



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.

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



18 June from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚨 SCAM ALERT - CHINESE AUTHORITY IMPERSONATION 🚨



Scammers are targeting members of our community by pretending to be Chinese police, government or military officials - even couriers!

- 📞 Victims are contacted by phone or message and told:
- ❌ They're under investigation
- ❌ Their identity has been stolen
- ❌ A parcel with illegal items is in their name
- 🗣️ They're then pressure into transferring money or handing over personal information to "clear their name".
- 💰 This is a SCAM designed to extort money through fear and intimidation.

Remember:

- ✅ Real officials will NEVER demand payment over the phone.

-  Hang up and do NOT provide any personal details.
-  Report the scam to ScamWatch or your local police.

 Please share this post with your friends and family, especially those who may be more vulnerable to these types of scams. Let's stay alert and protect our community together. 

SCAM ALERT!

Chinese Authority Scams:

Scammers impersonate Chinese police, government or military officials, or a courier service to extort money from the victim.

The scammers may tell you:

- Your personal details are known or compromised.
- A parcel addressed to you, containing compromised documents, has been intercepted.
- You have been implicated in a crime and you may be charged or there is arrest warrant for you or your family. They may produce apparent Chinese authority documents including an arrest warrant.
- To go to a website claiming to be a Chinese authority to obtain a phone number.

The scammers will demand money to stop these fake criminal charges. They may also threaten you with the deportation of yourself or your family. This is always a lie.

DO NOT send any money and **HANG** up the call immediately.

DO NOT reveal any **PERSONAL** information.

DO collect as much information/ data about the scammer as possible.

DO report any suspicious scam/ behaviour to your local Police or report at www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover or Police Assistance Line 131 444.



詐騙警示！

冒充中國官方的詐騙行為：

詐騙分子假冒中國公安、政府機關、軍方人員或速遞服務人員，企圖勒索受害人錢財。
其常見話術包括：

- 謊稱你的個人資料已被外洩或遭掌握；
- 虛構寄給你的包裹內含機密文件並被截獲；
- 誣陷你涉嫌刑案，可能面臨起訴，或已對你及家人簽發逮捕令，並可能出示偽造的逮捕令等中國官方文件；
- 誘導你訪問仿冒的中國政府網站獲取聯絡電話。

詐騙分子會以「撤銷刑事指控」為由索要錢財，甚至威脅遣返你或家人

——這些全是精心設計的騙局！

切勿 轉帳匯款，立即掛斷電話。

切勿 透露任何個人資訊。

務必 在掛斷電話後，盡可能記錄詐騙分子相關資訊/資料。

務必 立即向當地警方報案，或透過以下管道舉報任何可疑來電或詐騙行為：
澳洲網路安全中心
<https://www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover>
警方援助專線 131 444



NSWPPF/2023/10638

诈骗警告！

冒充中国官方的诈骗行为：

诈骗分子假冒中国警方、政府机关、军方人员或快递服务人员，企图勒索受害人钱财。其常见话术包括：

- 谎称您的个人资料已被泄露或掌握；
- 虚构寄给您的包裹内含涉密文件并被截获；
- 诬陷您涉嫌犯罪，可能被起诉，或已对您及家人签发逮捕令，并可能出示伪造的逮捕令等中国官方文件；
- 诱导您访问仿冒的中国政府网站获取联系电话。

诈骗分子会以“撤销刑事指控”为由索要钱财，甚至威胁遣返您或家人
——这些都是精心设计的骗局！

切勿 转账汇款，立即**挂断**电话。

切勿 透露任何**个人**信息。

务必 在挂断电话后，尽可能记录诈骗分子相关信息/资料。

务必 立即向当地警方报案，或通过以下渠道举报任何可疑来电或诈骗行为：

澳大利亚网络安全中心
<https://www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover>
警方援助专线 131 444



NSWPP/2023/70038

18 June, from Ku-ring-gai 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>
Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



Appeal following multiple break and enters – C84400507

Police are appealing for information to help identify a man they believe may be able to assist following a spate of break and enter offences in Normanhurst, Waitara and Hornsby in May.

