



# Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

## eNewsletter #729 - 30 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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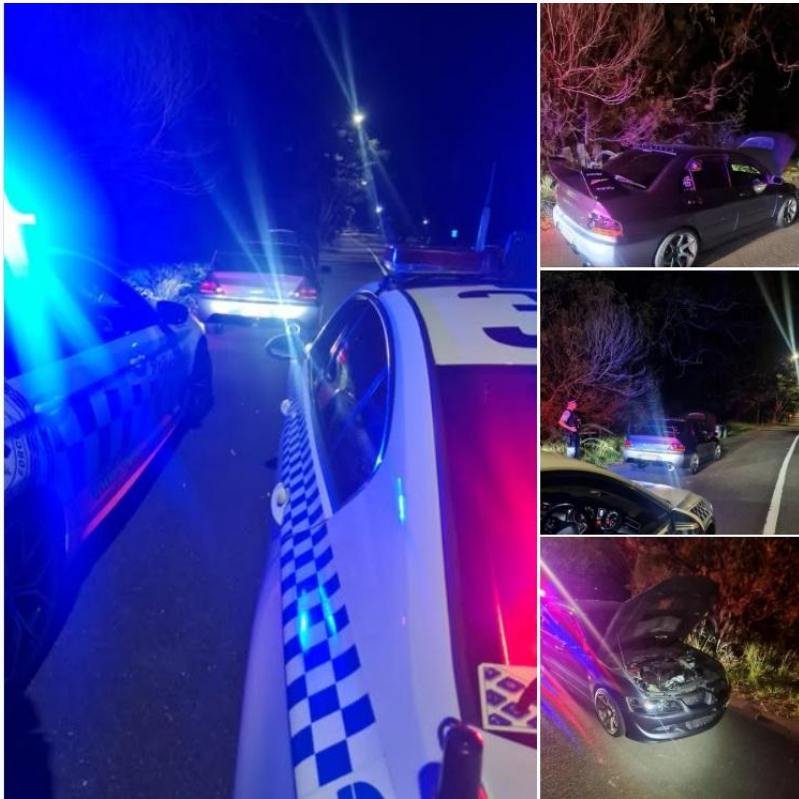
### **30 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: About 7.26pm the 26th of September 2025, Police were patrolling the Old Pacific Highway, Cowan when a vehicle of interest passed them at excessive speed.**

Police attempted to pull the vehicle over where the driver appeared to ignore warning lights and sirens. Police initiated a pursuit where it is believed the vehicle was travelling at a speed of approximately 150kph in a 70kph zone. The vehicle eventually pulled over and was inspected. The vehicle was found to have modifications which requires the vehicle to have a compliance sticker to which the driver did not have. Due to the speed the vehicle was travelling, police confiscated the vehicle's number plates for a period of 3 months. The driver, a 27-year-old male was issued with a field court attendance notice for the following offences:

- Police pursuit – not stop – drive at speed 1st offence
- Drive at speed dangerous 1st offence – class A
- Exceed speed over 45kmph class A – estimated

- Use modified vehicle on road without compliance certificate

The driver is required attend Hornsby Local Court later next month for those offences.



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**25 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 [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://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 a stealing– E85149813

Police are appealing for information to help identify a male they believe may be able to assist following a stealing in Wahroonga in September.



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### 25 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: ☕👮 Coffee with a Cop - Thank You! 🍷☕

A big thank you to everyone who joined us last week for Coffee with a Cop, proudly hosted by the Salvos. It was great to share a cuppa, have a chat, and connect with our community in such a relaxed environment. Your questions, conversations and support mean a lot to us, and events like this remind us how strong our community spirit is. 💙📸 Here are some snaps from the morning - keep an eye out for the next one, we'd love to see you there!



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### **23 September, from NSW Police: Can you help us find Sally?**

Sally, aged 47, was last seen in Berowra at 9.50am on Tuesday, 22 September 2025. She was last seen wearing dark coloured loose-fitting top, dark long pants, and white runners. Sally is known to frequent the Central Coast, namely Copacabana and MacMasters Beach.

Anyone who sees her is urged to contact Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

MORE

INFORMATION ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=120952>





**29 September, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHW K&H):**

**To celebrate Mental Health Week in October, information sessions on 'Parenting Teenagers in a Multicultural Context' will be held in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean and Tibetan for parents and guardians of teenagers in the Northern Sydney region.**

The online webinar sessions are being organised by several agencies working

in the region.

