



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

eNewsletter #767 - 23 June 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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22 June, from NSW Police Force

Sex Crime Squad detectives have charged a school teacher with alleged child abuse offences under Strike Force Trawler.

MORE INFORMATION ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=125946>

Watch video [here](#).

22 June, from NSW Central Coast News, Information and Incident Alerts Free: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force Statement

About 11:25pm on Saturday 20 June 2026, police attached to Tuggerah Lakes Highway Patrol observed a white Mercedes Sprinter van in Wyong allegedly travelling erratically through residential streets with number plates that did not match the vehicle. The van was later confirmed to have been stolen from a commercial premises in Wyong following a break & enter two days prior.

Police attempted to stop the vehicle on Howarth Street, Wyong, where it will be alleged the driver reversed into a marked Highway Patrol vehicle, rendering it inoperable, before further attempting to drive away. During the incident, a male Senior Constable was allegedly struck and forced backwards and through a fence. The vehicle became stuck in a ditch, and the occupants were arrested. A search allegedly located methylamphetamine on both persons, along with a large knife in the possession of the passenger.

A 28-year-old Guildford man was charged with 9 offences, including drive conveyance taken without consent of owner, use weapon to prevent lawful detention, drive manner dangerous, deemed supply prohibited drug, never licensed person drive on road, use vehicle display unauthorised number plate, exceed speed over 20km/h & malicious damage.

A 30-year-old Wyong man was charged with 2 offences, including possess prohibited drug and possession of a knife.

The driver was bail refused. The passenger was granted strict conditional bail, with both due to attend Wyong Local Court at later dates. Investigations continue in relation

to the original break & enter.



22 June, from NSW Police Force

Thirty-five e-bikes that were seized during police operations near Tweed Heads have been destroyed.

MORE INFORMATION  <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=125944>



**35 e-bikes seized and
destroyed in Tweed Heads**

bit.ly/NPLD2026

18 June, from Nepean Police Area Command

CABLE, COPPER, METAL THEFT

Every scrap of information counts. Reports can be made anonymously — play your part in protecting our community.

If it doesn't look right-report it!

- Suspicious people near power lines, utility pits or manholes, especially after hours or on weekends (often wearing high-vis).
- Open utility pits or boxes, missing lids, exposed or discarded cables/wires, or not using proper equipment or lighting.
- People removing materials from construction sites, sporting grounds, or businesses.
- Suspicious sales of scrap metal or cable.

Contact your local police or call the Police Assistance Line: 131 444

Life-threatening situations: Triple Zero (000)

Live or fallen powerlines: Ausgrid 13 13 88

Anonymous reports: Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

NSW Police Force NSW GOVERNMENT

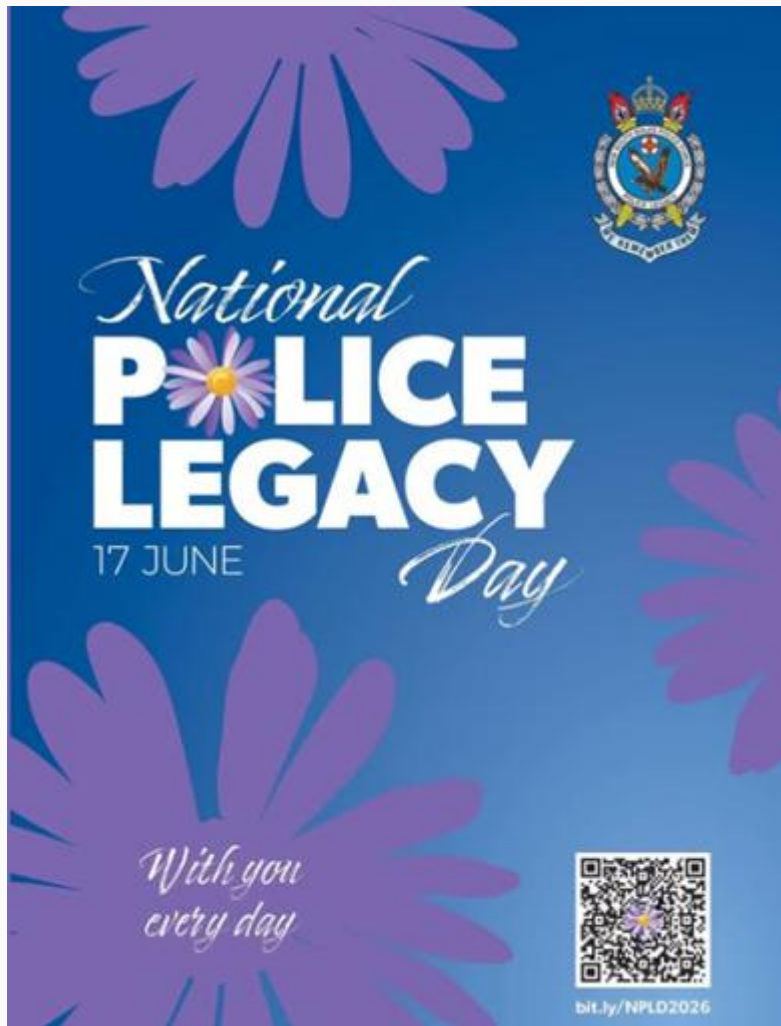
16 June, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

This Wednesday, 17th June, we proudly celebrate Police Legacy Day — a moment to honour the families of our fallen and injured police officers, and to recognise the incredible support Police Legacy provides year-round.

