



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

**eNewsletter #759 - 28 April 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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**25 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;**

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.



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**24 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Don't drink and drive. RBT means you need Plan B - we could be anywhere, anytime.**

Stay safe this long weekend on our roads - double demerits for traffic offences have commenced.

**From the comments:** Thank you for keeping our community safe.

Could I take this opportunity to seek clarification. This evening on my drive home I passed the random breath testing just south of the Cowan turn off. One lane was blocked. The RBT bay was full but motorists ahead of me were queuing, apparently waiting their turn, and causing traffic to come to a stand still. There didn't appear to be any officer telling those who were queuing that they had to wait. I'm not complying at all - I just want to check - It's always been my understanding that, in this situation, the "excess" motorists should drive on past the RBT bay. Is that right?

**Answer:** Thank you so much for the question. All motorists, if directed, should drive into the RBT site, others should continue to drive on.

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**24 April, from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service: If your backpack looks like this, you're ready to roll 🧑🏻 🏔️**

Before you start exploring in [#NSWParks](#), make sure you tick off the following:

- Check safety alerts, weather forecasts and plan a walk that suits your group
- Tell someone where you're going and fill in a trip intention form
- Download mobile apps for navigation and emergencies
- Wear appropriate clothing and sun protection – remember, conditions can change rapidly!
- Pack enough water, food and safety supplies

We want you to have a safe and enjoyable time in our beautiful parks. For more bushwalking safety tips and links to the trip intention form and emergency apps, visit our website [here](#).

## Are you prepared for your next bushwalk?



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**23 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Operation Anzac Day 2026 begins at midnight tonight and runs until 11:59 pm Monday, 27 April 2026.** With double demerits in place for speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt, and motorcycle helmet offences. Police across the state will be out focusing on the main factors that contribute to road trauma. This Anzac Day, we're asking all drivers on the roads and waterways to take care — everyone has a responsibility to keep our roads and waterways safe.

If you're travelling, plan your trip, take regular breaks, and make sure your vehicle is roadworthy before you leave. Something as simple as checking tyre pressures, especially for a loaded vehicle, can make a big difference.

If you're on the water, ensure all your equipment is in working order, including life jackets for each person on board.

Highway Patrol will be assisting with several road closures around the state to ensure dawn services can be held safely. Please be patient and respectful during these times.

If you're enjoying a drink after the service or later in the day, look after your mates, help them make the right choice and get home safely. RBT can be at anywhere, anytime, including on your Marine Vessel.

Lest we forget.



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**23 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: This morning you will find us in Hornsby Mall, meeting with the Community in the Community.**

Drop by to say Hi.



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**22 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: Today we were welcomed into the Hornsby Library.**

Lots of questions were asked and meeting our Community outside of the police station is another way for us to connect with you. We will be back at the Library on Wednesday 20 May 2026 between 10am and 1pm. Thank you to our partners from Hornsby Shire Council, Services Australia and the wonderful Hornsby Library Staff hosting us today.



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### **27 April, from NHW K&H: Are you impacted by drivers blocking your driveway?**

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby has been approached in the past, particularly by residents living close to a railway station, or to a school. Drivers choose to over-hang or block a driveway rather than find a better parking place further away. This was a project we had to pursue.

Neighbourhood Watch suggests you paint white lines at each side of your driveway to show a visual demarcation that seems to work psychologically – drivers tend to park within any white lines. The regulation ensures that lines are measured to a point beyond the edge of your driveway, giving you a safer view of the road as you exit.

Unfortunately, the kits are only available to Ku-ring-gai Council residents (ie not Hornsby Shire Council residents).

Can't do the job yourself? Our volunteers will happily help out – please contact us to discuss further. We suggest an appropriate amount would be \$20.

More information is on our website: [au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/driveway/](http://au-nhwkuringgaihornsby.org/driveway/)



Pictured is the newer compact stencil made for us by John. 😊

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### 27 April, from Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc

Stock loss doesn't always happen all at once, it can build over time.

Simple steps like controlling access, staying on top of stocktakes and securing high-value items can make a big difference.

Want to go a step further? Use POS or cloud-based systems to track your inventory in

real time and spot issues early.



