



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.

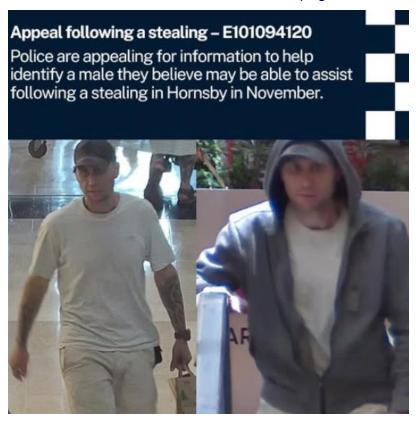
The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a 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.
- A 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.

01 December, from Ku-ring-gai PAC

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.



01 December, from Ku-ring-gai PAC

In light of the United Nations' 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai domestic and family violence Walk the Talk was held on Wednesday 26th November at PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai at Waitara.

Every young person should feel safe from domestic and family violence.

Together we say NO to Domestic and Family Violence and YES to respectful

relationships.



01 December, from Ku-ring-gai PAC

Ku-ring-gai Police are requesting information (witness accounts, dashcam footage, video footage etc) about a physical altercation that occurred between two males about 12pm on the 19th of November 2025, inside the Coles carpark at Turramurra, Ray Street Entrance - see photo for location reference.

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

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01 December, from Matt Cross

Today our community came together to stand against gender-based violence We walked the talk alongside local students, Kuring Gai Police Area Command, organisations and community leaders

I was proud to take the pledge: "We do not tolerate inequality & domestic & family violence."

Special thanks to the Year 12 students from Hornsby Girls' High School & Knox Grammar School for their powerful speeches

This event forms part of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism. Every single one of us has a responsibility to end violence against women and girls. Once & for all .



01 December, from Ku-ring-gai PAC

Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism on this issue.

Mayor Christine Kay stood with Elizabeth Lovell, CEO from Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney, Superintendent Matt Scott from Kuring Gai Police Area Command and Catherine Knox, Chair Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter to work to eliminate gender-based violence in Ku-ring-gai.

Council is committed to working with the police and key local organisations such as Lifeline, to say no to gender-based violence.

You can also join us for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai domestic and family violence Walk the Talk on Wednesday 26 November starting at 8am from the PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai at Waitara.

We welcome you to come in orange to represent hope and a future free from violence.

Find out more here.



01 December, from Ku-ring-agi PAC

What a day!

Students from Knox Grammar School, Barker College, Normanhurst Boys High School and Hornsby Girls High School spent a morning touring Hornsby Police Station and Hornsby Local Court House for a behind-the-scenes look at how the criminal justice system works.

They met our officers, learned how investigations are built, and heard from court staff about what really happens in the courtroom (hint: It's not like the TV shows!).

It's always great seeing young people engaged, curious and asking the tough questions. Thanks for visiting - we hope to see some future police officers in the making!





02 December, from NSW Government



New laws make it easier to find ethical, accountable dog breeders in NSW:

- Breeders must have an official breeder ID number
- Ads must include the puppy's microchip and breeder ID
- Female dogs can only have up to 5 litters (up to 3 by caesarean) in their lifetime
- Limits on the number of dogs per premises
- Breeders need enough staff to give all dogs proper care.

These changes help protect animals and give everyone confidence when buying a puppy.

01 December, from Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade: Hornsby RFB Santa Run 2025



Join us for our annual Santa Run this Saturday 20th December! From 2:45PM onwards we'll be bringing Santa to Asquith and Hornsby, including stop at 4 local parks, where you'll have the chance to meet Santa and explore the fire trucks!

Check out the route maps below! Please pay particular attention to the streets and times as these have changed from previous years (they are now later in the day).

Please share with those that are interested, Santa looks forward to seeing you!

