



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #776 - 25 August 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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24 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command

Superintendent Matthew Scott today welcomed five new Probationary Constables who commenced duty at Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command following their attestation parade at the Goulburn Police Academy last week. Their first morning included an orientation of the police station, a familiarisation tour of the Hornsby CBD and transport hub.

Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command warmly welcomes them to the team and wishes them every success as they begin their policing careers.



22 August, from NSW Central Coast News, Information and Incident Alerts
Free: NSW POLICE FORCE STATEMENT

STABBING

UPDATE

Charges now laid against another 15 year old teenager 📌

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HwX8fDVXr/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

INITIAL REPORT

Teenager in critical condition after stabbing - Terrigal

Saturday, 22 August 2026

A teenage boy is in a critical condition after being stabbed on the Central Coast. About 9.45pm yesterday (Friday 21st August 2026), emergency services responded to reports of a stabbing on Painters Lane, Terrigal.

NSW Ambulance paramedics treated a 15-year-old boy for a stab wound before he was taken to Gosford Hospital where he remains in a critical condition.

Officers from Brisbane Water Police District have been informed that the boy was in company with several other teenagers when he was stabbed.

After being stabbed the boy attended a home on Painters Lane seeking assistance where the homeowner rung Triple Zero.

The boy and the homeowner are not known to one another.

Police have spoken to a number of teenagers who were in the vicinity at the time but no arrests have yet been made.

A crime scene was established.

As inquiries commence police are urging anyone with information about the incident – or who was in the area at the time with any available dashcam/mobile phone footage – to contact Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



21 August, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force: Street race detected on the Hume Highway.

About 12:20am on Wednesday the 19th August 2026 police attached to Auburn Highway Patrol were conducting patrols of the Hume Highway, Greenacre where they observed a black Mercedes Benz, black Audi RS6 and a white Nissan R35 GT-R travelling in a westerly direction.

The three vehicles stopped side by side, where police heard one of the vehicles beep their horn three times and the three vehicles engaged in a street race, the R35 GT-R was observed to lose traction for a short time, police detected the Audi RS6 reach a speed of 141km/h in the sign posted 70km/h zone during the street race.

Police stopped the Audi RS6 and the Nissan R35 GT-R, both were spoken to in relation to the incident.

The driver of the Audi RS6 was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice for the offences of Organise, promote etc race between vehicles - 2nd+offence & Class A m/v exceed speed > 45 km/h.

The driver of the Nissan GT-R was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice for the offences of Organise, promote etc race between vehicles - 1st offence & Class A m/v exceed speed >30km/h.

Both drivers are to appear before Burwood Local Court later in the year, no thrill is worth a life. Slow down, stay safe and keep racing for the track.



19 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: PARENT INFORMATION (Q & A), NSW POLICE YOUTH COMMAND

Helping Parents Navigate Youth, Rights & the Law

 Tuesday 8 September 2026

 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC

1 Park Lane, Waitara NSW 2077

Topics Include

- Understanding young people's legal rights
- Why good children sometimes break the law
- Social media, peer pressure and risky behaviour
- Support available through Youth Command, PCYC and community services

