



**Neighbourhood Watch  
Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby**

**eNewsletter #713 - 10 June 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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**08 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command**

Police are appealing for assistance to locate 33yo John Ainsworth. He was last seen yesterday (8 June 2025). John is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 170cm tall, medium build, clean shaven with short black hair and hazel eyes.

If sighted call 000.

More information and photo on Facebook [here](#), or X/Twitter [here](#).

**Received a call or text from  
0444 444 444?**

If you receive a call or SMS from the number above, it is genuine.

The message is from Emergency Alert, a national telephone warning system that sends voice messages to landlines and text messages to mobile phones in a defined area using geo-targeting technology.

The number may be used to advise about high risk missing persons and emergency situations such as fire, flood, or extreme weather events.

Text Message  
Today 12:48 pm

Police are searching for missing man - John Smith 80, last seen in Busy St, Sydney, about 11am 20/4. Call 000 if sighted. <https://bit.ly/32EdxnA>

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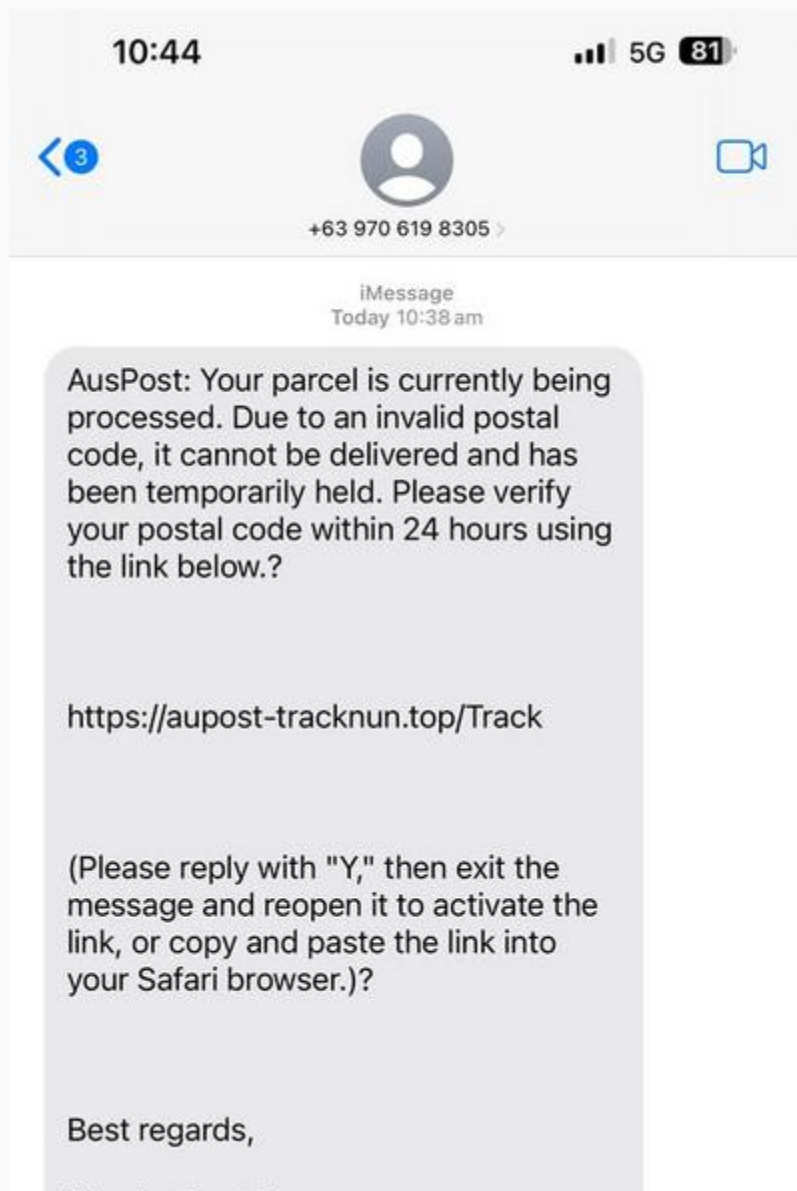
**06 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: ~~XXX~~ SCAM AWARENESS ~~XXX~~**

Take a look at this scam whereby scammers will entice you to click on a link which will take you to a fraudulent website, sometimes appearing legitimate.

Please remember, never click on links sent to you via messages. If you are expecting a delivery, exit out of the message and check your app or legitimate website via your search engine.

You can report scam attempts at Scam Watch [here](#).

Stay vigilant!



