



# Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

## eNewsletter #741 - 23 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.

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**23 December, from Ku-ring-gai command: 🚔🚔 Welcome our newest 6 Probationary Constables who graduated from the Goulburn Police Academy earlier this month.**

After months of hard work and dedication, they've officially joined frontline policing in our community. We look forward to supporting them as they begin this new chapter of their policing careers. Welcome aboard and stay safe! 💙

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**23 December, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby: Santa has now left for the north pole and he like to thank everyone for being merry Big thanks to Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command for coming along. Hope to see everyone next year.**



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**19 December, from NSW Police Legacy: Two brave NSW Police Officers are currently in hospital after the terror attack at Bondi Beach on Sunday. We have set up fundraisers for these officers and their families. Please help if you can.**

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Constable Scott Dyson: [policelegacynsw.org.au/scott-dyson-appeal](https://policelegacynsw.org.au/scott-dyson-appeal)

Probationary Constable Jack Hibbert: [policelegacynsw.org.au/jack-hibbert-appeal](https://policelegacynsw.org.au/jack-hibbert-appeal)



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**16 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](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.

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### Appeal following a stealing – E85631311

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



**23 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHW K&H): We have been asked to share the link to the Online Condolence Book following the Bondi Beach attack:**

[nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/bondi-beach-attack#toc-online-condolence-book](https://nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/bondi-beach-attack#toc-online-condolence-book)



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**22 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Sunday): I am sure this is happening to others in Lindfield.**

Not great to see. We need to do better here as a community. A young guy knocking and making noises at 1am in the morning. With young kids in the house and a tough year, it's not great to experience such things.



[Photo is a still from video.]

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**22 December, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group yesterday (Sunday): Egging on Warrimoo Ave 20th December 9:50pm.**

My car was egged by 2 teenagers in hoodies between warrimoo petrol station and the oval which has left lasting damage on the doors. If you are a parent and you know your kids were out at that time in the area find out if they did it and please contact me to pay to fix the damage. The police have been notified.

**And from the comments:**

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- Tennis courts in St Ives village egged on Saturday night and there were broken bottles on court too, it's absolutely devastating to see our community spaces trashed like this.
- I also had an egg thrown at an upstairs window on the 20th December.
- My car was also egged. Ruined my day and my car is still stained.
- I was egged last week and verbally abused.

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## **22 December, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: HOW DO I CHECK MY BLINDSPOT WHEN DRIVING?**

Turn your head and look over your shoulder in the direction you plan to move, after checking your mirrors and indicating. This "head check" or "shoulder check" is necessary before changing lanes, merging, or turning, as mirrors alone do not provide comprehensive visibility.

### **When to check**

- Before changing lanes: Scan your mirrors, indicate, then turn your head to look over your shoulder before merging.
- Before merging with traffic: Check your mirrors and blind spot to ensure there is sufficient space to merge safely.
- When turning or reversing: Always check your mirrors and perform a shoulder check to look for pedestrians and other vehicles that may not be visible.
- Before pulling out from the kerb: Check mirrors, signal, and turn your head to look for approaching traffic.

### **How to check**

- Mirror check: First, check your side and rear-view mirrors to see what is visible.
- Indicate: Signal your intention to turn or change lanes.
- Head check: Quickly turn your head to look over your shoulder in the direction of your intended movement. You should see areas your mirrors cannot, such as the area between the door and the rear of your car.
- Move: If the blind spot is clear, proceed with your manoeuvre, but continue to monitor your surroundings.

### **Tips for managing blind spots**

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- Adjust your mirrors correctly: Ensure your side mirrors are adjusted so you can see the road beside you, not just your own car.
- Be aware of other vehicles: Pay attention to other drivers, especially if they are in your blind spot. If you can see their bonnet in your rear-door window area, they are in your blind spot.
- Use additional mirrors: Consider fitting blind spot mirrors to your car for a wider field of view.
- Do not rely on blind spot monitors: If your car has a blind spot monitoring system, do not rely on it as your primary safety check; always perform a physical shoulder check.

It is all our responsibility to drive carefully and with caution. We all deserve to get home safely.

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**22 December, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East  
Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group: BURLGARY IN ROSEVILLE  
18.12.25**

Forced entry break-in and burglary on Bancroft Ave, Roseville (station end) between 8.30am and ~2.30pm Friday 18 Dec 2025.

If anyone was on Bancroft Ave or surrounds that may have any footage with anyone carrying my worldly belongings in a bag similar to this (but with white pattern) I'd appreciate you making contact or contacting police. Many thanks.

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## **20 December, from Neighbourhood Watch NSW: From Multicultural NSW - One Mitzvah for Bondi – NSW Faith Affairs Council**

Friday, 19 December 2025

The Bondi terrorist attack has had an immense impact on our community, especially our Jewish community. The following day the NSW Faith Affairs Council held an emergency session to bring together faith leaders and show our unambiguous support for our Jewish brothers and sisters.