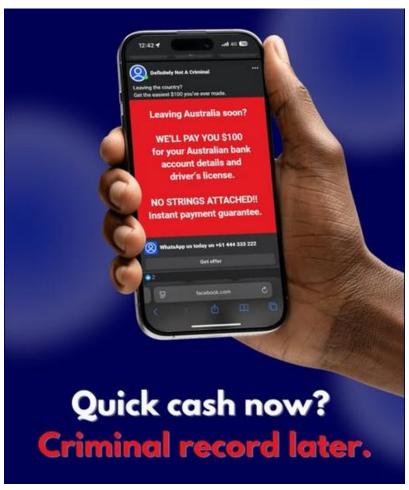
01 December, from Australian Federal Police

The AFP is warning international students not to sell or hand over their accounts or ID documents to anyone – especially strangers who contact them via social media or messaging platforms, or in-person.

Criminal syndicates looking to scam and launder money in Australia are targeting international tertiary students with offers of 'quick cash' and commissions for access to their bank accounts and identity documents. While these offers to buy or rent accounts are presented to students as legal, they're actually anything but. And with criminals using accounts and identities in illicit activities such as money laundering and large-scale scam operations overseas, students could easily find themselves permanently linked to crime networks.

What might look like a harmless favour, or an easy money earner, can result in criminal charges, visa cancellations, and permanent bans from returning to Australia.

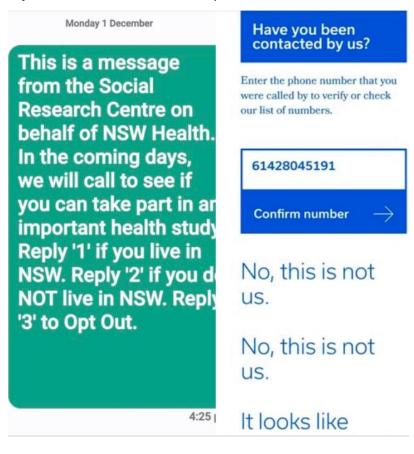
Before leaving Australia, we urge students to close their local bank accounts, secure their digital and personal identity, and never sell or share their details with anyone.



01 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

WARNING. One of our volunteers received this spam text purporting to be from the Social Research Centre. The phone number it was from was checked via the Social Research Website: srcentre.com.au and found to be spam. The text was forwarded to the Australian Communications & Media Association (ACMA) on 0429999888.

If you receive a text like this, please do the same.



01 December, from eSafety Commissioner



Smart features are becoming standard on devices we carry, wear, and use.

This includes household appliances, TVs, cars, and wearables like phones and watches.

As adoption grows, so do the opportunities for misuse – especially during relationship breakdowns.

Perpetrators can use connected tech to monitor, track or control a partner or former partner. They exploit location-sharing and geo-location features and things like shared accounts.

Protect yourself by:

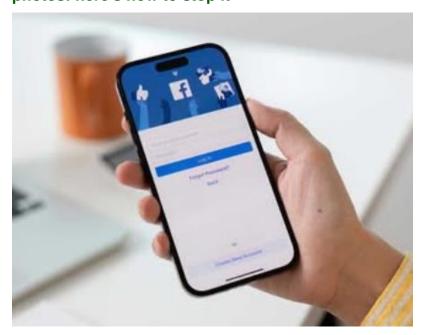
- reducing the apps and services you use with tracking and alerts
- turning off live location and drive scoring
- reviewing what's visible on your phone lockscreen.
- Treat location sharing as a choice, not a default. You can turn it on for a short time such as a trip and turn it off again later.

▲Your safety is the priority. If you think a former or current partner might be using tech to track you, contact 1800RESPECT national counselling and referrals (1800 737 732).

If you're in immediate danger or worried about someone else's safety, call emergency services on Triple Zero (000).

Read our latest online safety advisory for tips on how to protect yourself from tech-based abuse here.

01 December, from which.co.uk: Facebook could be accessing your photos: here's how to stop it



A trip to your account settings lets you see what sort of information you're handing over to the social media app and your contacts

Click here for details.

30 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

A new start-up called Ajust says it empowers consumers to win, by making it effortless to get heard and resolve issues with any Australian business. "Had a bad experience? We'll help you draft your complaint, send it to the business, and stay on it until you get a response."

They list:

Make a complaint

Get a refund

Return an item

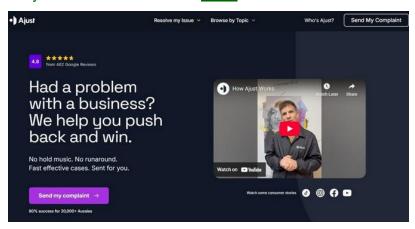
Cancel a subscription

Report a service outage

Claim a warranty

Request a price match

Why not take a look? Click here.

