





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


eNewsletter #752 - 10 March 2026

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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9 March, from NSW Police Force

Good morning NSW ☁

Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- ◆ Man charged after alleged pursuit and ramming police cars in southwest Sydney.

- ◆ Man charged over serious assault in the state's south.
- ◆ Man charged for allegedly stalking a teenage girl in western Sydney.
- ◆ Second teen charged over multiple break-ins in the Central Tablelands.
- ◆ Woman dead and two seriously injured in a Mid North Coast crash.
- ◆ Two men drowned on the Central Coast.
- ◆ Man charged with armed robbery and impersonating police in southwest Sydney.
- ◆ Driver killed in a two-vehicle crash north of Sydney.
- ◆ Investigation underway after a shooting injured a man in western Sydney.
- ◆ Man charged with murder after alleged stabbing in the Inner West.
- ◆ Man charged after another man died from an alleged stabbing in New England.

Want to read more? ➡ Visit our website police.nsw.gov.au/news

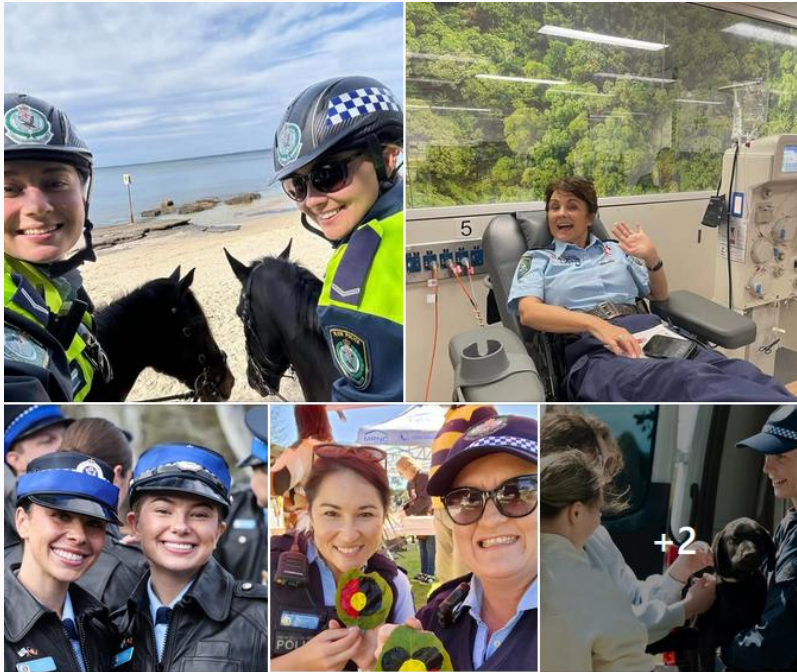


8 March, from NSW Police Force Recruitment Branch

The NSW Police Force has so many incredible and inspiring women working for our organisation! 🙌

We want to celebrate them this International Women's Day and remind women out there that your strength, your voice and your courage can help shape a safer community! 💙

Your journey starts here – police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment



6 March, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Don't let fools steal your tools!



Ku-ring-gai Police have received reports of vehicles having tools stolen from them while left unattended overnight.

Thieves are opportunistic and know that many tradespeople have expensive tools and equipment.

- ⚒ Don't leave expensive tools and equipment in your vehicle overnight
 - ⚒ Keep your vehicle doors, windows and storage locked, even when working on site
 - ⚒ Invest in lockable storage boxes
 - ⚒ Don't leave anything visible inside your vehicle
 - ⚒ Don't hide spare keys inside or underneath your vehicle
 - ⚒ Remove any documents from your vehicle which reveals where you live
 - ⚒ Engrave or mark your tools with your driver's licence number
 - ⚒ Photograph and record details of expensive tools or equipment
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9 March, from au.news.yahoo.com: Apartment building's clever feature to solve \$867 million Aussie parcel delivery issue.

Read details [here](#).



9 March, from krg.nsw.gov.au: Everything for Seniors Day

Explore fun and interesting things to do in the Ku-ring-gai area. Join a community organisation or club, find help-at-home services, or sign up to volunteer. Discover events and activities close to home.

Delicious morning tea and lunch provided.

