



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

**eNewsletter #726 - 09 September 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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**08 September, from NSW Police Force**

Every child in every community needs a fair go 💙

[#NationalChildProtectionWeek](#) is an opportunity to highlight the importance of protecting children from abuse, neglect, and harm, and to encourage families, communities, and organisations to create safe environments for kids.

**This week is**  
**National Child Protection Week**

**National Child Protection Week** is an annual awareness campaign in Australia that focuses on promoting the safety, wellbeing, and rights of children.

This year's National Child Protection Week theme, **'EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS: Shifting Conversation to Action,'** reminds us that real change comes when discussions turn into actions that protect children, strengthen support, and ensure every child feels safe and heard.

**WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH KIDS**

- Be Clear and Direct
- Open the Door to Safe Conversations
- Guide with Positives, not just "Don'ts"
- Create Space for Two-Way Dialogue
- Accept Them as They Are
- Lead with Kindness

The **Child Abuse Squad** coordinates the NSW Police Force response to child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse or extreme neglect.

They aim to prevent, disrupt, and respond to offences of child sexual assault and abuse that are protracted or complex and require high-level specialist response.



This includes assisting and supporting victims, securing evidence, and arresting and charging offenders for prosecution.

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**06 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command**

👉 **HELP PREVENT NUMBER PLATE THEFT** 👉

🚓 Criminals steal number plates in order to commit further offences.

 Follow these tips and tricks to prevent it from happening to your vehicle 



**Don't get**

**UN5CR3WD**

**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**

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**05 September, 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 stealing – E87742183**

Police are appealing for information to help identify the below male they believe may be able to assist following a stealing in Hornsby in August.



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#### **05 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command:**

Are you concerned for the safety or welfare of a loved one or someone you know?

A missing person repost must be taken in person - Attend your local police station or police can travel to you.

For more information, contact your local police station.

**If you have concerns for the safety or welfare of a person who is missing you can make a report in person at any local Police station.**

**Reports cannot be accepted by email or over the phone.**

If you are unable to get to a Police station, Police may be able to travel to you.  
Call your nearest Police station for advice.



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#### **04 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Coffee with a Cop**

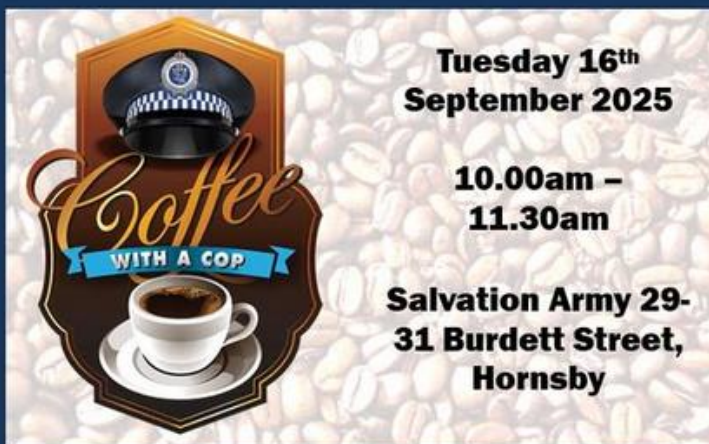
☕ The Salvation Army at Hornsby will be hosting the next Coffee with a Cop on the 16th of September 2025.

➡ Come down and enjoy coffee with representatives from the Salvation Army and your local police.

🍌 No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighbourhood.

ℹ For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station.





**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025**

**10.00am –  
11.30am**

**Salvation Army 29-  
31 Burdett Street,  
Hornsby**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND POLICE  
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighbourhood!

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station

**KU-RING-GAI POLICE  
AREA COMMAND**



**04 September, from Ku-ring-gai Command: Cyber Safety for Seniors**



**PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE**

**JOIN US FOR AN INSIGHTFUL AND SUPPORTIVE  
FORUM DESIGNED TO HELP SENIORS NAVIGATE**

- 11:15am Morning Tea
- 11:45am Service Stalls
- 12:45pm Part 2
- 12:45pm Evaluation
- 1:00pm Close

**WHERE**

**Thornleigh Hillcrest  
Uniting Church**  
**1 Paling St, Thornleigh**  
(Walking distance from the  
station, car parking available)

**INQUIRY /  
BOOKING**

Call: 0400 003 504



## 08 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Hot off the press - "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Parents/Grandparents". Do you know anyone who may be interested in reading this one? Thank you to our local Crime Prevention Officer and Youth Liaison Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command for reviewing the document.

