



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #711 - 27 May 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](#).

26 May, from NSW Police Force

Two men have been arrested for looting on the Mid North Coast following the devastating floods - and police are sending a strong message.

As floodwaters recede, [Manning-Great Lakes Police](#) - with support from [PolAir](#) - are stepping up patrols 24/7 to protect the community.

🔴 Taking anything that isn't yours - even if floodwaters have moved it - is still a crime.

👁️ If you see anything suspicious, please report it immediately. Your call could help stop crime and protect your neighbours.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

26 May, from NSW Police Force:

In 1989 Assistant Commissioner of the AFP, Colin Stanley Winchester, was assassinated in Deakin Canberra, by an unknown perpetrator.

NSW Mounted Police Unit was sent to Canberra and tasked to search bushland around the area.

In true Mounties fashion, the officers showed off their horsemanship..... and a little light hearted fun.

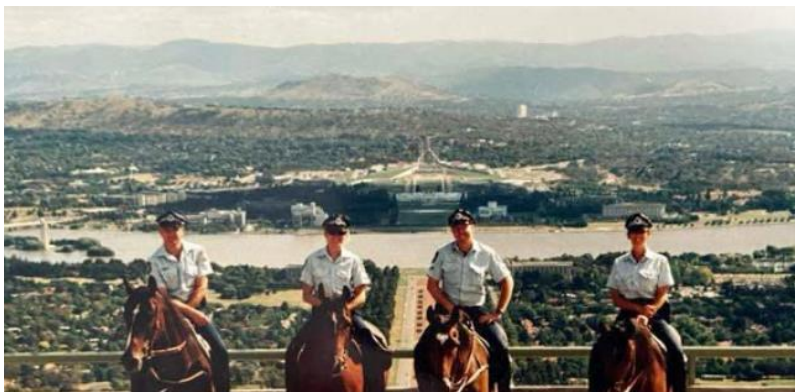
From left to right, officers:

Greg Rigby

Karen Owen

Andrew Yeo

Donna Sanders



26 May, from NSW Police Force: Weekend News Update

Good morning NSW 🌤️

Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- ◆ Police are appealing for public assistance as part of ongoing investigations into multiple car thefts and fires.
- ◆ A man has been charged after shots were allegedly fired at police following a pursuit.
- ◆ A further five children have been arrested over the assault of a man and woman in Sydney's eastern suburbs.
- ◆ Multiple people are being treated for gunshot injuries following a public place shooting in Parramatta.
- ◆ A man will face court after allegedly producing a firearm during a road-rage incident.
- ◆ A young girl is in critical condition after being hit by a car in Sydney's north.
- ◆ A man's body has been located following an extensive search of bushland in Sydney's southwest.
- ◆ A man will face court charged after a public place shooting in the Wollongong area earlier this month.

Want to read more? Visit our website ➡ police.nsw.gov.au/news

22 May, from Ku-ring-gai Command:

Last week our Highway Patrol Officers had a fantastic time visiting Asquith Public School for 'Walk Safely to School Day'.

We were proud to support this important initiative by chatting with students about how to stay safe on and around our roads. Our officers delivered a fun and interactive road safety presentation tailored for young minds - covering everything from safe crossing tips, to being aware of traffic as pedestrian and cyclists.

Of course, the highlight for many was getting up and close to our police cars - sirens, lights and all!



26 May, from choice.com.au




We're targeting confusing and complicated energy pricing in our first designated

complaint to the regulator. Read more [here](#).

that could be costing you \$171 a year

CHOICE collected almost 400 energy bills from supporters between January and March 2025. The analysis revealed many retailers were reusing identical names for energy plans, despite offering them at different prices

What did CHOICE research into energy bills reveal?

-  64 bills told people they could save money by switching to a plan with an identical name but different prices
-  Across the 64 bills using identical plan names, people could have saved an average of \$171 per year if they had switched
-  CHOICE estimates that the practice of reusing identical names for plans with differing prices could, in aggregate, be

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This practice is extremely confusing, and potentially misleading or deceptive. Supporters who shared their bills with CHOICE often thought that the offer to save money by switching to a plan with an identical name was a mistake, and likely missed out on significant savings

CHOICE CEO, Ashley de Silva.

Read more at

26 May, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group:

Don't suppose anyone found a wedding ring on Wednesday between Kmart and Coles at Westfield Hornsby?