18 June, from NSW Police: The 32-year-old man missing has been located.

Thank you to everyone who shared our appeal.

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

Appeal following stealing – E100266748

Police are appealing for information to help identify 2 x males they believe may be able to assist following a stealing in Pymble in April.



17 June, from Ku-ring-gai command: ► Help prevent number plate theft ►

Ku-ring-gai PAC has seen a rise in number plate theft.

Use these tips to help prevent you becoming a victim to this crime.

Immediately report stolen number plates to police as they can be used to commit further offences.

Don't get



Help prevent number plate theft.

- Use tamper resistant or anti-theft screws to secure your number plate
 - Park in a garage or secure parking space
 - Park near security lights and/or cctv
- Don't post pictures with your number plate online

Immediately report stolen number plates to Police



[Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby has one-way locking screws via their website for gold coin pay-it-forward contribution: <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/screws/>.]



24 June, from Hornsby Shire Council: Hornsby Shire Council supports stronger rules to curb illegal tree clearing

Publish date: 12/06/2025

Hornsby Shire Council formally endorsed a submission to the NSW Government at its meeting on 11 June, supporting proposed reforms to strengthen rules around illegal tree and vegetation clearing in urban areas.

Read more [here](#).

24 June, from 9News.com.au: Using a smartwatch while driving could cost you \$125 or \$2000, depending on where you're caught

A chime sounds. A driver glances down to read the notification on their smartwatch, then looks back at the road. It only took a few seconds but that distraction may have doubled the risk of a crash, and could cost Australian drivers hundreds or even thousands of dollars in fines depending on where they're caught. The problem, according to one expert, is that most Australians have no idea they can be penalised for using a smartwatch while driving.

Full article [here](#).

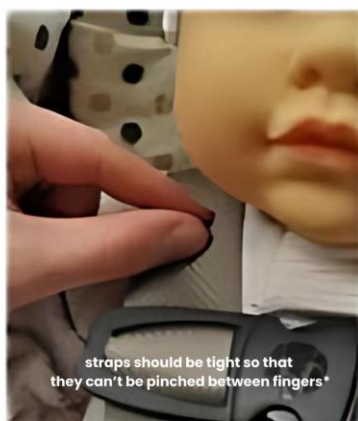
23 June, from Heather Hurt: i don't care if people roll their eyes when i double check the straps

i don't care if they say "we survived without all that"
my child's life isn't worth a gamble just to make someone else comfortable
the chest clip goes at armpit level
the straps are snug, no extra slack
the coat comes off before buckling
rear facing as long as possible
car seat safety awareness isn't mom shaming
it's not judging how you used to do it
it's sharing information that can save a child's life today
because crashes don't come with a warning
and the few extra seconds it takes to buckle them in correctly could be the
seconds that save their life.



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23 June, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Neighbourhood Watch volunteers attended the latest Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held on 18 June at Gordon police station.

Crime Stats were stated by Sergeant Whalley for the period March December 2024 to March 2025 for Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby LGA areas. They are taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website crime mapping tool.

- - Assault non-DV: has gone up slightly. They are mostly committed at home with non-partners.
- - Assault DV: This is the at risk area. Figures have gone up.
- - Break & Enter (non-dwelling): Has gone down considerably, whereas, the B&E (dwelling) has gone up quite a bit. The majority of offenders are youths.
- - Stealing from Dwelling: Shows slight rise. For example, a lady cleaned her suitcases and left them in her front yard to dry; someone nicked them.

- - Malicious damage stats are in the 600s.
- - Robbery: Has risen by 50%. Lots of kids involved. They are mainly opportunists. Facebook Marketplace is a rife source of robberies.
- - Steal from Motor Vehicles: Almost steady. Stolen rego plates.
- - Steal from retail: Steady.
- - Fraud: Major increase in incidents. Fraud incurs a major cost to the community. 'Blessing Scams' of older ladies is a major chunk.
- - Stolen Vehicles and Drug Offences are usually around train stations and the figures are steady.