## 3 Tips to Prevent Stock Theft

- Limit employee access & keep stock controlled
- Stocktake often & catch issues early
- Track stock in real time using POS or cloud based systems



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**27 April, from KYDS Youth Counselling: Parents don't always get obvious signs.**

Sometimes it's not "sadness." It's distance. Exhaustion. Silence. Disengagement. And it's easy to miss — until it's not. If you recognised even one of these, it might be time to look a little deeper. KYDS provides free, ongoing counselling for young people — no referral needed.

Save this so you can come back to it. Or send it to someone who needs to see it. Comment "SAME" if this feels familiar 💙

**5 SIGNS**  
YOUR TEENAGER  
NEEDS MORE THAN A GP VISIT

**KYDS**  
YOUTH COUNSELLING

- They've pulled away from the friends they used to live for
- Their grades are slipping — and they don't seem to care
- They're sleeping a lot... but still exhausted
- They're dealing with physical symptoms with no clear cause
- They say "I'm fine" — especially when you ask

You know your teen best. *Trust your instincts.* Save this post so you can come back to it.

**27 April, We've been asked by a resident to share this warning:**

Wish to advise that in Waitara Park on the Park Avenue side boys have dug ruts & holes beneath the large trees. They have created a make-shift bicycle jump by making mounds out of the loose mulch & have dug holes into the earth there as well. These holes & mounds have been left when they finally leave at around 6pm. Hornsby Council has been advised of the potential danger to the pedestrian public who often walk thru the area after dusk & in the evenings. Council has reacted & have filled in the holes & flattened the mound twice, but without a permanent deterrent the gang of boys (up to 10-12 young teenagers) just re-dig the hole & make the mound even higher. We have witnessed first-hand a young boy riding his bicycle alone at 8.30pm one evening & hope to goodness he doesn't have a nasty fall or ride into a tree.

**26 April, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community group yesterday: Facebook Marketplace Scam**

Morning all, My Mum who lives in Melbourne Road has had two couples on two different occasions two days apart saying that they're there to pick up a whipper

snipper and the other couple a refrigerator. Clearly someone is scamming these people by possibly asking for a deposit and giving someone else's address for the fake item to be picked up from. Please beware of this scam.

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**26 April, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds 24 April: My heart is still pounding hard while writing this.**

This just happened outside East Lindfield Pharmacy and I feel it's important to share for everyone's safety. I was walking past the pharmacy when a lady had two dogs off leash (a small brown one and a large black one). The larger dog repeatedly jumped on me—three times—barking, standing up to chest/neck height. I could feel its claws on me and its mouth was scarily close to my face. I asked the owner to leash her dogs, but she responded, "it's okay, the dog doesn't bite." Unfortunately, the dog was clearly not under control and did not listen to her, continuing to jump on me. This was extremely frightening and could easily have resulted in injury. It might be "okay" for a healthy adult in winter clothing, but imagine if it were a child, an elderly person, or someone with a medical condition—or even just someone in lighter clothing. The outcome could have been much worse. "Doesn't bite" is not enough if the dog is jumping on people and ignoring commands. I'll be reporting this to the council, as situations like this are not safe for our community. Please stay safe and look out for one another.

P.S. After calming down I realized why I had an "oh no" moment when I saw the lady unleashing her dogs in front of East Lindfield Community Centre: I saw the big black dog jumping on a gentleman not long ago, so this is not the first time that the owner was being irresponsible unleashing her dogs.

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**26 April, from Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA): The TGA has issued an enforceable direction to Veganic SKN Limited (ACN 142 515 437) (Veganic SKN) on the basis that a delegate of the Secretary believes, on reasonable grounds, that Veganic SKN is not complying with the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, by unlawfully manufacturing and supplying therapeutic goods that are not entered in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).**

The TGA's investigation found that Veganic SKN manufactured and supplied sunscreen products under a single ARTG listing (AUST number), but that those products were marketed under different product names to that recorded in the respective ARTG entry. These products are taken to not be included in the ARTG.

Read Media Release [here](#).

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**26 April, from eSafety Commissioner: 🌐 New translated online safety resources are here.**

We've expanded our range of in-language resources to help communities stay safer online. You can find translated guides on:

- 🌐 cyberbullying
- 🌐 adult cyber abuse
- 🌐 image-based abuse.