Police Legacy stands beside those who serve and protect us, ensuring their loved ones are never forgotten. Their programs — from financial assistance to education support and community connection — make a real difference in the lives of policing families.

Learn more or get involved via their website:

👉 <https://policelegacy.com.au/>



23 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

Did you know Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby represents residents at the quarterly Community Safety Precinct Committee meetings, arranged by the local [Kuring Gai Police Area Command](#) ?

An interesting topic from last month's meeting - our representative learnt how thieves looking to steal from motor vehicles can distinguish between new and old models by seeing whether the wing mirrors are folded in or not.

We share many Facebook posts from residents trying to trace offenders who have driven past and clipped the wing mirrors of a parked car.

Now that wing mirrors also have integrated turning signal repeaters, the repair/replacement cost can be quite high.

Have you a wing mirror anecdote?

Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Police for holding these meetings and encouraging two-way communication between the different organisations and politicians present.

23 June, from ACCC

Ugg footwear retailer Christofi Investments has paid \$39,600 in penalties after we issued it with two infringement notices for allegedly making misleading pricing claims. We were alerted to this conduct by consumer complaints to our Infocentre. We encourage consumers to notify us of any false or misleading sales claims made by retailers, whether in brick or mortar stores or online.

NEWS

Ugg boot retailer pays penalties for strikethrough pricing claims

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 1 An Ugg footwear retailer has paid penalties after we issued it with 2 infringement notices for allegedly making misleading pricing claims.
- 2 The infringement notices related to ugg slippers being advertised at an apparently discounted price alongside a higher strikethrough "was" price.
- 3 We allege that these claims were false or misleading because the products had not been offered for sale or sold at the higher price claimed in the advertisements in a reasonable period beforehand.



Australian Federal Police · Follow

23 Jun · 🌐



Drone guns are specialised tech used by AFP officers to stop unauthorised drones flying where they shouldn't.

Using radio signals, they break the drone's connection, so it safely returns home or lands on its own.

They're part of the AFP's security toolkit and are used during operations, major events, or at sensitive locations such as HMAS Stirling. See less

22 June, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE 🚗

NEXT COURSE: 27TH JUNE

Don't miss out! Get 20 hours off your logbook

👉 Register here: <https://www.pcycdriveducation.org.au/book-a-course>

The advertisement features a blue background on the left with the PCYC logo (a red star) and a 'SAFER DRIVERS COURSE' badge. Below this, the text 'SAFER DRIVERS COURSE' is prominently displayed. A table indicates the course is available in Hornsby on 27 June. A red 'BOOK NOW' button is at the bottom left, accompanied by a red star icon. On the right, a photograph shows a person driving a car, with their hands on the steering wheel and a road visible through the windshield.

PCYC 

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

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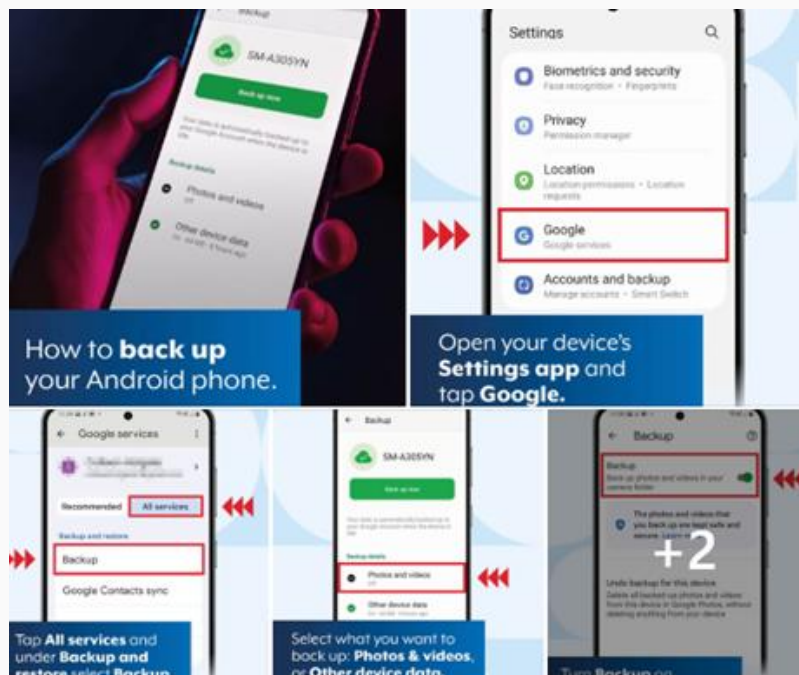
BOOK NOW



22 June, from Australian Signals Directorate

Turn on automatic backups on your Android phone and give yourself one less thing

to think about.



22 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Do motorbike riders have to wear protective gear like jackets, pants and boots? 🤖

Riders who wear protective clothing are up to twice as likely to avoid being hospitalised after a crash.

While jackets, pants and boots aren't mandatory, they're highly recommended.

Helmets are mandatory for all riders.

⚠️ From 1 July, Learners, P1 and P2 riders must wear approved gloves. Learners must

also wear an approved hi-vis vest.



22 June, from Hornsby Shire Council

⚠️ A harmful algal bloom has been detected around Calabash Bay in Berowra Creek. The species involved can produce toxins that may pose a risk to human health.