To view the stats, use the BOCSAR crime mapping tool [here](#).

22 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Taken from the Australian government's latest Be Connected eNewsletter:

New how-to videos

Our new short videos guide you through common tech tasks step-by-step:

- What to do when your phone isn't charging
- How to use Gemini and Siri
- How to search for an app on your iPhone or Android phone
- What to do when your device freezes
- What to do when your home internet drops out
- How to take a screenshot on your iPhone or Android phone.

Go to how-to-videos here: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library> .

Tips for Google Search

- Discover how a few simple tricks can make Google search work better for you. Our new short videos show you how to find what you want with Google search. You'll learn:
- How Google search works
- Top tips for finding what you want
- How to filter search results to find what you need faster
- How to do a reverse image search
- How to search a specific website
- How to exclude certain results from your search.

Start the course here: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/finding-what-you-want-with-google-search>

More tech tips and guides to explore

- Our Articles and Tips are just one of the many ways you can stay up to date with technology on Be Connected. You'll find plenty of practical guides on a variety of topics, including:
- Scanning QR codes
- Understanding artificial intelligence (AI)
- Spotting fake emails, and more.

Go to articles and tips here: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/articles-and-tips>.

22 June, from Rural Crime Prevention Team:

A poster titled 'GUN SAFE' with a padlock icon in the letter 'A'. Below the title is the text 'DON'T BE NON-COMPLIANT' where 'NON-COMPLIANT' is in a yellow box. The background shows a person in an orange shirt and safety glasses aiming a shotgun. A list of five bullet points with yellow gun icons follows. At the bottom, a line of text provides information on how to change a principal club.

GUN SAFE

DON'T BE NON-COMPLIANT

- Always record your shoots with your Principal Club
- Remember, you can be a member of multiple clubs for the same discipline BUT you must nominate a principal club
- Always notify your principal club of activities completed at other clubs so that it counts towards your participation requirements
- Clubs notify the Firearms Registry annually of principal club members who do NOT comply with their participation requirements
- Failure to comply may result in your licence being revoked

Changing your Principal Club? Notify the Firearms Registry via a Gun Safe Customer Enquiries transaction selecting Club Membership as the enquiry type.

22 June, from Tuggerah Lakes Police District: The Next of Kin Program has been developed by the NSW Police Force to help people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local

police station.

Tuggerah Lakes Police District are encouraging anyone who can be assisted by this program to complete an application form and hand it into your nearest police station. We will give you a key ring with your registered number on it.

The information provided to police on our register may assist the ambulance and police in an emergency.

The Next of Kin program is a FREE of charge service.

Next of Kin application form [here](#).



22 June, from Officer Gomez: Can Kids Private Chat Using Apple Music? Yes—they can.

Here's how it works:

Kids can create a new playlist in Apple Music and type a message in the playlist name (example: "Meet me at 2pm" or worse...). Then, they invite a collaborator to the playlist. That invite sends the playlist title—aka the message—to the other person. The other person can respond by creating a new playlist and sending their own title as a reply. While this method is slow and clunky, it bypasses most parental controls and can be used if parents have locked down text, social media, and messaging apps.

Years ago, I took a case where a 35-year-old man was sexting a 14-year-old girl using this same technique on Spotify.

If a device is connected to the internet, kids will find a way to communicate.

Stay curious. Stay involved. Stay alert.

22 June: Shared with permission from Ku-ring-gai Living group: Warning: Fines Issued in Common Parking Spot at Gordon Station (Werona Ave)

Just a heads-up for fellow commuters: I received a parking fine in April for parking parallel to the fence in a commonly used area of the Gordon Station commuter carpark off Werona Avenue. This section has no visible signage or

ground markings to indicate whether parking is permitted or not. The infringement listed was: "Driver stand/park where no sign permitting parking etc." There is a sign at the carpark entrance stating in term 6b) that vehicles must "park wholly within designated parking spaces", but the text is extremely small and not easily readable from a car.