These resources are designed to help everyone understand their rights, recognise online harms, and learn how to report issues quickly and safely. 🍌 Share these resources with your family, friends, and community to help keep everyone safer online.

View help in languages other than English [here](#).

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**26 April, Shared with permission from the Pymble and West Pymble Community Group yesterday:**

Hi community, please may I make a heart felt request to the drivers around our streets to be respectful of others who ride bicycles on our roads. I am a rider who has personally been subject to aggressive, careless and frightening behaviour on our back streets by vehicle drivers who don't seem to care that I am a living person who might like to make it home safe and sound to my family. Please, please be respectful of us. On a happy note, thank you so very much to the pedestrians who seem to be full of grace when I respectfully stop as they walk past me on the occasional footpath I have to ride on. We all deserve to feel safe in our community.

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**25 April, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service**

🔥 HAZARD REDUCTION BURN NOTICE 🔥

📍 Location: Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Mt Colah

📅 Date: Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April 2026

🚒 Carried out by NPWS and NSW RFS

This 243.51 ha hazard reduction burn will be undertaken by NPWS and NSW RFS.

Please be aware that smoke will be visible in the area and surrounding suburbs during the operation.

This planned burn is an important part of reducing bushfire risk in our community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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**25 April, from Northern Beaches Advocate: A virus alert has been issued after detection in mosquitoes trapped at Narrabeen Lagoon.**

Northern Beaches Council has advised residents to take extra precautions against mosquitoes following the detection of Ross River virus at Narrabeen Lagoon as part of a regular mosquito monitoring program.

Read article [here](#).

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23 April, from Northern Beaches command:

### **Seller scammed with counterfeit bank notes**

The seller had advertised a watch for sale.  
The buyer paid in \$50 & \$100 notes – they were counterfeit.

**WARNING:** check for the feel of notes and their serial numbers – these notes were smooth and the 50s and 100s each had the same serial number.



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23 April, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: 🇦🇺 Open Day – Save the Date! 🇦🇺

Join us for a combined Open Day with Ryde Fire Station on:

- 📅 Saturday 9th May
- 🕒 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 📍 Fire and Rescue NSW Station 042 Ryde, 120F Coxs Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113

Come and meet your local firefighters, check out the trucks, and see a live rescue demonstration in action!

This is a free, family-friendly event, with donations supporting the Burns Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital as part of our Beat the Burn Fundraiser.

**On the day you can expect:**

- 🔥 Fire truck displays and equipment demonstrations

- 🚒 Meet and chat with local firefighters
- 🧑🔪 Learn about fire safety at home
- 🚒 Information on firefighter careers
- 🧒 Activities for the kids
- 🚒 Rescue Demonstration:

We'll also be running live vehicle rescue demonstrations using hydraulic extrication tools at approximately 11:00am and 1:00pm (pending weather and operational requirements). This is a great chance to see how firefighters safely rescue patients from vehicles.

- 🧡 Free Event – Donations Welcome

This is a free community event, however we will be accepting donations for the Burns Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital as part of our Beat the Burn Fundraiser. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Whether you're curious about what we do, interested in a career, or just looking for a fun family day out — there's something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**23 April, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group yesterday (Wednesday):**

This afternoon my son was assaulted by a woman as he was riding his scooter home on the footpath outside California Republic. The woman stopped him by hitting him and told him he should be on the road.

An 11 year old on a NON-motorised scooter should definitely NOT be on the road. I am so shocked and saddened that someone in our community would find this kind of interaction acceptable. If anyone witnessed this, please DM me.

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**23 April, from NSW Police: 🚒 SCAM ALERT 🚒**

Scammers are creating realistic AI websites. They pose as retailers, like jewellery stores, that are 'closing down'. They offer leftover stock to their customers for 'free', aside from delivery costs.

Warning signs to look out for:

- ▶ Only 5-star reviews on their homepage.
- ▶ Photos of a real storefront but no address for an actual store.
- ▶ Urgent language, for example: “everything free storewide until midnight.”

Paying delivery may seem like a small risk but scammers will gain access to your personal and financial details. If it's too good to be true, it's probably a scam.

