



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

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

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

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

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

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17 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Anyone with information about the below depicted male is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

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Appeal following fraud – E84259413

Police are appealing for information to help identify a man they believe may be able to assist following a fraud in Hornsby in June..



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16 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: 🔥 PYMBLE FIRE🔥E85035565

Police are appealing for public assistance with a structural fire which occurred in Pymble on Thursday the 29th of May 2025.

About 4:00am on Thursday the 29th of May 2025, officers from Ku-ring gai Police Area Command attended a structural fire along the Pacific Highway x Ryde Road, Pymble.

Members from New South Wales Police and New South Wales Fire & Rescue arrived to find the abandoned structure well alight, resulting in the building being destroyed. Due to the nature of the fire, a crime scene was established, and investigations commenced to determine the circumstances and cause of the blaze. No persons were injured as a result of the incident however, police are seeking assistance from members of the public for any further information, CCTV or dash camera footage which may assist police in their enquiries.

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12 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

This week, our officers, including the commander of Ku-ring-gai PAC, Superintendent SCOTT, our volunteers in policing and our Multicultural Liaison officer have been out and about in the community connecting with residents and raising awareness for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 💜

We're proud to stand beside our older community members - handing out resources, answering questions and promoting the importance of respect, safety and dignity for all.

Let's keep the conversation going. Elder abuse can be physical, emotional, financial, or neglect - and it often goes unnoticed. Together, we can shine a light and make a difference.



11 June, from Aging and Disability Commission

Every older person has the right to make their own decisions, manage their finances, and maintain personal relationships.

You can get free legal support to help understand your rights.

If something feels wrong, it's worth asking questions to help reduce the risk of abuse.


Find out how to connect with legal support services [here](https://ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources.html).

You have rights.

Every older person has the right to make their own decisions, manage their finances, receive health care and maintain personal relationships.

Knowing your rights can help reduce the risk of abuse and helps you remain in control of your life.

To learn more:

 <https://ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources.html>

Ageing and Disability Commission

11 June, from Central Coast Incident Alerts, News and Information

Today is Thank a First Responder Day.

Where we would be without our first responders? Their commitment, dedication and bravery are second to none and we are truly grateful to them all.

Please join us in thanking all first responders, past and present.



11 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

On Thursday the 5th of June 2025, Officers from Ku-ring-gai Highway Patrol stopped a vehicle that was travelling on the Pacific Motorway, Brooklyn for the purpose of roadside testing. The male driver had been disqualified for a long period of time as a result of numerous traffic related offences. The male was subject to a drug test which returned a positive detection to Methamphetamine, Cocaine and Cannabis.

Police conducted a search of the male's vehicle and located 297g of Cannabis, 84.5g of methamphetamine, and 171g of an unknown powder substance. Police also located 15 cannabis plants with root systems attached as well as what appeared to be a hydroponic set up which included lights, amps, ducting ventilation, chemical, plant pots, buckets, clear resealable bags, scales and drug paraphernalia.

The street value of the Methamphetamine is estimated to have a street value of \$16,555-\$24,000.

The street value of the cannabis leaf is estimated have a street value of \$1,625-\$2,730.

The male was charged with 2 x possess prohibited drug, 1 x possess prohibited drug more then small and less then indictable quantity, 1 x supply prohibited drug more

than indictable and less than commercial quantity, 1 x drive motor vehicle during disqualification, 1 x hinder or resist police in the execution of their duty.

The male was arrested, bail refused and is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court later this month.



17 June, from Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force: Keep safe on quad bikes - please!

While quad bikes are great farming vehicles, farm owners and operators must be aware that quad bikes are high risk vehicles and are not safe for use in all terrains or for all tasks.

Pushing a quad bike beyond its limitations could have deadly consequences. To ensure safety:

- * Choose the right vehicle for the job (it might not be a quad bike)
- install a roll bar / operator protective device.
- * Make sure everyone is trained to safely operate a quad bike.
- * Choose the safest route – look out for obstacles.
- * Protect your head – always wear a helmet.
- * Regularly check tyre pressure.
- * No kids under 16 on adult-sized quad bikes.
- * Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.