This expanded Faith Affairs Council was joined by two Jewish leaders Rabbi Nochum Schapiro of Chabad House and Rabbi Benjamin Elton of the Great Synagogue.

When asked what our faith communities could do to help the Jewish community Rabbi Nochum Schapiro responded with two requests.

- One, to stand with our Jewish community and show unambiguous support.
- And two, do one mitzvah. An act of kindness or charity. To bring some light into the world.

Read more (including suggestions for the act of kindness) [here](#).

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Tributes left for the victims of the Bondi beach shooting at Bondi Pavilion, NSW, Australia. Photograph: Blake Sharp-Wiggins/The Guardian

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### **20 December, from Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade: An emergency grab bag is a good idea.**

Bushfires or weather event emergencies can develop rapidly and quickly grabbing what you need to escape can be difficult when heat is on. Why not avoid the hassle and have a bag or box already packed with essential items ready to go when you need to leave the house in an emergency?

#### **Some of the things you might include are:**

- ☒ Portable battery-operated radio
- ☒ Waterproof torch
- ☒ Spare batteries
- ☒ First aid kit with manual
- ☒ Candles with waterproof matches
- ☒ Woollen blankets
- ☒ Emergency contact numbers
- ☒ Waterproof bag for valuables

#### **Before you leave, you should add:**

- ☒ Cash, ATM cards, credit cards
  - ☒ Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies
  - ☒ Special requirements for infants, elderly, injured, disabled
  - ☒ Mobile phone and charger, and perhaps a mobile powerbank
  - ☒ Combination pocket knife
  - ☒ Important documents, valuables and photos (in a waterproof bag)
  - ☒ Change of clothes for everyone
  - ☒ Drinking water (at least three litres per person per day)
  - ☒ Food requirements for any animals you might be taking with you.
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## DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY GRAB BAG?



**19 December, from ACCC Product Safety: If you own an Ello glass 10 pc meal prep set from Costco, stop use immediately: they have been recalled.**

The glass may unexpectedly shatter. There is a risk of serious cuts if the glass shatters. Incidents have occurred. Learn more [here](#).



**19 December, from NSW Police: Can you help us find Joel?**

Joel, aged 13, was last seen at Girraween at 3:00am on Tuesday, 16th December 2025. He was last seen wearing a grey and black Nike jumper, black track pants, and is known to wear a white hat. Joel is known to frequent the Waitara and Coogee areas.

Anyone who see him is urged to contact **Cumberland Police Area Command 02 9897 4899 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

MORE INFORMATION [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=122546](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=122546)



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**19 December, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Page group:**

**Does anyone have dash cam or doorbell video footage of an accident at the corner of Mona Vale Road and Woodlands Avenue Pymble opposite Billykids Childcare centre at 9:15 am on Friday 19th of December?**

A white van made an illegal right hand turn out of Woodlands Avenue and hit a grey Mazda MX5, which was travelling south on Mona Vale Road, forcing the Mazda off the road and causing serious damage to the car, making it undrivable. The white van stopped for a moment outside number 66 Mona Vale Road (right next to Billykids Childcare Centre) and then drove off without providing their details. Please phone **Crime Stoppers NSW** or contact **Geoff Hall on 0418 497 554** if you have dash cam footage or eyewitness information thank you!

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**19 December, from 9News.com.au: Hackers have accessed the personal information of thousands of people at the University of Sydney in a cyberattack targeting the institution's online code library.**

Vice president of operations Nicole Gower confirmed today "historical data files" were accessed last week, including the personal information of about 10,000 current and about 12,500 former staff and affiliates that were at the university as of September 4, 2018. Hackers also accessed the personal information of 5000 alumni and students as well as six donors from 2010 to 2019.

Read article [here](#).

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**19 December, from Beyond Blue: Beyond Blue is here for the community through the tragedy at Bondi Beach.**

Here are some tips and advice to help guide you through supporting loved ones at this time.

Beyond Blue is available with free 24/7 support by phone on **1300 22 4636** or webchat at [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au)

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# HOW TO SUPPORT OTHERS

- **Acknowledge what they've been through** – If the person doesn't want to talk, that's ok - don't force it. Being with them is enough.
- **If they want to talk, listen to them** – Remember you can't make their distress go away but showing empathy helps. Talking it through is a healthy way for people to process what's happened.
- **Sit with them in this moment** - Don't interrupt, share your own experiences or tell them "they'll be ok". What they need is acknowledgement that "this is a really hard time for you right now."

## HOW TO SUPPORT OTHERS

- **Offer practical support** - Do what's useful to them. Drop off a bag of groceries or offer to mind their kids.
- **Keep checking in** - If in a few weeks their distress hasn't settled, it may be worth suggesting a chat with their GP or a mental health service.