I've included photos of the area and the sign to help others avoid a similar fine. This spot is often used by commuters, so please take care when choosing where to park. I did appeal the fine, but this was unsuccessful.



22 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland: Confused by Technology – Be Connected

ViP Bill Jeffs on Jun 16, 2025 @ 9:43am

As an older person I sometimes struggle with modern technology. I prepared

this post on my mobile phone and emailed it to my personal email before logging into the NHWQ site to do the actual posting. I'm sure there are quicker ways but I need to be comfortable in order to be confident. My phone is a smart phone, I wear a smart watch and my television is a smart TV but I use only a small proportion of what these devices are capable of doing.

Being "technologically challenged" is fine for general day to day living but we could be missing out on exciting opportunities....

Read full article [here](#).

Visit the Be Connected website to learn how to use the benefits of technology without being afraid [here](#).



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The advertisement features a photograph of an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt over a white t-shirt, sitting in a chair and smiling while looking at a smartphone. The background is a light grey. The text 'Ready to build your digital skills?' is in the top left, with 'your digital skills?' in a larger, bold, purple font. Below this is the Australian Government logo and the 'Be Connected' logo with the tagline 'Every Australian online.' At the bottom, there is a URL 'BECONNECTED.ESAFETY.GOV.AU', the title 'Be Connected - Every Australian online', and a truncated description 'Join thousands of Australians who are taking our free courses on everything from how to acce...'. A small circular icon with an 'i' is in the bottom right corner of the image area.

21 June, from 9News.com.au: Arrest warrants sought for government staffers

Senior government officials who refused to attend an upper house hearing into the **Dural** caravan hoax are potentially facing arrest.

View story [here](#).

21 June, from Northern Beaches command:



Thieves targeting tradies' tools

Early this week thieves broke into and stole power tools from tradies' vehicles parked in Brookvale.

Value - about \$15,000

The tools are likely destined for online trading platforms.

In case of theft:

- we recommend owners record and keep the serial numbers of expensive tools.
- we also encourage owners to etch their driver licence number onto their tools.

Both strategies will help police return stolen tools when they are recovered.

From next week, we'll have an engraver at the Dee Why police station to help members of the community with the engraving process.

Police and community working together



Northern Beaches
Police Area Command

You can borrow an engraver and ultraviolet pen from us via the website: <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/property/>

21 June, from Officer Gomez: **Parent Tip: Check Your Child's Battery Usage — It Tells a Bigger Story**

Most parents think they've got their kid's phone locked down. But even with filters and screen-time limits, there's still one powerful tool you might be overlooking — battery usage stats. Why? Because battery usage doesn't lie. It tells you what apps are draining your child's phone, how long they're on them, and sometimes even which apps they're hiding. If your child's "school-only phone" somehow shows TikTok using 40% of the battery... well, there's your clue.

What You Can Learn From Battery Usage:

- Which apps your child uses the most
- If apps are being hidden or renamed (some show under unfamiliar names)
- What time of day phone use spikes
- If a supposed "emergency-only" phone is really being used for entertainment
- How quickly they're draining the battery and likely recharging multiple times a day

How to Check Battery Usage on iPhone (Apple):

- 1. Go to Settings
- 2. Scroll down and tap Battery

- 3. You'll see a graph and battery usage by app
- 4. Tap Last 24 Hours or Last 10 Days to see patterns
- 5. Tap the clock icon to show screen time per app

How to Check Battery Usage on Android:

- 1. Go to Settings
- 2. Tap Battery or Battery and Device Care (varies by brand)
- 3. Tap Battery Usage
- 4. View usage by app (some show percentages, others show screen time)
- 5. Tap each app to view detailed activity



Bonus Tip:

If battery usage doesn't seem to match up with screen time or daily habits, it may be a sign of:

- • Secret apps or hidden browsers
- • Deleted and re-downloaded apps (to avoid detection)
- • Background app activity like VPNs or private servers

Final Thought:

Battery stats are like fingerprints—they leave a trail. And when kids are clever, it takes clever parents to stay one step ahead. Use the data. Start a conversation. Guide with love and boundaries. 💪🔒

Happy Parenting.