KEEP SAFE quad bikes

 install a roll bar	 operators must be trained	 wear a helmet	 use suitable attachments (follow load limits)
 regularly check tyre pressure	 tell someone where you're going	 choose the safest route – look out for obstacles	 use active riding skills
 follow safe operating procedures	 remove the key when not in use	 regularly service and maintain the vehicle	 follow instructions in the owner's manual
 AVOID uneven, steep and muddy areas	 NEVER exceed load limits	 NEVER carry passengers	 NEVER allow kids under 16 on adult sized quad bikes

For more information visit safework.nsw.gov.au or call 13 10 50

17 June, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS AT DAWN AND DUSK!

Turning on your headlights at dawn and dusk, especially in winter, significantly improves visibility for both yourself and other drivers, reducing the risk of accidents.

In winter, the shorter days and often overcast conditions mean less natural light, making it crucial to enhance your vehicle's visibility.

Here's why it's important:

Increased Visibility:

Headlights make your vehicle more noticeable to other drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, especially during low-light conditions.

Reduced Accident Risk:

Poor visibility is a major contributing factor to accidents, and using headlights can help mitigate this risk.

Winter Conditions:

Winter often brings shorter days, overcast skies, and even fog, all of which can significantly reduce visibility.

Daytime Running Lights (DRLs):

While DRLs help, they may not always activate taillights, making it essential to use headlights in low-light conditions.

Common Sense:

It's a matter of common sense – turning on your headlights makes it safer for everyone on the road.

Essentially, turning on your headlights at dawn and dusk in winter is a proactive safety measure that can help prevent accidents and make the roads safer for everyone.

16 June, from Ryde Police Area Command

About 3:30 pm yesterday, police and emergency services were called to Lane Cove National Park at Pennant Hills to rescue a 56-year-old man who fell from his mountain bike along the Pennant Hills Park Fire Trail.

Police, firefighters, paramedics, and an aeromedical team were despatched and treated the man for concussion, grazes, and bruising. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

Fortunately, the man was wearing an approved and properly fitted bicycle helmet which protected him from a more serious injury.

Remember to download the emergency plus app. <https://www.emergencyplus.com.au>.



16 June, from The Hills Police Area Command: ****Thinking of running away?****



You don't have to face it alone. Whatever's going on—stress at home, school pressure, feeling misunderstood—there's someone ready to listen. No judgment. Just support.

📞 *Call* 1800 55 1800 (free, 24/7)

💬 *Chat online* at [kidshelpline.com.au](<https://kidshelpline.com.au>)

💖 *A safe space for 5–25 year olds*

You matter. Your story matters. And there's always a way forward that doesn't mean walking away.

16 June, from Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

176 arrested, 326 charges laid, 10 knives seized in latest public transport campaign - Operation Waratah 4

The planning phase of this latest campaign commenced in May 2025, with an operational phase of 150 officers deployed to arrest and disrupt offenders at transport hubs between 11 June to 14 June 2025.

Latest results include:

- 536 trains patrolled
- 10 knives seized
- 385 people searched
- Eight vehicles searched
- 201 move-on directions issued
- 60 drug detections made
- 149 bail compliance checks conducted
- 41 people arrested for breaching bail or outstanding warrants,
- 377 rail infringements issued.

Read More on the NSW Police Force - Latest News

<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=119062>

Anyone with information about offences being committed on the public transport network is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au> Information is managed on a confidential basis. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

16 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District Inc. NSW: Ryde Police Area Command

Thursday 12 June 2025

**** Refuse breath analysis – Ermington**

About 10:05pm on Sunday 08 June 2025, police observed a Toyota Camry swerving between lanes, while travelling in an easterly direction along Victoria Road, Ermington. Police activated their vehicle warning lights, however the vehicle continued driving.

A police pursuit was initiated, before the vehicle finally came to a stop at the intersection of Victoria Road and Hermitage Road, WEST RYDE. The 43-year-old male driver was submitted to a breath test, returning a reading of 0.251. The male was arrested and conveyed to Gladesville Police Station for the purpose of a breath analysis.