FREE - it's not essential to book, just come along on the day - 11 March 2026

As an extra bonus – the Premier's Gala Concerts will be live-streamed at 11am and 2.45pm.



9 March, from LEgal Aid NSW: Elder abuse is rising and many signs are easy to miss.

But there are a few simple questions you could be asking to ensure you're staying safe and respected.

Learn more about elder abuse and other legal topics for seniors [here](#).

You can also order the Legal Aid Seniors Diary 2026 [here](#).

Elder abuse is on the rise.

Here are the questions older people should be regularly asking to stay independent and in control of their life.

Money and choices

- Do I know how much money I have in my bank account?
- Can I use my money when I want to?
- Can I choose who I spend time with, including family and friends?

Health and daily care

- Do I get medical care when I need it?
- Do I have a say in my healthcare and treatment plans?
- Are my personal care needs met (like showering and hygiene)?

Social wellbeing and safety

- Am I still able to go to social activities?
- Are my family and friends treating me respectfully?
- Do I feel safe in my home?

If something doesn't feel right ...

Think about your answers. If you're worried about your situation, talk to someone you trust like a family member, friend, doctor, or a lawyer. Help is available.

9 March, from New South Wales Historic Police Museum



[NSW Police Force](#) , What was this nasty device mounted on the rear bumper bar !Well it was two .22 rifle barrels which had chalk stuffed into the barrels. the chambers were loaded with .22 blanks. One barrel was set off secretly by the instructor which marked the road and the second barrel was set off when the driver hit the brakes which then marked to road. if you measured between the two chalk marks gave the drivers reaction distance. If you then measured between the second chalk mark and the car it gave the drivers braking distance. Measure the lot and it was total stopping distance. This demonstrated perfectly the effect of kinetic energy on a moving body it was done at I think 60kph and then at 120 kph and showed...double your speed and braking distance goes up 4 times. In other words braking distance goes up by the square of the increase of speed. Courtesy Tailspin Smith.

9 March, Shared with permission from Nextdoor 6 days ago (Tuesday 03 March?):

An elderly woman, using a walker, was robbed in a lift at ST IVES VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE this morning around 11am by a white Anglo Saxon man in his 30-40s. She is

okay but very shaken. It was the lift up the COLES-end of the Centre. Ladies, please do not leave your bag/wallet unattended in a trolley, or anything else under any circumstance! That includes the car park when loading shopping into your car. You cannot trust anyone. And please report anyone acting suspiciously to the Police (131 444) and Centre Management.

Further information: This lady was using a walker. He stole her bag from that. Grabbed it and ran.....

9 March, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard group:

Alert for Hornsby residents in Sherbrook

Road, not far from Bridge street. Today we had 3 youths (maybe 14-16) shirtless in our building who let themselves into our building and were going up and down to random floors and jumping and kicking our lifts. I entered the elevator and asked them what they were doing. They lied and said they were residents of a unit. We followed them back up to ground floor and our gut was correct, they were randomly dialling units to try and get back in the building. I confronted them many times asking them what they were doing and they lied about living in the unit, as we dialed that unit and they did not know them. I threatened to call the police and one of the kids seemed very worried, so I asked what are you doing at the units and they ran away. I reported this to Hornsby police. Is it possible they were just kids pissing around ? Absolutely, but who knows if not, they may be targeting other units in the area. It happened today Saturday between 2:30 - 3:00 PM.

8 March, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group:



Morning everyone.

At some point last night/ early hours this morning my car has been broken into on our driveway. They smashed the driver's window and stole two sets of keys. My wallet was also stolen. If for some reason the keys were dumped somewhere and you find them, if you could send me a message that would be greatly appreciated.

My partner's car that was on the street has also been rummaged through and has had items stolen as well.

I live near the shell at the start of Berowra.

Thanks guys.

8 March, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group:

More illegal dumping on Grosvenor Rd with likely asbestos. This has been reported to EPA/ council. Can others please report illegal

dumping <https://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au>



8 March, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community Group yesterday (Saturday):

Stolen items from my Ute.

Morning all, hope everyone is enjoying their weekend. I'm just reaching out as I've had my lawn mower and Jerry cans stolen off the back of my Ute over night. Just seeing if anyone has front facing cameras near 237 Somerville Road.