👉 Do not eat recreationally harvested shellfish (e.g. oysters, mussels, clams) from the estuary due to the risk of shellfish poisoning.

👉 Avoid contact with discoloured water and affected areas until further notice.

👉 Take a precautionary approach to eating locally caught fin fish. Avoiding fishing during the bloom is the best way to minimise risk.

If you experience any health effects after contact with affected water, seek medical advice promptly.

🌊 Conditions may change:

Marine and estuarine blooms may move with the wind and tides, so affected areas may shift along Berowra creek.

We are actively monitoring the situation and will provide further updates as new information becomes available.

 More info [here](#).



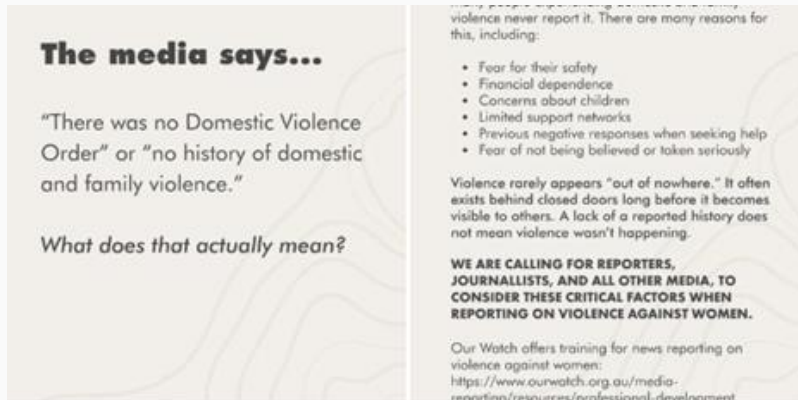
22 June, from The Centre for Women & Co

You may have seen headlines that say:

“There was no Domestic Violence Order” or “no history of domestic and family violence.”

But what does that actually mean? Let’s take a look.

Please see the below link to learn more [here](#).



The media says...

“There was no Domestic Violence Order” or “no history of domestic and family violence.”

What does that actually mean?

Violence rarely appears “out of nowhere.” It often exists behind closed doors long before it becomes visible to others. A lack of a reported history does not mean violence wasn’t happening.

violence never report it. There are many reasons for this, including:

- Fear for their safety
- Financial dependence
- Concerns about children
- Limited support networks
- Previous negative responses when seeking help
- Fear of not being believed or taken seriously

WE ARE CALLING FOR REPORTERS, JOURNALISTS, AND ALL OTHER MEDIA, TO CONSIDER THESE CRITICAL FACTORS WHEN REPORTING ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

Our Watch offers training for news reporting on violence against women:
<https://www.ourwatch.org.au/media-reporting/resources/professional-development>

22 June, from ACCC Product Safety

If you own a Thermos Stainless King Food Jar, stop use immediately: they have been recalled. The stopper on affected products does not have a pressure release valve. Pressure may build up inside the container and may cause the stopper beneath the lid to eject forcefully when opened. There is a risk of serious injury from impact and lacerations if the affected stopper ejects while in use. Incidents have occurred.

Visit the ACCC Product Safety website to see if your product is affected [here](#).



22 June, from NSW Food Authority

Borax (also known as Sodium Borate) is a toxic substance that can cause symptoms like nausea, vomiting and headaches if ingested and in large amounts can lead to serious harm.

👉 If you see borax being sold or promoted as a food ingredient, report it! Use our online complaints form <https://formsfa.bfs.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forms/9246>



21 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Software updates don't just add features—they often fix security weaknesses.

- Install updates promptly on phones, tablets, and computers
- Enable automatic updates where possible
- Don't ignore security notifications

Keeping software updated helps protect against known threats.



21 June, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc: Cyclists Beware: That Quick Phone Check Could Cost You Hundreds!



A lot of people don't realise this, but if you're riding a bicycle and using your mobile phone, you can be fined just like someone driving a car.

That's right, under Australian road rules, a bicycle is considered a vehicle.

This means many of the same mobile phone laws that apply to motorists also apply to cyclists.

"I'm only on a bike. Surely it's okay?"

Unfortunately, no.

Many riders think it's harmless to quickly check a text, answer a call, or change a song while riding. However, doing so can attract hefty fines depending on which state or territory you're in.

What are the penalties?

🚲 New South Wales (NSW)

Fines start at \$349

The fine increases to \$464 in a school zone.

Your phone can only be used if it's secured in an approved phone mount or operated completely hands-free.

🚲 Queensland (QLD)

Cyclists caught using a handheld mobile phone can face fines of more than \$1,000.

🚲 Victoria (VIC)

Riders can receive an on-the-spot fine of \$476

Phones used for navigation or calls must be mounted securely.

🚲 Western Australia (WA)

Fines start at around \$400 for holding or using a phone while riding.

The rules are similar across Australia, and while cyclists generally don't receive demerit points, the financial penalties can still be significant.

Why the rules are so strict

Using a phone takes your eyes, hands, and attention away from the road.

It only takes a second of distraction to miss a pedestrian, fail to see a car pulling out, hit a pothole, or lose control of your bike.

The rules aren't just about fines—they're about keeping everyone safe.

How to avoid getting fined.

✅ Use a phone mount

If you need GPS or navigation, make sure your phone is secured in a commercially manufactured bike mount.