Hosted by Senior Constable Nick Consadine

Youth Engagement Officer

Senior Constable Kok Boon

Youth Officer - Ku-ring-gai Police

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Parents and carers welcome

RSVP: cons1nic@police.nsw.gov.au

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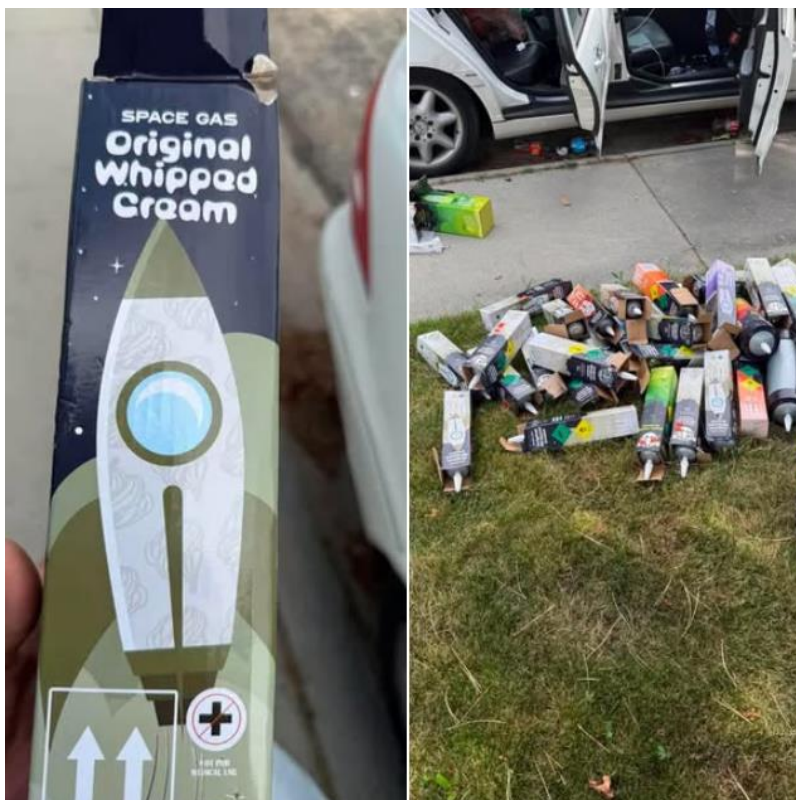
WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE to make positive choices

YOUTH COMMAND

19 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: Great news! The stolen goat from Arcadia has been returned to the owner. Enquiries are continuing. Thank you to everyone who shared our post.



24 August, from Officer Gomez: A plea from a mom in my inbox:



I wish someone had warned me about Galaxy Gas and Space Gas. My son is 23. A few months ago, he had a seizure. I found a nitrous tank in his room and begged him to stop. I thought he did. He didn't. He just got better at hiding it. Then his hands and feet started going numb. Within three weeks, my son couldn't walk. The nitrous caused a severe B12 problem that damaged his nervous system and spinal cord. Now we don't know if the damage is permanent or if my son will ever walk normally again.

These large nitrous tanks are sold in vape shops and online. They're colorful, sometimes flavored, and may even say "not for consumption." Please talk to your kids, including your young adult kids. Ask them if they know what Galaxy Gas or Space Gas is. Ask if they've used it or if their friends have. I can't go back and change what happened to my son, but maybe telling his story can keep it from happening to yours.

Officer Gomez here: This is a growing problem in schools as these canisters become cheaper and more available. If you are old school, we used to call these whippets and they came in small aluminum containers. They sell the new ones as a way to make whip creams for cakes and pastries. These are addictive and can cause many different long term issues for your loved ones.

- Officer Gomez.

24 August, from Consumer Reports

Your car's key fob does more than just lock/unlock your car. Consumer Reports' automotive experts explain what these hidden tricks are and how to use them to roll down windows, fold mirrors, and more. Find out which features you might be

missing out on: <https://www.consumerreports.org/.../your-cars-key-fob.../...>

Did You Know About These



Car Key Fob Features?



Instantly

On many cars, if you press the unlock button on the fob once, then press it again (within 10 seconds) and hold it, all the windows will open.



Press the Unlock Button Once, Then Press and Hold Until All Windows Open



Features

- Remote Start
- Mirror Folding
- Automated Parking

Pro tip: When you get your new car, read the specific sections of the owner's manual that cover the key fob. If possible, configure the settings on your remote to lock out any features you don't want accidentally activated.



If your fob or car battery dies, the mechanical key inside the fob will unlock the driver's door. Most often, the key is accessed by pressing a small release button and pulling the key out.



Mechanical Key Slides Out From Fob



24 August, from Australian Signals Directorate: Think your identity has been stolen? Take a breath – then take action. The first 24 hours are your best chance to stay in control.