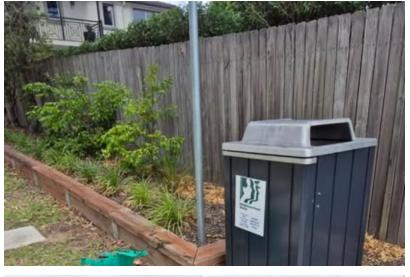


30 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

On Saturday Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers responded to a request from Ku-ring-gai Council and did a letterbox drop around the Nar-rang Park, Gordon. Thanks to Gay and Julia.

The leaflet 'Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai' was put in letterboxes around the reserve, on Holford Crescent and Ridge Street. Hopefully this will encourage residents to report, report, report! If you hear or see any suspicious or offensive behaviour, please contact the police.

We also put Neighbourhood Watch garbage bin stickers on the two rubbish bins at either end of the reserve. These have the phone numbers to call. If in doubt, please phone Hornsby police station: 9476 9799.





30 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

On Wednesday Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby joined in with the annual 'Walk the Talk' at the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC. Pictured are Gay Balasubramanian (Secretary, NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby), Fiona Zhou (Multicultural Community Liaison Officer at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command), Supt Matt Scott (Commander at Ku-ring-gai PAC), Sgt Tash Doggett (Domestic Violence Liaison Officer at Ku-ring-gai PAC), Snr Cst Ian Boon (Youth Liaison Officer at Ku-ring-gai PAC), Chantelle Fornori (Julian Leeser MP's office), Cllr Christine Kay (Mayor, Ku-ring-gai Council), Alister Henskens MP, and youths from Knox Grammar School, Normanhurst High, Barker College, Pymble Ladies College, Hornsby Girls High, and possibly other schools too. Also there were the Women's Shed, Soroptimists, the Domestic Violence Network, Ku-ring-gai

Neighbourhood Centre, 1800 RESPECT, CatholicCare and Rotary.



30 November, from Whirl Recycling



Annette is at it again! Another community recycling collection and fundraiser for KYDS. Drop off your unwanted electronics, keep them out of landfill and raise some dollars benefiting a fantastic cause helping provide free youth mental health counseling. https://www.kyds.org.au/

Here's a great opportunity to support an organisation that's making a huge difference where it's so urgently needed.

We can take:

Laptops; desktop computers; mobile phones; cameras; camera lenses and accessories; servers; switches; IP phones; hard drives; motherboards; RAM; CPU; modems; tablets; controllers; control boxes; WiFi extenders; PLCs; SCADA systems; GPS navigation systems; computer games; Gameboys; Nintendos; Playstation; Xbox; iPads; iPods; iPhones; Android phones; graphics cards; cords and cables; turntables; DVD & CD players; video players; stereos; computer keyboards; routers; vintage mobile phones; vintage radios; receivers; amplifiers; tuners.

30 November, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Focus on a postcode - 2072 - GORDON.

The following crime stats were taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website here.:

The figures are for the period July 2024 to June 2025. A category with a zero figure isn't included in the list, eg murder, non-DV assault.