✅ Go hands-free

Use voice commands, Bluetooth devices, or helmet communication systems so you don't need to touch your phone while riding.

✅ Pull over safely

Need to reply to a message, check social media, send an email, or use your screen?

Stop in a safe place first and deal with it before continuing your ride.

The Bottom Line

If you're riding a bicycle, treat your phone the same way you would if you were driving a car.

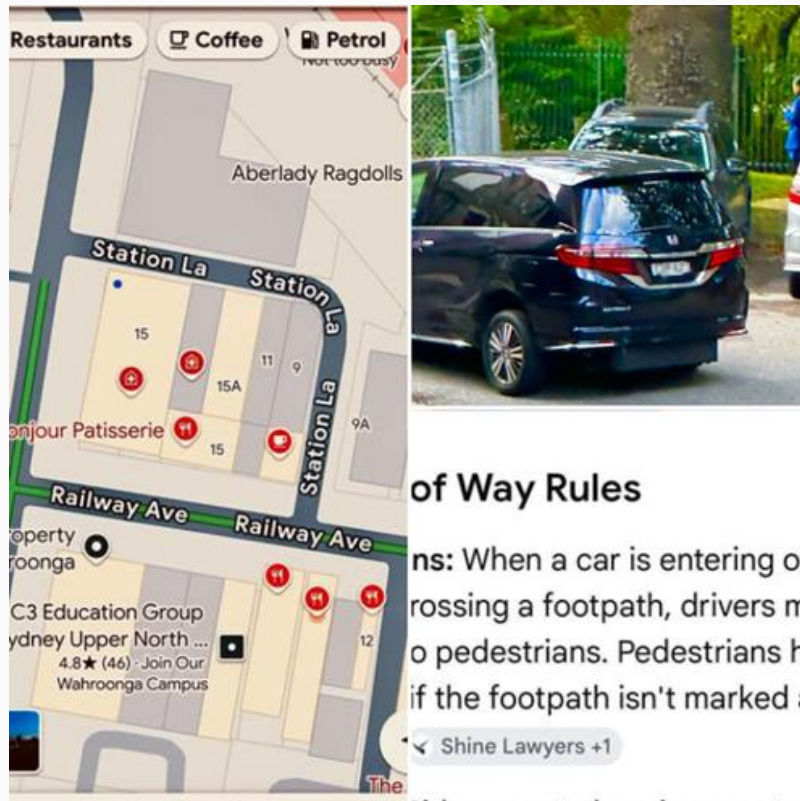
That quick glance at a text message or social media notification could end up costing you hundreds of dollars—and more importantly, could put your safety and the safety

of others at risk.

Stay alert, stay legal, and enjoy the ride. 🚲

21 June, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga and Turramurra and Neighbouring Suburbs group:

This afternoon I was walking along Railway Avenue, past the old Westpac branch and a black Honda Odyssey turned into Station lane, failing to giveaway to the pedestrians on the footpath. The woman Driver seemed oblivious to the fact that a vehicle must give way to pedestrians at all times when crossing a footpath. Three pedestrians were nearly hit (she actually made contact with me) as she drove off affronted that we had made a fuss. This is not an isolated incident and could have ended very badly.



20 June, from The Centre for Women & Co

📢 Important Notice 📢 A national test of AusAlert will occur at 2pm AEST on 27 July 2026.

Tips for Planning for AusAlert Testing:

If it is not safe to receive AusAlerts on your devices, keep them turned off or in aeroplane mode until you need them.

Important: you can still receive Critical AusAlerts if your phone is on 'silent' or 'do not disturb'.

In order to stop the Critical Alert siren sounding on a device, you will need to turn your phone off or on aeroplane mode:

one hour before the test: turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode

during and after the test: keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours (if you do need to turn your phone on during this window for an emergency be prepared that the siren may sound).

For more information see: <https://wesnet.org.au/aus-alert/>

A poster with a yellow border. At the top, it says '@THECENTREFORWOMEN.CO'. Below that, the title 'AusAlert Safety Tips' is written in a large, bold, yellow font. Under the title, the date and time '27th July at 2pm' are highlighted in a yellow box. The main text explains that AusAlerts is for emergencies and a nationwide test is happening in July. It then lists 'What to expect' and 'If it's not safe for you to receive alerts' with bullet points. At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.ausalert.gov.au' for more information.

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AusAlert Safety Tips

27th July at 2pm

AusAlerts is designed to notify about emergencies like natural disasters and public health events. In July, a nationwide test of this system will take place.

What to expect:

- A loud siren and vibration for 10 seconds
- Alerts will sound even if your device is on silent or 'Do Not Disturb'

If it's not safe for you to receive alerts:

- Turn devices off or onto aeroplane mode (phones, iPads, smart watches etc)
- Do this 1 hour before the test
- Keep devices off or on aeroplane mode for 24 hours after

For more information, please visit www.ausalert.gov.au

20 June, Thanks to the North Shore Times:

Fast uptake, slow education. As e-bike users surge and injuries climb, experts warn Australia's casual approach to learning to ride is no longer enough, writes Angela

Saurine.



20 June, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara Community group:

If you drove through Spencer Road, Killara onto the highway today please check your tires!

We've picked up a lot of screws off the road around 9pm, a few made onto the highway northbound.