Start here 

- 👉 Check your financial accounts for unusual activity.
 - 👉 Request a free credit report.
 - 👉 Ask your bank to block accounts, cards or lines of credit if needed.
 - 👉 Change passwords to long, unique passphrases and update your PINs.
 - 👉 Report lost passports to the [Australian Passport Office](#).
 - 👉 Refer to your state or territory's advice for replacing stolen identity documents.
 - 👉 Contact [IDCARE](#) for expert support and making a response plan.
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Not sure if it's identity theft, or want to learn more? Go to cyber.gov.au/threats/types-threats/identity-theft



24 August, from NSW Rural Fire Brigade

Yesterday morning, firefighters from the [#RFS](#) and [Fire and Rescue NSW](#) were called to a boat fire at Bobbin Head in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. On arrival, crews discovered the fire had been extinguished by marine staff, with firefighters then setting about the difficult task of safely removing the battery from the confined space within the boat's hull. Working together, crews continued to cool the battery before carefully removing it and transporting it to a safe area, where it will remain submerged in water for the next 24 hours.

The marine staff were assessed by NSW Ambulance after being exposed to smoke and were transported to hospital for further treatment. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries and the luxury boat sustained no significant damage.



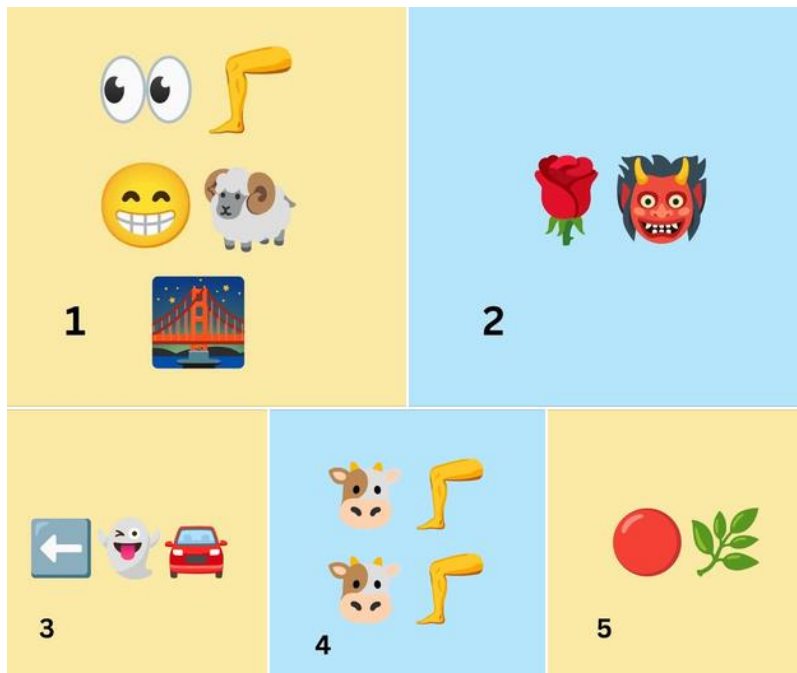
Watch video [here](#).

24 August, from Live Traffic NSW: 🚦 NEW LIVE TRAFFIC CAMERAS ACTIVATED!

We've given you some emoji hints 🚦 Guess the location of 5 of the new cameras.

With these new traffic cameras activated at key locations across NSW it's now even easier to check conditions on roads before your next trip or commute. And their quality? Almost as sharp as we think we are 😊

*HINT: It's not Lambton, Ashfield, Dee Why, Grafton or Brooklyn, which have also just been added. Find them all 👉 <https://www.livetraffic.com/traffic-cameras>.



24 August, from Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

Last night, Berowra RFS and Fire and Rescue NSW Station 075 Berowra responded to reports of a vehicle fire on the Pacific Highway at Berowra 🔥

Crews worked to extinguish the fire and make the scene safe, with overhaul and decontamination procedures also being completed.