26 May, from 9 News Sydney



An outdoor gas heater sold by Aldi at stores in multiple states and territories has been recalled over a potential safety issue.

Anyone who purchased the Coolabah outdoor area gas heater between May 7 and May 9 is urged to cease using it immediately and return it to an Aldi store for a full refund.

25 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

We thought we'd share this advice from one of our travelling Neighbourhood Watch volunteers:

We are more used to using QR codes these days. However, they can easily be switched on printed posters and flyers, pointing you to a scam website. One trick for checking it is legit, is to check with a fingernail that a different QR code

hasn't been glued over the original one.



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

Hi neighbours, These items were illegally dumped on the nature strip outside my property in Gordon. This is the first time we've experienced this, so I'm unsure of the process—do I just contact the council to report the illegal dumping? I also saw on the council's website that tyres aren't accepted as part of the hard rubbish collection, otherwise I'd arrange for one to sort the problem quickly 😞

Thanks in advance for any advice, if this has ever happened to you.



25 May, from Chiefly Police District: Drink Spiking



DRINK SPIKING

Drink spiking is when someone deliberately adds alcohol or another drug to your drink without your knowledge and it is illegal in all Australian states and territories.

When you're out at a pub, club or party protect yourself:

- Watch your drinks
- avoid sharing drinks
- If someone you don't know well offers you a drink, go to the bar with them
- many people have their drinks spiked by someone they know: to avoid this, buy or pour your own drinks
- keep an eye on your friends and their drinks.

Drink spiking is serious: In an emergency, telephone triple zero (000) or the nearest police station. For information about sexual assault, or for counselling or referral, call **1800RESPECT**.

(source: <https://adf.org.au/insights/drink-spiking/>)

NSW Police Force NSW GOVERNMENT

As we gear up for an awesome weekend, including cheering on the mighty Penrith Panthers 🐾(maybe 😂), let's keep our drinks safe and our spirits high!



Drink spiking is a real buzzkill, so let's outsmart the mischief makers with these tips:

1. Guard your drink like the Panthers guard their try line 🍷 or like it's the last slice of pizza 🍕
2. Watch your glass like you watch every thrilling moment of the game or like it's a plot twist in your favorite show 📺
3. Stick with your mates – because teamwork makes the dream work! 🤝

Stay safe, enjoy the game, and let's make this weekend one for the books! 🏆🍷

25 May, from Dormtainment: Honda Takes 'Open Concept' to a Whole New Level!

Watch video [here](#).

25 May, from Australian Federal Police

The AFP has charged two Romanian nationals for their alleged roles in a deceptive \$800,000 card skimming scheme that involved tampering with ATMs across Sydney and the Illawarra region.

An investigation began in April, 2025, after multiple banks supplied intelligence about Sydney ATMs being tampered with.

Police will allege the two men inserted thin metal devices, known as skimmers, into the card slots of ATMs.

Skimmers capture the financial data stored on the magnetic strips of bank cards when they are used in ATMs. This data can then be accessed when the skimmer is retrieved.

Using this process, the men allegedly cloned bank cards with the stolen data and defrauded victims of a total of more than \$800,000.

It is also alleged the men obscured pinhole cameras on ATM machines to avoid detection.



23 May, from Queensland Police Service: Fur real!?



It was a ruff ride for a Sunshine Coast rider, who was intercepted by Paw Patrol with a furry companion behind the handlebar in Alexandra Headland last weekend.

Details [here](#).

23 May, from Burwood Police Area Command



On Thursday the 17th of April 2025, police were called to Burwood Local Court following reports of a man being found with a credit card knife in his wallet after passing through the security check point.

Police attended and spoke to the man where he claimed the knife was used to cut an apple. The knife was seized by police.

The 40-year-old man for Artarmon was issued a Court Attendance Notice to appear before Burwood Local Court on the 3rd of June 2025 for the offence of possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit.

22 May, from NSW Police Force: Good morning NSW 🌧️

Here are today's news headlines:

- ◆ Police are appealing for information following a break and enter and assault at a home in the state's south.
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- ◆ The body of a man has been located during floods on the state's Mid North Coast.
- ◆ A man and woman will face court charged after alleged illegal hunting and robbery in the state's central west.
- ◆ Operation Soteria officers have charged a teen after he allegedly broke into a motel with a machete, stole a car, and fled from police in a pursuit in the Moree area.
- ◆ A third teenage boy has been charged following a brawl at a park in Sydney's northern suburbs.