Edit: Any updates from cameras from cars or houses on Somerville?

8 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: DFSV

Courses: diversity.ssi.org.au/dfsv-courses

The following community education sessions are provided:

1. Introduction to DFSV: key outcomes for participants

(Slides are available in 8 languages)

Describe the forms of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

Identify the different tactics used within coercive control

Identify Australian laws that address the above forms of violence

Identify key support services to access

2. Healthy Relationships: key outcomes for participants

(Slides are available in 8 languages)

Identify the key components of a healthy relationship

Build on effective communication skills

Set healthy boundaries

Identify strategies for effective conflict resolution in relationships.

3. Parenting with Teens: key outcomes for participants

Build understanding of adolescent development

Identify communication strategies that strengthen parent-teen relationships

Develop confidence in supporting teens' well-being in Australia

Identify effective conflict resolution with teens

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Collaborative practice support: Dilini De Silva, Team Leader, ddesilva@ssi.org.au

Referrals or inquiries: safetycentre@ssi.org.au, (02) 8111 7077



Adira
Multicultural Centre for Women's and Family Safety

Are you a migrant or refugee woman or young person at risk of, or experiencing, domestic, family or sexual violence?

Contact us for support: safetycentre@ssi.org.au or 7077.

If you are in immediate danger, call 000.

Adira
Multicultural Centre for Women's and Family Safety

Service providers: **Adira** makes your clients' safety when they call 000.

Are you a migrant or refugee woman or person at risk of, or experiencing, domestic, family or sexual violence?

If you are in immediate danger, call 000.

If you need an interpreter, request one in your language when speaking to the agency operator.

If you need police to attend your home immediately, have your address in English to inform them where you are.

If you are worried about experiencing domestic violence, please contact us to speak to the Adira team. You can request an interpreter.

Our hours are open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm. If you are calling outside of these hours, please leave a message and your contact information, and we will call you back.

What is domestic, family and sexual violence?

Domestic violence is a wide range of abusive behaviors that includes both violent and non-violent, that occurs within intimate (partner or spouse) or family relationships, including: partner, family or household members, relationships, and kinship relationships, and care relationships with relatives who do not live together (and may even live overseas).

Examples of this violence

- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Verbal abuse
- Financial abuse
- Technology facilitated abuse
- Visa / immigration related abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Controlling behaviours.

Examples of abusive behaviour by a partner or family member

- You are being called names or being spoken to in a cruel or offensive way
- You are physically harmed or hurt
- You are threatened that your visa will be cancelled, and you will be sent home
- You are not allowed to have your money
- Your phone is checked or you are stopped from talking to friends or family
- You are threatened that your child will be taken away from you or will be harmed
- You are forced to do sexual things that you do not want to do
- You are not allowed to practice your religion or culture.

We can help you and your children

Take the important step of reaching out for support. This brings you closer to a safer, healthier future for you and your children.

Contact us at Adira: 02 8111 7077 or safetycentre@ssi.org.au

SSI For every woman of life. For more information head to our website: www.ssi.org.au/safety-centre

8 March, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: WHEN IS IT OKAY TO USE MY HEADLIGHTS TO FLASH MY HEADLIGHTS AS A WARNING TO OTHER DRIVERS?

While not explicitly illegal in all states to warn of hazards, it breaches Australian Road Rules 219 and 218.

Key Rules and Risks-

Dazzling Offence: You must not use any light fitted to your vehicle to "dazzle" or interfere with the vision of other road users.

High Beam Restriction: You cannot use high beams within 200m of an oncoming vehicle or a vehicle you are following.

Penalties: Fines for improper headlight use vary by state, typically ranging from roughly \$100 to over \$2,000 if the matter is taken to court.

Exceptions: Using headlights to alert another driver to a genuine, immediate danger (e.g., kangaroos, accident ahead) is generally accepted, but using them to warn of police speed traps is not.

Conclusion: It is safer and legal to avoid flashing your headlights, as police can interpret this act as dangerous, regardless of your intention.

Have you ever been fined for doing flashing your headlights at other drivers to warn them? ☒

Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc.



8 March, from Freedom United: Australia criminalizes forced marriage...

Australia refuses to recognize child marriages overseas...