The call provided our crew with the first opportunity to utilise the new Breathing Apparatus (BA) sets carried on Berowra 6.

BA is an important capability at incidents involving vehicle fires, where crews can be exposed to toxic smoke and other hazardous products of combustion.

Berowra 6 continues to prove itself as a handy and versatile asset for our brigade. With a 9,000-litre water capacity, along with its new Breathing

Apparatus sets, it provides crews with both a substantial water supply and additional firefighting capability when responding to incidents such as this. A great example of the added capability Berowra 6 brings to our brigade and the wider community. 🚒💧🔥



24 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby



Watch video [here](#).

24 August, from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command: 🚨 SCAMS AWARENESS WEEK | 24-28 AUGUST 2026 🚨

Last year, more than 274,000 Australians were scammed.

Not because they weren't paying attention. Not because they were careless.

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, convincing and are designed to catch people off guard.

Behind that number are real people. Parents, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Every scam has a victim, and every victim has a story.

This Scams Awareness Week, we're encouraging everyone to remember three simple steps:

🛑 STOP before you act.

 **CHECK** who you're really dealing with.

 **PROTECT** yourself and others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

If you receive an unexpected text, email, phone call or social media message asking for money, personal information or urgent action, take a moment to stop and verify before responding.

Together, we can make it harder for scammers to target our community.

For more information or to report a scam, visit  www.scamwatch.gov.au



24 August, from Hornsby Shire Council

 Storms, blackouts and extreme weather can happen at any time. Are you prepared?

Join the Australian Red Cross for a free EmergencyRedi™ Workshop at Hornsby Library and learn practical steps to help keep yourself, your family and your home safe during emergencies.

 Understand local risks

- ✓ Prepare an emergency kit
- ✓ Create a household RediPlan®
- ✓ Know where to find trusted information

14 Wednesday 2 September | 11am-12pm

📍 Hornsby Library

📅 Free workshop.

🔗 Register now: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/.../Emergency-Redi-Workshop...>



24 August, from Officer Gomez

Four scams you need to know about, discuss, and then discuss again.

1 Naked Picture Scam

A “pretty girl” (actually a grown man with photos of a young girl) sends a teen boy a friend request. They exchange nudes (boy thinks he’s talking to a girl)—and then the sextortion starts.

2 Lululemon Ambassador Scam (can be any popular brand)

Predators target teenage girls with large Instagram followings, offering a fake ambassador program. They show contracts, do Zoom interviews, then ask for topless photos. The sextortion begins.

3 Verification Code Scam

Scammers ask you to send back a code “to prove you’re real.” Kids on Snapchat are tricked into giving codes to “unlock a friend’s account.” Once they

have the code, predators can hijack social media accounts—leading to fraud, blackmail, and more. This also happens to adults on marketplace.

4 “Mom, Help Me!” Kidnapping Scam

Using AI, predators clone a child’s voice from social media. A parent gets a terrifying call: “Your child has been kidnapped!” You even hear your child crying in the background. The scammer demands money fast.

I’ve written about all of these and made YouTube videos explaining them. Just search “Officer Gomez scam” on Facebook or YouTube to find them.

Talk to your kids and their friends about these! And then do it again.

Happy Parenting,

Officer Gomez

24 August, Shared with permission from the Killara/East

Killara/Lindfield/Roseville Community Group:

Magpie alert ⚠️

Another swooping at the playground nest to Bert Oldfield Oval in Killara.

My 5 year old was swooped 2 steps from the car. Luckily it didnt get his eyes but he has 2 big scratches on his forehead.

Could council please put out some signs or warning tape? Very dangerous and distressing for everyone, but especially the littlest ones who seem to get targeted.

**23 August, from Burwood Police Area Command: HAVE YOU SEEN
GODFREY AGALA?**



Burwood Police Area Command is appealing for public assistance to locate Agala, who is wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant.

The 31-year-old is known to frequent the Burwood, Strathfield and Hornsby areas.

