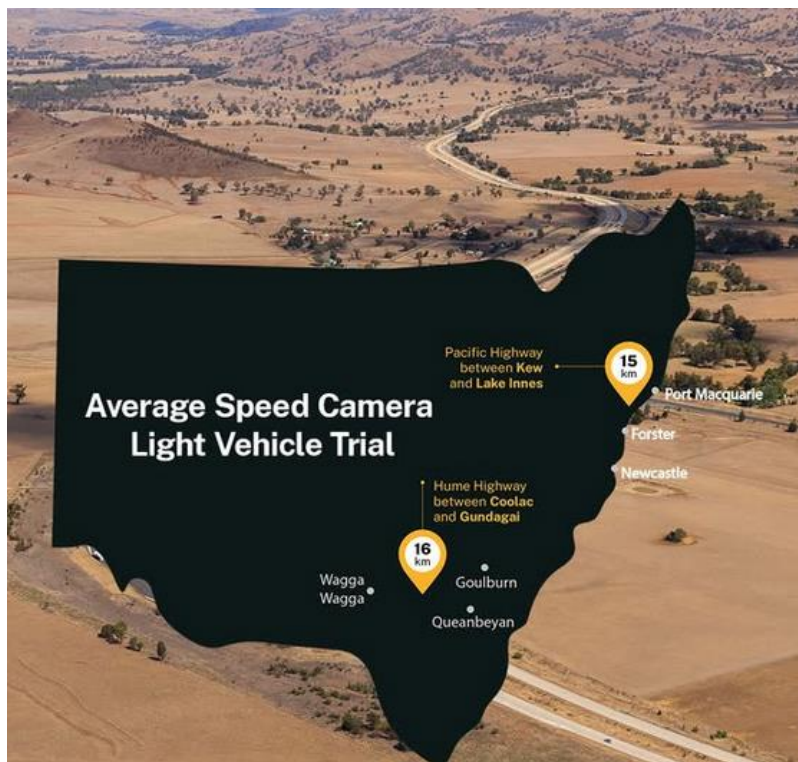
*This will make the job of identifying and reclaiming a bike that's been found or recovered so much easier.*

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19 March, from NSW Road Safety - NSW Gov



🚗 From 1 May, average speed cameras will be trialled for all light vehicles, including cars, motorcycles and utes, at two locations.

The trial will assess whether this change improves road safety by reducing speeding in these areas 

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## 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**.

**Wednesday 26 March:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ Hamilton Park, Turramurra for residents of: Barellan Ave, Kissing Point Rd, Mitchell Cr, Monteith St, Rothwell Rd, Shand Cr, Tamboon Ave, Waratah Rd. Info & to register [here](#).

**Wednesday 02 April:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ Pleasant Avenue Reserve, East Lindfield for residents of: Ailsa Cl, Badarene Pl, Bardia Pl, Carlyle Rd, Crete Pl, Damour Ave, Johore Pl, Loombah Ave, Mayfair Pl, Namoi Pl, Ormonde Rd, Robinson St, Tryon Rd, Ulmarra Pl, Wellington Rd. Info & to register [here](#).

**Wednesday 14 May:** FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration [here](#).

**Wednesday 21 May:** FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Safety 101: How eSafety can Help You. Info & registration [here](#).

**Wednesday 28 May:** FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Sexual Extortion: What Parents & Carers Need to Know. Info & registration [here](#).

**Wednesday 03 June:** FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration [here](#).

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**From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Garage Sales":**

**Tip #5.** You cannot sell dangerous goods, chemicals, faulty electrical items, or firearms.

**Tip #6.** After the garage sale, check that all home security systems are operable & have not been disabled to help facilitate later unauthorised entry. Conduct an inspection (using video inventory in #4 above) to identify any missing items. Please remember to remove all advertising after the event.

**Tip #12.** Never be alone—Ask for help running the garage sale, preferably 2 or more. Invite friends to sell their items with yours and thus gain help. And remember water, sunscreen, hat, food, medicine, and how will you take a toilet break?

**Tip #17.** Charge your phone the night before & have it on you. Ensure emergency numbers are in your phone (see below). If in doubt – phone! Alternatively, you could use your home/ car's panic alarm. Consider a personal alarm.

See also ACCC Product recalls [here](#).

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS series see [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.

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# Burglar of the year



Watch video [here](#).

Thanks to Kevin Shamus O'Hara

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## 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**

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[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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://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 - Berowra (paused)

\*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

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

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

\*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

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

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