AROUND THE HOOD



Know the rules before you fly

From checking roof damage to aerial photography, drones can be a lot of fun — but it's important to know where and how to fly them safely.

Building safer communities starts with connection, and Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby plays an important role in bringing local residents together through education, awareness and community engagement.

There are many Crime Prevention Tips available from the Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby website, including many tips related broadly to safety, not just from crime. Among the many collections of tips is Utilising New Technology, which includes tips about drone usage.

Part 101 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations sets out the rules for flying drones (and model aircraft). The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has simplified the regulations on its website at casa.gov.au. The drone safety rules apply everywhere in Australia. Following those rules should make drone use safe for the user and safe for everyone else.

Drones weighing less than 250 grams (also called micro-drones) do not need to be registered. People flying their drones for fun do not need to register them.

If you want to fly a drone in a place or way that is outside the drone safety rules you can apply for a flight authorisation. The process is set out on the CASA website casa.gov.au

To fly a drone weighing more than 25 kilograms requires approval from CASA. The locations requiring additional permissions or approvals include operating a drone above 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level, within 5.5 kilometres (3 nautical miles) of a controlled aerodrome or over the movement area of a non-controlled aerodrome, or within restricted airspace.

Using a drone does not otherwise require a licence or operator accreditation. People of any age can fly one. One common use of drones is around the home. For example, climbing ladders for home maintenance can be dangerous, but after a heavy storm, we might want to inspect the roof of our home. Drone cameras can be an ideal means of safely checking for storm damage.

By staying informed and using technology responsibly, residents can help create a safer and more connected community for everyone.

By Simon Lennon

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Hornsby Magazine, edition 2, Winter 2026, page 58.

20 June, from NHW Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby (NHW K&H): Focus on a postcode - 2083 BROOKLYN

The following crime stats were taken from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website here: <https://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar>.

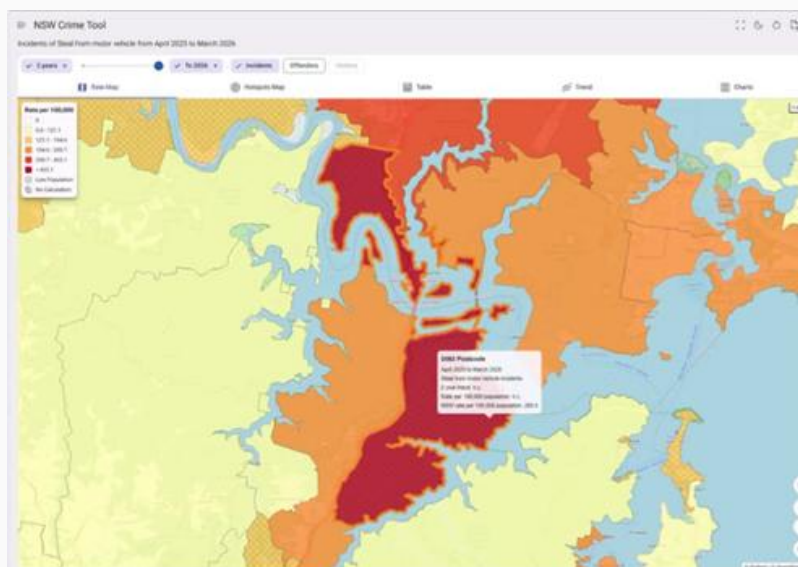
The figures are for the period April 2025 to March 2025. A category with a zero figure isn't included in the list, eg murder, non-DV assault, drug offences.

Domestic Assault 11

Non-Domestic Assault 6

Robbery without a weapon 1
Sexual Assault 3
B&E non-dwelling 3
Motor vehicle theft 7
Steal from motor vehicle 26
Steal from dwelling 3
Fraud 4
Other theft 13
Malicious damage to property 7
Breach AVDO 7
Breach APVO 1
Breach bail conditions 5
Resist/hinder officer 1
Offensive conduct 1
Use/possess cannabis 2
Use/possess amphetamines 5
Use/possess other drugs 1
Deal/traffic cocaine 1
Deal/traffic amphetamines 1
Intimidation, stalking & harassment 8
Arson 1
Blackmail & extortion 1
Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 6

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)



19 June, Shared with permission from the South Turramurra Community Group:

Hi all this is a heartfelt request to those who are out walking at dusk and the evenings to add something reflective to your clothing for both your own safety and the sake of the driver who may not see you in time. There are so many streets that are not curbed and channel properly in South Turramurra and many people walk on the road and they can be very difficult to see at that time of day. Thanks for listening

19 June, from Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

From very early this morning:

Hiya, Heads up police 🚓 apprehending someone on Werona Ave, Killara. Apparently Dog unit, Polair etc. Down from Killara station.
Road closed currently.

18 June, from NSW Department of Communities and Justice

A \$5 million boost is on its way to help drive down youth crime and strengthen community safety across NSW.

More than 25 locally led projects, from Western NSW to Inner Sydney, will receive funding to support young people at risk of entering the justice system.

These initiatives include mentoring programs, night-time safe spaces, employment pathways, cultural programs and more. Each project is designed by local organisations who know their communities best.

This includes two Rabbitohs-linked mentoring programs: Souths Cares' Deadly Youth Mentoring Program and the Winmarra Emerging Leaders Program, helping young people build stronger connections and positive pathways.