If you have been or suspect you've been a victim of a data breach or identity theft, contact ID Support NSW and report the scam to ReportCyber ➡ [cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report](https://cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report)

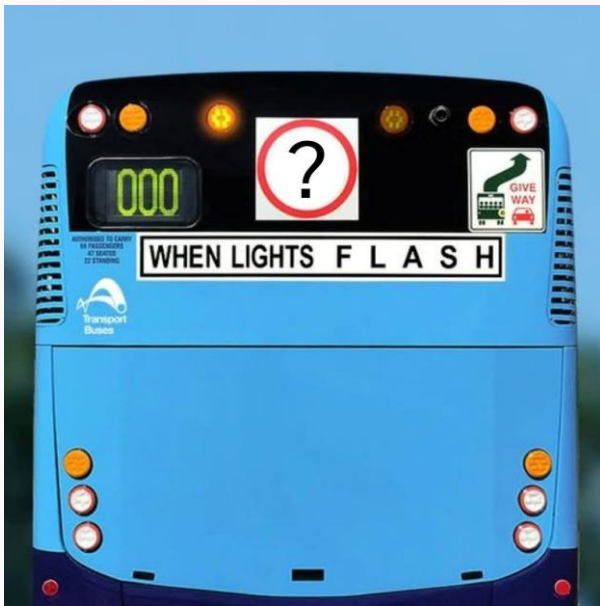
The image shows a screenshot of a phishing website. At the top, the header reads "JOHN & MARY JEWELRY". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links: "Home", "Jewelry", "Collections", "Closure Sale", "Track Your Order", and "Contact". A prominent banner across the top of the main content area says "EVERYTHING FREE STORE WIDE UNTIL MIDNIGHT!". The main image shows a man and a woman in a jewelry store, with the text "HANDMADE JEWELRY BY JOHN & MARY" overlaid. Below this, there are two product listings, each with a "SAVE 100%" tag and a price of "\$0.00" (crossed out from a higher price): "Gold Cushion Solitaire Ring" and "Gold Emerald Bracelet Set". At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a dark blue banner with a yellow warning icon and the text "SCAM ALERT". Below this banner, the text "AI WEBSITE PHISHING" is displayed in large white letters. At the very bottom of the banner, a small line of text reads: "The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages."

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**23 April, from The Hills command: Unless another lesser speed limit applies, when lights flash on the back of a bus, you should stay below:**  
 A: 40km/h

B: 50km/h

C: 60km/h



**Answer:** 40km/h

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**22 April, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: What's the legal blood alcohol concentration level for supervising drivers of a Learner driver?**

**Answer:** Zero for professional driving instructors and 0.05 for mum and dad driving instructors.

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**22 April, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: Focus on a postcode - 2074 NORTH TURRAMURRA, SOUTH TURRAMURRA, TURRAMURRA, WARRAWEE**