After a number of attempts, the male failed to supply a sufficient sample for analysis. The male's NSW drivers licence was suspended and the male was charged with Refuse or fail to submit breath analysis. The male will appear before Burwood Local Court on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

**** Armed with intent – Macquarie Park**

About 3pm on Monday 9 June 2025, police were called to a shopping centre on Herring Road, Macquarie Park, following reports of a man with a knife.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command were told a man was allegedly armed with a machete when he chased three other men at the bus stop near the shopping centre.

Inquiries revealed they all left the scene before police arrived and there were no injuries reported.

A crime scene was established, and police commenced an investigation into the incident.

Following inquiries, about 8.45am on Wednesday 11 June 2025, police arrested a 15-year-old boy at a home in Doonside.

He was taken to Blacktown Police Station where he was charged with affray, use offensive weapon with intent to commit indictable offence, use knife in public place – cause person to fear for safety and breach of bail.

He was refused bail, appearing before children's court on Wednesday 11 June 2025.

**** Chinese Blessing Scam – Strike Force Sentinel**

About 9:25am on 26 May 2025, an 83-year-old female was walking towards Hornsby Railway, with the intention of travelling to Eastwood. A 55-year-old female and a 53-

year-old- female her and asked if she knew a local doctor. The proceeded to convince the 83-year-old female to accompany them to see the local doctor, as they believed she was cursed, and her son was going to die due to misadventure. The group were met by another 52-year-old male.

The 83-year-old female was told to gather all her valuables and attend the bank to withdraw her savings. The female gathered over \$60,000 of cash and jewellery before bringing it back to the trio. The trio swapped the contents of the bag and sent her on her way. The 83-year-old female returned home where she opened the bag and realised, she had been scammed. She contacted her daughter who in turn contacted Police.

An extensive CCTV canvass was conducted which revealed two further 'lookouts' assisting the group, a 51-year-old female and 54-year-old male. Investigators with the assistance of NWM OSG conducted a further canvass via the train network, following the five offenders back to their residence in Haran Street Mascot.

By the time their temporary accommodation was identified, investigators had missed the offenders by less than a day. The offenders were further tracked to Sydney International Airport, where they were identified with the assistance of the Australian Border Force. All five offenders boarded a flight to Guangzhao, China.

All five suspects have been charged with 'Demand property in company with menaces w/i to steal', 'Dishonestly obtain property by deception' and 'Participate criminal group contribute criminal activity.'

Checks are currently being conducted, but it is believed that the suspects have been on shore several times in the past few years.

**** Dangerous behaviour targeted in King's Birthday Weekend**

Operation Kings Birthday long weekend 2025, a statewide traffic operation, commenced at 12am on Friday (6 June 2025) and concluded at 11.59pm yesterday (Monday 9 June 2025).

Double demerit points were in force for the duration of the operation for speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt, and motorcycle helmet offences.

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, together with local police, patrolled roads across the state, targeting dangerous driving behaviour and risks on the roads – with the aim of preventing injury and death.

During the period, police saw a concerning number of dangerous driving incidents, including excessive speed, high-range drink-driving, and reckless driving.

Police issued 4,032 speed infringements, conducted 202,762 breath tests with 275 people charged with drink-driving, 655 positive roadside drug detections after 9,551 random drug tests conducted, and attended 287 major crashes, resulting in 75 people injured.

Three people including a motorcycle rider died on NSW roads over the period, the same number during the operation last year.

There were 399 mobile phone infringements, 221 seatbelt infringements and 6,665 other infringements issued to drivers.

16 June, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page group (Wednesday):

Hi everyone! I hope you are well.

I just wanted to put out a small warning about something that happened to my grandmother yesterday. She was home alone when two men in high-vis approached her door (keep in mind she was not waiting for any work to be done and it wasn't someone like a meter reader). One was attempting to look inside whilst the other proceeded to repeatedly bang on the door yelling if anyone was home. Whilst this may have been an isolated incident, I'm wondering if anyone else has had a similar incident? Nevertheless, they seem to be targeting vulnerable people, so it may be a good idea to keep an eye on any elderly neighbours you may have.

Thanks everyone and have a great day!