### 05 June, from Hornsby Shire Council



Recently the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Emergency Management Committee conducted Exercise Exodus, a multi-agency emergency training exercise held on Milson Island and the Hawkesbury River.

With boat-only access and remote conditions, Milson Island provided a unique and challenging location to test emergency response capabilities.

The exercise brought together teams from [Office of Sport](#), [NSW Rural Fire Service](#), [NSW Ambulance](#), [Marine Rescue NSW](#), [NSW Police Force](#), [NSW SES](#), [Fire and Rescue NSW](#) and [Hornsby Shire Council](#)

These joint exercises are essential for building strong collaboration across agencies and ensuring we're well-prepared for emergencies in even the most difficult locations.


A huge thank you to everyone involved, including the team located at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre, for their participation and support.

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### 05 June, from The Hills Police Area Command

🚒 \*\*New Police Wandering Laws Now in Effect Across NSW\*\* 🚒


To help tackle knife crime and keep our communities safe, NSW Police now have the power to use handheld metal-detecting 'wands' **\*\*without a warrant\*\*** in designated public areas.


 Officers can now stop and scan individuals at:

- Public transport stations and nearby areas
- On buses, trains, and trams within two stops of a designated station
- Shopping precincts
- Certain sporting venues
- Other public places and special events as designated by regulation

These reforms are part of a broader strategy to reduce knife-related crime, including:

- ◆ Doubling the penalty for selling a knife to a child under 16 — now up to **\*\*\$11,000\*\*** and **\*\*12 months jail\*\***
- ◆ New offence for selling knives to 16–17-year-olds without a valid reason
- ◆ Increased penalties for knife-related offences
- ◆ Support for high-impact police operations like **\*\*Operation Foil\*\***, which has already removed nearly **\*\*4,000 knives\*\*** from public places in the past year

 These new laws are a key part of the NSW Government's plan to make our streets safer and protect lives.

 Help spread the word — share this post and keep your community informed.



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#### 04 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

● World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, launched by the United Nations in 2011, is a global opportunity to put the spotlight on abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people, and promote dignity, respect and justice.

Elder abuse can be physical, psychological, sexual, financial, or neglect – and it often goes unseen.

“An estimated 1 in 6 older Australians experience some form of abuse. Two thirds of older people don’t seek help when they are abused (61%). Every older person deserves to live with dignity, respect and safety, free from harm and neglect. Everyone has a role to play to prevent elder abuse, including families, caregivers, professionals and communities.

The National Elder Abuse phone line is Australia-wide, free and confidential. Call on 1800 ELDERHelp or 1800 353 374 for information, support and referrals.



For further information on how to identify and help someone who may be a victim of elder abuse, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit on 02 9476 9799.



**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

**15 June 2025**

The abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people affects some of the most vulnerable members of society.

Elder abuse takes many forms – including psychological, financial, physical and neglect.

For information on how to identify and help someone who may be a victim of elder abuse, please contact this Command's Crime Prevention Unit on 02 9476 9799.

  
NSW Police Force

The poster features a blue background on the left with white and yellow text. On the right, there is a photograph of an elderly person's hands clasped together, showing signs of age and wear. The NSW Police Force crest is located at the bottom left of the poster.



09 June, from NSW Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force: OPERATION WARATAH 4-2025



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate person wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Ross BLAKE, aged 21, is wanted by virtue of a warrant.

Officers from the Police Transport Command North Central commenced inquiries into BLAKE whereabouts.

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate BLAKE. BLAKE is known to frequent Wyong, Tacoma, Kotara, Woy Woy.

The public are urged not to approach BLAKE, but if seen to contact Triple Zero (000).



Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) and refer to OPERATION WARATAH 4 - 2025 - LL.

Information is treated in strict confidence.

Members of the public are reminded not to report crime via NSW Police Force social media pages.

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08 June, from The Hills Police Area Command: 🚗 **\*\*Hills motorists—especially young drivers—heads up!\*\*** 🚗

## HILLS MOTORISTS—ESPECIALLY YOUNG DRIVERS—HEADS UP!

### 🚫 Speeding

Up to 20km/h over	\$128 fine, 4 (3 during double (4 points)
More than 20km/h over	\$304 fine, 4 (8 during double (8 points)
More than 30km/h over	\$608 fine, 5 (10 during double (5 points)
More than 45 km/h over	\$2,812 fine 6 months suspension

### 🍺 Drink Driving (P Platers = Zero Tolerance!)

Low-range PCA	\$639 fine 3 months
Mid-range PCA	\$1,100 fine 6 months
High-range PCA	Court appearance severe penalties