Anyone who has seen Agala or has information regarding his current whereabouts is urged to contact police. Members of the public are reminded not to approach, contact or attempt to apprehend a wanted person.

If you sight Agala or know of his whereabouts, please contact:

☎ Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

🚓 Triple Zero (000) (in an emergency)

👮 Your local police station

Information can also be provided online via Crime Stoppers:

https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/crime_report

All information is treated in strict confidence. Crime Stoppers does not record or trace calls.

23 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Community Group:

To the person that hit my son's car on Silvia St this morning, you have till 7 am to make contact with me and make things right before it's referred to Hornsby police for leaving the scene of an accident, and just so you know I have your rego and a witness.



22 August, Shared with permission from the North Turramurra Community Support group:

Making the community aware that there is a scam operator in the area with the following details:

"Simon" - mob 0497 256 762 from:

Australian Road Surfacing

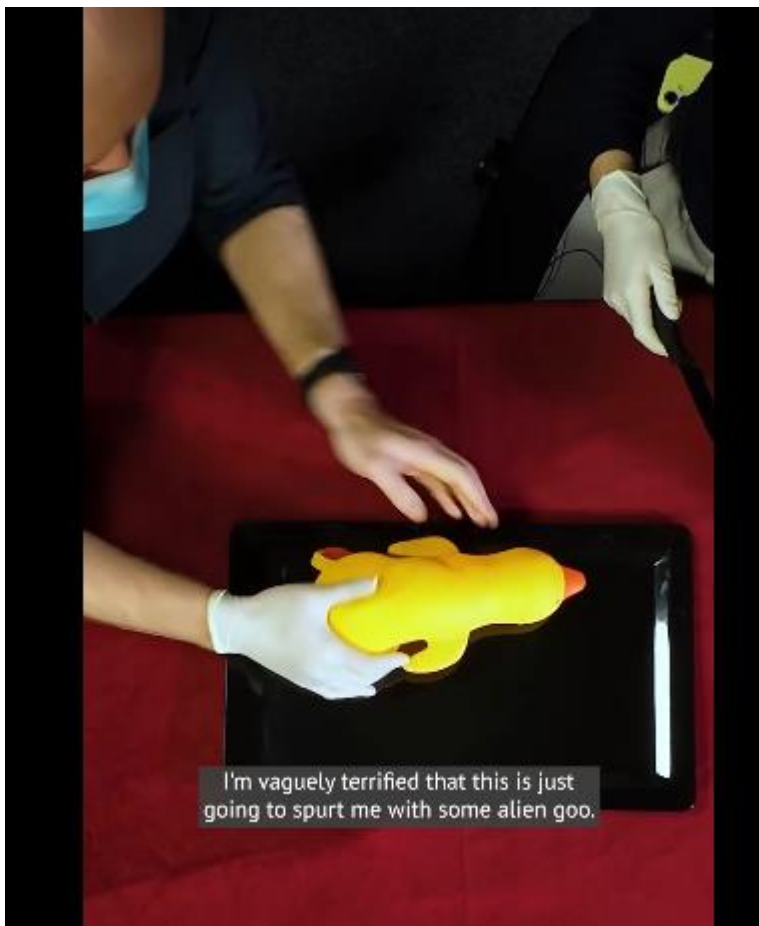
Regional Road Civils

australiaroadservices.au@gmail.com

This person, who has a light Irish accent, is going around giving quotes for driveway repairs. He says he lives in Chatswood, but none of his businesses have abn/acn and do not appear on the address in Carlton VIC given. When questioned for details over the last few weeks, there is no reply.