Want to read more? ➡ Visit our website police.nsw.gov.au/news

22 May, from eSafety Commissioner

🎮 It's not just a game 🧠

Video games and mobile app games containing gambling like content (loot boxes, casino-style games) can be linked to gambling harms and mental health issues.

To help parents protect their kids from gambling-like content, the [Australian Government](#) has introduced new classifications for video games.

The new game classifications can be found in the online gaming store or on video game packaging:

👛 in-game purchases with an element of chance such as paid loot boxes are classified as M.

🎰 simulated gaming, such as casino-style games – are classified as R18+ and legally restricted to adults.

Our eSafety guides help Australians navigate the online world safely with tips on most websites, apps, video games and social media [here](#).



22 May, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness

Refusing A Breath Test In Australia: What Are The Legal Consequences?

Driving under the influence is one of the leading causes of road accidents and fatalities in Australia.

To prevent drink driving, strict laws across the country make it mandatory for drivers to comply with random breath testing when asked by law enforcement. But what happens if you refuse a breath test? Is it worth the risk? This article explores the legal implications, focusing on penalties and how refusal impacts different states and territories.

Find out more:

PLEASE SHARE 🦋🦋🦋



22 May, from My Life



Dad taught me this
Rope escape hack

This original video was produced by Network Media, LLC and Zore & Tomek.
Watch video [here](#).

22 May, from Parramatta Police Area Command



Home Security: Leaving the home

- *Going shopping?
- *Doing School Pickup?
- *Heading to the movies or dinner?
- *Going to bed for the night?
- *Going on holidays?

Whether you are heading out for a few hours during the day, or switching off for the night, remember to:

- 🔑 Lock up house: ALL windows, doors - the rear, side and front!
- 📺 Check CCTV is working
- 🚨 Switch on security alarm

Seen something not right? Contact [CrimeStoppers](#).

22 May, from NSW Health: No Smoking means No Vaping.

Vaping is banned in all areas where smoking is banned including shopping centres, public transport, enclosed areas of restaurants, pubs and clubs, commercial outdoor dining areas and more. A \$300 on the spot fine can be issued for vaping or smoking in a smoke-free area.

For more information on smoke-free laws, visit:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx

For support to quit, visit iCanQuit.com.au or call the Quitline or Aboriginal Quitline on 13 78 48 today.



22 May, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Scams awareness shouldn't rely on the language you speak. That's why Scamwatch has scam-fighting information available in 22 languages.

Help your friends and family to spot and avoid scams by sharing these online resources with them.

[Check here.](#)



21 May, from North Shore Police Area Command

North Shore PAC are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the depicted male who was allegedly involved in an assault/road rage incident that took place on Lady Game Drive, Killara at 9:15pm on the 1st of March 2025.

If you can assist or have any information, please contact Chatswood Police Station on 9414 8499 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. Ref # C83330411 relates.



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 06 May to Tuesday 01 July: FREE Seniors Digital Mentoring. 10-11:30am @ Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College. Weekly on Tuesdays 10-11:30am and Thursdays 3-4:30pm. One-on-one mentoring with your device of choice. Info [here](#).

Tuesday 27 May: FREE online webinar for parents - Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity). 12:30-1:15pm. Info and 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](#).

Wednesday 23 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ **TBC location**

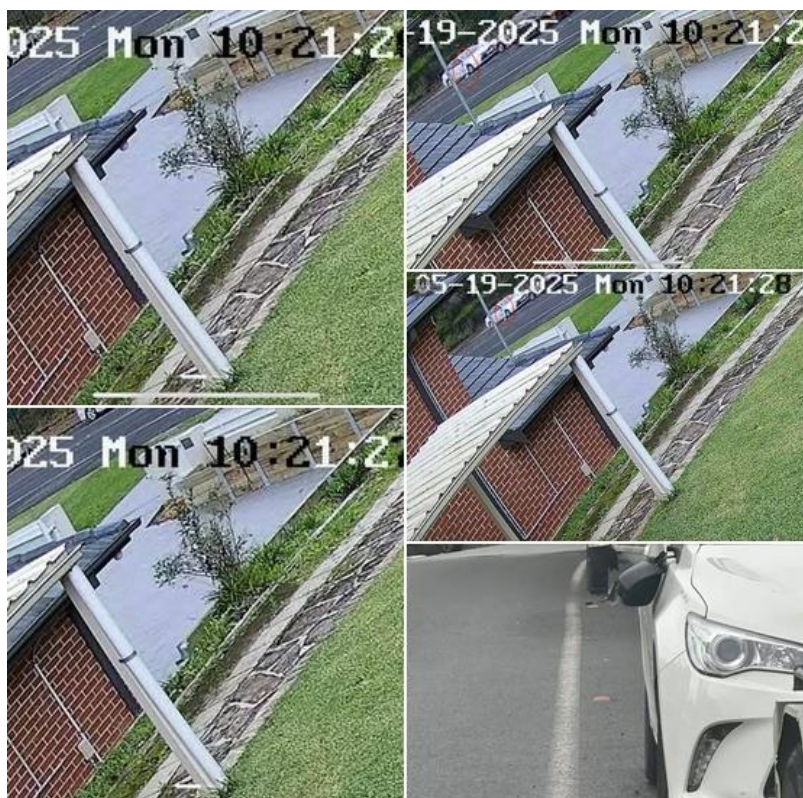
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21 May, Shared with permission from the Gordon Community Group yesterday (Tuesday):