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

Domestic Assault 34

Non-Domestic Assault 21

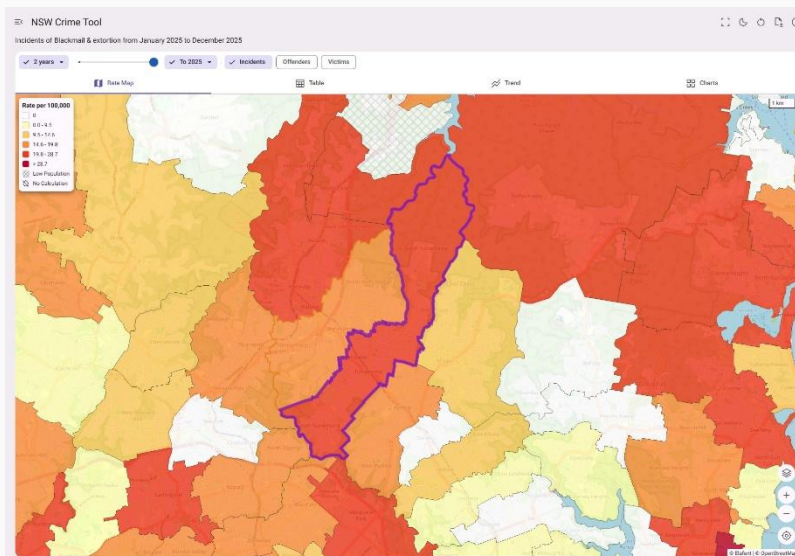
Assault police 1

Robbery with a weapon not a firearm 1

Sexual Assault 14  
Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 11  
Break & Enter dwelling 21  
B&E non-dwelling 6  
Receiving/handling stolen goods 3  
Motor vehicle theft 3  
Steal from motor vehicle 30  
Steal from retail store 15  
Steal from dwelling 18  
Fraud 134  
Other theft 5  
Malicious damage to property 29  
Breach AVDO 7  
Breach APVO 2  
Breach bail conditions 8  
Resist/hinder officer 2  
Other offences against justice procedures 1  
Trespass 12  
Criminal intent 1  
Use/possess cocaine 1  
Use/possess cannabis 4  
Use/possess other drugs 2  
Other drug offences 3  
Intimidation, stalking & harassment 28  
Arson 1  
Blackmail & extortion 5  
Liquor offences 3  
Pornography offences 2  
Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 4

[Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch](#) Facebook page.

[Neighbourhood Watch Warrawee](#) Facebook page



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## 22 April, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: Should You Exit Your Vehicle After a Breakdown?

This is a topic raised by our followers quite often. Here we give you a detailed explanation. Vehicle breakdowns are an inherent aspect of driving, and knowing how to respond when your car stops unexpectedly is crucial. Most breakdowns occur without warning, and those on highways and freeways can be particularly hazardous.

### **If your vehicle breaks down, remain calm and follow these steps to ensure your safety:**

- **Move to a Safe Location:** If possible, pull over to a secure area away from traffic, ideally in the emergency breakdown lane.
- **Avoid the central median strip and park as far left as possible** to maximize the distance between your vehicle and oncoming traffic.
- **Activate Hazard Lights:** Turn on your hazard lights and consider using parking lights if visibility is poor or it's dark.
- **Exit Your Vehicle Safely:** If it's safe to do so, exit your vehicle from the side away from traffic, checking for oncoming vehicles first.
- **Close the car door behind you and avoid crossing the road.**
- **If exiting is not safe, remain inside with your seatbelt fastened.**

- **Maintain a Safe Distance:** Stand clear of the road, aware of your surroundings, and avoid crossing the road. If a safety barrier is present, stand behind it.
- **Seek Assistance:** Call a roadside assistance provider or tow company using your mobile phone. If you don't have a phone, locate a roadside emergency phone if available and it's safe to exit your vehicle.
- **When outside your vehicle, face the traffic** while making the call to be prepared for any oncoming vehicles.
- **Remain Calm:** As long as you're safe, help will arrive, even if it's delayed in certain areas.
- **Wait for Assistance:** Stay in your safe location and follow the instructions of the assistance team when they arrive.

For those motorists using the road, please be vigilant. If you see a vehicle has broken down, please slow down and move away from the vehicle if it is safe to do so.



Graphic kindly created pro bono by @BigBirdDesign&Marketing

**22 April, from NSW Police: Fourth man charged over alleged kidnapping and murder of Chris Baghsarian**

Want to read more about this story? ➡ [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=124741](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=124741)

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**22 April, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade: #NSWRFS Last night at 2.20am, Berowra 1 and Berowra 6 , and Fire and Rescue NSW Station 075 Berowra responded to an incident on the M1 north of Cowan involving an oversized vehicle with a trailer brake fire.**

With the support of two pilot vehicles on scene, crews were able to stop the vehicle, disconnect the prime mover, and move the excavator off the trailer. It was a solid result in difficult circumstances, with quick action helping prevent further damage. Crews returned home at 4.00am. Thank you to our members for attending and supporting the incident.



**22 April, from NSW Road Safety: We love our pets but they make paw-ful drivers 🐾**

In NSW, it is illegal to drive with a pet on your lap or in a position that hinders control of the vehicle. Ensure your pets are secured safely in the vehicle 🙌



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**22 April, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community Group 2 days ago (Monday):**

This is probably an extremely long shot but my wedding ring has fallen off some time in the last day or so. I can't find it at home so am widening the net. It's a plain gold band and unfortunately I don't have a photo of it. I know it could be anywhere but I was in the Wahroonga village on Saturday, so if anyone happens to come across a wedding ring in their travels please let me know. Thanks!