This and more tips can be viewed and downloaded from our website: <https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/safety/>



Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for  
New Parents/Grandparents



1. As a new parent learn practical information on how to choose and use products to keep your baby safe: [productstesting.gov.au/consumers/keep-baby-safe](http://productstesting.gov.au/consumers/keep-baby-safe). Check cots are safe and suitable. Check out courses for new grand/parents - baby care has evolved.
2. Have a refresher First Aid & CPR course designed for infants and children. Get supplies tailored for babies and kids, eg Baby Traveling First Aid Kit. St John's 1300 360 455 or [stjohns.com.au](http://stjohns.com.au). Know which foods to avoid in case of choking.
3. Know the safety rules for swimming pools - NSW Fair Trading Pools & Pool Safety. Keep a phone by the pool for emergencies. Don't receive calls whilst supervising children. Never prop doors/gates open, especially those to pools.
4. Have the fitting of baby capsules and car seats checked for free - Contact Ku-ring-gai or Hornsby Council. Consider having top-up driving tuition (for Defensive Driving techniques). Set the car door child-locks. Use the safe (left) side for children's entry/exit of the car.
5. Utilise the tether safety strap on a pram/stroller. Park prams parallel to roadway lines or roads, to prevent rolling into danger. Utilise high chair straps.
6. Protect little fingers. Install bumpers on doors to prevent slamming on fingers, or catching fingers near the hinges. Install safety devices in the home, eg power point covers, cupboard locks, hob guard, sharp corner protectors, cord organisers, etc. Secure furniture that may topple, eg TVs (Consider a TV tether), bookcases, display cabinets and chests of drawers. Watch out for stairs, windows and doors.
7. Keep emergency contacts visible and updated. On the fridge for baby-sitters, or in the child's backpack. Write your mobile phone number on the child's arm when out for the day.
8. Lock away tools, chemicals, and medications. Unattended hazards can lead to accidents or harm. Remove products using button batteries. Restrict access to electrical appliances, sharp
9. Teach kids security and safety. Start early—get them involved in safety routines, such as locking doors and windows. Discuss and practise your family Fire Safety Plan, including escape routes and keys to locked doors. Rehearse safe responses to situation: "What would you do if...?" helps them build instincts. Discuss calling 000 in an emergency.
10. Talk about strangers. Focus on behaviour, not just appearances—bad people don't always "look scary". Teach them that adults should ask adults for help—not kids. Let them know to trust their gut feelings. Feeling "weird" or uncomfortable is reason enough to leave or say no. Explain in a non-frightening way tactics child abductors might use. If the child feels unsafe, confirm it is OK to do everything they've been told not to do - run, bite, scream, kick, etc.
11. Label clothing and bags discreetly. Avoid visible full names—use initials instead.
12. Set boundaries around technology/internet use. Keep devices in shared spaces and use parental controls. Learn about computers, tablets and mobile phones. Know the Apps and games your child uses - check safety features and privacy settings. Teach kids not to reveal names, addresses, or locations. Keep the device visible in a common area of your home.
13. Keep ID photos and current info up to date. In the unlikely event a child goes missing, current info helps, eg height, weight, identifying features. Consider having a set of fingerprints made.
14. Limit personal info shared online. Don't share photos of children/grandchildren online, especially on social media.
15. Establish a secret code word. Tell the child not to go with anyone under any circumstances unless that person also knows this code word.
16. Know where your children are at all times. Never leave them unattended in a public place. Ensure the child knows what to do if you become separated in a public place.
17. Teach safe people, safe routes and safe places. Walk to kindergartens/pre school with the child and point out possible danger spots like alleys and vacant lots. Show them where to go if they feel unsafe—neighbour's, shop, libraries, friends' homes.