EDIT: forgot to mention that this happened late afternoon around 4pm.

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

After some help!! At 635pm on 10/06/25 Our car parked on the street in Waipori St, St Ives Chase was hit by a car speeding up the hill. Smashed into our car and did not stop. It was seen by a person walking down the street. Thank god they did not hit them. Described as a dark car, but did not get registration. But they stated their car would be badly damaged on the passenger side. Please PM me if you see a car with damage on passenger side as I am sure it is a local car. Very disappointing as it would have been just insurance. Now it's a police matter. Or if it was you just PM and we will sort out

through insurance. Thank you in advance.



16 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby



Both Gordon and Hornsby police stations are in the Ku-ring-gai [Kuring Gai Police Area Command](#) Police Area Command. Did you know they have a lot of information on display for the public to take? Some is available in languages other than English. How about taking a look some time?

Next of Kin register

Little Book of Scams

Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai

Vehicle Safety

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Parking Smarter

Road Safety

Online Safety

Driving Tired

Pedestrian Safety

National Police Check

Alcohol and Young People

Breakdown Safety

We can help if your identity is stolen... and more.

15 June, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group:

!! Hello community. My kids' bike was stolen from our building garage in Waitara. If you have any information about a new teal Merida bike, please send me a message

ASAP. This was a birthday gift. My kid is very sad... Thank you guys 🙌



14 June, from eSafety Commissioner: Build your digital skills

Join over 2 million Australians building their digital confidence with Be Connected.

Access free learning resources online or join one of the thousands of community organisations running free classes.

Connect to the digital world safely and with confidence [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

14 June, from Australian Department of Home Affairs



Did you know it is against the law to provide immigration assistance in Australia unless you're an OMARA registered migration agent, an Australian legal practitioner or an exempt person?

Giving unlawful immigration assistance is a punishable offence and can lead to a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

If you know of someone providing unlawful immigration assistance, report them (anonymously if needed) to us through Border Watch [here](#).

Learn more about who can legally provide immigration assistance in Australia [here](#).

14 June, from education.gov.au: Anti-Bullying Rapid Review

Are you a teacher or school leader who has encountered bullying within Australian schools?

Online submissions for the Anti-Bullying Rapid Review are open, and we want to hear from you. Visit site [here](#) to find out more.

Watch video [here](#).

14 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

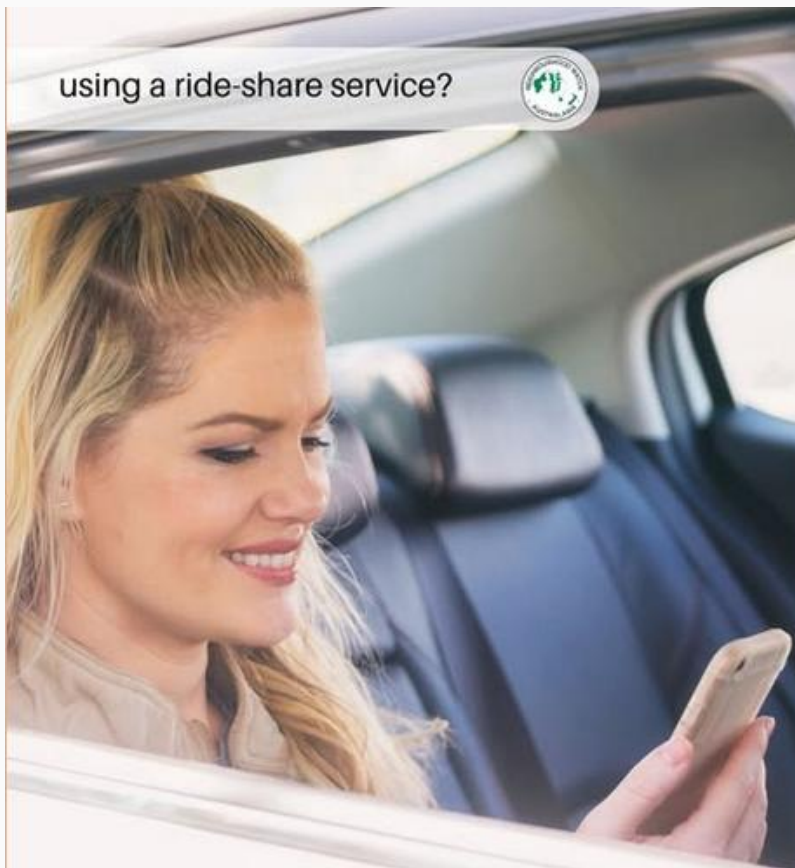
Ever used a ride-share service like Uber or DiDi?