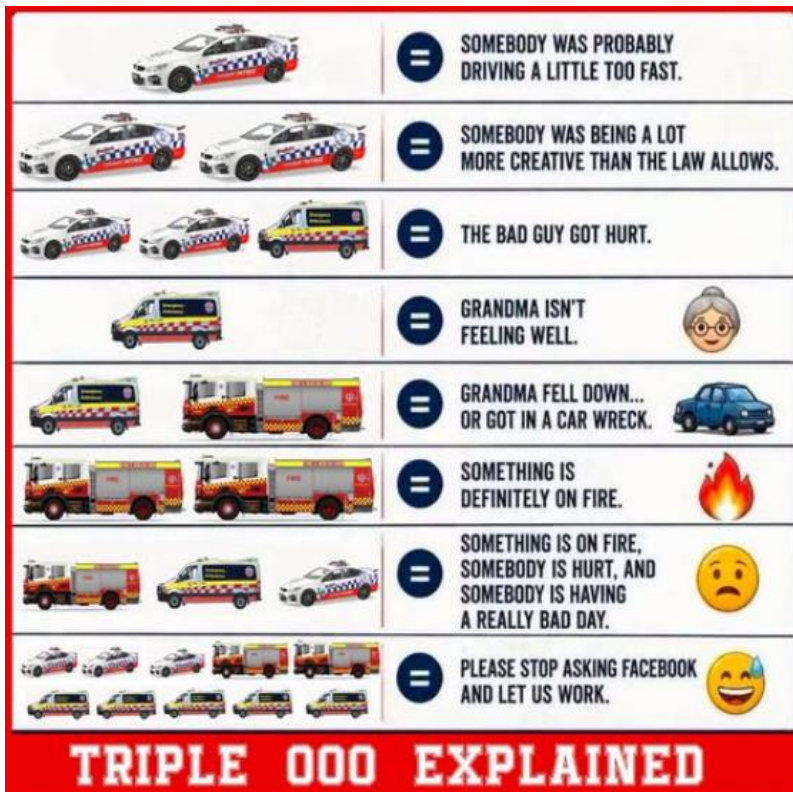
22 August, from The Sydney Morning Herald

Australia's Border Force has been asked to seize fake NeeDoh toys, as its manufacturer takes extraordinary steps to stop a barrage of dupes copying the global children's squishy toy craze from flooding the local market. But what's in the toys? And are they safe? Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/nhmjixdp>.



Watch video [here](#).

22 August, from Behind the Scene: For the General Publics Information.



From NHW K&H: Focus on a postcode - 2073 PYMBLE, WEST PYMBLE

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

The figures are for the period April 2025 to March 2026. A category with a zero figure isn't included in the list, eg murder, non-DV assault.

Domestic Assault 22

Non-Domestic Assault 11

Assault police 2

Sexual Assault 9

Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 5

Break & Enter dwelling 11

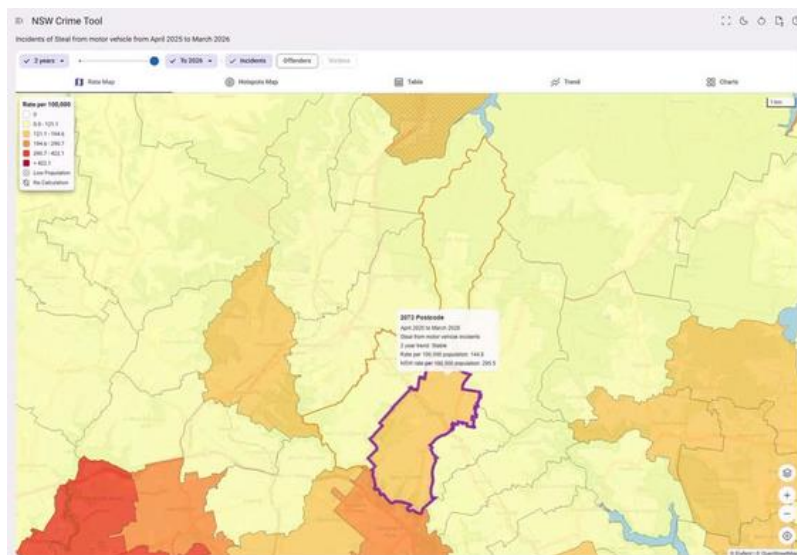
B&E non-dwelling 6

Receiving/handling stolen goods 2

Motor vehicle theft 4

Steal from motor vehicle 26
Steal from retail store 9
Steal from dwelling 8
Fraud 41
Other theft 4
Malicious damage to property 20
Breach AVDO 10
Breach bail conditions 6
Trespass 11
Criminal intent 2
Use/possess cannabis 7
Use/possess other drugs 2
Deal/traffic ecstasy 1
Intimidation, stalking & harassment 20
Arson 1
Blackmail & extortion 5
Liquor offences 1
Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 7

