



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

eNewsletter #724 - 26 August 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.

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25 August, from NSW Police Legacy

It's always a special day when trainee police officers graduate, and step into their new roles serving the community. And last Friday's attestation of Class 366 was especially significant, because it was the last attended in an official capacity by the Vice-Patron of NSW Police Legacy, Commissioner Karen Webb APM. She joined the NSW Police as part of Class 228 in 1987, and was formally farewelled from the parade ground last

Friday with a symbolic marching out salute - a tenure of nearly 40 years of service. Among her many achievements, we are honoured to have benefited from her dedication as a NSW Police Legacy board member, where her insight and determination to serve the Police Family shone through. Commissioner, we salute you 💙



25 August, from NSW Police Force

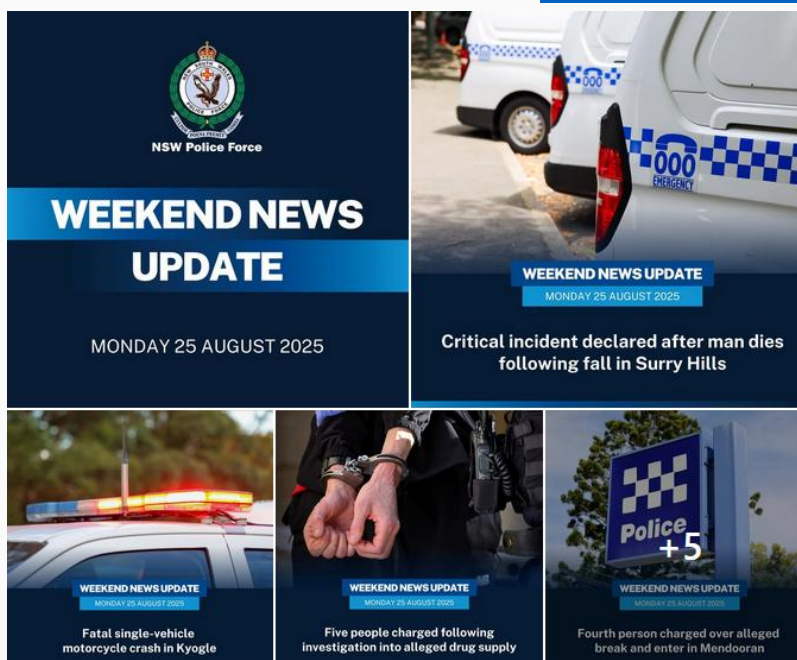
Good morning NSW ☁️

Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- ◆ A critical incident investigation is underway after a man died after falling from a unit block in Surry Hills.
- ◆ A rider has died following a motorcycle crash in the state's north.
- ◆ Five people have been charged following an investigation into alleged drug supply, under Strike Force Harlingen.
- ◆ Police have charged a fourth person over an alleged break and enter in the state's west.

- ◆ A man has been charged after police discovered an alleged clandestine laboratory, from which \$7.6 million worth of drugs were seized.
- ◆ A crime scene has been established after three people were found unresponsive at a home in Leura.
- ◆ A man has been charged after Pokémon trading cards were allegedly stolen from East Maitland.
- ◆ Two people have been charged with commercial drug supply offences, after police seized more than 70kg of cannabis during a traffic stop in the Riverina.

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



25 August, from NSW Police Force

Motorists affected by alcohol, drugs and fatigue were targeted by police across NSW roads during Operation RAID.

Operation RAID (Remove All Impaired Drivers) 2025 commenced at 12.01am on Thursday (21 August 2025) and concluded at 11.59pm on Saturday (23 August 2025). During the three-day operation, police conducted more than 87,000 breath tests with 186 drink driving offences detected and conducted 9,166 drug tests with 660 people returning positive samples.

“Our commitment to reducing road trauma doesn’t stop when Operation RAID concludes. Police will continue to maintain a strong presence on the roads.” Assistant Commissioner David Driver, Commander of [Traffic and Highway Patrol](#), said.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).