Most of us have.

Follow these tips to increase your personal safety when using these services:

- ✔ Always check that the number plate and make/model of the car match the details in your app.
- ✔ Ask for the driver's name and make sure that's what is listed in your app.
- ✔ Don't offer your name. Ask the driver who they're picking up.
- ✔ Sit in the backk seat, if possibe.
- ✔ Share your trip status with a friend.
- ✔ Trust your gut. If anything feels off, cancel the ride.

Never get into a car unless you're 100% sure.



14 June, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh Pennant Hills and Normanhurst Community group:

I'm looking to reach out to people and hopefully make a change or impact people, possibly find a group of people who would also like to join me on my mission to clean up our local walks, waterways and environment.

I regularly take my pets out for nature walks and far too many times have filled bags upon bags of rubbish. It's disheartening and exhausting, so I'm hoping some people will see this and try to make a change, try to better themselves and help out when they can. Grab your friends, your family and make an adventure of it, take your pets, a biodegradable bag/eco bag or a bucket and pick up some rubbish. Make it into a game for your children, 10 pieces of rubbish equals \$5, or a toy. You can wear gloves or buy a grabber if you're really invested. Make an adventure of it, and have some fun while doing it, it costs nothing but fuel and some snacks to go for a few hours and help our earth.

I try to go at least once a week, I only travel for 20-40 minutes by car, I take my pets with me, I pack something to eat and drink, some biodegradable bin bags/reusable bags, a bucket and a jumper.

I don't put myself in harms way, I do climb onto places that are safe and I do go off track to pick up more. But every time I go I'm clearing rubbish. Whenever it rains more rubbish is washed in from overflowing bins, litter dropped on the street or people just too lazy to do anything. I make it into a game, I keep interesting (50£ note), or very old pieces of rubbish (once found a can of drink from 1989), and sometimes reuse things that are still okay (tennis balls for the dog park).

Councils won't attend long bush walks unfortunately and don't go off track as they may end up slightly injured and can't risk their staff, so us civilians need to pick up the slack for our wildlife and our beautiful environment.

We live on one of the most beautiful continents on earth, I implore you to help keep it stunning and beautiful.

If you'd like to join me, or attend a group, please say so, if I get enough people together I'll make regular groups where we can all attend.

Here's a list of places around the area you can attend:

Blue Gum Walk - Hornsby.

Callicoma Walk - Cherrybrook.

Elouera Bushland - Thornleigh.

Sheldon Forest Walk - Thornleigh.

Florence Cotton Reserve - Hornsby.

Bidjigal Platypus Track - Castle Hill.

Whale Rock - Pennant Hills.

Richard Webb Reserve - West Pennant Hills.

Waitara Creek - Normanhurst.

Terry's Creek Waterfall - Marsfield.

Vineyard Creek Reserve - Telopea.

The Great North Walk - North Ryde ETC.

Balaka Falls - Carlingford.

Or google your closest bush walk, national park (not pet friendly), or even just a small local walk.



13 June, from mynrma.com.au

With the hustle of daily life, we're often asked: is it illegal to eat while driving? Let's bite into the facts [here](#).



13 June, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: ADULT DRIVING INFLUENCES ON OUR CHILDREN!

Many parents assume their children begin learning to drive at 16, when they officially start lessons.

In reality, the process starts much earlier, as young as 3 or 4 years old, when they first become passengers.

Children absorb behaviours by watching how adults drive, forming attitudes about road safety, risk taking, and responsibility long before they take the wheel themselves.

By the time they reach 16, our children already have ingrained bad habits and attitudes. The cast is already set.