Neighbourhood Watch Pymble & West Pymble



22 August, from Instagram [hornsby_kuringgai_rfs_district](#)

This morning 4 Brigades from Hornsby [#RFS](#) and [@northern_beaches_rfs](#), along with [@051_fireandrescue_forestville](#) and [#FRNSW](#) Hornsby, attended a boat fire off [#BobbinHead](#). The cause was found to be smouldering batteries below deck.

Crews in breathing apparatus brought the vessel to berth at the marina, and removed and cooled the batteries to avoid combustion. 3 marina staff were treated by [@nswambulance](#) after inhaling fumes.

Great cooperation between services and good work to stop the incident worsening.

It was also the first incident call for our brand new heavy fire boat based at Brooklyn Brigade!



22 August, from ACCC

We've commenced proceedings in the Federal Court against Subaru for allegedly failing to give independent car repairers equal access to the information they need to repair Subaru cars, in breach of the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme (MVIS).

The MVIS is a mandatory scheme that promotes competition in the Australian automotive service and repair sector, by ensuring that independent mechanics are given fair and equal access to motor vehicle service and repair information so that they can compete on a level playing field with dealerships.

We allege that by not complying with the MVIS, consumers may have been unable to use an independent, local or family-run repairer, rather than using Subaru's dealership.

Read more: <https://brnw.ch/21x55DR>



22 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland

🚶🚶 Personal Safety Reminder: Stay Vigilant and Stay Safe 🚶🚶

Whether you're heading to work, exercising, enjoying a night out, or simply running errands, taking a few simple precautions can help keep you safe.

✅ Avoid walking alone, especially at night

- ✓ Walk with friends or in groups where possible
- ✓ Stay in well-lit, populated areas
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and avoid distractions such as mobile phones or headphones
- ✓ Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to arrive
- ✓ Keep valuables out of sight and secure
- ✓ Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, move to a safe location and seek help

Looking out for yourself and others helps create safer communities for everyone. A little awareness can go a long way.

💙 Stay alert. Stay connected. Stay safe.

Personal safety

Personal violence is significantly under reported to police with offenders targeting people who they perceive as vulnerable and less likely to resist.



If a crime is happening now, call Triple Zero (000). If not, think Policelink and report online.

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When out and about

There are a number of things you can do to appear confident in your surroundings:

- Always exhibit strong and positive body language to appear self-assured.
- Be aware of your surroundings and alert to what is going on around you.
- Listen to, trust, and act on your instincts and if you sense danger from someone, something or a place, immediately remove yourself from the situation.
- Remove headphones or use of your mobile phone while out walking or crossing the road – distraction reduces your awareness of what is happening around you and can make you more vulnerable to a potential offender.
- Wherever possible, walk in well-lit areas and face oncoming traffic.
- Ensure you inform someone where you are going and an ETA for your return.

If your safety is threatened

- Do what you think will best preserve your safety which includes running away, screaming or calling for assistance, or calmly negotiate with the offender. Always use physical defence as a last resort.
- If someone threatens you and tries to steal your possessions, the safest option is to surrender the items, don't put up a fight. Instead, take note of the offender's description and immediately report the incident to police.

Always remember

If you are a victim of any form of assault or violence, always report it to police as soon as you can.

If you observe suspicious or threatening behaviour, contact police immediately and if it is safe to do so, respond to any calls for assistance.

Prevention Together



22 August, from Burwood Police Area Command

Noticing more charges for offenders concealing or disguising their identity while committing serious offences?