But at home, family courts may approve marriages for 16- and 17-year-olds in "exceptional circumstances" with parental consent.

This exception makes prevention of forced marriage harder.

If a 16-year-old's marriage turns harmful, divorce requires 12 months of separation before filing.

For a teenager who depends on family for housing and support, this can mean pressure to stay in an abusive marriage.

When children are uniquely vulnerable to coercion, clarity matters.

Call on Australia to close the loophole. Sign the petition: <https://ow.ly/hNtC50YpR9f>



8 March, from In The Cove: WARNING



Two readers have contacted ITC to advise that they have reported Aussie Roofing Specialist to the police. In both instances, the readers alleged that a person knocks on the door and tells them they can see their roof tiles are broken, and they can help fix them.

Both readers were given an Aussie Roofing Specialist business card. The card refers to the business as being fully licensed but there is no licence number on the card.

In both cases the readers alleged they paid for the work to be done but the business did not come back to finish the job.

Late last year the NSW Lower North Shore Area Command posted the following on their facebook page.

🚨 WARNING: TRADIE SCAMS ACROSS THE NORTH SHORE 🚨

North Shore Police Area Command has received reports of dodgy tradespeople targeting local residents, including tree loppers, painters and roofers. These scammers often:

- ✓ Knock on doors offering “urgent” work
- ✓ Pressure you into quick decisions or cash payments
- ✓ Leave jobs unfinished or of poor quality
- ✓ Often target the elderly

Protect yourself:

- Always check licences and insurance
- Get multiple written quotes
- Never pay full amount upfront
- Use trusted tradies you’ve used before or recommended by a trusted friend or family member
- If in doubt, say NO and report suspicious activity

If you’ve been approached or scammed, contact NSW Fair Trading (13 32 20) or your local police station.

8 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland



As we wrap up Week 1 – Connection Week, here’s a simple challenge for everyone...

👋 Say “Hey neighbour!”

A quick hello can start a connection that helps build safer, stronger communities.

Because we really are Safer Together.

8 March, from Hornsby Shire Council

i Heads up, mountain bike riders. Hornsby Park’s bike jumps will be temporarily closed from Monday 9 March while construction works takes place in the area.

Signage will be in place to indicate the closed sections and detours. Please follow all trail closures for your safety and the safety of our workers.

👉 For more information and trail status updates, visit our [website](#).



HORNSBY PARK BIKE JUMPS CLOSED

From **Monday 9 March**

8 March, from BBC World Service



When her friend was drugged and left unconscious at a college bar, Shirah Benarde wanted to do something to help - and had an idea for a business.

It was a distressing time for Shirah.

“[My friend] was just trying to go out and have some fun, it’s a shocking and hopeless feeling,” says Shirah. “In that moment I felt helpless, and that I wanted to do something about it.”

One night, Shirah dreamt about a hair scrunchie that also worked as a cover, which would prevent anyone putting substances in your drink.

“When I woke up, I grabbed my mum’s stockings, a scrunchie from my room, and I created this little nightcap.”

Developing the invention was a real family affair: Shirah filed the patent, her brother Michael fundraised US\$12,000, her mother supplied the stockings, and her father coined the name “Nightcap”.

The scrunchie goes over your drink and comes with a straw hole so you can drink safely.

Shirah thought her invention would be a deterrent to drink spiking, but she says users have reported finding pills and powders on the cover of their drinks, further highlighting how serious the issue is.

“To us that means that we have saved someone’s life, and that alone is worth every single thing we’ve ever done,” says Shirah.

Some critics say Nightcap puts the responsibility on victims to prevent drink spiking, but Shirah disagrees.

“Gen-Z wants to go out, we are desperate for connection. But when we go into these environments and these incidents happen, nobody wants to take responsibility for it. Why should we go to establishments that don’t think about the customer in that way?”

Shirah's innovation has proved extremely successful with young people and college students, and colleges across America have partnered with the company.

“It is a wild world that we live in, but Nightcap allows you to go out and have peace of mind.”

Now, annual revenues for the company are around US\$2m, and Shirah's work has helped push through new rules and laws that have required bars in California, America, to provide drink spiking prevention tools.