Watch video [here](#)

25 August, from abc.net.au



Warning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this story contains the image of a person who has died.

Indigenous teenager Jai Wright was killed in a collision with an unmarked police car in inner Sydney in 2022.

NSW Police officer Benedict Bryant pleaded not guilty to dangerous driving occasioning death over the crash.

Dozens of relatives and friends gathered for a smoking ceremony outside Darlinghurst Courthouse at the start of the week-long trial.

Choose your news on the ABC NEWS app and stay in the know: <https://ab.co/abcnewsapp>— with [ABC News](#).

Read more [here](#).



25 August, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Normanhurst and Westleigh Community Group:

Hey guys, a good friend of mine in Campbell Ave, Normanhurst was leaving his house today at approximately 11:18am and he left his wallet on the roof of his car as he was strapping a child in. He drove up Campbell Ave then onto Pennant Hills Rd and the wallet must have fallen off.

If anyone sees it he would appreciate very much if you could pass it to the police or let me know.

Regards.

25 August, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page group:

Hey all, this morning around 6:45 I was driving from Ku-Ring-Gai chase Rd heading onto the M1 towards Sydney and my canopy door opened and I lost a box that consists of Arborist gear. It's a Petzl Zig Zag and other items. I went back 10mins later and could not find anything. I'm hoping someone picked it up for me. If anyone sees anything please let me know.

Thanks heaps

25 August, from NSW Food Authority

Food businesses need to ensure food is kept safe to eat while on its way to the customer. ✓

If there is an issue with the food when you receive it, you can take it up directly with the food business.



Food businesses are responsible for food until it's received by a customer - even if delivered by a third-party, such as an online food delivery platform.

Food Authority



25 August, from Central Coast Incident Alerts, News & Information: M1 NORTHBOUND CLOSED | Mooney Mooney



FINAL UPDATE: Crash site has been cleared and all lanes open.

UPDATE 12.20PM: Two northbound lanes now open.

FURTHER UPDATE 11.30am: Toll Rescue has now departed for Royal North Shore Hospital. Vehicle salvage is now underway with one lane northbound now open. The M1 is expected to fully open after clean-up.

INITIAL REPORT: Emergency services are responding to a truck/car crash on the northbound M1 at Mooney Mooney Bridge.

One truck has reportedly rolled and is potentially on fire, with a person trapped.

Emergency services attending.

UPDATE: All M1 northbound lanes are closed, with southbound lanes heavily affected by traffic.

Diversions

For vehicles up to B Doubles

Old Pacific Highway

B Doubles

Peats Ridge Road

Unless specified otherwise, operators of Class 1,2 & 3 vehicles travelling under a Notice must consult their relevant enforceable network map to confirm a suitable approved alternative route.

Operators of Class 1, 2 & 3 vehicles travelling under a Permit must not travel off the approved route listed in the permit unless an updated permit is obtained from the NHVR.

FURTHER UPDATE: CareFlight was originally tasked but returned to base due to a malfunction, after dropping off the medical team. Toll Rescue is now en route and will land shortly.

25 August, from eSafety Commissioner

Today we've taken enforcement action against a popular roulette-style video chat app that matches strangers, including adults and children.

OmeTV is the subject of the formal warning for failing to have required safety features and settings and allowing adults to have randomised video chats with children without sufficient protections.

Australian law enforcement has raised concerns about the use of these types of services by child sexual abuse offenders to groom children.

This is eSafety's first enforcement action under Australia's Industry Codes and Standards, which are a key requirement of the Online Safety Act. They require all members of the online industry to tackle the worst-of-the-worst online content, including child sexual exploitation and abuse on their services.

eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant has also written to tech giants Apple and Google, which both have been hosting the OmeTV app on their app stores. She notified them of the enforcement action and reminded them of their own obligations under the industry code for app stores.