Presentation in English: 6:30-8pm Thursday 23 October

Presentation in Korean: 6:30-8pm Wednesday 29 October

Presentation in Tibetan: 6:30-8pm Thursday 16 October

Presentation in Cantonese: 6:30-8pm Tuesday 28 October

Presentation in Mandarin: 6:30-8pm Wednesday 22 October

**TAKING STEPS ON YOUR FAMILY'S WELLBEING JOURNEY**  
**PARENTING TEENAGERS IN A MULTICULTURAL CONTEXT**

**English**  
**Thursday 23**  
**October 2025**  
**6:30 - 8:00pm**

Parenting teenagers (kids over 12 years old) in multicultural families brings unique challenges but also rewarding opportunities for growth. This online Zoom webinar will help you:

- Recognise the signs of distress in your teens
- Communicate with your teens with empathy
- Understand your signs of stress as a parent
- Build resilience and strengthen connections within your family

**SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**

*"Empowering parents to take steps to navigate the teen years with confidence, connection, and compassion"*

For more information, contact Elise Taylor at [elise.taylor@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elise.taylor@health.nsw.gov.au)

This webinar is a Mental Health Month Initiative coordinated in partnership with:

NSW GOVERNMENT Northern Sydney Local Health District NSW School-Link Transcultural Relationships AUSTRALIA - NSW COMMUNITY BUILDERS

[We think they're FREE - Ed]

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**29 September, from NHW K&H: An oldie but a goodie, thanks to the latest NRMA Open Road magazine.**



Contact us via our website [here](#) to request a copy of the photo in your inbox.

## 28 September, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group as a warning: Hi everyone

This is a 'warning post' & a 'use your brains post'. Yesterday Saturday 27th my hubby & I were walking out puppy dog from Parsley Bay to Brooklyn as many others do it's a beautiful walk overlooking the water also many people go fishing. On return along the pathway a teenager had left a fishing hook with a prawn attached right in the middle of the walk way & within a split second our beautiful little pup had eaten it. Well the hook got stuck at the back of her tongue she went ballistic I instantly held her mouth open as hubby tried to unhook the fishing hook. So flipping stressful. Of course our pup was frantic so we had a second break then opened her mouth again & she'd swallowed the hook. 😞

I admonished the young boy. Actually I really gave him a piece of my mind. So did my husband. He was apologetic, but to me how stupid is leaving a fishing

hook in the middle of a popular walking track where kids & dogs visit regularly? Long story short we rushed her to emergency vet at Terry Hills. She was sedated & had an x-ray and we saw the hook had gone into her stomach, which was better then hooked in organs on the way down. They decided to use an endoscope to see if they could very cautiously remove said hook safely, otherwise if that didn't work, it would be abdominal surgery. The procedure took a couple hours. We were worried sick waiting for the result of endoscopy. The greatest news when we heard they had safely removed the hook & it came out of her mouth, no damage done. A huge thank you to NEVS & Dr Jessica Li the vet on duty. 🍪 🍪 Sorry for the novel, but had to explain my story. So dog walkers, please be very aware that there are some fishing people that don't think about their actions. I wouldn't want this to happen to others. And fishing people please keep your hooks & fishing gear in the tackle bag, not in the middle of a very popular walking track where kids also frequent. Yes \$3500.00 but there is no price we wouldn't pay for the love & loyalty of our beautiful puppy dog. 🐶🐾🐾

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**28 September, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group, Sunday 21 September: Hi everyone.**

My husband, son and I were travelling south down the Pacific Highway today and at 12:03-ish. We had stopped just before the right hand slip road that allows you to turn down Bridge Street, Pymble (next to Gordon Fire Station). A red P plater (young male) in a mid-late 90s dark green Toyota Landcruiser mounted the median strip to move into the slip lane next to us (which he absolutely couldn't fit into) and scraped the rear of our car as he did so (so he will have damage on his passenger side) before winding down his window and saying I had no spatial awareness (after hitting a stationary vehicle and mounting a median strip...) He then kept going, speeding towards the light and turning right. Such a long shot, but if anyone happens to have seen the accident or has dashcam footage that would be amazing (and miraculous, but we have to try as we couldn't get the details and now have a repair bill). Thanks so much.

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**27 September, from Turramurra High School: On Wednesday Yr 7, 8 and 9 attended a safety presentation where Senior Constable Lynda Hart, Youth Engagement Officer from the NSW Police Youth Command spoke in collaboration with Sydney Transport in relation to train surfing.**



The presentation focused on risk taking behaviour on public transport. One of the aims of the presentation was to enhance students decision making skills and foster greater independence when travelling within the community.