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby  
Community organisation

 Send message

**08 September, from NSW Police Force**



Want to read more about this

story? ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=120641>

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**07 September, from the latest Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness newsletter.**

Contact us via our website if you'd like the pdf:

<https://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/contact/>



## How To Ensure Safety While Driving Your

For people with disability, mobility scooters are nothing short of a boon. One can literally get to the places they desire. A great way to move around, right?

But if there's freedom for you to move around, there are some responsibilities you need to understand, especially when it comes to safety. Like any vehicle, mobility scooters also need to be handled with care.

By care, it means there are important tips you should follow to stay safe and sound on your rides. So, if you're a seasoned scooter pro or a newbie, read on—it'll help you a lot!

### 1. Pre-Ride Checklist

There are things you should check before heading out on your mobility scooter. What to look for? Here's a checklist for you to keep in mind.

#### Check the Battery

Mobility scooters in Australia run on batteries (obviously). So before you step out, check if the battery of your mobility scooter is fully charged and if it's in good condition or not because a dead battery can leave you stranded, which no one likes!

#### Tire Inspection

The second paramount thing to look for is the tyres. Just make sure they're properly inflated. Keep an eye on wear or damage. Consider this as one of the important mobility scooter safety tips. Don't skip this step!

#### Brake Functionality

Test the brakes because safe driving practices for mobility scooters always start with good brakes! You may need to stop your mobility scooter quickly, so it's important that the brakes should work fine.

#### Horn and Lights

Check if the horn is working and the lights are bright enough for you to see and be seen. This becomes paramount if you're heading out in low-light conditions like early morning or evening.

#### Personal Safety Gear

Last but not least, always wear a helmet and consider reflective clothing, particularly at night. The visibility can prevent accidents.

### 2. Safe Driving Practices

Driving a disability scooter comes with its own set of responsibilities, and following safe driving practices for mobility scooters is the key to standing up to those responsibilities. First things first, always follow the traffic rules. Like any other vehicle, mobility scooters are required to follow the rules. These rules are made to keep you safe, and everyone around you knows what to expect.

No matter how well you operate your mobility scooter, it's important to practice defensive driving. Be aware of your surroundings, be it other pedestrians, cyclists or even uneven roads. Keep your eyes out to observe any potential danger. This will save you from a lot of trouble.

Speed control is another biggie. It might feel tempting to zoom around, but going too fast is not a good idea, especially in crowded places or on bumpy roads. It can be risky. It's better to stick with a speed that's safe and comfortable for you as well as those around you.

Next up is your posture (it matters too). Sitting upright and keeping a firm grip on the handlebars not only makes your scooter ride smoother but also helps you have better control of it.



Lastly, don't get distracted by the surroundings while driving. It's a real safety issue. Try to avoid using your phone (strictly) or any other gadgets while you're driving. Keep your focus on the road for a safe experience. Don't forget that having the right safety equipment for mobility scooters is also a smart move!

### 3. Getting Around on Different Surfaces

Getting around with a mobility scooter can be super smooth if you know how to handle different terrains. Indoors, like in homes or stores, smaller turns can be tricky. Look for portable mobility scooters with a tight turning radius—they're great for confined spaces. Outdoors, stick to sidewalks and always cross at crosswalks for safety. Keep an eye out for uneven surfaces and take it slow when needed.

Ramps and inclines? No worries! Always approach them head-on and avoid turning on slopes. Go steady, and let the scooter's motor do the work. In wet weather, things get a bit slippery, so take extra care. Reduce your speed, and try to avoid puddles that could damage the scooter.

Looking for reliable options? Searching for "mobility scooters near me" can help you find the right scooter to match your needs, whether you're indoors, outdoors, or on the go!

### 4. Regular Maintenance

Proper caring is all your scooter demands to be in good shape. To do so, start by scheduling routine check-ups with a qualified technician. They'll visit you, identify any problems early, and make sure your scooter stays in good condition. This way, you can avoid bigger problems down the road.

Just wipe down your scooter regularly to remove the dust and oil the moving parts well. This will make a big difference in how your scooter performs and lasts over time. And don't forget where you store it! Keep your scooter in a dry spot, away from rain and sun.