**If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, support is available. Contact the Beyond Blue Support Service on 1300 22 4636 or visit our website for free, confidential support 24/7.**

 [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)  1300 22 4636

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### **19 December, from Cr Matt Devlin: Heads up for residents near the western end of Catalpa Crescent, Turrumurra, between Kissing Point Road and Barellan Avenue.**

Ku-ring-gai Council is planning road improvement works and is asking the community to review the concept plans and provide feedback.

#### **Planned improvements include:**

- • New kerb and gutter and a renewed road surface
- • Drainage upgrades including stormwater pits and pipes
- • Kerb ramps and footpath links
- • Reconstruction of approved vehicle crossings, with standard concrete driveways
- • New signage and line marking, including a cycle lane on Kissing Point Road
- • Replacement tree planting

#### **Tree management:**

The design prioritises retaining high value street trees. Some removals and

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pruning are proposed where trees are in poor condition or impacted by the works, with replacement planting included as part of the project. If you would like to see the full list of proposed removals and trees proposed to be retained, it is in the concept plans on the Engagement Hub.

### Timing:

Council's objective is to finalise the design by mid 2026. Construction would occur after that, subject to approvals, budget, and procurement.

### Have your say:

Submissions close 5.00pm Friday 13th February 2026 [here](#).

## CATALPA CRESCENT ROAD UPGRADE CONCEPT PLANS

Between Kissing Point Road and Barellan Avenue

What's proposed:

- Drainage upgrades
- Safer road layout
- Kerb and gutter
- Footpath links
- Driveway treatments
- New line marking and signage
- Replacement tree planting



Have your say by 5.00pm Friday 13th February 2026

[krg.engagementhub.com.au/catalpa-crescent-road-improvements](http://krg.engagementhub.com.au/catalpa-crescent-road-improvements)

**18 December, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Operation Christmas/New Years 2025 begins at midnight tonight and concludes at 11:59pm on Sunday 4th January 2026.**

The operation targets the causal factors of major collisions, being speeding, drink/drug driving, fatigue, occupant restraints and distractions (mobile phones). Double Demerits apply to these offences from the 24th December until the 4th January 2026. There is no increase to any fines, only demerit points.

While there will be a significant Police presence on metro and rural roads around the state, we ask drivers to do their bit to make sure everyone gets to their destination safely. You can do this by.

- Plan your journey, if you are travelling around the state to visit family or friends, plan your breaks along the way and support local communities by getting out of the car and grabbing a coffee or a meal. Make sure your vehicle is up for the trip, have you checked your tyre pressure, a fully loaded vehicle will require more tyre pressure to safely handle an increase in vehicle weight.
- Be patient on our roads, your family won't mind if you are a little late, there are much worse things than getting a speeding ticket and that is the conversation we don't want to have with your family at Christmas time if it all goes wrong.
- Have a Plan B ready to go if you are going to have a drink this Christmas and stick to it. Paying for a taxi might not only be the safer option but cheaper than a day in court.
- Look out for each other these Christmas Holidays, it's been a terrible week in New South Wales. All we want this Christmas/New Year Operation is for everyone in New South Wales to get to their destination safely.

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### **December, from NHW K&H: Focus on a postcode - 2080 MT KURING-GAI**

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
Sexual Assault	2
Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences	2
Break & Enter dwelling	1
B&E non-dwelling	1
Receiving/handling stolen goods	3
Motor vehicle theft	1
Steal from motor vehicle	4
Steal from dwelling	1
Fraud	6
Malicious damage to property	5
Breach ADVO	5
Resist/hinder officer	1

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Trespass	1
Deal/traffic amphetamines	4
Deal/traffic other drugs	1
Intimidation, stalking & harassment	2

[Mt Kuring-gai NHW Facebook page](#)

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 **Wednesday 24 December:** Hornsby Heights RFB Santa Run.

3pm. [Info](#) (Facebook).

 **Wednesday 24 December:** Ku-ring-gai Brigade Santa Run.

3:15pm. [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](#).

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**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.

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## My Health Record and myGov

Your **My Health Record** account is a convenient way to keep all your medical information together in one place. You can work with your doctor to build a **Shared Health Summary** and set things up so people have all the information they need to help you in an emergency.

This course will introduce you to My Health Record and help you get started, as well as give you some examples for where My Health Record is useful.

It begins with a quick overview of how My Health Record works.

- 1 What is My Health Record?
- 2 Linking to My Health Record
- 3 Setting up My Health Record
- 4 Using My Health Record day-to-day
- 5 Protecting your privacy on My Health Record

Do the course [here](#). There is a guide to print.

FREE Be Connected online learning courses [here](#).

**Subscribe** to the Be Connected newsletter [here](#) - Get the latest updates on new courses, articles and more straight to your inbox.



Thanks to Elizabeth Jane Nnanweuba

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Thanks to UK Ambulance Humour: In fairness they've actually done as it said. 🤖

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

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

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[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah \(paused\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra \(The Chase\) \(paused\)](#)



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Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one. Contact NHW NSW at [NHWNSW.org.au](http://NHWNSW.org.au).

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