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**22 April, Shared with permission from the St Ives Community Page group yesterday (Tuesday): Fine line between fun and foolishness**

I'm no wowser but.....just managed to avoid two boys on an e-scooter zooming along Porter's Lane the wrong way. Passenger had no helmet. I fear it's just a matter of time before the unthinkable occurs in our suburb and, as has been said many times before on this forum, only parents can curtail this dangerous trend.

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**22 April, HOPE IN A SUITCASE - SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN ENTERING OUT OF HOME CARE (FOSTER CARE)**

💜 This is a great opportunity to teach your own children about empathy. Take them with you to choose something to donate.

This is about dignity, all items must be brand new for this collection 💜 Items can be dropped off at My Glory Disability Provider on the corner of Pacific Hwy and Lady Street, Mount Colah. M-F 9am - 5pm, Tuesday til 8pm and Saturday 9-11am. The Sydney Coordinator sent me this -

“The suitcase sends them a strong message that they are thought of and cared by the community, a strong message of HOPE!”

There are other ways to help and other drop off locations you can find on their website: [hiasc.org.au/](http://hiasc.org.au/)



**HOPE IN A SUITCASE**  
"PACK A LITTLE JOY"

## Items to Donate

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW -**

these worthy children deserve to have something special and many have never had anything new.

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|-----------------------|--|
| • Bottles & Dummies   | • Tooth brush/ Toothpaste (for infants/kids) |
| • Bibs                | • Hairbrush and hairbands                    |
| • Baby clothes        | • Shampoo and Conditioner                    |
| • Pyjama Sets         | • Clothing                                   |
| • Something to cuddle | • Bubble bath or bath wash                   |
| • Wraps               | • Toys                                       |
| • Blankets            | • Textas/Pencils                             |
| • Story book          | • Bath Towel                                 |
| • Colouring Books     | • Face washer                                |
| • Underwear & Socks   | • Baby wipes                                 |



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**22 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: A veteran cop has been jailed after intimidating, sexually touching and sending intimate photos of women over five years but plans to appeal his sentence.**

 STORY [behind a paywall]: <https://tinyurl.com/yckb96td>



## 'Real and crushing': Former NSW Police officer Duncan Gray jailed

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**22 April, from NSW Household Problem Wastes: There are lots of places to take your unwanted batteries.**

There's over 1,600 in NSW. Where you ask?

- - Supermarkets
- - Hardware stores
- - Electronic and battery stores
- - Community Recycling Centres
- - Household Chemical CleanOut events

Thanks to B-cycle for your ongoing positive impact. Find your local safe battery drop-off - [bcycle.com.au/drop-off/](https://bcycle.com.au/drop-off/)



There are over 1,600 battery drop-off points in NSW

and no...it's not your bin

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

🔥 **Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 April:** 🔥 HAZARD REDUCTION BURN

NOTICE 🔥 Location: Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Mt Colah

**Wednesday 06 May:** National DV Remembrance Day 11-12:30 @ Cameron Park, 5 Eastern Road Turramurra [Info & register](#) for catering purposes

**Wednesday 06 May:** Major changes to Warringah Freeway introduced. [Info here.](#)

🔥 **Saturday 09 May:** FREE Combined Open Day - Fire and Rescue Gordon & Ryde. 10am-2pm @ Fire and Rescue NSW Station 042 Ryde, 120F Coxs Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113

**Thursday 21 May:** FREE Senior drivers workshop – in Mandarin 10:30-11:30am @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Register [here.](#)

**Saturday 23 May — Sunday 24 May:** Household Chemical CleanOut 9am - 3:30pm, St

Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road.

**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.

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**22 April, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Hate crimes target people for their race, gender, sexuality or beliefs.**

Under Australian law, it's a crime to:

- • Threaten or commit acts of violence against a person or group
- • Advocate or encourage violence
- • Damage or target places of worship or property
- • Display extremist symbols such as Nazi imagery
- • Use phones or the internet to menace or harass

These offences can carry up to 7 years in prison. To learn more about the New Government Hate Laws click [here](#).

If you have information, you can tip us off in confidence online [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call **1800 333 000**.