\*Active Scooters Australia

07 September, from NSW Police Force



Today marks exactly two centuries since the NSW Police [Mounted Unit](#) was established. From ceremonial parades to keeping communities safe, they've been riding strong every step of the way 💙🐎

Join us in celebrating this incredible milestone 🙌 <https://www.facebook.com/share/16GHXBjdXW/>

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**07 September, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh Pennant Hills Normanhurst Community Group:**

This shits me beyond words.

When your son and daughter in law work 6 days a week- long hours to start their own business- buy a truck and then some little spineless and mindless fuck wits do this. 🤔

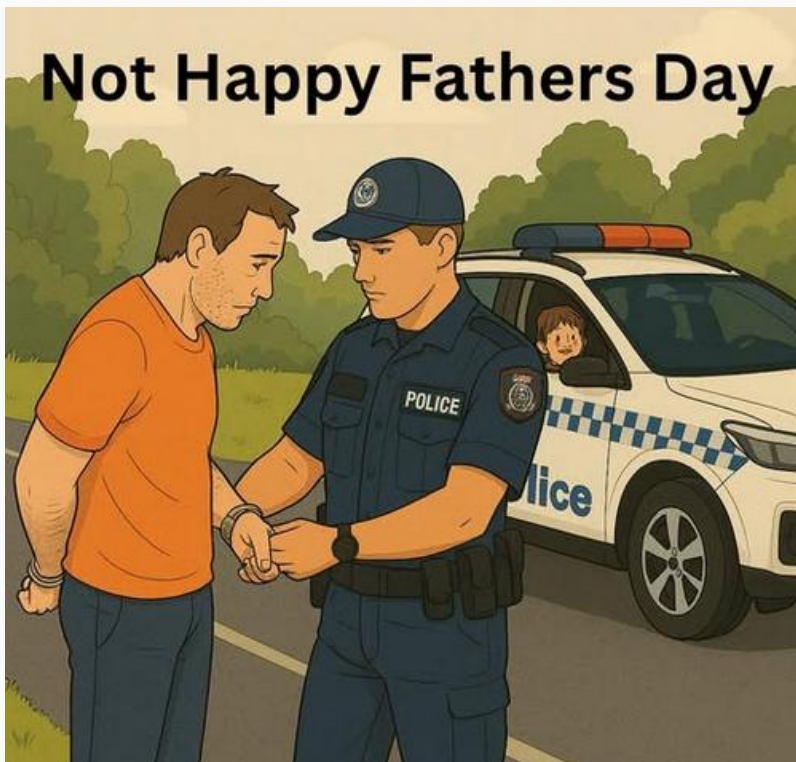
Truck was parked outside the brick pit in Thornleigh Friday 5th September 2025.

If anybody saw something- knows something or has had this tag graffitied on their property and can provide information please reach out.



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07 September, from The Hills Police Area Command: 🚒 Father's Day Ride Ends in Arrest 🚒



A 37-year-old dad was pulled over on Glenhaven Road at 11am this morning and returned a high-range reading of 0.184 during a roadside breath test. His 9-year-old son was in the car at the time.

While dad was taken into custody, his son got a front-row seat in a police vehicle—literally. He rode up front while dad rode in the back.

The driver has been charged with high-range drink driving and his licence suspended on the spot.



A sobering reminder: driving under the influence puts lives at risk, especially those we care about most.

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**07 September, Shared with permission from the Turramurra, Wahroonga and Waitara Community Group yesterday (Saturday):**

FYI ... water meters stolen from townhouses in Nulla Nulla Street and a unit block on Turramurra Avenue on Friday night ... Sydney water were able to resolve early Saturday morning as pipes were not cut ... call police and Sydney Water if this happens to you.

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**06 September, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group yesterday (Friday):**

Just a heads up to anyone that might have a teenager out tonight on an e scooter. I just narrowly avoided your child riding against traffic in the pitch black (they are wearing dark clothes and a hoodie) in the 80 zone just before you come into Berowra. It scared the life out of me, I had to swerve into the centre lane to avoid them. Please talk to your kids about making smart choices whilst out at night. I just want to get home to my babies and I want your babies to make it home safe too.

