



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #740 - 16 December 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.

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

15 December, 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

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



Appeal following a stealing – E85663537

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



14 December, from NSW Police: Police are now appealing for anyone in the Bondi Beach area with mobile phone or dashcam vision relevant to this incident to upload at the below link.

SUBMIT EVIDENCE  <https://nswpf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/bondibeach14122025>

It can also be provided via [Crime Stoppers NSW](#). Information is managed on a confidential basis.

14 December, from NSW Police: If you're struggling after today's events, know that help is available 24/7.

NSW Mental Health Line: Call 1800 011 511

Lifeline: Call 13 11 14, text 0477 13 11 14 or chat online.

Kids Helpline: Call 1800 55 1800 or chat online.

Beyond Blue: Call 1300 22 4636 or chat online.

1800RESPECT: Call 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or chat online.

13 Yarn: Call 13 92 76.

MensLine Australia: Call 1300 78 99 78.

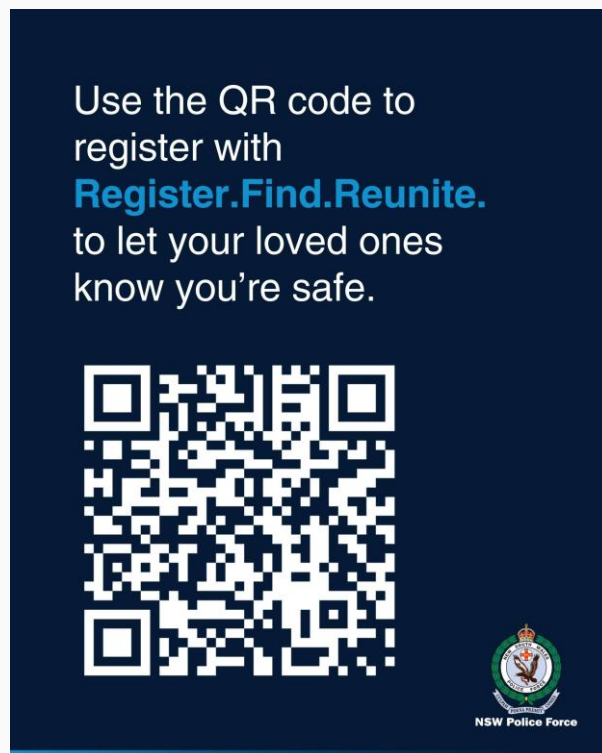
If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).

14 December, from NSW Police: The Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) has been activated to support the multi-agency response to the Bondi Beach incident.

The Public Information and Inquiry Centre can be contacted by calling 1800 227 228. It will operate on a 24-hour basis for as long as is necessary. The PIIC will also be the place to register for people who were forced to leave personal possessions - including vehicles - behind during the emergency. Police warn it may be some days until these can be returned to their owners. The NSW Police Force has also activated the 'Register Find Reunite' capability, to assist in the registration of those who have been affected by the incident.

MORE

INFORMATION ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=122470>



13 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: ⚡ Know the Rules Before You Ride! ⚡

E-bikes are a great way to get around when used safely, but not all are legal on NSW roads.

- ✅ Motor must cut off at 25km/h
 - ✅ You must wear an approved helmet
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-  E-bikes are subject to the same road rules as bicycles

Illegal e-bike use can cost you \$818 in fines – don't risk it! Check out our E-Bike Rules Factsheet to stay safe and ride smart.

Understanding E-Bike Rules in NSW



Some E-bikes are legal to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain conditions:

- All riders and passengers **MUST** wear approved helmets, securely fitted and fastened.
- The electric motor must cut off when the bicycle reaches 25km/h.
- Motors are intended to assist when riding uphill or into headwind, not as the primary source of propulsion.

E-bikes are subject to the same rules as bicycles, and have the same rights and responsibilities as other NSW road users including:

- Keep to the left and give way to pedestrians on shared paths or footpaths.
- Ride at a speed which is safe for you and those around you.
- Have and use a bell to warn others you are approaching.
- Riders are to dismount and walk across pedestrian crossings unless there is a green bicycle light.
- Only children under 16 years of age or adults accompanying a child under 16 can ride on a footpath, unless there are signs prohibiting bicycle riding.
- Mobile phones must be hands free OR secured in a commercially manufactured phone holder fixed to the bike. It is illegal to text, make video calls, use social media or take photos/videos while riding.