This investment is part of a broader \$124 million commitment to reduce youth crime and help young people re-engage with education, training and positive pathways.

Find out more [here](#):



18 June, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc

Most drivers have heard the term aquaplaning (or hydroplaning), but many don't realise just how quickly it can happen.

Aquaplaning occurs when

your tyres can't clear water from the road surface fast enough.

A layer of water builds up between your tyres and the road, causing your vehicle to lose contact with the bitumen.

When this happens, you can suddenly lose the ability to steer, brake, or accelerate properly.

It can be a frightening experience, especially if you've never encountered it before.

The most important thing to remember is: stay calm.

If your vehicle starts to aquaplane:

- Take your foot off the accelerator gradually and allow the vehicle to slow down naturally.
- Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel and avoid sudden movements.
- Try to keep the wheels pointed straight ahead until your tyres regain contact with the road.

- Do not slam on the brakes. Heavy braking can make the situation worse and increase the risk of losing control.
- If you need to brake, do so gently. If your vehicle is fitted with ABS, apply steady pressure and allow the system to work.

The best way to deal with aquaplaning is to reduce the chances of it happening in the first place.

Here are a few simple ways to stay safer when driving in wet conditions:

✅ Slow down. Water on the road significantly reduces tyre grip, and lower speeds give your tyres more time to disperse water.

✅ Never use cruise control in wet weather. Cruise control can delay your reaction to changing road conditions and reduce your ability to respond quickly if traction is lost. Always maintain full manual control of your vehicle when roads are wet.

✅ Check your tyres regularly. Ensure they are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure and have adequate tread depth. Worn tyres dramatically increase the risk of aquaplaning.

✅ Watch the road ahead. Where safe to do so, drive in the tyre tracks of the vehicle in front, as some of the standing water may already have been displaced.

Heavy rain can catch anyone off guard, and aquaplaning can happen in a matter of seconds. Knowing what to do beforehand could make all the difference.

Please share this post to help spread awareness, and take a few minutes to have a conversation with your family and friends about staying safe on wet roads.

The more people who understand the risks, the safer our roads will be for everyone.



18 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Artificial intelligence is making scam messages more convincing than ever.

- Be wary of messages that appear unusually professional or personalised
- Verify unexpected requests, even if they seem genuine
- Don't rely on appearance alone when judging legitimacy

Technology may change, but healthy scepticism remains important.



18 June, from [BOCSAR.NSW.GOV.AU](https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au)

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has released its latest NSW Recorded Crime Statistics report, covering data to March 2026.

Key findings:

Over the two years to March 2026, recorded crime in NSW remained largely stable.

Two major offences increased over this period: steal from retail store (up 9.1%) and other stealing offences (up 3.1%), while robbery declined 8.2%. All other major crime categories showed no significant change.

The number of young people proceeded against to court by NSW Police was stable over the last two years but trended down in Regional NSW (down 12.5%). Adult court proceedings increased significantly over the last two years (up 10.0%); a third of this increase was due to domestic violence charges.

18 June, from NSW Police Force

Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives have charged another two men following

an investigation into the alleged kidnapping and murder of Chris Baghsarian.

MORE INFORMATION ➡ <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=125850>.



18 June, from a Waitara resident:

Has anyone lost a yellow pet parrot or budgie? Saw a gang of birds today (Weds 17th June) or similar flying overhead near the trees in Park Ave Waitara (closer to the railway end) & one had a little yellow bird in its claws.

17 June, from StreetSmarts: Transporting dogs in vehicles

Thousands of dogs are injured each year while travelling in the back of utes. If you're travelling with a dog in your ute tray, keep them safe by correctly caging or tethering them. 🐕

Read full article [here](#).

17 June, from Environmental Protection Authority

Do we test [Harley-Davidson](#)s to see if they're too loud? Yes, we do.

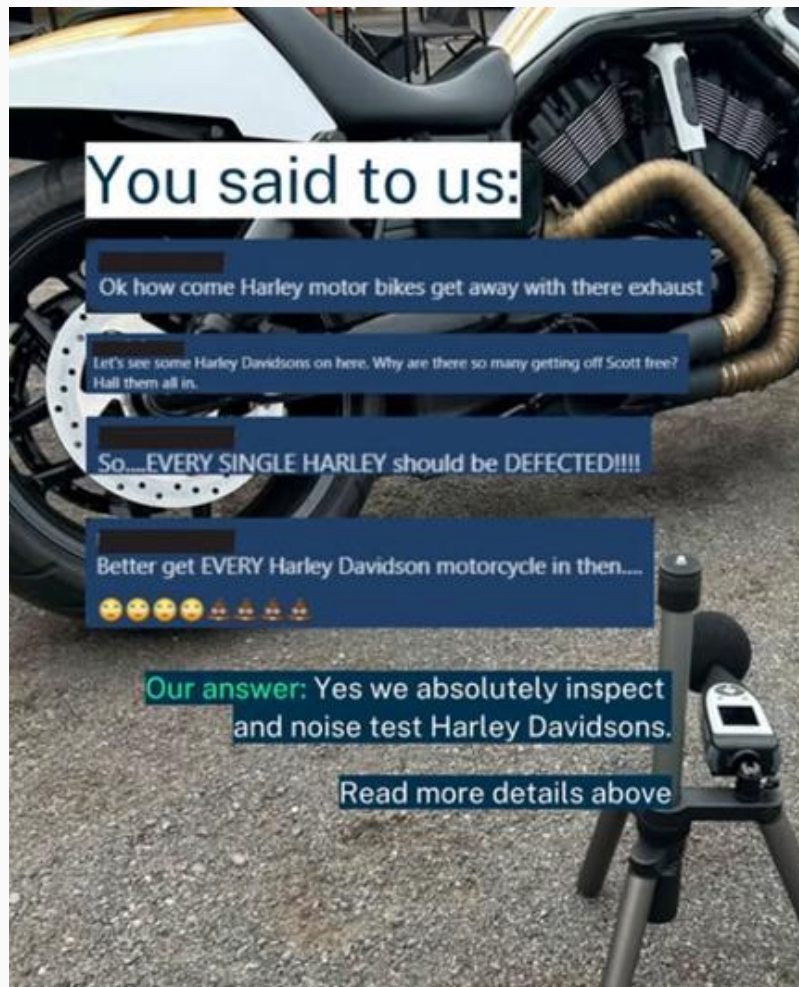
We had 59 comments about Harleys on our recent noisy vehicle inspection post.