The goal for learner drivers should never be to pass a test, it's about shaping safe, responsible drivers long into the future.

Research shows that drivers aged 17 to 25 are particularly vulnerable, as their brain, especially the areas responsible for assessing risk and danger, are still developing.

Despite making up a small percentage of all drivers, this group is involved in 10% of fatal road traffic crashes.

To compound the problems, these same adults are then teaching their children. Using the same attributes and values they use.

While we all know the benefits of professional driving lessons, we complain about the cost.

Disregarding the benefits and realisation the lessons are an investment in their child's safety.

Professional driving instructors create competent, diligent and careful drivers.

Often reshaping the new drivers' attitudes that have been ingrained for many years.

We, as adults, have a lot to answer for.

Please consider this fact the next time you:

- Exceed the speed limit.
- Perform a risky overtake.
- Drive drunk or high.
- Rush through a red light.
- Use your mobile phone whilst driving.
- Feel anger or frustration at other road users.

- Don't wear your seatbelt.
- Scream at other road users.
- Tailgate.
- Push learner drivers along because you think they are going slow and are in your way.

Every action you take behind the wheel is shaping the next generation of drivers.

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE AND BE A POSITIVE DRIVING INFLUENCE ON OUR CHILDREN!



13 June, from acma.gov.au: Protect yourself from phone scams

Scammers impersonate government agencies like myGov and ATO. If you're unsure, contact them using official website details.

Scammers pretend to be from organisations you know.

Not sure if it's really them?

If you have doubts, hang up, don't reply and don't click any links.

Contact the business or organisation using the details on their website.



Click [here](#) for details.

13 June, from Gray Family Farm

With some very unwanted visitors on our farm lately we thought it was time to get us some of these 🕵️!

Big shout out to our local police for helping out with these signs and for all your great work 🙌



13 June, from Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation

A Turrumurra man, 23, is expected to appear in Hornsby Local Court today (12 June, 2025) charged with allegedly grooming a minor online and making plans to meet them.

Investigations began in February, 2025, after the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) received a report from a member of the public involving their child.

The report alleged the child was contacted on an instant messaging platform by an online user who claimed to be 17. The online user allegedly befriended the minor and asked for their conversations to move to a different platform. The user then allegedly engaged in sexualised conversation and suggested they meet in person.

With the assistance of the ACCCE, AFP investigators allegedly linked the Sydney man to the username behind the illegal activity. A search warrant was executed at the man's North Shore home in Turrumurra today (12 June, 2025) where investigators seized a phone and laptop which will undergo further forensic examination.

Watch video [here](#).

13 June, from North Shore Police Area Command

North Shore PAC are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the two depicted individuals who were allegedly involved in a break and enter at a unit complex on Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove in the early hours of Monday the 26th of May 2025.

If you can assist or have any information, please contact Chatswood Police Station on 9414 8499 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. Ref [#E100165812](#) relates.



11 June, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: Every week one child is run-over in a driveway in Australia!



Tragically, on average 7 children aged 0-14 years are killed and 60 are seriously injured due to driveway run-over incidents every year in Australia – equating to more than one child every week.

In the past 18 months alone, at least two children have been killed in driveway run-over incidents in Victoria.

A large number of run-over incidents occur in the morning and late afternoon – times when families are leaving for or returning from school, kindergarten and work.

Find out more [here](#).

PLEASE SHARE 🦋🦋🦋

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](#).

11 June, from Kidsafe Australia - 20 Minutes Rule

If an adult or child sustains a burn injury, remember to remove, cool, cover and seek. Remove all clothing from the area, unless stuck to the skin and place the burn under cool running water for 20 minutes – then seek medical help.

One lesson to learn about burns – 20 minutes to cool is the rule!



Burns First Aid

- PREVENT**
Take action to prevent burns and scalds to yourself and others.
- REMOVE**
Remove yourself from danger and remove any clothing or jewellery.
- COOL**
Place the burn under cool, gently running water for 20 minutes.
- COVER**
Cover the burn with a clean dressing.
- SEEK**
Seek medical attention if the burn is on the face, hands, lap or feet, bigger than 20 cent piece or blistered.