Penalties:

- Fines from \$818 for illegal e-bike use.
- Fines for not wearing an approved helmet from \$410
- Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol can lead to fines or imprisonment.
- On the spot fines for holding a mobile phone from \$410
- Penalties apply for negligent or dangerous riding.

Note: If you are involved in an incident that results in injury or damage to a person's property, you may be financially liable.

For further information, please visit.



E-bikes |
Transport
for NSW



A handbook
for bicycle
riders

Stay safe and ride responsibly!




NSWPPF/2025/18299

11 December, from NSW Police: Can you help Police find 27-year-old Tegan?

She has been reported missing from the Hornsby area. For more information, go to <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=122404>

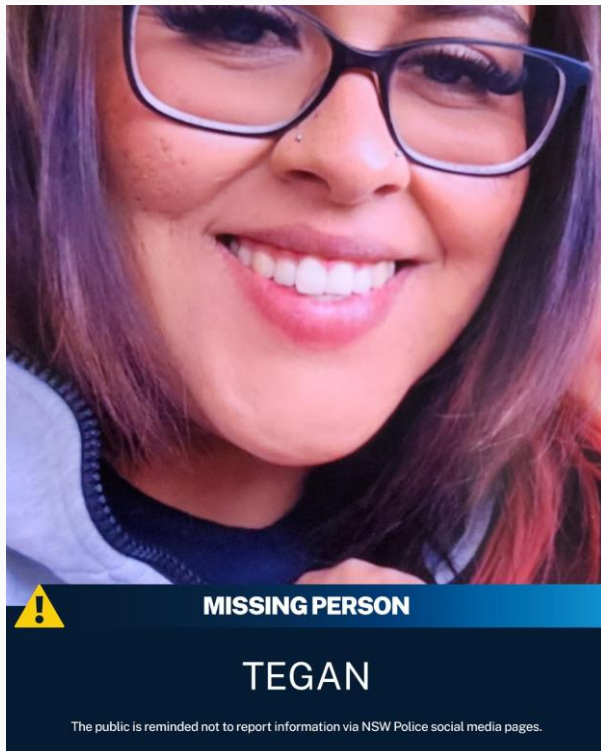
Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a woman missing from Sydney's north west.

Tegan Madureira, aged 27, was last seen at Hornsby last Saturday (6 December 2025). When she was unable to be located or contacted, officers attached to Fairfield Police Area Command were notified yesterday

(Wednesday 10 December 2025) and commenced inquiries to locate her. There are serious concerns for Tegan's welfare.

Tegan is described as Caucasian appearance, 160cm, medium build with blonde hair in a pony tail. She was last seen wearing a white/pink striped one-piece dress, white shorts and thongs. Tegan is known to frequent the Fairfield, Hornsby, Miller and Heckenberg areas.

Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to contact **Fairfield Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



11 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: ☕🌲 COFFEE WITH A COP CHRISTMAS EDITION ☕☕

- 📅 SAVE THE DATE: Monday 22nd December 2025 - 9.30am to 10am
- 📍 WHERE: Firestone, Westfield Hornsby
- Join your neighbours and local 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 9476 9799**.



11 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚨 Beware of Dodgy QR Codes! 🚨

QR codes are everywhere – menus, payments, competitions – but not all of them are safe. Scammers are using fake codes to steal your personal details or install malware on your device.

- ✅ Check before you scan – does the code look tampered with or placed over another?
- ✅ Verify the source – only scan codes from trusted businesses or official channels.
- ✅ Use caution with links – if a QR code takes you to a suspicious site, don't enter personal info.

Stay cyber-smart this festive season. A quick scan shouldn't cost you your identity!

BEWARE of QR CODES



QR codes have become a common place in our lives and unfortunately this has given rise to fake / scam QR codes containing malware and QR enabled 'phishing' attacks (these attacks are known as 'quishing').

Fake or malicious QR codes may have embedded malware that redirect victims to a 'phishing' (fake) page asking victims to enter sensitive information, such as their name, address, date of birth, credit card details, passwords, photos, and banking/financial details.

Malicious QR codes can also:

- Add an unknown contact to the mobile phone list.
- Connect the victim's device to malicious networks.
- Automatically initiate phone calls, emails and send text messages from your device.
- Reveal the victim's location.
- Enable camera on the device and commence recording.
- Download further viruses and malware to the device which may provide full access to the attacker.