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**05 September, from NSW Police Force: Have you seen Kepu Nathan?**

A warrant has been issued for the 44-year-old's arrest for traffic and break and enter related matters.

He is known to frequent the Northern Beaches and North Shore.

Anyone with information into his whereabouts is urged not to approach him, but to call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

MORE INFORMATION ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=120613>





**05 September, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc.: Walking at Night with Your Dog – 26 Safety Tips & Gear.**



To stay visible and be seen while walking at night, wear bright-colored or reflective clothing and accessories, use lights, and stick to well-lit, designated paths.

A torch or headlamp provides light for you to see and also makes you more visible to others. If you are walking a dog, consider getting them a lit collar or leash to keep them visible too.

#### Clothing and Accessories

**Bright colors:** Avoid dark clothing, which can blend into the night.

**Reflective gear:** Wear or attach reflective stickers, clips, belts, or tape to your clothing, shoes, or bags to reflect light.

**Extra safety lights:** Use battery-operated flashing LED lights that can be attached to your clothing or bags for enhanced visibility.

**Carry a torch or headlamp:** This helps you see where you're going and also makes you more visible to motorists.

#### Walking Environment

**Stick to well-lit paths:**

Choose routes with streetlights and sidewalks to stay visible.

Avoid walking between obstacles:

Stay away from parked cars, hedges, or other obstructions that can hide you from drivers.

Face traffic:

If you must walk on the street without a sidewalk, walk facing oncoming traffic.

Keep your dog visible:

If walking a dog, use an illuminated collar or leash so they can be seen by others.

General Awareness

Be alert: Always be aware of your surroundings and never assume a motorist sees you.

Do not walk while impaired: Avoid walking if you are under the influence of alcohol or certain prescription drugs that cause fatigue.

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05 September, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service



## Planned Hazard Reduction Community Meeting

Discussion for land owners to give important information regarding a planned HR in the East Gordon area.



Date: 9/9/2025  
Time: 6pm - 7pm



Darnley Oval Carpark on the corner of Mount Ida St and Warandoo St, East Gordon

We hope to see you there



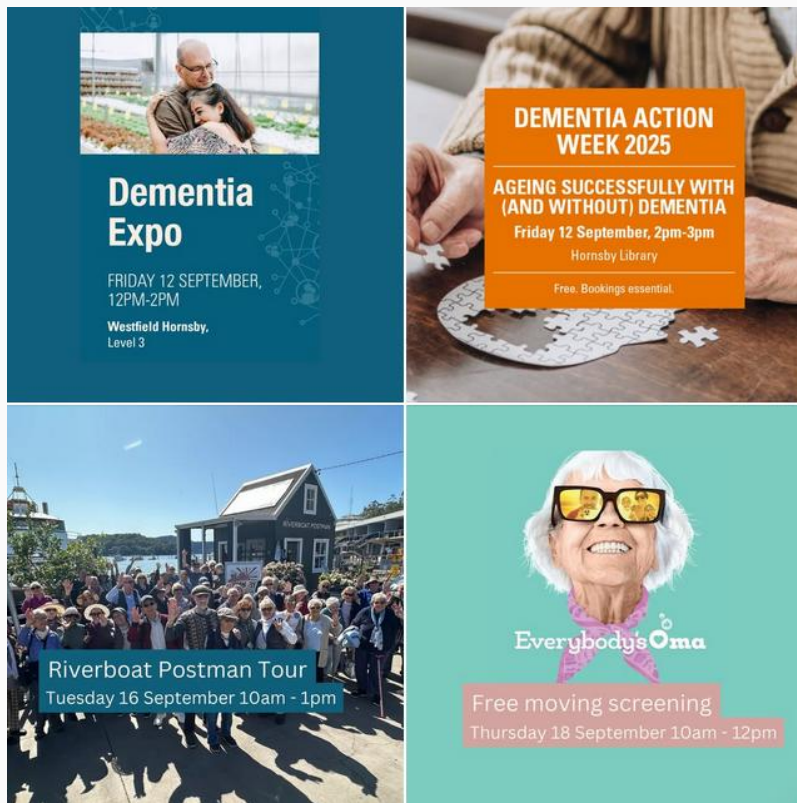
**RFS**



In preparation for the Darnley Oval hazard reduction that is planned in the East Gordon area, Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai members and staff will be conducting a planned hazard reduction street meeting at Darnley Oval, East Gordon on the 9/9/2025 from 6pm to 7pm.