The company has also partnered with organisations to supply products for free.

Looking forward, Shirah hopes to expand her business, combat drink spiking and protect drinkers around the world.

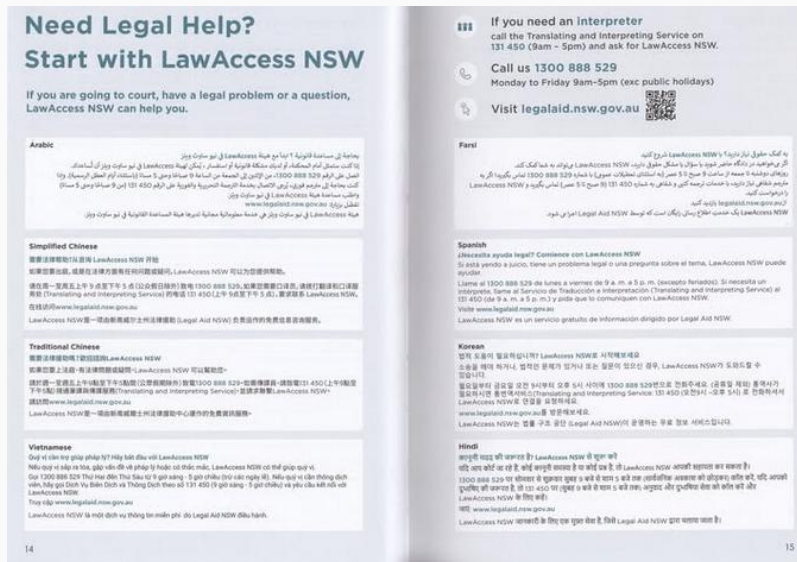
“We want every single person to go out feeling protected and empowered, at a bar, restaurant, party, wherever you go,” she says.

 Business Daily <https://bbc.in/4ucZipt>

8 March, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

From the Legal Topics for Seniors Diary 2026 - Need Legal Help? Start with LawAccess NSW.

Diaries can be accessed, along with other information: <https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/>



The screenshot displays the LawAccess NSW website's landing page for legal help. The main heading is "Need Legal Help? Start with LawAccess NSW". Below this, it states: "If you are going to court, have a legal problem or a question, LawAccess NSW can help you." The page is presented in multiple languages, including Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Hindi, Korean, and Farsi. Each language section provides contact information for the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) at 131 450 (9am - 5pm) and the Legal Aid NSW website at www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au. A QR code is also visible for mobile access.

8 March, Shared with permission from the Mt Kuring-gai Community group yesterday:

Did anyone else have anything pinched from the east side last night? My dad had his tool box broken into on his ute last night & had about \$3000 worth of Makita tools & Paslode nail guns taken, which are part of his livelihood as a builder. If anyone has some excess Makita tools I can buy for him, please reach out, even if they're his. Tools are marked R.E.

8 March, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community

Transport for NSW announces further delay to Galston Gorge closure, now set for 10th March. The revised schedule includes single-lane traffic during the day and a full closure at night, with an expected reopening on 17th March.

Link in the comment ↪

[#galstongorge](#) [#transportforNSW](#) [#roadclosure](#) [#trafficcontrol](#) [#reopeningdate](#)



8 March, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Saturday):



Hi all, I left my yoyo zen stroller yesterday afternoon around 3:30pm on the grass strip on Melbourne Road across the road from Little Steps daycare in Lindfield East. If anyone finds it, I'd really appreciate it if you could let me know. Thanks!

8 March, from Central Coast Incident Alerts, News & Information: Man dies after car and truck crash – Mount Colah. POLICE STATEMENT: Sunday, 08 March 2026

A driver has died after a two-vehicle crash north of Sydney.

About 8.35am today (Sunday 8 March 2026), emergency services responded to reports of a crash between a truck and a car in the southbound lanes of the M1 Motorway, Mount Colah.

The male driver of the car – who is yet to be formally identified – died prior to the arrival of emergency services.

The 27-year-old male driver of the truck was uninjured. He has been taken to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory testing.

Officers from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command have established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the incident.

As inquiries continue police are urging anyone who witnessed the crash – or has dashcam/mobile phone footage – to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

The area is expected to remain a crime scene for considerable amount of time and motorists are urged to avoid the area.