We wanted to assure everyone that we definitely include them when we select vehicles for noise compliance testing.

For more info about motor vehicle noise, including how to keep it legal, check out our fact sheet: bit.ly/VehicleNoiseFactSheet

Noise standards apply broadly to motor vehicles, including motorcycles, motor cars, buses and lorries.

Noise levels are determined under Australian Design Rules - ADR and ADR83/00.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

🔥 **Saturday 29 June:** FREE Berowra Waters RFB 70th anniversary Fundraising Trivia Night. 7PM @ Club Berowra, 997 Pac Hwy, Berowra. [Bookings](#).

Monday 22 June: Identity Theft - 用普通话呈现 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

Tuesday 23 June: FREE Be Connected webinar - Protect yourself against scams 3-4pm. [Info and registration](#).

Monday 29 June: Identity Theft - presented in Farsi 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

Friday 03 July Identity Theft 2-3pm @ Hornsby Library. [Info & Bookings](#).

Tuesday 21 July: FREE Be Connected webinar - Safer Online Shopping and Banking 10-11am. [Info and bookings](#).

Thursday 23 July: FREE Be Connected webinar - iPhone Basics 10-11am. [Info and bookings](#).

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

Thursday 30 July: FREE Be Connected webinar - Technology & your Health 3-4pm. [Info and bookings](#).

17 June, from NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts, News & Information

P-plate driver allegedly 45km/h over limit – Mooney Mooney

STATEMENT: Tuesday, 16 June 2026

A man's licence has been suspended and a \$3,054 fine issued after he was allegedly detected driving at more than 150km/h on the M1 near Mooney Mooney yesterday. About 3.40pm yesterday (Monday 15 June 2026), a highway patrol officer was driving south on the M1 Motorway near Mooney Mooney, when they were undertaken by another vehicle.

A speed check of that vehicle allegedly revealed it was traveling at 151km/h.

Police stopped the Subaru WRX a short time later and spoke to the driver who produced a P2 provisional licence.

The driver – a 22-year-old man – was issued an infringement notice for P2 driver exceed speed limit - over 45 km/h.

The infringement carries a penalty of \$3,054 and seven demerit points.

His driver's licence was also suspended for a period of six months.



17 June, from General Knowledge

Glance at a highway in South Korea, and you might spot rows of bright yellow, tire-like barrels lining the roadside . This is the Rolling Barrier, a reimagined guardrail designed by Korean manufacturer ETI and others .

Here's the ingenious part: when a car hits the barrier, the plastic barrels spin . This rotation converts the forceful impact energy into gentler rotational energy, effectively steering the vehicle back onto the roadway . The material, a tough yet elastic polymer called EVA (often used in sneaker soles), helps absorb the shock while preventing the car from vaulting over the rail or being torn apart by jagged steel . These innovative guardrails, which have passed strict safety tests in the U.S. and Europe, represent a

quieter, safer evolution in roadside safety.



South Korean highways feature rolling barriers made of yellow, rotating plastic barrels set into steel rails. When a vehicle strikes the barrier, the barrels spin, converting the collision's kinetic energy into rotational energy. This action helps guide the car back onto the road rather than allowing it to crash through or flip over .

17 June, from Australian Signals Directorate

Ever heard of 'email spoofing'? It's an email that appears as though a hacker has access to your account.

Firstly, the claim that they have access to your account could be baseless. Scammers can manipulate an email's metadata to make it appear as though it originated from your account while the underlying email address remains different.

The best course of action is simple: report it, then delete it.

Remember, be selective about who you share your email address with. A secondary email address can be used for websites that you don't consider essential.

Report suspicious emails at our website 🖱️ cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report

The infographic is divided into several sections. The top left section, titled 'Have you ever received an email like this?', shows a hand holding a glowing red envelope icon. The top right section, titled 'You have been Hacked', displays a screenshot of an email from 'Jane.doe1@hotmail.com' with a threatening message about Pegasus spyware and a demand for \$3,000. The bottom left section, titled 'In this extortion email, hackers use a method called "email spoofing" where it appears as though they have access to your account.', shows a hand with glowing red envelope icons. The bottom middle section shows a laptop screen with a 'Log In' button and a red arrow pointing to it, with text explaining that scammers can manipulate email metadata. The bottom right section shows a man at a laptop with a large '+3' over him and the text 'So, what do I do if I receive'.