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## 05 September, from Hornsby Shire Council




Dementia touches nearly half a million Australians and 1.7 million carers. It can leave people unsure how to stay connected after a diagnosis, often leading to isolation and stigma.

As part of our commitment to building a Dementia Friendly Community, we're hosting a series of free events during Dementia Action Week to foster support, connection and understanding for those living with dementia and their carers.

### Hornsby Dementia Expo


 14 Friday 12 September, 12–2pm

 Hornsby Westfield, Level 3 (next to Kidstuff), free, drop-in

Meet service providers including Dementia Australia, HammondCare, Hearing Australia, and more.


### Ageing Successfully with (and without) Dementia Seminar

 14 Friday 12 September, 2–3pm

 Hornsby Library, free, bookings required

Join Dr Charmere Linton, consultant geriatrician at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, for an insightful seminar on dementia and ageing. Free, bookings essential.


Riverboat Postman Cruise - limited tickets available


 Tuesday 16 September, 10am–1pm

A relaxing day on the Hawkesbury River for Hornsby Shire residents living with dementia and their carers. Includes morning tea, lunch, and a cuppa.

Free, bookings essential.

Free Screening: “Everybody’s Oma”


 Thursday 18 September, 10am–12.30pm


 Hornsby Library

A heartwarming documentary about dementia care and family connection. Free, bookings essential.

 DCaf Café Catch-Ups

Weekly sessions in Galston, Hornsby and Waitara for people living with dementia and their carers to socialise and connect in a safe, welcoming space. Learn more [here](#).

 Hello Hornsby also offers inclusive events like Coffee & Chat mornings, Carers Week morning tea, and Grandparents Day celebrations. Details will be listed on our website soon.

 For more information and to book your place visit [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby)

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## 05 September, from ACCC Product Safety

If you own a Zak 3D Mini Animal Toy sold at Kmart and Target, stop use immediately: they have been recalled.

The product contains small parts that may separate from the toy and become a choking hazard. There is a risk of serious injury or death from choking. Learn more [here](#).





## Zak 3D Mini Animal Toy sold at Kmart and Target

PRODUCT CONTAINS SMALL PARTS THAT MAY  
SEPARATE FROM THE TOY

**Risk of serious injury or death from choking**



05 September, from [transport.nsw.gov.au](http://transport.nsw.gov.au)

**True or false?**  
These signs mean the  
same thing.

Answer in caption



When you come to a STOP sign you must come to a complete stop before reaching the line, and then proceed when it's safe.

When you come to a GIVE WAY sign you must slow down and prepare to stop if necessary.

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● So the answer is false!

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**05 September, from The Hills Police Area Command: 🚨 Pedestrian Safety Alert – The Hills PAC 🚨**



We've seen a rise in collisions involving pedestrians crossing roads away from designated crossings.

More than 1100 pedestrians are hit on NSW roads each year. A person struck at 50km/h is twice as likely to die as one hit at 40km/h.

- ✅ Stop. Look. Listen. Think.
- ✓ Use pedestrian crossings — they're the safest.
- ✓ Look both ways continuously.
- ✓ Listen for traffic.
- ✓ Think before stepping out.
- 🚫 Put away your phone. 🎧 Remove earphones.
- 🌙 Wear bright or reflective clothing at night.

Let's all do our part to keep our roads safe.

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#### 04 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Wednesday):

Does anyone know this man??? He is around 70 years of age, slender, bald, wears glasses and carries a sudoku book.

He has come into our property twice now, letting himself inside through the fly screen poking his head around rooms.

When questioned, he says he is looking for someone to talk to of the sale of the property, which it is not for sale. He has been notified to speak to the real estate and to not come back.

Reported to our real estate and to the police. Posting this as a warning to close by neighbours to be on the look out for this guy and also if anyone has any information for us. Thanks!

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#### 03 September, from Hornsby Heights Rural Fire Brigade



Get ready, Hornsby Heights! 🇺🇸 Get Ready Weekend is happening on Saturday, September 20 and we want to see you there!