Learn more: <https://news.esafety.gov.au/4n2OSAy>



25 August, from NHW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Make sure you've always got enough fuel in the tank - for the car and the driver 🚗

Driving tired can be just as dangerous as drink driving, so get enough rest before driving and plan regular rest breaks 👍

Head to the comments for the early warning signs of fatigue ⬇️



24 August, from news.trendmicro.com: July SMS Scams Hit CommBank, Linkt and Compare Club

In July, cyber criminals stepped up their game, sending SMS messages about banking rewards, unpaid tolls, and health insurance updates. Here's what to watch out for and how to protect yourself.

Rewards That Cost You

Scammers have been impersonating banks like CommBank, sending texts about exclusive rewards offers or bonus points ready to claim. The link directs you to a fake site designed to look like internet banking, prompting you to log in and capture your credentials. Always access rewards and offers by logging into your account directly through the official banking app or website.

[Read more here.](#)



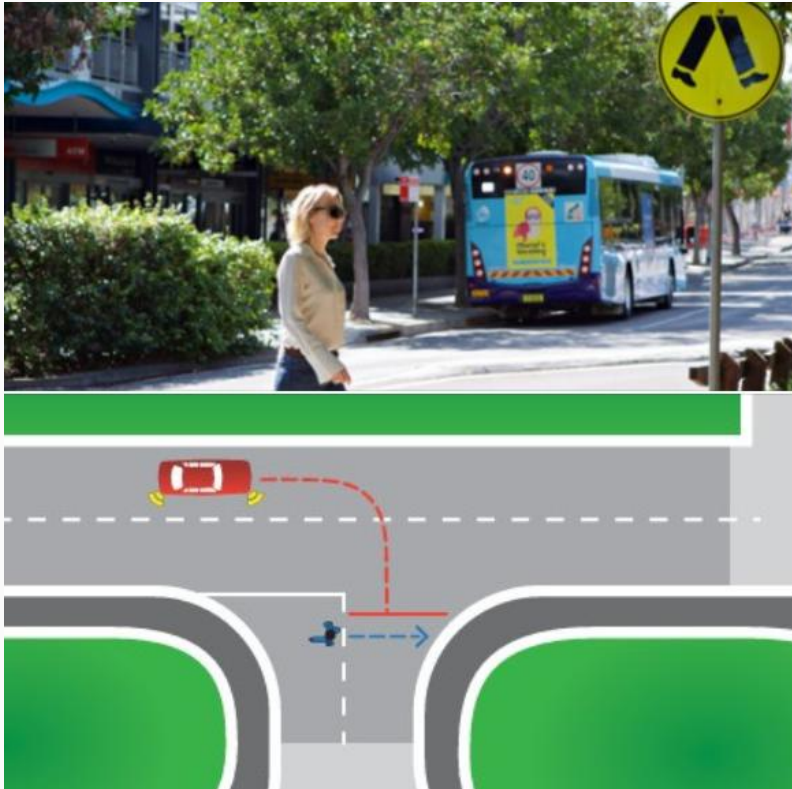
24 August, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command

The final installment of Road Rule awareness week is giving way to pedestrians when turning.

If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering. This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights. However, this rule does not apply at roundabouts.

Having said this, for their own safety, pedestrians should always check and be aware of surroundings before crossing the road.

In 2025 37 pedestrians have lost their lives, just 1 life lost on NSW roads is too many, our goal is ZERO. Remember the road is there to share.



24 August, from Firefighters Australia

🇦🇺 Queensland 🚒

"Just Drive!"

What could go wrong?" 🌪️



24 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Bicycle and e-bike riders can only use the footpath if they are under 16 years of age, or are supervising a child under 16 years of age riding a bike. 🚲

You must keep left of oncoming bicycle riders or pedestrians on a footpath, shared path or separated path.



23 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Here's a great flowchart from the NSW Police helping advise you as to what you can do after you have been scammed. If you'd like a copy, you can download it from their website [here](#).

Let's hope you never need it!



23 August, Westleigh RFS Open Day



Read details [here](#).

23 August, from eSafety Commissioner



🎉 It's Early Learning Matters Week, when we celebrate the impact early learning has on future success.

Our teaching posters and notes support educators to introduce online safety to early learners.