Domestic Assault 14

Non-Domestic Assault 29

Assault police 1

Robbery without a weapon 1

Sexual Assault 9

Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 8

Break & Enter dwelling 10

B&E non-dwelling 5

Receiving/handling stolen goods 3

Motor vehicle theft 3

Steal from motor vehicle 14

Steal from retail store 9

Steal from dwelling 10

Fraud 27

Other theft 12

Malicious damage to property 22

Breach ADVO 3

Breach bail conditions 31

Fail to appear 6

Resist/hinder officer 3

Trespass 4

Offensive conduct 2

Use/possess cannabis 4

Use/possess other drugs 2

Other drug offences 4

Arson 1

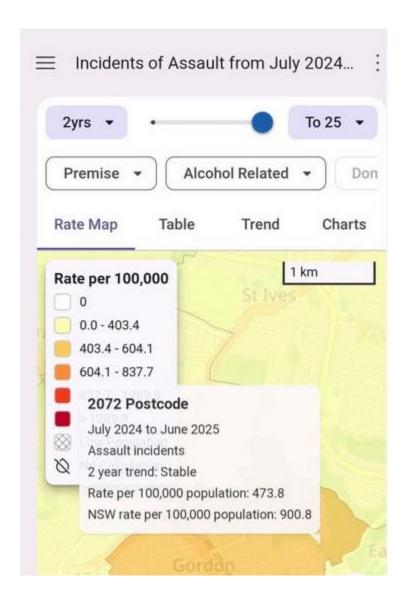
Intimidation, stalking & harassment 9

Liquor offences 1

Other offences against the person 1

Pornography offences 2

Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 2



29 November, from Dural Rural Fire Brigade: Santa on Fire Truck

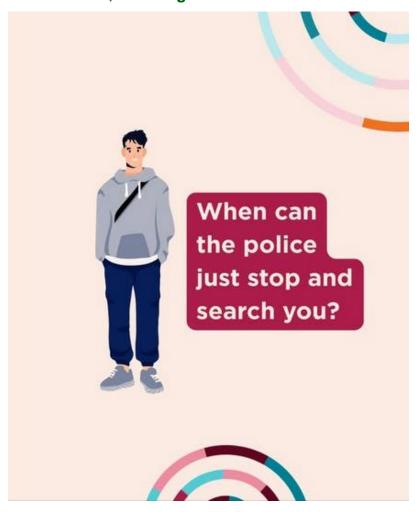


29 November, from North Sydney Living: One North Shore mum got a shock this week when she was fined \$660 for tying her dog up to the school gate. She has since had the fine rescinded. Read more (link in comments U)

(Behind a paywall)



29 November, from Legal Aid NSW



Police can't just search you because they don't like your hoodie. They need a valid reason.

Police can search you if:

- you're under arrest
- they have a warrant
- they have a reasonable suspicion that you are carrying things like drugs, stolen property or a weapon, or
- you agree to the search.

Read more <u>here.</u>

29 November, from Hornsby Heights Rural Fire Brigade

This weekend, Greater Sydney Region is forecasted to face an Extreme Fire Danger Rating. Under these critical conditions, any fire that starts will spread rapidly and pose a severe threat.

Remember to check your fire plan, be prepared and know what to do if a fire starts.

Just because you don't live in the bush, doesn't mean your home's safe from bush fires. Clear your gutters, mow your lawn, cut overhanging branches and know your plan. Discover more ways to protect your home at myfireplan.com.au.



29 November, from NSW Health

Hypersonic music festival, happening on 29 November at Sydney Showground, will offer a free, anonymous drug checking service as part of the 12-month NSW drug checking trial.

Festivalgoers can have substances intended for personal use tested by qualified health staff. They'll get quick results on what is found inside and,

where possible, the potency, to help them make informed decisions. Trained peer workers will then provide advice on reducing risks and can also offer confidential support.

While illicit drugs remain illegal in NSW, this trial aims to reduce risks and harms associated with their use.

For more information on the NSW drug checking trial, visit site here.



Hypersonic is the next festival to participate in the NSW drug checking trial.

- Saturday 29 November 2025
- Sydney Showground
- Free and anonymous.



29 November, from 10 News Sydney



A 16-year-old boy has been hit by a police vehicle after allegedly attempting to run from officers in Sydney's north.

Police arrived at the Gordon train station just after midnight, where several boys were chasing another with one allegedly carrying a knife.

Police say they arrested the 16-year-old boy before he ran away.

They then claim the boy collided with an oncoming police car, but do not say why the car was driving on the footpath.

The boy sustained minor injuries and was taken to hospital for assessment.

28 November, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/ Kuring-gai Families group:

PSA: Unit blocks with secure parking.

A reminder to be vigilant with your carparks roller doors and other entry points to your garages.

Recently I came home to find the roller door up late at night which didn't seem right.

A review of our CCTV footage revealed someone had moments before put something over the sensor to keep the door open presumably to carry out theft in the carpark through the night.

Trust your gut!

28 November, from NSW Health: NSW Health is warning the community of the risks of illicit drug use after detecting two substances of concern recently.