Kidsafe Australia
National Burns Awareness Month
ANZBA
Australia & New Zealand Burn Foundation

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[Learn more](#)

From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Staff in Aged Care"

Tip #13. Report all criminal activity to police. Phone Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444, or 000 (Triple Zero) for an urgent Police response.

Tip #15. All computer access to be monitored & passwords changed regularly.

Tip #18. Fire alarms/smoke detectors to be checked each 3 months, including fire alarm panels.

Tip #20. Any suspicious/unauthorised persons found on premises to be challenged. Call 000 (Triple Zero) if deemed necessary. Report everything that doesn't appear to be right. Trust your instincts.

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.

11 June, from GambleAware NSW: 👁️ Kids are exposed to gambling more than ever but there are simple ways to protect them.

👉 Learn more [here](#).



The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section has a light purple background and features an illustration of a man sitting at a desk with a laptop, looking stressed. The right section has a dark purple background and lists four quick tips to protect children from gambling harm, each preceded by a small icon.

Gambling harm can start young

Parents and carers can significantly influence how kids perceive gambling

Here are a few quick tips to protect your child from harm:

- 🕒 Limit screen time and use parental controls
- 💬 Talk about how gambling and gambling ads work
- 💳 Keep credit cards and in-game purchases out of reach
- 🎮 Check in on the games your child is playing

11 June, from Nathan Tilbury, Independent for Hornsby: OUR COMMUNITY IS DEMANDING COUNCIL DELIVER MORE FOOTPATHS



Walking is still by far the most popular recreation activity of choice for Hornsby Shire residents & many also use it as a preferred method to move around relatively short distances. However so much of the walking infrastructure across the Hornsby Shire is incomplete or even entirely missing.

Walkability is crucial for any suburb however, unfortunately, there are far too many missing links in our footpath networks that lead to shops, schools, transport networks, employment areas & bushwalking tracks.

Many of us are able to walk around without formal footpaths. However, if you are getting around with a pram, have a mobility issue or you are forced to walk on a busy road, this becomes a problem & is potentially dangerous.

Direct feedback from Hornsby Shire residents as to what they want to see their council prioritize for delivery continues to be footpaths, as the community repeatedly speak about this at our council meetings, via emails to councillors & it is provided as clear feedback whenever we have reports out for public consultation.

Currently, there are 325 locations across Hornsby Shire, that our system has identified as requiring a footpath. Council's current annual budget only allows us to deliver just 6 - 7 footpath projects each year. At the current rate it will be around 50 years until we complete the last footpath that our community requires right now.

Our residents are telling council that this is not good enough!

The HSC budget for missing footpaths needs to be reviewed & considered for an increase.

If you know of a missing footpath link or an area that needs a new footpath, please email me so I can make sure it is in council's program for delivery & it will help me build the case for an increased footpath budget. ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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11 June, Shared with permission from the South Turramurra Community Group:

I presume a senseless dumping..

I found this and more, scattered under the bushes at Auluba Oval.

I've created a pile, taken some to bin, ran out of time, still more, happy for additional help.

Let's get it cleaned up before another Friday evening social.

No use waiting for council.

A creative cubby appears to have been built in the trees which looks fun, but kids playing under there with electrical components, rusty batteries, broken glass etc, not cool.

Dumped tree debris also piled up if anyone wants some fire wood, plus a rusty exercise bike.



11 June, from FCC.GOV: What is 'Juice Jacking' and Tips to Avoid It



Planning to travel? No doubt you'll have your cell phone or another portable device, and you'll need to re-charge it at some point.

If your battery is running low, be aware that juicing up your electronic device at free USB port charging stations, such as those found in airports and hotel lobbies, might have unfortunate consequences. You could become a victim of "juice jacking," yet another cyber-theft tactic.

Cybersecurity experts warn that bad actors can load malware onto public USB charging stations to maliciously access electronic devices while they are being charged. Malware installed through a corrupted USB port can lock a device or export personal data and passwords directly to the perpetrator. Criminals can then use that information to access online accounts or sell it to other bad actors.