The posters cover 4 key lessons:

❤️ Be safe

❤️ Be kind

❤️ Ask for help

❤️ Make good choices

Learn more and download the resources here: <https://news.esafety.gov.au/4fK6Chu>

23 August, from The Hills Police Area Command

🚗💥 Had a crash? You must exchange details — even if you're not at fault!

It's a legal requirement in New South Wales for all drivers involved in a collision to exchange key information, regardless of who caused it.

📄 Make sure to share:

Full name & address

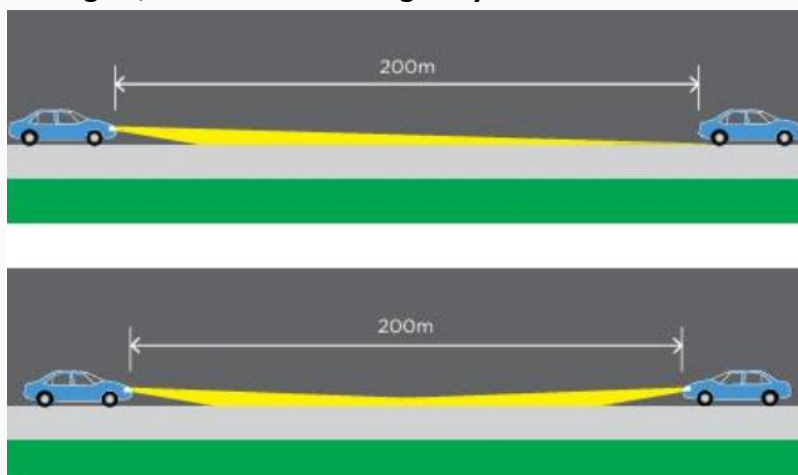
Driver's licence number

Vehicle registration

📷 Take photos, gather witness info, and stay calm.

✅ Protect yourself. Do the right thing.

23 August, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command: NSW Police Force



As we reach the penultimate day of Road Rule awareness week, let's have a look at the use of high beams and fog lights.

A driver must not use their headlights on high beam if travelling: Less than 200m behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction, or less than 200m from an oncoming vehicle. In addition to this a driver must not use any light fitted to their vehicle that may dazzle another road user.

Fog lights: a driver is only permitted to use fog lights if driving in fog, mist or other atmospheric condition that restricts visibility.

And yes, it is an offence under the Road Rules to flash your high beams to advise oncoming drivers of anyone or anything they may be approaching!

22 August, from ACCC Product Safety

If you own an Inkari Alpaca Plush Toy, stop use immediately: they have been recalled.

The small plastic eyes may separate from the toy and become a choking hazard. There is a risk of serious injury or death if swallowed.

Learn more [here](#).



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28 August: FREE CPR & Basic First Aid workshop' for the Korean community. 10am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Aquatic & Leisure Centre. [Info](#).

Friday 29 August: Wear it Purple Day [Info](#).

Thursday 04 September: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'Safer online shopping and banking' webinar. 10am. [Info](#)

Saturday 20-Sunday 21 September: Killara RFS Get Ready Weekend. venue etc tbc.

Tuesday 23 September: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'iPhone Basics' webinar. 10am. [Info](#)

Thursday 25 September: FREE eSafety Commissioner 'How to use government websites' webinar. 3pm. [Info](#)

Thursday 09 October: FREE Hornsby Shire Council's 'Motorcycle Safety Workshop - Survive the Ride'. 6-8:30pm @ Storey Park Community centre (fowler Hall), 12 Old Berowra Rd, Hornsby. [Info & Booking](#).

Saturday 11 October: St John's Fete, Gordon. NHW will have a crime prevention stall, photo booth, police dress-ups and colouring-in.

Wednesday 22 October: Cyber Safety for Seniors 9:30-1pm @ Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church, 1 Paling St, Thornleigh. Info & Booking: Gielie 0409 092 504.

Wednesday 29 October: FREE Hornsby Shire Council's 'Teaching your learner driver' online via Teams. 6-7pm. [Info & Booking](#).

Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 November: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Clean Out weekend @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

22 August, from Police.nsw.gov.au: Bodies located during search after car entered river near Wisemans Ferry

Two bodies have been located during a search after a car crashed into a river near Wisemans Ferry overnight.

About 11.50pm yesterday (Wednesday 21 August 2025), emergency services were called to the Macdonald River, near Settlers Road, St Albans about 20km north of Wisemans Ferry, following reports a car had entered the river.

Officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command attended and found that a car had crashed into the river before one occupant exited the vehicle and reached the riverbank.

That occupant – a 24-year-old man – was assessed by NSW Ambulance paramedics; however, did not require any further treatment.

Police were told two other men were in the vehicle at the time.

Emergency services – State Emergency Service (SES) and NSW Rural Fire Service – commenced a search of the area for the two men.

22 August, from BBC.COM: Graduate's safety bracelet aims to stop harassment



A university graduate has designed a bracelet with a series of secret features aimed at keeping the wearer safe from harassment.

Inspired by her own experiences, Nahla O'Rourke said the bangle was connected to an app to help the wearer escape from uncomfortable situations or send location details to a contact.

The 22-year-old created "the Venus project" as part of her product design course at Sheffield Hallam University in hopes of giving wearers "discrete confidence" while out in public.

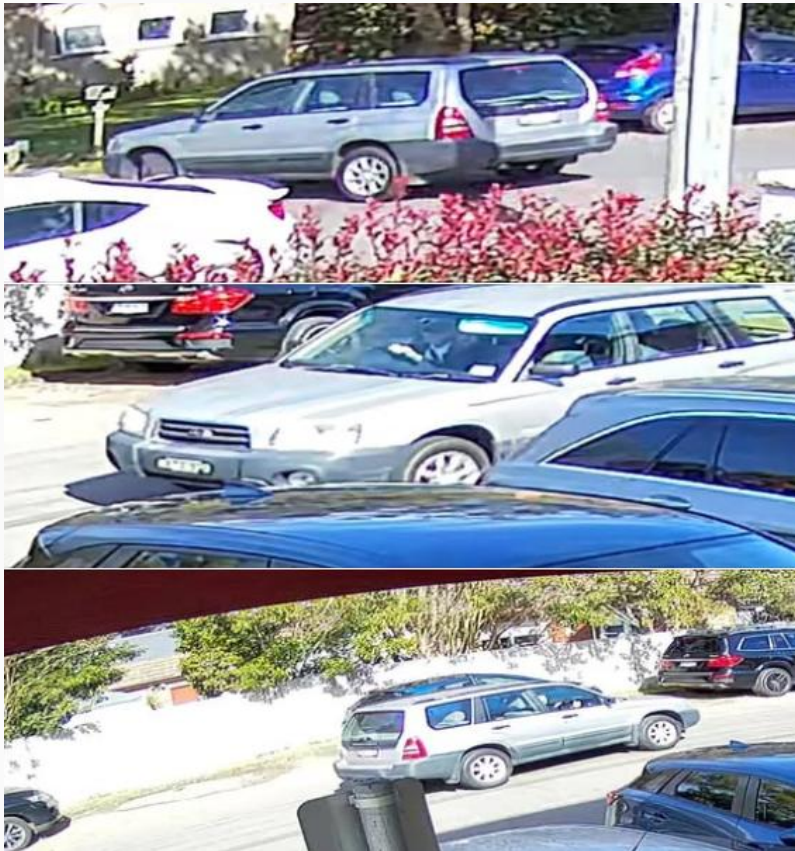
Ms O'Rourke, from Lincoln, said: "Harassment can happen to anyone, anywhere, and I wanted something people could have on them all the time that doesn't look like a big red safety button."

Read details [here](#).

21 August, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group:

I am hoping that the owner or driver of this station wagon (Subaru?) can contact me regarding a serious incident that occurred last Monday morning in Kiogle St Wahroonga involving your vehicle.