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**27 September, from Ausgrid: 🎬 Check out Ausgrid's bushfire power pole wraps, featured on NBN news last night.**

Ahead of summer we're working on ways to make our electricity network more resilient to bushfires and reduce power outages caused by fire damage. Collaborating with the NSW Rural Fire Service, we're installing bushfire mesh wraps on 3,000 timber poles across the area's most at risk in the Central Coast and Hunter regions. The wraps are made from a fire-responsive mesh covering that expands when exposed to fire, shielding the poles from damage and helping to keep the power on for local communities. With Bushfire season starting 1 October, preparation is key and now is a great time for everyone to start thinking about how they can get ready.



Still from their video.

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### **26 September, from Nepean command: Are you concerned with your aging parents driving ability?**

- Have you suggested to your elderly parent that give up their drivers licence due to your concerns about their ability to drive and they flatly refuse as you'd be taking their 'freedom' away.
- Do they have dementia?
- What happens when they turn 75 years young, and then 85?
- How to detect changes in their driving ability.
- What are alternative transport solutions?

These, and more topics are addressed in this online booklet. You can access this by copying and pasting into your browser, the link below and print it off for yours and your parent's information.

[On the road 65Plus - English.pdf](#)



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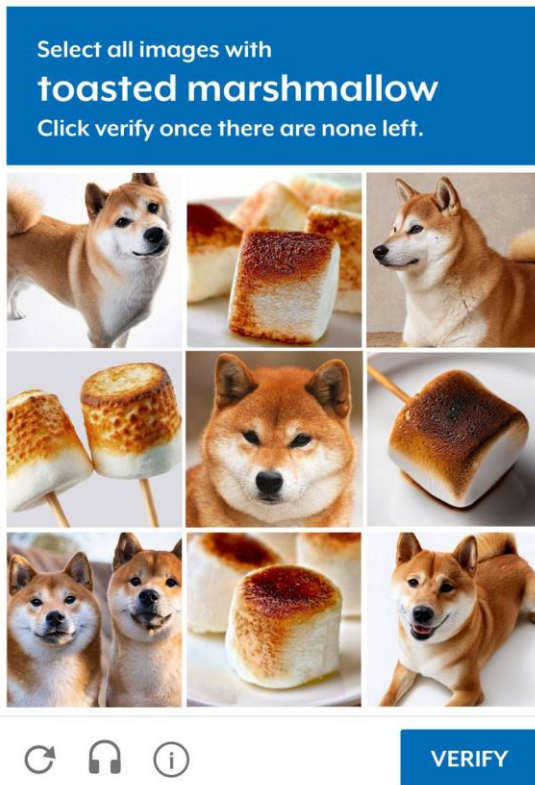
### **26 September, from Australian Signals Directorate: Do you know what CAPTCHA stands for?**

Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart. CAPTCHAs tell real users and bots apart by asking them to solve challenges that are hard for computers, but easier for humans. For example, identifying distorted letters and numbers, or selecting specific images.

Cybercriminals use fake CAPTCHAs to trick users into running malicious code on their computer. A real CAPTCHA will never ask you to copy or paste text, download a file, or run a program.

To avoid getting tricked by a fake CAPTCHA:

- ✓ only use trusted websites
- ✓ only solve CAPTCHAs that ask you to select images or type letters and numbers



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**26 September, from NHW K&H: One of our volunteers read about The Survivor Hub in an article in the Northsider magazine Issue 6 Spring 25. "The Power of Community - How a northsider is redefining support for survivors across Australia".**

It's about Brenda Lin: "she's part of a team leading a growing network of survivor-led support groups which give those impacted by sexual assault safe spaces where connection, community and empowerment take centre stage".

The Survivor Hub can be found [here](#).

The Northsider magazine can be found [here](#).

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**26 September, from Transport for NSW: Is it really true you only need to give way to vehicles on your right at a roundabout? 🚗**

The rule is actually that you need to give way to any vehicle already in the roundabout, whether they're entering on your right, left or directly opposite you 🤖

So be aware of all vehicles in the roundabout before entering to avoid a crash 👁️

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## 26 September from The Hills command: 🚲 Yes, You Can Cross Double Lines to Pass a Cyclist — But Only If It's Safe! 🚗

Did you know? In NSW, drivers are legally allowed to cross single or double white lines to overtake a bicycle rider — but only when:

- ✅ You have a clear view of approaching traffic
- ✅ It is safe to do so

This rule helps ensure drivers can maintain the minimum passing distance:

- 💠 1 metre when the speed limit is 60km/h or less
- 💠 1.5 metres when the speed limit is over 60km/h