How to safeguard yourself:

- Avoid scanning unnecessary QR codes.
- When scanning a QR code, check the link address to ensure it's a legitimate web page. Scam sites often have hyphens, symbols or misspelt words.
- Be aware of malicious QR codes that might be placed over genuine QR codes in restaurants and public places.
- Be cautious of parking tickets with QR codes which may lead you to fraudulent websites.
- Be cautious of QR codes redirecting you to digital crypto exchanges.
- Think twice before scanning QR codes sent via email, even if they come from organisations and/or people you know.
- Enable multifactor authentication to prevent theft of login credentials.
- Be careful about granting permissions when an app asks as some permissions could be dangerous.
- Install a mobile security app for virus and malware protection to keep your mobile devices safe and secure.



What to do if you are a victim:

Report to Police or at [Cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au) & [Scamwatch.gov.au](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au)
Contact [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) for image-based abuse
(sharing or threatening to share intimate images without consent).

09 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: As the festive celebrations kick off, we know it's a time for fun, friends, and good cheer.

But remember:

- Drink responsibly – pace yourself and know your limits.
- Respect licensed premises – if you're asked to leave, do so promptly.
- Plan ahead – organise a safe way home before the night begins.

Failing to quit licensed premises when directed can lead to fines or charges – and that's not the kind of memory you want this holiday season. Let's make sure the only thing you're leaving behind is 2025! Stay safe, look out for your mates, and enjoy the celebrations responsibly.



WHEN YOU ARE TOLD TO LEAVE AND YOU DON'T...

You will be refused entry or asked to leave a venue immediately if you are:

-  **Intoxicated**
-  **Disorderly**
-  **Violent**
-  **Quarrelsome**
-  **Selling, using or in possession of prohibited drugs**
-  **Smoking in a smoke-free area**

If you are asked to leave or refused entry, you **MUST** leave the vicinity of the premises and stay at least 50 metres from the venue for a minimum of 6 hours.

You cannot re-enter the premises for at least 24 hours.

If you don't comply you are committing a crime.

A \$550 on the spot penalty applies.

 **Triple Zero (000)**
For emergencies or the following situations:

 **Police Assistance Line (131 444)**
For non-emergencies.

 **Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**
To provide crime information, it can be in confidence.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [YouTube](#) or visit [www.policenews.gov.au](#)

NSWTF/2022/16180



16 December, from Triple P - Positive Parenting Program: 📢 News Alert 📢

We're proud to launch Stepping Stones Triple P Online, a free program full of positive parenting strategies to help your child with disability thrive and gain key

life skills. Based on extensive research with families of children with disability, it can help yours too!

✅ **How can it help?**

It's full of ideas to help make getting out the door, bedtimes and communication easier. Choose from 25 evidence-based, practical ideas and strategies. You know your child best and what their strengths and abilities are, so you can choose which tools to use.

✅ **Who's it for?**

It's for parents and carers of children with developmental disability, neurodiversity, and additional needs. Children don't need a diagnosis.

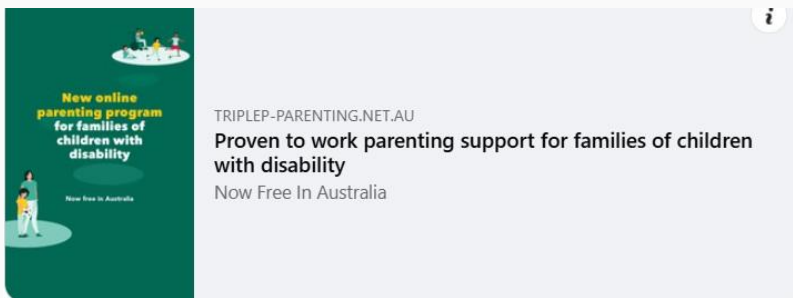
✅ **How much does it cost?**

It's free and online, thanks to Australian government funding.

✅ **Can I do it while I'm on a wait list?**

Yes, you can. You don't need to worry about waitlists, travel, a diagnosis, referrals or childcare.

Sign up today [here](#) and get started in just 5 minutes.