Otherwise, does someone on here recognise the station wagon and kindly let me know if they know the owner and/or the rego plate of that vehicle.



20 August, from Nepean Police Area Command: SEXTORTION – A FORM OF BLACKMAIL!

SEXTORTION AND IMAGE BASED ABUSE

Sexual extortion (or sextortion) is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share intimate personal images of you online unless their demands are met. These demands are typically for money, more intimate images or sexual favours.

The image does not need to be 'pornographic' to be intimate and private. An 'intimate image' means an image (or altered image) of a person's private parts, or of a person engaged in a private act, where a reasonable person would expect to be afforded privacy. These private acts include undressing, showering, bathing or using the toilet, engaging in a sexual act, or any other similar activity.

NSW Police Force takes sexual extortion seriously and there are consequences.

In NSW the recording or capture, distribution, as well as the threat to record or distribute, an intimate image is against the law.

Remember, it is not your fault.

Anyone can experience sexual extortion or image-based abuse, you are not alone and you have not done anything wrong.

What can I do?

If you experience image-based abuse police can investigate. You can help us investigate by:

- Saving text messages, voicemail messages, photos
- Use screenshots and save the image as the date and time it was taken (include the URL in the screenshot where possible)
- Keep a diary or voice notes of incidents including dates and times
- Consider giving police permission to access your phone, computer, Facebook, email account etc.

Do not pay or send any more images or videos yourself.

Stop all contact with the blackmailer

Notify the relevant social media platform

Secure your accounts. Change the passwords for your social media and online accounts and review the privacy and security settings of your accounts.

Do not panic, reach out instead — get support from a trusted friend or family member, or from an expert counselling and support service if you are feeling anxious or stressed.

If these images are posted on websites the eSafety commissioner can assist with getting the content removed from websites. Individuals and companies that fail to remove intimate images shared without consent may be subject to legal action if they do not comply with requests.

NSW GOVERNMENT

The recording or capture, distribution, as well as the threat to record or distribute an intimate image is against the law in NSW.

Sextortion is a form of blackmail and is of a sexual nature that involves images and recordings (usually naked), that the offender threatens to distribute if their demands are not met.

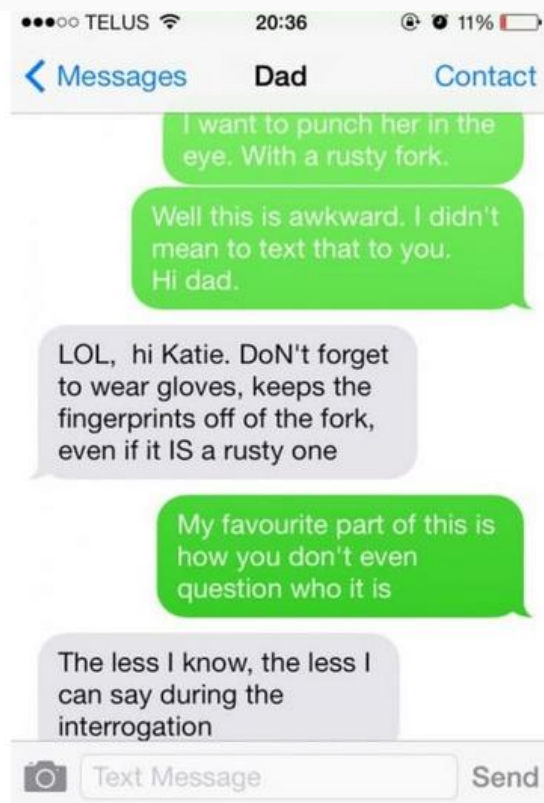
The offender demands money or other benefits and unless met, will circulate images and recordings on the internet or distributed to family and friends.

To reduce the chance of becoming a victim of sextortion – DO NOT SHARE, SEND OR POST INTIMATE IMAGES OF YOURSELF TO ANYONE.

Draw a plant cell and identify its most important parts.



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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. For Police to attend non-urgently without lights & sirens.

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft. No emergency/investigation.

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 NSW - 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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)