Have you ever received an email like this?

You have been Hacked

From: Jane.doe1@hotmail.com
To: Jane.doe1@hotmail.com

Hello,
I have sent this message from your microsoft account.
Have you heard of Pegasus? It is spyware that allows hackers to monitor activities of device owners.
It has provided me access to your webcam, messages, emails, call recordings etc....
It has been a few months since I installed it, during this period I have learned about all aspects of your private life.
I know that calling [REDACTED] or visiting [REDACTED] would be a better way to reach you in case you don't co-operate. Don't try to hid from this. You have no idea what I'm capable of in Singapore.
I suggest you read this email carefully. Because we are about to discuss a deal between you and me. I don't play games.
Click this link and send \$3,000 or I'll share everything.

In this extortion email, hackers use a method called 'email spoofing' where it appears as though they have access to your account.

Many scammers that they have access to your account is typically a lie. Scammers can manipulate an email's metadata to make it appear as though it originated from your own account, when it was actually sent by another account.

So, what do I do if I receive

17 June, Shared with permission from St Ives Community Page and Surrounds group 2 days ago (Monday?):

Hi all, my side mirror has been clipped by someone and damaged while I was parked on Rosedale Road, near the intersection of Khartoum Ave in Gordon this afternoon. My car was on the Western side of the road facing North, and the incident would have occurred sometime between 1.30pm and 3.45pm. I was just hoping on the off chance

that someone may have witnessed what happened. My car is a grey Subaru WRX.



17 June, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

QR codes are convenient, but scammers can use them to direct you to fake websites.

- Check for signs of tampering on public QR codes
- Be cautious of QR codes sent by unknown contacts
- Review the website address before entering information

Take a moment to check before you scan.



17 June, from The Hills Police Area Command

2:35am Tuesday 17 June 2026, The Hills PAC Police were patrolling Old Northern Rd, when at the intersection of Mid Dural Road, a vehicle was seen outside the Mid Dural Public School, facing towards Old Northern Rd, with headlights on. Upon police approaching the vehicle two juvenile males, wearing 'all black' tracksuit pants & hoddies, and Facemasks, got into the vehicle and sped off towards Old Northern Rd, turning left, and was seen a short time later on Castle Hill Road towards Pennant Hills Road by another Hills Police crew, where the vehicle was lost sight of.

The best description of the vehicle was a cream coloured XF model Ford Falcon.

If you are missing such a vehicle from your property, please contact either The Hills or Kuring gai Police via CrimeStoppers on 1800333000, or via PoliceLink on 131444.

Residents & Businesses along Mid Dural, Old Northern, and Castle Hill Roads, and in the Galston, Dural, Mid Dural, and Castle areas are encouraged to check their CCTV

cameras from 2am to see if this vehicle is identified.



17 June, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah/Mt Kuring-gai Families group:

UPDATE - cops have called me back tonight and asked me to do a Crime Stoppers report. I've told them I've posted locally and people are having similar experiences. They've asked that anyone with recent encounters also make a Crime Stoppers report (1800 333 000 or online <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/>). Please indicate his description clearly and that he frequents the Mt Colah/Asquith area. The more reports they get, the more likely it is they can take action and/or get this person the support he clearly requires.

Hi community. I've posted about this before but we are still encountering issues with the young man who lives in Mt Colah and walks to Asquith of an afternoon. He then hangs around Asquith until dark.

I've reported him to police a number of occasions, including today. He muttered stuff under his breath as was 15-20 m past me (I didn't see him til he'd passed about 20m to my left). He then walked on to Asquith Oval and once about 50m away, kept gesturing aggressively as if wanting to fight. I turned and stood my ground as he did this and he walked away.

He has approached me and my wife in similar ways. Each time it's when we have our baby so there is nothing we can do except stand our ground and call the cops.

We've also seen him from our car approach a young woman in a sexually suggestive way, near Coles and follow an old man on Willarong Rd. Can I please encourage anyone who has seen him do similar, or who does see him behave this way, to call the cops?

I know his name but won't post it here, but can pass it to you via DM, if you need to report him.

The State Government ID Support NSW has online learning modules, including everything you need to know about data breaches, scams, identity theft and cybersecurity.

Each week we will share a course that may help you.

Passwords learning module

Feel secure and protected by strong passwords online. Stay firmly in control of your online security, spot weak passwords, and stop hackers stealing your information and identity.

Mastering strong passwords

Welcome to the ID Support NSW password awareness eLearning module.

[ID Support NSW](#) is committed to helping people with concerns about or dealing with identity theft. Criminals can steal personal information in a number of ways, one of which is through poor password practices.

This module will show you how to protect yourself using good passwords. It will take about 10 minutes to complete.

ID Support NSW has a comprehensive 'Learn' section [here](#).



Thanks to UK Cop Humour

Which is better? This, or the old classic: "I wish my wife/husband/girlfriend/boyfriend was this dirty?" 🤔

Meanwhile in Australia 🇦🇺



Thanks to G'day Australia

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime. For Police to attend non-urgently without lights & sirens.

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft. No emergency/investigation.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch NSW - Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Facebook Group [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](#)

Local NHW Facebook pages:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)

[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Group](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)