21 June, from NSW Fair Trading: Ever experienced fear of missing out (FOMO) while online shopping?

Scarcity cues can create a false sense of urgency, pushing you to make quick decisions before you have time to compare prices or reconsider.

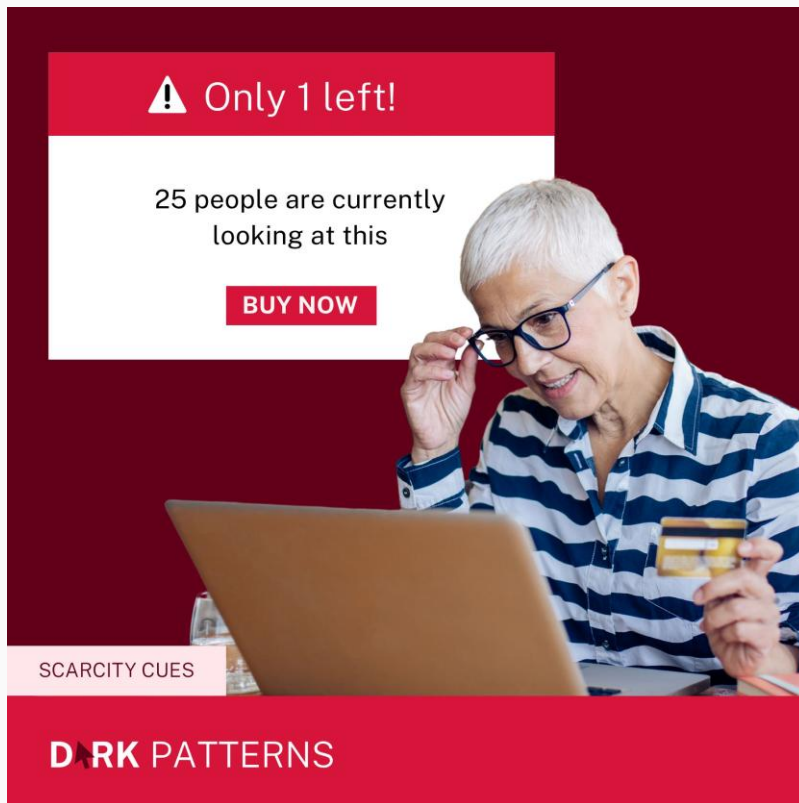
When you're rushed you can end up spending more than you planned or buying things you don't need.

To avoid post-purchase regret:

- · Do your research
- · Read product and service reviews
- · Shop around

- Read the fine print, including the terms and conditions, and cancellation and refund policies before you pay.

Recognise and learn about online dark patterns [here](#).



21 June, from NSW Health: NSW Health is urging the community to do everything they can to protect themselves from COVID-19 as cases rise across the state.

The latest NSW Respiratory Surveillance Report shows 3,475 people in NSW testing positive for COVID-19 in the week ending 14 June, an increase of more than 10 per cent compared with the previous week. The upswing in COVID-19 has come at the same time as influenza is on the rise and at moderate levels in NSW.

Most people with COVID-19 do not test for the virus, so the latest figures represent a small proportion of all people who have the virus.

Read full Media Release [here](#).

21 June, from 10 News First Sydney: More than 16 billion passwords across Apple, Facebook and Google have been leaked in what is thought to be the largest password leak in history.

A report in Cybernews, a cybersecurity and information publication, has been investigating the leak from the start of 2025, which has risen from in the tens of millions to 16 billion compromised records.

Cybersecurity experts have called on users to implement two-factor authentication or replace passwords with passkeys, to safeguard against data breaches such as these.