Cyclists are vulnerable road users. Giving them space saves lives. Let's keep our roads safe and respectful for everyone. 💛

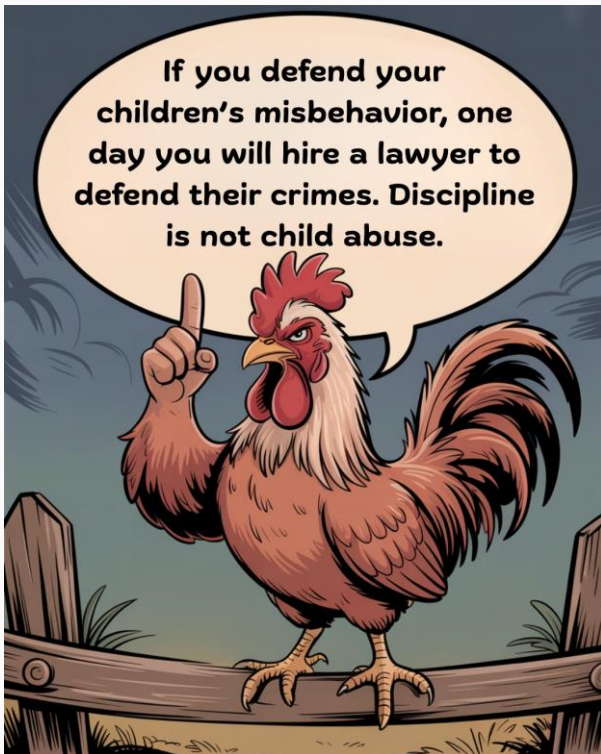


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## 26 September, from Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA): We've taken action against telco provider Buroserv Australia for failing to follow critical phone scam rules.

Buroserv failed to report over 4 million suspected scam calls, many impersonating trusted organisations including the Department of Immigration and Commonwealth Bank. The telco also failed to report how many scam calls it blocked from July 2022 to June 2024, which is a key requirement under anti-scam rules. We've issued a direction to comply, the strongest enforcement action for a first breach. Future breaches could result in penalties of up to \$250,000.

If you think you've been scammed, contact your bank immediately, notify your telco and report it to ScamWatch. 🔗 Find out how to protect yourself from phone and SMS scams [here](#).



Thanks to Mindful Thoughts

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**26 September, from The Hills command: SCAM ALERT: Members of the Indian Community are being targeted by scammers impersonating International Police, Military and Courier Services.**



## SCAM ALERT:

Members of the Indian community are being targeted by scammers impersonating:

! **INTERNATIONAL POLICE** ! **MILITARY** ! **COURIER SERVICES**



These scammers are contacting victims via phone calls, WhatsApp, Social media platforms and Text messages.

### SCAMMERS MAY SAY:

- Your phone number is involved in fraudulent activities.
- Your personal details were found in a data breach.
- Your identity has been detected on the dark web.
- A parcel addressed to you with compromised documents has been intercepted.
- You are implicated in a crime and may be charged.
- There is an arrest warrant out for you or a family member.

Their goal is to extort personal information and money.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- ✗ **DO NOT** share personal or financial details.
- ✗ **DO NOT** transfer funds
- ✗ **DO NOT** respond to threats or demands for payment.
- ✗ **DO NOT** visit websites or click links provided by scammers.
- ✓ **DO** hang up and block suspicious numbers.
- ✓ **DO** report any suspicious activity.

### IF YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED:

Contact your local police or call the Police Assistance Line on **131 444**

Report via:  
**cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover**

To report a scam attempt (no financial loss):  
Visit Scamwatch **www.scamwatch.gov.au**

Contact us via our website [here](#) to request a copy in your inbox.

## 26 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: One clip can lead to an arrest.

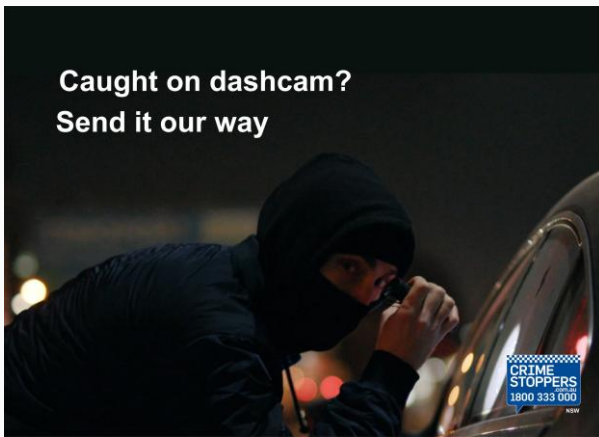
Your dashcam, doorbell cam, CCTV or mobile phone could hold the clue we need to solve the crime.