15 December, from The NRMA: Finding a space doesn't have to be a battle.

Be patient, be courteous, and follow along these simple rules. Let us know if we've missed any! mynr.ma/car-etiquette

Parking politely: what drivers often forget

- 1 If it isn't a spot, **don't park there** 
- 2 Park **between the lines** (and not over them) 
- 3 Let drivers **out** of their spots 
- 4 You can't **save a spot** by standing in it 
- 5 Take your trolley back to a **trolley bay** 



15 December, from NSW Government: Following the tragic incident at Bondi Beach, Lifeblood has issued urgent calls for O negative blood across NSW.

Fewer than 7% of Australians have this blood type, and it's critical in emergencies when a patient's blood type is unknown. To donate blood or plasma, visit www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre, call **13 14 95** or download the free Lifeblood app.

For more information on the Bondi Beach attack, including mental health support and victim support services, visit nsw.gov.au/go/bondi-beach-tragedy

14 December, from NHW NSW: Neighbourhood Watch NSW extends its deepest sympathies to all those affected by the tragic events in Bondi. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, friends, and the wider community during this incredibly difficult time.

Acts of violence impact not only those directly involved, but the sense of safety and wellbeing of the entire community. As the state's largest crime prevention organisation, we stand with the people of Bondi and across New South Wales in condemning violence and reaffirming the importance of community connection, vigilance, and support.

We encourage everyone to look after one another, remain calm, and rely on verified information as authorities continue their work.

— Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales



14 December, from Whittlesea City NHW: Going away?

Ask a neighbour or friend to put your bins out - it helps show your home is still occupied.

14 December, from NSW Food Authority: #FoodRecall: McCain Foods (Aust) Pty Ltd are recalling McCain Cheese & Bacon Pizza Pockets 400g due to the presence of foreign matter (plastic, metal).

Sold in: Woolworths, Coles and independent retailers including IGA nationally and online.

Date marking:

- BEST BEFORE OCT 2026 A (289)
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For full details [here](#).



14 December, from 9NEWS.COM.AU: AFP launches plea looking to trace objects in search of online child sexual exploitation victims

The AFP has turned to the community for help in identifying the origins of nine photos from online child sexual exploitation cold cases. The images form part of the fourth Australian release of Stop Child Abuse – Trace an Object, which started as a Europol initiative, releasing "cold case" online child sexual exploitation images in search of help to help identify the origins.

View article [here](#).



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[AFP launches plea looking to trace objects in search of online child sexual exploitation victims](#)

13 December, from NHW K&H: Focus on a postcode - 2079 - MOUNT COLAH.

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 10

Non-Domestic Assault 6

Sexual Assault 4

Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 4

Break & Enter dwelling 4

Receiving/handling stolen goods 5

Motor vehicle theft 3

Steal from motor vehicle 4

Steal from dwelling 5

Steal from person 2

Fraud 18

Other theft 2

Malicious damage to property 31

Breach ADVO 3

Use/possess cannabis 3

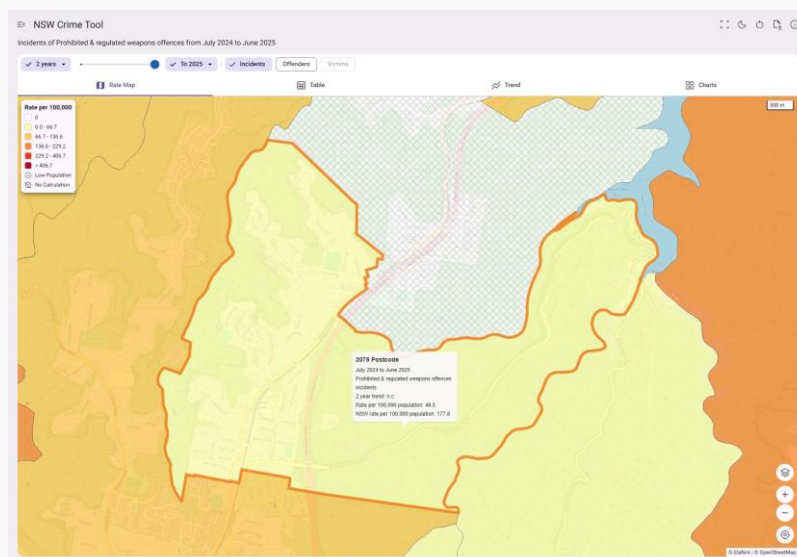
Use/possess other drugs 1

Intimidation, stalking & harassment 7

Blackmail & extortion 1

Liquor offences 2

Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 4



11 December, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai: a video of the final sign-off from Senior Constable Lynda Hart on her retirement, "no welfare checks required".