- The first warning concerns multiple MDMA (ecstasy) tablets and capsules containing a higher dose than usually circulates in tested community samples.
- Ketamine-like substances, or analogues, have also been detected in white powder and crystalline matter.

Both substances were detected by the NSW Government's drug checking trial at last weekend's Strawberry Fields event in Tocumwal, in Southern NSW. No festival attendees experienced an overdose requiring hospitalisation, and one drug warning was issued to patrons on Friday night for the MDMA tablets. NSW Health is concerned the substances are still in circulation and drug checking, through the NSW Government's drug checking trial, will be available at the Hypersonic music event taking place at Sydney Showground in western Sydney this Saturday.

NSW Health Chief Addiction Medicine Specialist, Dr Hester Wilson said it was also concerning it will be hot this weekend, with temperatures expected to be in the 30's.

"High doses of MDMA can cause severe agitation, raised body temperature, seizures or fits, irregular heart rhythm and death," Dr Wilson said.

"These risks are greatly increased if MDMA is used with other stimulants, such as amphetamines or cocaine, or if high amounts are consumed over a short period.

"The amount of MDMA in a tablet or capsule can vary significantly, even within the same batch."

"Hot environments, such as at music festivals, increase the risk of harm from MDMA. Taking a break from dancing, seeking shade and drinking water are important measures to reduce the risk of overheating."

There have also been detections of ketamine analogues in white powders and crystalline substance expected to contain ketamine or amphetamine. Ketamine analogues copy ketamine's chemical makeup but can produce different effects, including stronger dissociation or hallucinations.

Ketamine-like substances, or analogues, can cause seizures and irregular heart rhythm. There is potential for greater harm if the ketamine analogue is taken in combination with depressant drugs, such as alcohol, GHB, benzodiazepines, or opioids, or with stimulants (such as methamphetamine, cocaine or MDMA). "If you or a friend has taken drugs and feel unwell, you won't get into trouble for seeking medical care. Please seek help immediately by calling Triple Zero (000)," said Dr Wilson.

At music festivals there are experienced onsite medical providers and teams of well-trained peer volunteers from programs such as DanceWize NSW who are ready to support you at many major festivals. Other event staff are also trained to help patrons.

For more information about staying safe, including the warning signs to seek help, see https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/get.../Pages/Stay-OK.aspx
For information about the potential adverse effects of MDMA, please contact the NSW Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26.

For support and information with alcohol, MDMA and other drugs, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 250 015. This is a 24/7 service offering confidential and anonymous telephone counselling and information.

NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) also provides a range of harm minimisation resources and advice and can be reached on 1800 644 413. NSW public drug warnings are available at https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../publ.../Pges/default.aspx Images and more information are available https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../publ.../Pges/default.aspx



27 November, from NSW Police Force

Detectives have released CCTV as investigations continue into an alleged home invasion on Sydney's lower north shore earlier this month.

MORE INFORMATION here.

27 November, from NSW Police Force

The 14-year-old girls missing from Penrith Railway Station have been located. Thank you to everyone who shared our appeal.

26 November, from ABC Sydney



Warning: This story contains graphic descriptions of violence and the abuse of children.

Sydney man Anthony Dibden, 78, has been jailed for two years and four months over a disturbing series of images of children.

The trove of images were so graphic police sources said it was among the worst they had ever seen in their careers.

The north shore architect will serve one year in prison before he is eligible to be released.

Full story: https://www.abc.net.au/.../lane-cove.../106045060...

If you or anyone you know needs help:

- Lifeline on 131 114
- Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800
- Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636
- 13 YARN on 13 92 76
- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978
- Headspace on 1800 650 890
- SANE on 1800 187 263
- Call triple-0 if you need immediate care

Personalise your news and stay in the know with the ABC NEWS app here.

26 November, from MYNRMA.COM.AU



Have you been caught out trying to decipher a parking sign? This one's for you! Read details here.

25 November, from Australian Department of Home Affairs

Australia's threat level has not changed but being prepared saves lives.

The Escape. Hide. Tell. materials are now available in more languages and formats for all Australians.

Because every Australian deserves access to life-saving information.