21 June, from The Hills command: 🚓 Suspended Driver Stopped for Speeding in Glenorie 🚗

At approximately 9:20am on 19/06/2025, Hills Highway Patrol officers were conducting stationary speed enforcement on Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie, when they detected a white Toyota LandCruiser allegedly travelling at 83 km/h in a 60 km/h zone 🚗🚔. Police stopped the vehicle on Smith Lane and spoke with the 31-year-old male driver, who immediately stated, “I am suspended.” Officers confirmed the driver’s NSW licence was in fact suspended due to a previous offence on 19/04/2025, where he was allegedly caught exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 km/h on Old Northern Road, Dural 🚫🚗. Despite knowing his licence was suspended, the driver was again behind the wheel, and speeding. A roadside breath test returned a negative result for alcohol. The driver now faces court for driving while suspended and exceeding the speed limit. His actions posed a serious risk to public safety ⚖️.

Stay safe and always obey road rules! 🙏

⚠️ Why It Matters

Driving while suspended is a serious offence. Combined with speeding, it puts lives at risk. The Hills Highway Patrol is committed to keeping our roads safe through targeted enforcement and community awareness. If your licence is suspended—don’t drive. Let’s protect each other on the road 💙.



21 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Spot the signs:

1. Too good to be true?
2. Urgent requests
3. Bad spelling
4. Requests for personal info
5. Scary or threatening language
6. No official contact details
7. You're asked to click a weird link

Trust your gut. Hit delete. Then report it to scamwatch.com.au

Crime Stoppers:

**THE 7 SIGNS
OF SCAMS !**



19 June, from Northern Beaches command: Northern Beaches Highway Patrol and Council road safety officers are working together to promote e-Bike safety and compliance.

They're also targeting unsafe riding.

For more on the rules, head [here](#).

A reminder, E-scooters remain illegal on Northern Beaches roads and road-related areas.

For more, head [here](#).

MOTORISED BICYCLES 'E-Bikes'

Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.

There are only two types of permitted e-bikes:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electric power-assisted cycles

But they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor and cannot exceed 25km/h. Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind, NOT to be the primary means of propulsion. Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions cannot be ridden on roads, or road-related areas (such as footpaths, shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$722.

MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES

Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road-related areas (such as footpaths, shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.

Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$722.

e-Bikes

Highway Patrol and council road safety officers targeting unsafe riding on the Beaches

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Email us [here](#) for a copy in your inbox.

19 June, from The NRMA: Nearly 30,000 Ford vehicles are being recalled due to a defect in their rear-view cameras: mynr.ma/2025-ford-recall



MYNRMA.COM.AU

Ford recall: Ranger, Everest, F-150, Transit, Mustang included
Vehicles produced between 2022 and 2024 are affected.

19 June, from the Australian Federal Police (AFP): Thirteen men, including five Australian citizens, who allegedly ran a Thai-based scam

centre to fleece Australian victims out of millions of dollars, have been arrested and their criminal operations shut down.

An investigation by the AFP, under the Joint Policing Cybercrime Coordination Centre's (JPC3) Operation Firestorm, with the Royal Thai Police (RTP) (สำนักงานตำรวจแห่งชาติ) into the sophisticated investment scam led to authorities disrupting and dismantling the alleged 'boiler room' scam centre.

Read more [here](#).

19 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia: Unloading groceries into your car at the shopping centre?

Follow these tips to increase your personal safety:

- ☒ Create a physical barrier by positioning yourself between the trolley and your car, making it harder for someone to approach unnoticed.
 - ☒ Lock the rest of the car and only keep your boot open while you're unloading.
 - ☒ Once you're done, return the trolley quickly and stay alert until you're safely in the car with the doors locked.
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18 June, Shared with permission from Ku-ring-gai Speaks Up group: Eastern Road Turramurra - traffic calming and raised pedestrian crossing

Council is considering the introduction of a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area along Eastern Road in Turramurra, extending from The Chase Road to Alice Street. This proposal forms part of the broader shopping centre enhancement project currently in development. Following extensive community consultation, the previously proposed roundabout has been replaced with a raised wombat crossing to be located north of Chilton Parade. This change directly responds to community concerns raised during earlier engagement sessions. As we work toward finalising the design for the Eastern Road shopping centre upgrades, we're inviting local residents to provide their input on this important traffic management component. Your feedback will help shape the final proposal. We encourage you to review the details below and share your thoughts by participating in our community survey.