Still taken from video. Video available to view on Facebook [here](#).

12 December, from The Hills command: Check out this poster developed by the RTA in 1993! 🚗

🕒 30 years later, the message remains the same. Always stay under the speed limit. The faster you go, the more you increase your risk of having a crash, as well as the risk of death or serious injury.



12 December, from The Guardian: Sydney after-school childcare worker pleads guilty to using children to produce child abuse material

Former police officer admits to taking explicit images of children as young as four in his care

A former police officer who was secretly working in childcare has admitted taking explicit photos and videos of children younger than 10 when they were in his care. David William James created the child abuse material while working at six out-of-school hours (OOSH) care services in Sydney's north and city centres between April 2021 and May 2024. James worked with children as far back as 2018 across 58 different after-school and vacation care services across Sydney, according to police.

The 27-year-old is in custody having faced 31 charges, including 17 counts related to the production of child abuse material and seven counts of doing a sexual act with a child that is filmed for child abuse material. The allegations include that he filmed children – the youngest of whom was only four years old – while they were partially undressed and masturbated in their presence.

On Friday, James pleaded guilty to 11 charges related to the production and possession of child abuse material, and doing a sexual act with children to produce child sex abuse material. He beamed into court from a custody cell as he confirmed his guilty pleas. Prosecutors subsequently withdrew the remaining 20 charges against the former probationary constable in Sydney's Downing Centre local court. He will return to the New South Wales district court on 30 January to learn when he will be sentenced.

James had been employed as a probationary constable but, after failing to pass his probation, continued in a civilian capacity until his resignation in May 2023. NSW police said they were unaware he was working in the childcare sector at the same time. The 27-year-old came to the attention of Australian Federal Police investigators after they found the child abuse material on the dark web, tracing it back to him in June 2024. About 1,200 parents at the six centres where the alleged offences took place were contacted by federal investigators. But it was revealed that James worked casually at nearly 60 centres over several years, including some of Sydney's most elite schools, sparking widespread concern from parents.

Read article [here](#). [Behind paywall]



12 December, from Big W: Product recall notice
Learn more [here](#).

PRODUCT RECALL

BIG W

Contempo 45cm High Velocity Pedestal Fan

Model Number: FSW-45S
Keycode: 6016086
Dates sold: 01/09/25–10/12/25



Electrical safety recall

**Adesso and Contempo
45cm High Velocity Pedestal Fans**

Woolworths Group Limited

Model Number: FSW-45S (found on fan motor)
Keycodes: 6012361 & 6016086 (see rating labels below)
Batch Codes: All Batches
Dates sold: 1st September 2025 to 10th December 2025





Reason the product is recalled
Mechanical damage to the supply cord's insulation may occur during use of the fan, exposing the user to live parts.

The hazards to consumers
Risk of serious injury or death from electric shock or electrocution if user is exposed to live parts.

What consumers should do

- Customers should immediately stop using the fan and return to any BIG W store (Contempo Brand) or Supermarkets Store (Adesso Brand) for a full refund.
- Contact us if you are unable to return the product or have sold or gifted it.

Contact
BIG W (Contempo Brand): Ask our staff about the recall or:
Phone: 1300 244 999 | 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday AEST (online contact only on weekends)
Online: <https://www.bigw.com.au/help/contact-us>

Woolworths Supermarkets (Adesso Brand): Ask our staff about the recall or:
Phone: 1300 787 868 (Option 3) | 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday AEST (10am to 6pm on Weekends)
Online: <https://www.woolworths.com.au/help/discover/about-us/contact-us>

Who sold the product: Woolworths Supermarkets (Adesso brand) and BIG W Stores (Contempo Brand), in store and online at woolworths.com.au and bigw.com.au
Dates available for sale: 1st September 2025 to 10th December 2025

See productsafety.gov.au for Australian product recall information

12 December, from Motorcycle News: An interesting new take on helmet closure.

The Roof Djagger goes strapless as it uses a clamping system instead. Read more [here](#).



**This new helmet has
no need for a
chinstrap**

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Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. You must do your own research.