### 📱 Using a Mobile Phone While Driving

\$387 fine	\$387 fine 5 (10 during double (5 points) demerits)
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### 🚦 Running a Red Light

\$464 fine	\$464 fine 3 (6 during double demerits)
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### 🚗 Not Wearing a Seatbelt

Double demerits are in effect this long weekend, and the penalties for reckless driving are no joke. Here's what you could be facing if you don't drive responsibly:


### 🔴 **\*\*Speeding\*\***

- **\*\*Up to 20km/h over\*\***: \$128 fine, **\*\*2 points\*\*** (4 during double demerits)


- **More than 20km/h over**: \$304 fine, **4 points** (8 during double demerits)
- **More than 30km/h over**: \$608 fine, **5 points** (10 during double demerits)
- **More than 45km/h over**: \$2,812 fine, **6 months suspension**

 **Drink Driving (P Platers = Zero Tolerance!)**

- **Low-range PCA**: \$639 fine, **3 months suspension**
- **Mid-range PCA**: \$1,100 fine, **6 months suspension**
- **High-range PCA**: Court appearance, **severe penalties**

 **Using a Mobile Phone While Driving**


- \$387 fine, **5 points** (10 during double demerits)

 **Running a Red Light**



- \$464 fine, **3 points** (6 during double demerits)

 **Not Wearing a Seatbelt**

- \$387 fine, **3 points** (6 during double demerits)

 **Hoon Offences (Burnouts, Street Racing, etc.)**

- **Immediate licence suspension**
- **Vehicle impoundment**
- **Court appearance & hefty fines**

 **Bottom line? Drive safe, drive smart, and don't let poor choices ruin your weekend—or your licence!** 

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08 June, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find John?



John, aged 33, was last seen in Woy Woy at 8.30am on Saturday, 7 June 2025.

He is known to frequent Ettalong Beach, Umina Beach, and Woy Woy and police believe he may be in the Berowra area.

Anyone who sees him is urged to contact [Brisbane Water Police District](#) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

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08 June, from Burwood Police Area Command: 🚨 SCAM ALERT – PLEASE SHARE 🚨

A local victim in Burwood has lost \$50,000 to the Chinese Blessing Scam — and we're urging the community to stay alert 📢📢

<b>Attention: Burwood and Surrounds</b> <b>Scam Alert – Chinese Blessing Scam</b>  We've seen a rise in the Chinese Blessing Scam, with a recent <b>local victim losing \$50,000</b> . Scammers often target elderly members of the Chinese community, claiming to remove a curse in exchange for cash or valuables. Protect your loved ones: • No legitimate healer will ask for cash or jewellery • Warn elderly family and friends • Walk away and report any pressure in the street • Share this message in your community 📞 Report suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or the Police Assistance Line on 131 444	<b>注意：Burwood 及周边地区</b> <b>诈骗警报 – 中国“祈福诈骗”</b>  最近我们接到多起有关“中国祈福诈骗”的报告，其中一名本地受害者被骗走了 \$50,000 澳元。诈骗者通常锁定华人长者，谎称能“消灾解难”，要求交出现金或贵重物品。 😟😟😟😟 请保护您的亲人 • 合法的“法师”不会要求现金或珠宝 • 提醒年长亲友提高警惕 • 若在街头被搭话或感到被逼迫，请立刻走开并报警 • 请将此信息转发给社区成员  📞 若您发现可疑活动，请立即致电 Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) 或 警察协助热线 (131 444)
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**07 June, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:**

This is just a long shot but my 18ct gold wedding ring slipped off my finger ( due to the cold weather I expect) at Pennant Hills Marketplace this afternoon. I've had it for 43 years so am devastated. Hoping some honest person picked it up and hands it in. One can live in hope.

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**07 June, from: Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:**

Hi all,

\*\*edited to add...

We have been through our video footage and it looks like someone has brazenly taken the bag out of the car\*\*

This is a little random, but my daughter's bag of clothes has potentially been picked up from the grass verge outside our house. We live on high street, we were packing our car and we think we left it on either the driveway or grass verge, potentially near the council clean up pile.

If you have picked up a PUMA black bag with a lot of girls clothing in it, I, and my daughter, would be ever so grateful if you could return it. I can tell you the items that were in it.

She just wants it back. There's some brand new clothing in it, some things have a sentimental value too.

Please, if you have found it, just send me a message or drop it back to 15 high street.