To better understand how to respond in a critical situation visit site <u>here.</u>



25 November, from NSW RFS Ku-ring-gai Brigade



It was a busy week last week for <u>Ku-ring-gai</u> with crews out almost everyday supporting a number of hazard reductions and training events.

- On Monday Wednesday we provided crews across all 6 shifts at the St Ives Showground HR, at times with all 4 of our vehicles out and crewed, alongside crews from Ku-ring-gai Council, Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District and Northern Beaches District.
- **b**On Friday we sent a crew to Castle Hill where they assisted Fire and Rescue NSW with the Drawbridge HR
- ⚠On Saturday we had our crew day where, along with Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade, we removed the remaining lengths of hose and pumps from the St Ives Showground HR. This was a mammoth effort by all involved, carrying a significant amount of heavy gear out of steep terrain
- One of our members also took part in a chainsaw training workshop with our friends at NSW SES Ku-Ring-Gai Unit
- Also on Saturday, while en route to St Ives Showground, Ku-ring-gai 1A was diverted to a MVA on Mona Vale Rd where a car and bus had collided.

Thankfully no-one was injured and our crew stood by to provide fire protection until the vehicle was safely loaded onto a tow truck.

Hazard reductions are a vital tool to reduce the risk and impact of bushfires but its important that you know what you'll do if a bushfire threatens your home. Head to www.myfireplan.com.au for more information.

A massive thank you to all of our crews who have given up their time to make themselves available over the last week.

- FF van Herten
- DC Tucker
- SDC Gorfin

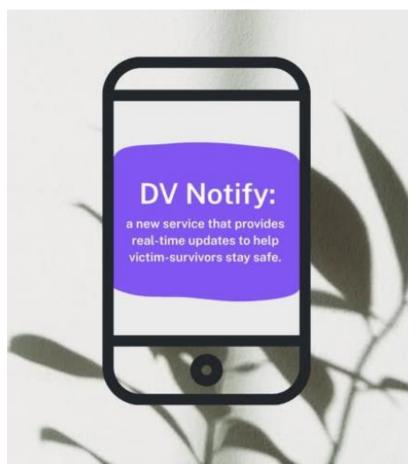
25 November, from NSW Government

There's a first-of-its-kind digital service to help domestic and family violence victim-survivors stay safe.

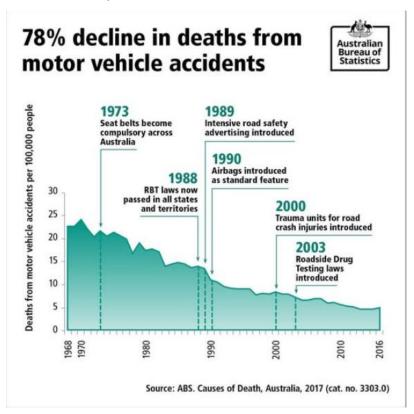
DV Notify sends text or email updates when an alleged perpetrator is released from custody, so victim-survivors know what's happening and where to find support.

The 12-month pilot has started in Liverpool, Manning-Great Lakes and Orana-Mid Western areas.

Find out more here.



25 November, from Road Sense Australia



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 03 December: International Day of People with Disability 10am-12;30pm @ PCYC, 1 Park Lane, Waitara. NHWK&H and Police crime prevention stalls.

Thursday 04 December: FREE Be Connected webinar - All you need to know about data and public wi-fi. 10-11am. Info & Bookings.

Tuesday 09 December: FREE Be Connected webinar - Connecting to Others. 3-4pm. Info & Bookings.

Thursday 11 December: FREE Be Connected webinar - Apps for Smarter Travel. 3-4pm. Info & Bookings.

The government's Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a 'Be Connected' program.

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

What you need to know about the new social media rules

This article discusses:

- What are the social media age restrictions?
- How will it help under-16s?
- Which social media platforms are impacted?
- Who is responsible for complying with the law?
- How does this impact the under-16s in my care?
- Will I now have to prove my age to use social media?
- If I do have to prove my age, what methods will be allowed?
- How can I help children in my care prepare for the age restrictions?
- Where can I find more information?

Join the FREE Be Connected online presentations <u>here</u>.

Subscribe to the Be Connected newsletter <u>here</u> - Get the latest updates on new courses, articles and more straight to your inbox.



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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

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)