12 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: If you see someone acting suspiciously near bushland or anything unusual; a vehicle, a person, a pattern, record it and send it our way:

- Car make, model or rego
- What they look like
- Where you saw them

It might be the tip the Police need to stop a not-so-natural disaster.

Report suspicious behaviour HERE: nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or **1800 333 000**

For fire emergencies, or crimes in progress, call **Triple Zero (000)**



12 December, from NSW Road Safety: 🤯👉 The weather is warming up which begs the age-old question, are you allowed to eat a Zooper Dooper frozen treat while you're behind the wheel?



Let's clear up the confusion when it comes to staying cool and hydrated when driving in summer!

While there is no specific road rule around eating, sipping a beverage or licking an ice block while driving, you can be penalised for not having proper control of your vehicle 🚗 Enjoying an ice block while driving can be distracting and can take your eyes off the road or your hands off the wheel 🍦

It may not be illegal, but anything that takes your attention off the road can compromise your safety and the safety of other drivers 🚦 Your best bet is to pull over to enjoy your sweet and melty treat while stretching your legs and keeping your car (and lap) mess-free.

More info on driving distracted [here](#).


12 December, from ACCC Product Safety: If you own an Anko Pop and Surprise Playset, stop use immediately: they have been recalled.


Risk of serious injury or death by choking if small parts separate from the toy. Incidents have occurred.

Learn more [here](#).




DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 **Friday 19 December:** Fire & Rescue Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Police - Santa with police escort. 4pm Hornsby Railway station, ~5pm Holman Park, ~6pm Mark Taylor Oval Playground.

 **Saturday 20 December:** Hornsby RFB Santa Run 2:45-7:30pm. [Info](#) (Facebook).

 **Sunday 21 December:** Westleigh RFS Santa Run 8:30am onwards. [Info](#) (Facebook).

 **Sunday 21 December:** Dural RFB Santa Run 3:40pm St Judes Terrace ---> 5:30pm Santa meet-and-greet @ The Vicar. [Info](#) (Facebook).

 **Wednesday 24 December:** Glenorie RFB Santa Run. 4pm. [Info](#) (Facebook).

Monday 05 January: Ku-ring-gai Council's Survival Skills \$80. Age 6-12.
8:45am-3:45pm @ Wildflower Gardens, St Ives. [Info & booking](#).

Monday 12 January: Ku-ring-gai Council's Survival Skills \$80. Age 6-12.
8:45am-3:45pm @ Wildflower Gardens, St Ives. [Info & booking](#).

Wednesday 14 January: FREE Children's Road safety storytime @ Gordon Library. Age 3-8yrs. 2-3:15pm. [Info & booking](#).

Tuesday 20 January: FREE Children's Road safety storytime @ Turramurra Library. Age 3-8yrs. 10-11:15am. [Info & booking](#).

Tuesday 03 February: FREE 计算机简介 - Introduction to Computers (Mandarin). 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & booking](#).

Wednesday 04 February: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Computers. 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & booking](#).

Tuesday 10 February: FREE Be Connected webinar - Can you spot a scam? 3-4pm. [Info & Bookings](#).

Tuesday 10 February: FREE 互联网入门 - Introduction to Internet (Mandarin). 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & booking](#).

Wednesday 11 February: FREE Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Internet. 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & booking](#).

10 December, from ThinkUKnow Australia: With Christmas just around the corner, a new gaming console is sure to be on many wish lists 🎮.

Take a look at our 'Gaming, devices and what you need to know' guide [here](#)! This resource assists parents and carers choose and set up new devices for your family, including tips to help keep children and young people safe online. Happy gaming!



10 December, from NSW Police: 🚨 SCAM ALERT 🚨

Scammers are impersonating police officers to deceive victims into sending them funds from their cryptocurrency accounts or to share seed phrases.

MORE INFORMATION [here](#).



Scammer makes contact pretending to be a police officer. They say you've been identified in a cryptocurrency data breach.

They will make a ReportCyber report using your name/email & mention the reference number or ask you to verify the One-Time Pin (OTP) you have received in an email from ReportCyber.



You'll be contacted by a 'representative' from the cryptocurrency platform, who will provide the same reference number.

They will ask for you to transfer money from your crypto platform or seed phrase to a 'Cold Storage' account to secure it.



What should you do?