# TARGETED FOR BEING YOU



Crime Stoppers NSW  Following

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**21 April, from NSW Police: Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives have charged a man following an investigation into an alleged kidnapping in Sydney's north last year.**

MORE INFORMATION  [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=124731](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=124731)

Watch video [here](#).



**Robbery and Serious Crime Squad  
detectives charge man following  
investigation into kidnapping in 2025**

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**21 April, from CAPORTAL.COM.AU: Traffic changes on Warringah Freeway**

Get to know the changes that will affect how you use the Warringah Freeway. Major changes are being introduced to the Warringah Freeway to make it safer and easier to use. This may affect which lane you need to be in or the ramp you need to take. These changes include:

- - removal of the slip lane to Sydney Harbour Bridge
- - removal of access to Sydney Harbour Bridge from Ernest Street
- - change to ramp arrangements at Falcon Street/Military Road and removal of access to Cahill Expressway
- - opening of the new dedicated southbound bus lane along the Warringah Freeway

- - changes for overweight vehicles.

Click on the tiles to understand how your route is changing and what you need to do to get where you're going.

Read more [here](#).

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**21 April, from The Hills command: L & P platers: can you use headphones connected to your phone while driving? 🤖**

YES 👍 or NO ❤️.



**ANSWER:** No ❌ Learner (L) and Provisional (P1/P2) platers in NSW cannot drive while wearing headphones or earbuds connected to a mobile phone. L and P platers are prohibited from using any phone function while driving, including music, navigation, or calls, even hands-free or via Bluetooth. Using them can result in heavy penalties over \$400 and 5 demerit points.

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**21 April, from Legal Aid NSW: Did you know your P-plate driver's licence can be suspended if you don't pay a fine by the due date?**

Yep, even a transport fine (like what you get when you don't tap on the train) can lead to a licence suspension if it becomes overdue.

And that's just one of the surprising ways a P-plater can lose their licence.

Learn more: <https://loom.ly/sVyRu4M>

## 6 ways you can lose your P-plate licence that you may not be aware of.



## Using a mobile phone

If you are on your P's you can't use a phone at all while driving, not even on speaker, hands-free, or for GPS. If your phone is in your hand or being used in any way, you're breaking the rules.





## Driving a high-performance car

Some cars are off-limits for P-platers.

That includes:

- Cars with more than 130kW per tonne
- Cars with engine mods that need an engineer certificate
- Anything classified as high-performance

If it's powerful, modified, or on the banned list, you can't drive it on your P's.

## Not paying a fine on time

If you don't pay a fine by the due date, Revenue NSW can suspend your driver's license, even if the fine has nothing to do with driving. Yep, even something like a train fine can lead to you losing your licence if you ignore it.



### Driving with any alcohol or drugs in your system

On your P's, your blood alcohol limit is zero. That means no drinking before you get in the car or while you're behind the wheel. Some people actually get done for being over the limit the next morning after a big night. Drug driving rules apply the same way.



### Driving with more than one passenger

If you're aged under 25 and on your red P-plates, you can't drive with more than one passenger aged under 21 between 11pm and 5am. Break this rule and you risk losing your licence.



### Driving above the speed limit

Speeding is one of the quickest ways to lose your P's:

- P1 drivers can only drive up to 90 km/h. A single speeding offence can push drivers over their four-point limit, triggering an automatic 3-month licence suspension.
- P2 drivers can only drive up to 100 km/h. Drivers who are caught speeding twice will also lose their licence for at least 3 months.

### But what's the big deal?

Losing your licence doesn't just mean you can't drive. It can also mean hefty fines, longer time stuck on your Ps, and higher car insurance and Green Slip costs.



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**21 April, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page group: Lost!!**  
Sapphire and diamond ring. Possibly at Warrina St oval, near the bbq area. It looks exactly like this one. I hope someone comes across it. Sentimental value.



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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.

**How to spot fake news online**

In this article:

- [What is fake news?](#)
- [How does fake news spread?](#)
- [Tips to spot fake news](#)
- [AI generated images](#)
- [How to spot AI generated images](#)
- [Tips to keep you from getting caught by fake news](#)

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### SOME MURDER METHODS FOR MODERN MYSTERY WRITERS



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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

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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)

**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](https://twitter.com/NHWKRGHornsby)

**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)

**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](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](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

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

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

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