FINAL UPDATE: Crash site has been cleared and all lanes open. Traffic conditions are gradually easing



6 March, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh and Normanhurst Community group:

PSA

Saw this at Thornleigh Station after returning to my car last night. Can't say I noticed it when parking in the morning, but it looked fresh to me.

2 broken windows and glove box open to me seems like someone was looking to take something..but i don't get why you need to smash 2 windows, and why is there a random solar panel on the wiper 🤔.

Anyway, reminder to take your valuables or at least hide them from sight.



6 March, from Choice

If your airline cancels your flight, you're more likely to get your money back than if you

cancel it yourself. Read more [here](#).

Does travel insurance cover war?



We explain what you need to know about getting refunds if your travel plans are disrupted by war.

Read more at choice.com.au

CHOICE

6 March, from eSafety Commissioner



The commencement of new online safety codes on Monday marks a critical milestone in Australia’s online safety framework.

They aim to ensure children are having age-appropriate experiences and aren’t exposed to potentially harmful content too early, especially where this exposure is accidental or unwanted.

The Age-Restricted Materials Codes require tech companies put in place meaningful protections preventing children’s exposure to:

- 🌐 high-impact violence
- 🌐 pornography
- 🌐 content promoting suicide, self-harm and disordered eating.

Crucially, the codes will also cover new technologies like AI-powered companion chatbots, preventing them from engaging in conversations with children that are sexually explicit or encourage self-harm or suicide.

Adults will continue to be able to access legal content, but some services will now require proof of age. Methods to check a user’s age must be accurate, robust, fair and reliable. Importantly, any age check measures must comply with Australian privacy laws and are managed by the service being used – not the Australian Government.

The new codes will sit alongside existing codes and standards already in force. The Unlawful Material Codes and Standards tackle the worst-of-the-worst online content, including child sexual exploitation and abuse material as well as pro-terror content.

We'll monitor, investigate and assess compliance with the Age-Restricted Material Codes and will take enforcement action where there is systemic non-compliance.

6 March, from The Hills Police Area Command

In amongst our 250 RBT today on Old Northern Rd, opp. Dural public school, two males detected in a Holden Commodore, driver unlicensed and unaccompanied by a full licence holder, infringements for this and not display L plate, & suspended from his L plates for 3 months. Given \$1400 worth of encouragement not to do this again !



5 March, from Woolworths

Product recall notice: please stop using the fan immediately and return it to store for a full refund.

Click [here](#) for details.



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

1. 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.
2. 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 AEDT (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 767 969 (Option 3) | 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday AEDT (10am to 4pm on Weekends)
Online: <https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/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](https://www.woolworths.com.au) and [bigw.com.au](https://www.bigw.com.au)
Dates available for sale: 1st September 2025 to 10th December 2025

See [productsafety.gov.au](https://www.productsafety.gov.au) for Australian product recall information

5 March, from Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation: ⚠️ Trigger warning: content may be distressing to some people.

Do you recognise this bed frame or room?

To provide information, visit:
accce.gov.au/trace

STOPCHILDABUSE
TRACE an OBJECT

AFP

Australian
Centre to Counter
Child Exploitation

Do you recognise this bed frame? Next to the re-created bed frame we have shown a sliver of the room where the bed frame was situated.

You can see the image in more detail on the webpage accce.gov.au/trace. If you recognise this bedroom, or have any information about any of the items shown, please use the report form to provide this information to our Victim Identification investigators.

This image is part of our #TraceAnObjectAUS series. The #TraceAnObject initiative asks you to help identify objects and locations from the background of child sexual abuse images and videos to help #StopChildAbuse.

Out of respect for victims, we urge you not to share any personal information (recognisable pictures, names, etc.) on social media.

5 March, from Hornsby Advocate

Two patients escaped from a locked mental health ward at Hornsby Hospital by dismantling a bedroom window, with one still missing as staff shortages plague the system. Full story [here](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10 March: Tech Savvy Seniors – Introduction to Internet - Mar 10:15am-12:15pm FREE @ Hornsby Library. [Info & bookings.](#)

Wednesday 11 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's Everything for Seniors 9:30am-2:30pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall, with freebies, literature etc. [Info.](#)

Wednesday 11 March: FREE Child car seat safety check day 9am-2:30pm @ Wade Lane car park. Bookings open 09 Feb. [Info & booking.](#)

Wednesday 11 March: 인터넷 소개 – Introduction to Internet (TSS Korean) 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & bookings.](#)

Thursday 12 March: CPR & Basic First Aid Workshop 10am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre. FREE. [Info & bookings](#).