- 👁️ Saw something?
- 🎬 Got footage?

Upload it in confidence, where stopping crime starts.

[nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or 1800 333 000

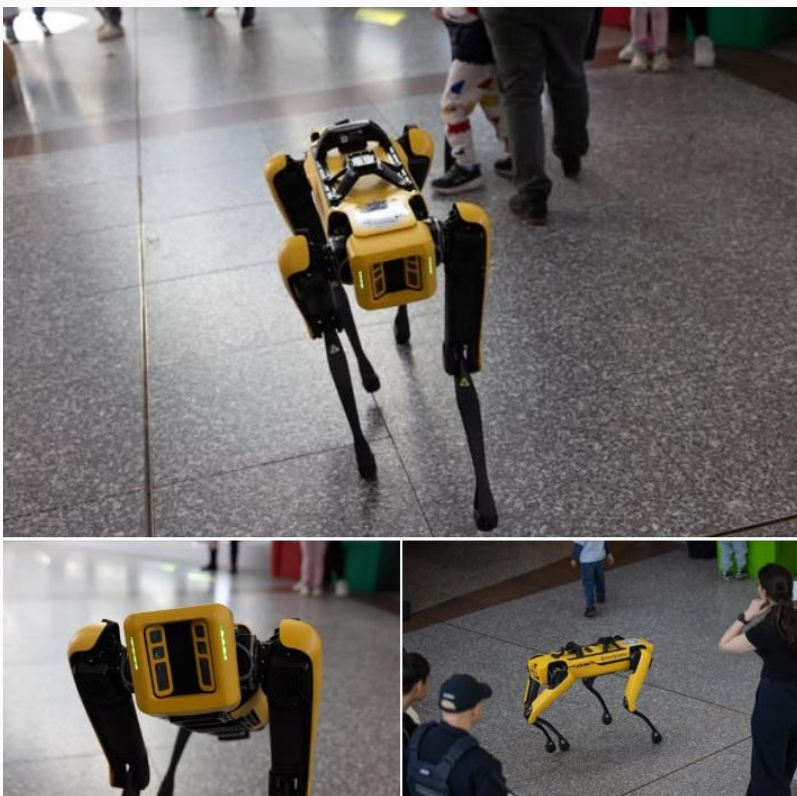
[portal.police.nsw.gov.au](https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au) or call 131 444.



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### **25 September, from the AFP: This is Spot, the AFP's robotic dog!**

Unlike its real-life canine counterparts, Spot's greatest sense isn't smell - it's sight. Equipped with LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology, it uses laser light to capture high-resolution 3D scans of locations. This lets the AFP assess real-world environments during tactical response operations and training, or collect evidence when a member can't enter a location due to size or safety. The robot is operated through a remote control by the AFP's Forensic Search and Imagery Team.





## 24 September, from The Hills command: 🚲 Give Space, Stay Safe! 🚗

When overtaking cyclists, it's not just courteous — it's the law.

- ✅ 1 metre clearance if you're driving at 60km/h or less
- ✅ 1.5 metres clearance if you're driving over 60km/h

This space helps protect vulnerable road users and prevents serious accidents. Whether you're on a quiet street or a busy road, always check, slow down, and pass safely.

Let's share the road responsibly. 🧡



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## 24 September, from the ACMA: Some gambling websites may appear legitimate, but if they're not licensed to operate in Australia, they pose risks because you won't have important consumer protections.

People who've used illegal gambling websites have reported:

- 😞 Winnings that were never paid
- ⚠️ Sites disappearing with their money
- 💳 Unauthorised charges on their accounts

Don't get caught out. Always check if a gambling site is licensed to operate in Australia.

To protect Australians, we actively investigate illegal gambling operators and work with internet service providers to restrict access.

🔗 Check the latest list of blocked gambling websites [here](#).

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## 23 September, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group:

Sharing for a friend - Car was broken into late Saturday night - Sherbrook Road, Hornsby - parked on left side of the road near the park on the corner.

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### Dates for your Diary

💧 **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 15 October:** FREE Ku-ring-gai Council's 'Keeping your family safe around dogs' 6:30-8pm @ Turramurra Seniors Centre, 1 Gilroy Rd, Turramurra. [Info](#).

**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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### 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](https://www.facebook.com/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](#)

**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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