We'll be out and about, so come and chat with our team to learn all about preparing your home and family for bush fire season. Knowing what to do can make all the difference, so let's get ready together! 🚒

Keep an eye out for updates and locations coming soon!

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### 03 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia



Having a dog can be a great deterrent.

But not all of us can have pets.

So what do you do if you don't have a dog?

Here's our top three ideas:

- ✅ Install a 'beware of dog' sign somewhere prominent.
- ✅ Leave dog toys in plain sight at the front of your house.
- ✅ Use a recording of a dog barking occasionally to deter would-be robbers.

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**03 September, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: HOW MUCH FUEL IS IN THE TANK WHEN THE FUEL LIGHT COMES ON?**



Australia, when your car's fuel light comes on, you typically have about 10-15% of the fuel tank's capacity remaining.

However, the exact amount can vary by vehicle make and model, as well as driving conditions.

Some vehicles might have a distance-to-empty calculator, while others rely on a fuel level sensor to trigger the light.

Here's a more detailed breakdown.

**Typical Range:**

Most vehicles will illuminate the low fuel light when there's roughly 10-15% of the tank's capacity left.

**Vehicle Specifics:**

The precise amount can differ. Some vehicles might have a low fuel light that activates at 6% of the tank's capacity, while others might activate it at 10% or even 5%.

**Driving Conditions:**

Factors like driving speed, terrain, and even ambient temperature can affect how far you can drive with the light on.



#### Potential Issues:

Driving with the fuel light on can potentially lead to damage to the fuel pump, as it relies on fuel for cooling.

Additionally, sediment at the bottom of the fuel tank could be drawn into the fuel system, causing further issues.

#### Recommendation.

It's generally recommended to fill up soon after the light comes on to avoid these potential problems.

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### **03 September, from Councillor Sam Ngai**

Under the guise of pedestrian safety, Transport for NSW will be deleting a signalised pedestrian crossing between the Roseville Shops and the Council Carpark on the other side of Babbage Road. It is a state-owned road so they can do whatever they want.

This change won't completely cut residents off from accessing the shops – it just means they have to walk the extra long way around to get there, which may make a difference between whether residents bother to visit the shops or go to Chatswood.

This is not the first time that we've had to deal with non-sensical decisions from TfNSW bureaucrats.

On another strip of Babbage Road, I lobbied TfNSW to install safety railing – a request which they initially refused because they claimed there was no record of any safety issues. It was only when we showed them a picture of fire, police and ambulance in attendance of an upturned vehicle at the location that they changed their messaging and installed the safety rail.

Further down at Boundary x Archbold and Pacific x Shirley/Clanville, TfNSW has had real opportunities to fix safety issues by adjusting traffic timings however they have made it clear that the performance of state-owned roads such as Boundary and Pacific outweigh local resident safety and concerns. Their solution on each occasion has been the installation (or future installation) of Traffic Light Speed Cameras.

Similarly at the Roseville Chase shops, I have had conversations with TfNSW about the pedestrian safety issue and personally I believe it can be fixed with proper signage for vehicles approaching from the Roseville Bridge. But rather than testing the benefit of

signage or even going down the speed camera route, they have instead opted to delete the pedestrian crossing to optimise the performance of their road network.

As a consolation prize, TfNSW will also install a wombat crossing across Allan Street to make it safer at that point. And because Allan Street is council-owned, they have to go through a proper consultation process on this change. Consultation link is below, and ends 5 September.

<https://krg.engagementhub.com.au/allan-street-rpc>

I am still quite sour about the removal of the signalised pedestrian crossing in front of the shops because I have raised it for years, and TfNSW has denied that there is an issue. For them to now turn 180 and plan the crossing removal entirely is pretty poor



form.

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## 02 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

What to Do If You've Been Scammed on Facebook Marketplace

1. Report the scam to Facebook.
2. Contact your bank or payment provider – they may be able to reverse the charge.
3. Report to the police – this may be necessary for any legal action or insurance claims.