Consultation closes Friday 4 July at 5pm

Project information [here](#).

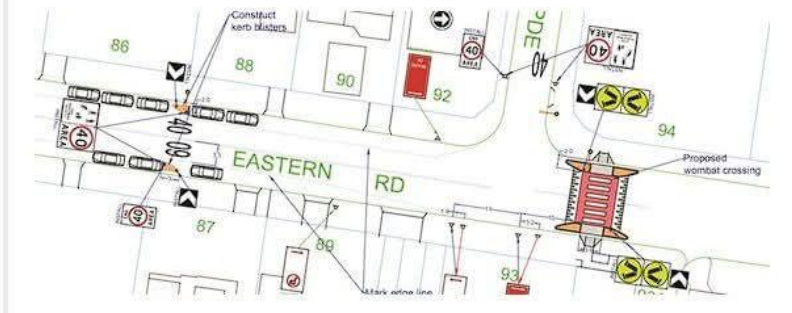
Your say

Turramurra

Including North & South



Eastern Road traffic calming and raised pedestrian crossing



18 June, from Yup That Exists: Germany is transforming its highways into clean energy powerhouses by turning roadside noise barriers into solar panel arrays.

With over 50,000 kilometers of Autobahn, studies show these structures could generate up to 4.2 gigawatts of solar capacity, enough to power millions of homes. Pilot projects like the one on the A3 near Aschaffenburg are already producing significant energy while cutting traffic noise for nearby communities. Innovations from research groups like Fraunhofer ISE are testing new panel designs that outperform traditional barriers in both sound insulation and energy output. Supported by new legislation and regional programs, these solar noise walls are being rapidly adopted across Germany. The result is a smarter, more sustainable infrastructure that provides cleaner air, quieter roads, and reliable renewable power... all from space that was already in use.



Yup That Exists ✓
@yuphtexists

Germany has started installing solar fences along its highways, which are now cheaper than wood AND create electricity.



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](#).

💧 **Monday 30 June:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Lindfield Community Hall for residents of: Albert Dr, Bimbil Pl, Booraba Ave, Bradfield Rd, Brevet Ave, Carramar Rd, Charles St, Edmund St, Fiddens Wharf Rd, Guyong St, Horwood Ave, Johnson St, Knox St, Lady Game Dr, Squadron Ct.

💧 **Monday 14 July:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ Roseville Chase Community Hall for residents of: Allard Ave, Attunga Rd, Babbage Rd, Cardigan Rd, Chase Ave, Earls Court, Lockley Pde, Normac St, Ormonde Rd, The Kingsway.

Wednesday 16 July: FREE Beyond Blue's 'Beyond Burnout' webinar 12-1pm. Register [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**

🔥 **Monday 28 July:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Pymble Community Hall **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](#).

🔥 **Monday 18 August:** RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council Street Meet 5.30-7pm @ West Pymble Community Hall.

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New how-to videos

Our new short videos guide you through common tech tasks step-by-step:

- What to do when your phone isn't charging
- How to use Gemini and Siri
- How to search for an app on your iPhone or Android phone
- What to do when your device freezes
- What to do when your home internet drops out
- How to take a screenshot on your iPhone or Android phone.

Go to how-to-videos [here](#).

Tips for Google Search

Discover how a few simple tricks can make Google search work better for you. Our new short videos show you how to find what you want with Google search. You'll learn:

- How Google search works
- Top tips for finding what you want
- How to filter search results to find what you need faster
- How to do a reverse image search
- How to search a specific website
- How to exclude certain results from your search.

Start the course [here](#).

More tech tips and guides to explore

Our Articles and Tips are just one of the many ways you can stay up to date with technology on Be Connected. You'll find plenty of practical guides on a variety of topics, including:

- Scanning QR codes
- Understanding artificial intelligence (AI)
- Spotting fake emails, and more.

Go to articles and tips [here](#).

I'm not an expert, but I don't think Karen is going to make it.



Thanks to Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc.

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 - Turrumurra](#)
[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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Our mailing address is:

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