Thursday 12 March: FREE 10am-12:30pm @ Hornsby Library. Sort It Out - Make Recycling Easy 做好分類 · 讓回收更輕鬆 [Booking and info](#).

Tuesday 17 March: Tech Savvy Seniors – Introduction to Smartphones - Mar 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. [Info & bookings](#).

Wednesday 18 March: Grandparents as carers (incl First Aid) 10am-1pm FREE @ Council Chambers. [Info & bookings](#).

Wednesday 18 March: 스마트폰 소개 – Introduction to Smartphones (TSS Korean) 10:15am-12:15pm @ Hornsby Library FREE. [Info & bookings](#).

Sunday 22 March: Ku-ring-gai Council's Multicultural Festival 10am-3pm @ St Ives Showground. NHW K&H will have a crime prevention stall, with police dress-ups, colouring-in, etc. [Info](#) (on Facebook).

Tuesday 24 March: Be Connected webinar - Protect yourself against scams 3pm FREE [Info & bookings](#).

Wednesday 27 May: Learner driver workshop online 6:30-8pm FREE [Info & bookings](#).

Thursday 11 June: Be Connected webinar - Managing your emails safely 10am FREE [Info & bookings](#).

Monday 27 July: 2pm BLARING SIREN ON EVERY MOBILE PHONE - TEST ALERT SENT BY COMMONWEALTH'S 'AusAlert' EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM.

8 March, from NHW K&H: Focus on a postcode - 2157 CANOELANDS, FOREST GLEN and GLENORIE.

The following crime stats were taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website here. The figures are for the period October 2024 to September 2025. A category with a zero figure isn't included in the list, eg murder, non-DV assault.

Domestic Assault 9

Non-Domestic Assault 3

Homicide - Murder 1

Sexual Assault 2

Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 3

Break & Enter dwelling 5

Motor vehicle theft 5

Steal from motor vehicle 2

Steal from dwelling 3

Fraud 11

Other theft 2

Malicious damage to property 6

Breach ADVO 5

Breach bail conditions 1

Trespass 5

Use/possess cannabis 1

Use/possess ecstasy 1

Use/possess amphetamines 1

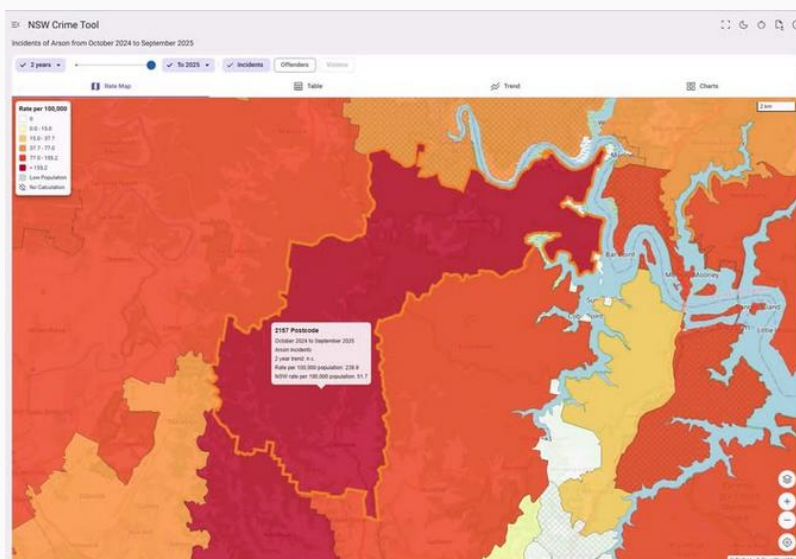
Other drug offences 1

Intimidation, stalking & harassment 15

Arson 10

Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 2

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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 \(Rural Areas\)](#)

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[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)
[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

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Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)