4. Warn others – leave a review or post about your experience to help prevent further scams.

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## **02 September, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby:**

### **How Do The Spammers Get Your Email Address?**

What could be worse than a fresh, steaming load of spam dumped on your email inbox? Spammers constantly find new ways to get their hands on your email address, leading to an overflowing inbox filled with unwanted messages. But it gets a lot worse when YOUR address is being spoofed as the sender, and friends start asking why YOU are sending them unwanted sales pitches for dubious products. By understanding how spammers collect email addresses and keeping up with recent developments, you can better protect yourself and your contacts from spam, phishing, and identity theft. Read more [here](#).

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### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 12 September:** FREE Hornsby Dementia Expo. 12-2pm @ Hornsby Westfield, Level 3 (next to Kidstuff). [Info](#).

**Saturday 20 September:** Killara RFS Get Ready Weekend 10am-2pm @ Koola Park, E. Killara.

**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](#)

**Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 September:** National Secure Your Home Day

🔥 **Wednesday 01 October:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5-6:30pm. McMahon Park, North Wahroonga

**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. 9am-2pm. NHW will have a crime

prevention stall, photo booth, police dress-ups and colouring-in.

🔥 **Tuesday 14 October:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5:30-7pm. Hicks Avenue Reserve, South Turramurra

**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:** Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet 5:30-7pm. Gwydir Avenue Reserve, North Turramurra

**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](#).

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### **The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has the 'Be Connected' program.**

Each week we will share a course that may help you. They are often designed especially for the elderly.

#### **How to Connect to Others**

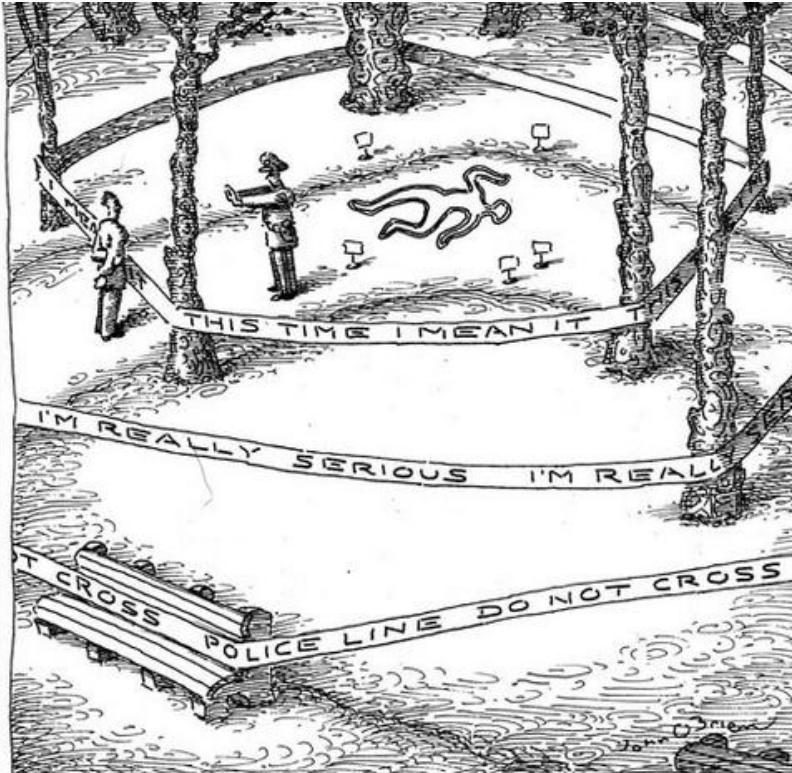
Need a helping hand with video calls? Find out how to get set up from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

#### **Getting set up for video calling**

In this course, you will learn what video calling is and what equipment you need to get set up. It's actually very simple to video call on the internet using your computer, tablet or smartphone.

There are a few things you need, such as a camera and speakers, but don't worry, most laptops, smartphones, and tablets already have everything you need installed on them.

- View/access the above course article [here](#).
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Thanks to an old New Yorker magazine.

Imagine getting arrested and a cat just comes along and sits on you.



Thanks to Lynn Miclea



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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](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)

**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWatchOut)

**Local NHW Facebook pages:**

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

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

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

**Face-to-Face NHW groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

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