Thanks, Katherine

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**07 June, from Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Bird flu doesn't just impact farmed poultry. If you have backyard chickens or pet birds, there are simple steps you can take to help protect your birds.

Prevent your birds from having contact with wild birds, keep enclosures clean and report multiple sick or dead birds to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

For more information, click [here](#).



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**07 June, from Australian federal Police**

A West Australian man has been charged with allegedly carrying a foldable pistol in his luggage.

Perth Airport security officers allegedly identified the firearm during an X-ray screening of the passenger's luggage.

Police searched his backpack and allegedly found an unlicensed foldable single-shot pistol weighing less than 1kg. No ammunition was found in the luggage or in the man's possession.



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**06 June, from Firefighters Australia:**



🔥 Burn pattern from a downed live power line. 🚒



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**06 June, from NSW Ambulance**

**TIME AND LOCATION:** In an emergency, knowing your exact location is critical. The Emergency Plus App is a powerful tool that will help you call Triple Zero (000) quickly, while enabling you to provide accurate details of your location to emergency services.

When you are unsure of your location, this is when the Emergency Plus App can make a difference – it uses your phone's GPS to pinpoint your position accurately, potentially saving valuable minutes.

Ensuring your location is clearly provided can help paramedics find you quickly – if it is safe to do so, have someone wait outside to signal the approaching ambulance.

Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



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## 06 June, from Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Food Recall Alert - IKEA Pty Limited - SLAGVERK breaded wheat-based pieces 500g

IKEA Pty Limited are conducting a recall of the above frozen product. The product has been available for sale in IKEA stores in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA and WA.

Date Marking: Best Before Date 19-08-2025

Article Number: 205.588.94

This recall is due to the presence of foreign object (black rubber pieces).

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

# FOOD RECALL ALERT

## FOREIGN MATTER

IKEA Pty Limited - SLAGVERK  
breaded wheat-based pieces 500g



[www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-recalls](http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-recalls)

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## 06 June, from ACCC Product Safety

Serious injuries and deaths have occurred due to faulty Takata airbags. If you own a BMW E9x (3 series) vehicle (manufactured in 2010-2012), stop driving immediately. Check if your vehicle is recalled.

Learn more [here](#) and share with your friends.

### URGENT COMPULSORY RECALL

**BMW E9x (3 series) vehicles  
(2010-2012) with Takata  
PSDI-5 driver airbag**

AIRBAG CAN SHOOT OUT SHARP FRAGMENTS  
**Risk of serious injuries or death**





## 06 June, from Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch

**UPDATE:** Reunited with owner. Thanks for everyone's help.

Shared with permission from the [Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community \(AU\)](#):

Bit of a long shot but has anyone received my Amazon package by accident today? 🙏 It contains a personalised gift for someone.



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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**.

**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](#).

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

**Tuesday 30 July:** 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](#).

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**05 June, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group:**



They are out there again- breaking into cars on Monday 0200 in Parker Ave.

Police report lodged and footage submitted Keep a look out everyone!

[Still taken from video.]

And from the comments:

No the car wasn't left open - it was broken into.

There was a car stolen in Wyomee a few days ago too.

They came to our house too.

Wyomee Avenue lost a vehicle Monday 2/6/25 as well.

6 of them wandered up Todman from Doncaster towards Wyomee @ 2:50am.

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### **From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Socially Isolated"**

**Tip #11.** Improve your home's security by arranging a FREE 'Safety Audit' visit from your Crime

Prevention Officer. They can recommend changes to make you feel safer.

**Tip #14.** Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "

We can't come to the phone right now... ", even if you live alone. If someone is at the door,

call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it, "Don't worry—I'll get it!" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.

**Tip #17.** Do not open the door to strangers! If they require your help in an emergency, offer to

phone on their behalf.

**Tip #20.** Keep emergency numbers (see table below) as easy dial/memory on your phone. Keep

the phone by the bed, along with a torch for emergencies. Report anything suspicious.

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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**05 June, from Transport for NSW:** Ever wondered what you'd do if you left your phone on the train? Here's a run down 📞