Although "juice jacking" has been demonstrated to be technically possible as a proof of concept, the FCC is not aware of any confirmed instances of it occurring.

Here are some tips to guard against "juice jacking:"

Using AC power outlets can help you avoid any potential risks, so be sure to pack AC, car chargers, and your own USB cables with you when traveling.

Carry an external battery.

Consider carrying a charging-only cable, which prevents data from sending or receiving while charging, from a trusted supplier.

If you plug your device into a USB port and a prompt appears asking you to select "share data" or "trust this computer" or "charge only," always select "charge only."

Public WiFi networks are another way that cyber criminals target travelers. To learn more about mobile phone and online security, check out the FCC consumer guide: [Wireless Connections and Bluetooth Security Tips](#).

10 June, from NSW Department of Education



Online spaces can offer connection and guidance - but they also come with risks: harmful content, exploitation, and toxic ideologies.

This Men's Health Week, let's empower boys and young men with tools to think critically, challenge harmful narratives, and have open, respectful conversations.

10 June, from Australian Border Force: That is a ship load of cocaine.



Last month, ABF officers received information on a suspicious shipping container imported to Australia. X-rays revealed anomalies in the container and officers located five carry bags wrapped in black plastic with a white substance in it.

Tests returned a positive result for cocaine. Further forensic testing by the [Australian Federal Police](#) confirmed that the bags contained 253 kilos of cocaine worth more than \$82 million.

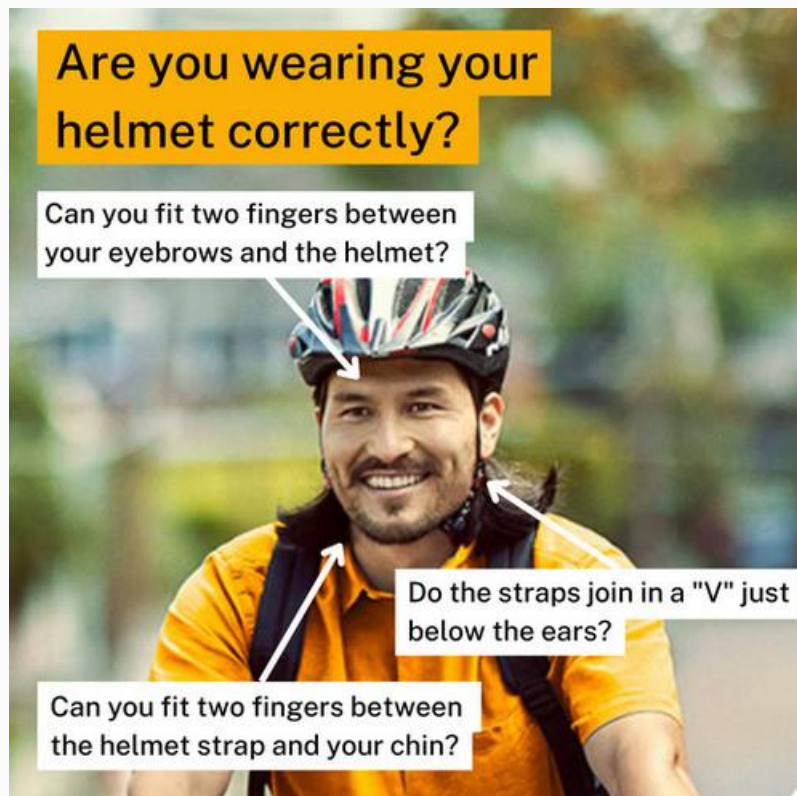
Our sophisticated intelligence networks, advanced screening technology and unwavering commitment to safeguarding Australia means three things for criminals:

1. Your attempts will be detected

2. Your drugs will be seized
3. You will be held to account

10 June, from [Transport.nsw.gov.au/Helmetstar](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/Helmetstar): Bicycle riders must wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. 🚲

★ Helmet STAR can help you make the safest choice.





Thanks to Classic Scottish Comedy

From toby.vega.d: Definitely do this!

HOW TEXANS LOCK UP AT NIGHT
HOPING THEY CAN SHOW A
BURGLAR
THEIR BRAND NEW FIREARM



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](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.