- **Stop all communication with the scammer.**
- **Do not disclose the One-Time Pin to anyone.**
- **Do NOT transfer funds or provide any info relating to your crypto account/wallet/seed phrases.**
- **Notify your Digital Currency Exchange provider if you have transferred funds or provided info relating to your account/wallet/seed phrases.**
- **Report it to police at www.cyber.gov.au and include the false 'ReportCyber' reference number in the report.**
- **Report it to Scamwatch to help others avoid similar scams.**



If you are contacted about a ReportCyber report, you will never be asked to:



- **Share passwords, login details, or security answers.**
- **Give access to crypto wallets or seed phrases.**
- **Input seed phrases into websites/webpages or alternative crypto wallets.**
- **Provide bank details or account access.**
- **Buy gift cards or transfer money/assets.**



10 December from Beyond Blue: Change can be hard, and it takes time.

Beyond Blue is here to support parents, carers and young people to navigate the social media restrictions for under 16s. Many young people will feel strong emotions about these changes, but it could impact their mental health in a more concerning way. Keep an eye out for signs of concern, such as withdrawal, isolation, irritability, heightened emotions or loss of interest in other activities.

Beyond Blue is here for you 24/7 on **1300 224 636** or via webchat at beyondblue.org.au

**Australian U16s won't have
access to their social
media accounts from
today**

**WE'RE HERE IF
YOU NEED US**

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health
support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and
counselling to young
people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(3pm to 10pm daily)
headspace.org.au

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and
suicide prevention services
for children and young
people ages 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

REACHOUT

Free professional help for
parents and carers of 12-
18 year olds in Australia,
with a trained parenting
coach.

parents.au.reachout.com

**10 December, Shared with permission from the South Turrumurra
Community Group:**

Comenarra Oval Bathroom

Dear Neighbours,

I am posting this to make our community aware of a deeply distressing incident of hate speech I encountered today at the public bathroom facility at Comenarra Oval. I found offensive and racist graffiti that explicitly targeted people of Indian descent. This oval, especially the cricket nets, is frequently used by cricket lovers, including many adults and children from the Indian Australian community. This type of hate has absolutely no place in our community and is incredibly upsetting to encounter.

Action Taken & Request for Information

I have already taken the following steps:

- Reported the graffiti to Ku-ring-gai Council (9424 0000) for immediate removal.

- Reported the incident to the NSW Police Assistance Line (131 444) as a hate incident to ensure it is officially recorded.

I urge everyone to please speak with your family and children to see if anyone saw or knows anything about this vandalism. If you have any information, no matter how small, please report it immediately to the Police Assistance Line (131 444). We must stand together against this kind of discrimination. Please remain vigilant when using our public facilities. If you see this kind of behaviour or witness anyone defacing public property, please report it immediately. Let's keep South Turrumurra the welcoming, respectful, and safe community we all deserve. Thank you for your support and vigilance.

The Federal 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.

Avoiding common scams

We have all heard of the scams and tricks that can happen online. In this course you will learn some tips to stay safer online. Avoiding tricks and scams can be as simple as following a few simple steps: be careful, go slowly, and always be on the look out for warning signs.

The following course is based on the latest information about scams from the ACCC's ScamWatch and Little Black Book of Scams.

Visit www.scamwatch.gov.au for more information.

1. [Avoiding common scams](#)
2. [Phishing scams](#)
3. [Romance scams](#)
4. [Investment scams](#)
5. [Remote access scams](#)
6. [Crypto scams](#)
7. [Text or SMS scams](#)

Do the course [here](#). Print the guide [here](#).

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12 December from GippsNews: Gippsland's Pothole Picasso Declares War on VicRoads with the Most Glorious Act of Civil Disobedience Since Ned Kelly Wore a Bucket on His Head.

People of Victoria, gather round your cracked windscreens and behold your new patron saint: an absolute LEGEND roaming the misty backroads of Gippsland armed with nothing but a hi-vis vest, a can of fluorescent orange spray paint, and a raging hard-on for justice.

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Thanks to Elizabeth Jane Nnanweuba



In Japan, some stores keep orange paint balls near the checkout as an anti-theft measure. If a crime occurs, staff throw the ball at the fleeing suspect, causing it to burst and cover them in bright orange paint—making it much easier for police to identify and catch them.

Thanks to General knowledge

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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

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

Website 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](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

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