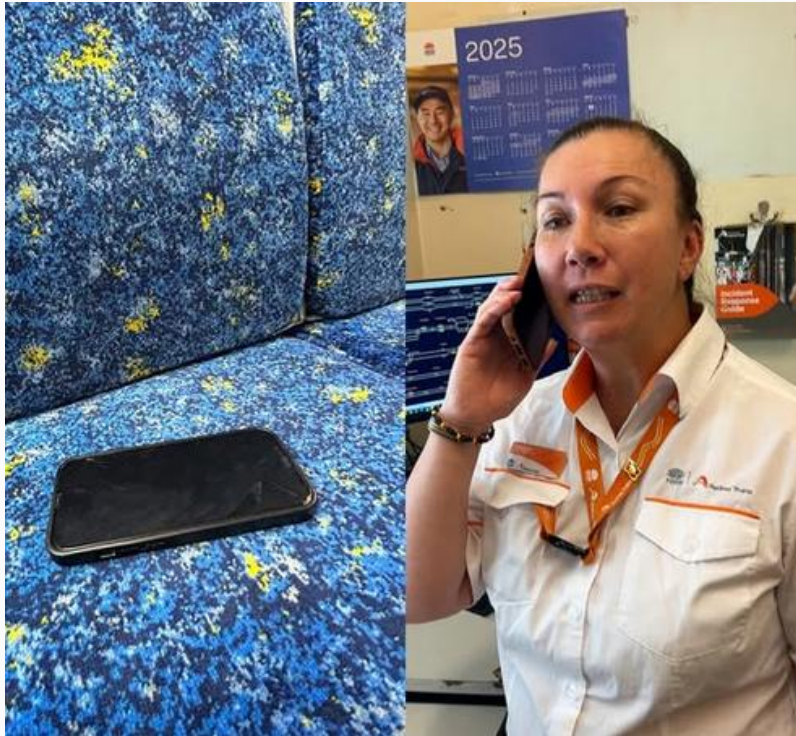
The best starting point is to notify station staff, like Caroline. She'll ask for details about the phone, where you were sitting etc 🚪

📱 She'll call the phone to see if another passenger answers. If they do, she'll kindly ask them if they'd be willing to hand it into staff at the next station or wherever they're departing.



If they don't answer, she'll call ahead to the next station with ability to help without interfering with train operations. Then they will look for the phone when the train arrives and call her back if it's found.

She'll then tell the passenger it's been found and offer for them to retrieve it themselves from the other station or come back later in the day after it's been returned to their current spot 🍵



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#### 05 June, from NSW Fair Trading

Changes to strata laws are starting 1 July 2025, making it easier for owners to:

- ✅ obtain minor renovation approvals
- ✅ install accessibility infrastructure
- ✅ provide evidence that an animal is an assistance animal.

The reforms will also protect strata schemes from unfair contract terms, introduce stricter rules on developers and encourage sustainability.

Learn more about the strata law changes, [here](#).



## New strata laws to support owners and residents

Starting 1 July 2025

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### 05 June, from 9 News Sydney

The New South Wales prison population is at its highest since the COVID-19 pandemic.

New data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research revealed the adult prison population in the state had risen to 13,103 since March 2025, the highest level since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Explained here.



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**04 June, Shared with permission from the Pennant Hills / Thornleigh / Westleigh and Surrounds Community Group:**

Looking for witness/cctv footage near 6 Trebor road,

Hi everyone,

This is hit&run happens on Saturday 31st May between 10.30am-11.30am

I had my car parked in the last spot in front of the apartment at 6 Trebor Road, where Fisher Avenue joins at a T-intersection.

I left around 10:30 AM to see a doctor at MC Family Medical Practice. When I returned at 11:30 AM, I noticed damage to my car, as shown in the attached photos.

If anyone has any information about what happened, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance!



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**04 June, NSW Maritime:** 📢 There's a 60-knot max speed limit restriction on all **powered** vessels towing any person, of any age until 30 June.

Remember you still need to:

⚠️ Follow all local waterway restrictions

👁️ Keep a proper lookout

✅ Maintain a safe distance from people, vessels, land and structures



To find out more [here](#).



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**04 June, from youi.com.au: Prangs happen. And then what?**



Car accidents can happen to anyone – no matter how good a driver you are. Whether it's a minor ding or a more serious crash, knowing what to do in a car accident is critical – not only for car insurance purposes, but also to help ensure the safety of everyone involved.

In 2021-22, 19,049 car occupants were hospitalised and 736 lost their lives as a result of transport-related injuries on Australian roads.<sup>1</sup> Thankfully not every car accident results in injury, but even the smallest incident can be stressful.

To make things a little less overwhelming, here are some steps you might want to follow if you've been involved in a car accident – big or small.

Read more [here](#).

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#### **04 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: What should you do if you think you're being followed?**



These tips could help:

- ✓ Stay calm
- ✓ Go where there are people
- ✓ Call 000 or a friend
- ✓ Don't go straight home

Let someone know what's happening and share your location if possible.

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Thanks to GraphicsPedia

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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**

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

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

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