I parked my car on the street at Carlotta Ave (across house no 8A) nicely within the street marking.

Yesterday (19 May) at 10.21.27 AM someone ran over my side mirror recklessly. The incident is clearly captured on the CCTV camera. So please, if you're the culprit, come forward and reach out to me and take responsibility before I pursue further.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Safe Drivers"

Tip #11. We all enter a roundabout as equals – no approach road has priority. Give way to

those already on roundabouts, including those entering before you from your left. Roundabouts are designed to keep the traffic flowing.

Tip #14. At traffic lights, do attempt to stop on amber, if safe to do so. Amber is not intended

for “racing the lights to red” (also termed a ‘ripe orange’). Driving through amber is an offence carrying points/fine similar to driving through a red.

Tip #17. Use headlights in bad weather, or on country roads. Use full beam at night as much

as possible when safe to do so without blinding other road users. Don’t wear sunglasses in a tunnel, as you need maximum vision and light, to see and be seen.

Tip #19. To actually ‘see’ your blind spots, try this trick: Whilst sitting parked in the car, have

a wheelie bin moved along both sides of your vehicle, while you view each mirror.

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.

21 May, Shared with permission from the [Pymble and West Pymble Community Page](#) yesterday (Tuesday):

Hi guys, my partner has been hit and run on Boundary Street, Roseville Chase this afternoon at approximately 4:45pm. If anyone drove down Boundary Street between 4:30pm and 5pm with any dashcam footage, could you please comment so I can try to get the plate details of the offender? 🙏

Would really appreciate the support, this driver was reckless and has left heavy damage to my car. 😞 Thank you 🙏

21 May, from mozillafoundation.org: It's Official: Cars Are the Worst Product Category We Have Ever Reviewed for Privacy



Ah, the wind in your hair, the open road ahead, and not a care in the world... except all the trackers, cameras, microphones, and sensors capturing your every move. Ugh. Modern cars are a privacy nightmare.

Car makers have been bragging about their cars being “computers on wheels” for years to promote their advanced features. However, the conversation about what driving a computer means for its occupants’ privacy hasn’t really caught up. While we worried that our doorbells and watches that connect to the internet might be spying on us, car brands quietly entered the data business by turning their vehicles into powerful data-gobbling machines. Machines that, because of all those brag-worthy bells and whistles, have an unmatched power to watch, listen, and collect information about what you do and where you go in your car.

All 25 car brands we researched earned our *Privacy Not Included warning label -- making cars the official worst category of products for privacy that we have ever reviewed.

Find out more [here](#).

21 May, from NSW Department of Education

#LoveWhereYouLearn

Free webinar

Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men

- The social and cultural influences shaping boys and young men
- How boys engage online
- The impact of social media, gaming and influencers

WHEN:

Tuesday, 27 May 2025
Wednesday, 30 July 2025

12:30 pm AEST

REGISTER NOW



Parents, carers and educators - register for a free 45-minute webinar, hosted by [eSafety Commissioner](#), and explore how boys and young men engage with the digital world. Gain insight into the online influences impacting boys and how to support them safely and respectfully.

Register now [here](#).



Thanks to GraphicsPedia



**I showed the damaged remains of my luggage to my lawyer and said, "I want to sue the airline."
"You don't have much of a case," he replied.**

Thanks to Kai Crafts: When the airline damaged your luggage 😏

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](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local NHW Facebook pages:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

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

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - 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.