There's a reason.

Police are increasingly identifying and laying appropriate additional charges where offenders allegedly disguise themselves with the intention of committing an indictable offence.

These are not minor charges. Under NSW law, being disguised with intent to commit an indictable offence carries a maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment.

Where the circumstances warrant it, police will also oppose bail and place the facts before the court.

A mask might hide your face - it doesn't hide your actions.



22 August, Thanks to UK Daily Mail

New album releases linked to rise in fatal car smashes

IT MAY be fun to sing along to music while driving – but album releases may be linked to a spike in car crashes, a study suggests.

Researchers compared US traffic fatalities on the release dates of ten of the most streamed albums from 2017 to 2022, from the likes of Taylor Swift, Drake, Bad Bunny and Harry Styles.

They found on release days, music streaming was 43 per cent higher and traffic fatalities increased by 15 per cent. In all,

By **Xantha Leatham**
Executive Science Editor

there were 139 deaths on release days compared with 121 on other days.

The team from Harvard Medical School in Boston cautioned the findings, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, don't prove streaming caused the increase – and they have no way of confirming that the drivers involved were streaming music.

21 August, from Legal Aid NSW

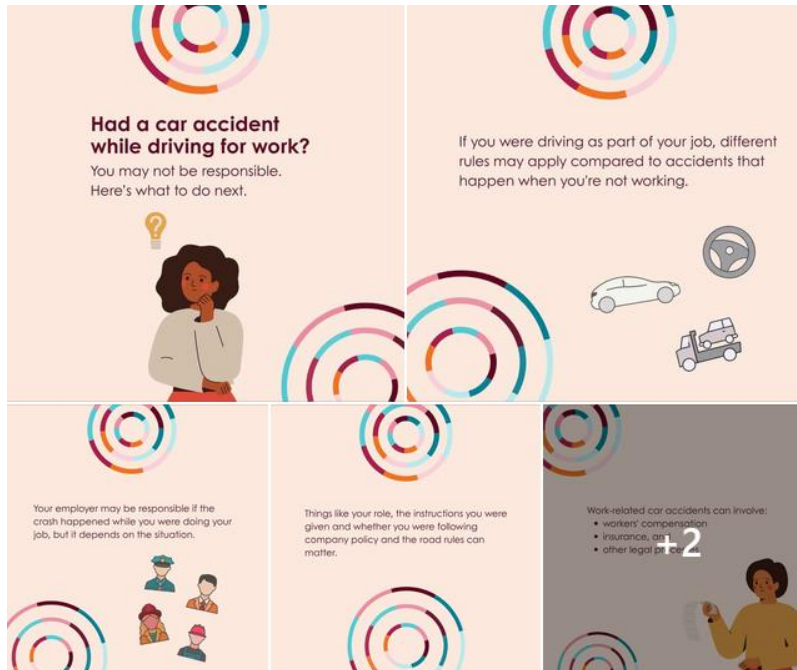
And if you resist arrest?

Even if you think the arrest is unfair, it's best to cooperate. Resisting arrest is an offence, and using violence can lead to extra charges.

20 August, from Legal Aid NSW

If you're in a car accident while driving for work, you may have different rights and options compared to an accident in your own car, on your own time.

 Learn more about work-related car accidents here: <https://loom.ly/jGJ5u10>.



20 August, from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

"Don't Tell Anyone"

A request for secrecy can be a major warning sign.

► Be cautious if someone:

Tells you to keep a transaction secret from your family or bank

Says other people won't understand or will "ruin the opportunity"

Tries to isolate you from people who could help

Scammers often use secrecy to prevent victims from getting a second opinion.

If something feels wrong, talk to someone you trust.



20 August, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Can you speed up to overtake? What do you think 📌



ANSWER: As long as you stay under the speed limit. When overtaking, stay

under the speed limit, make sure there's room to move back into the lane (you should be able to see the vehicle in your rear vision mirror) and indicate before you move back into the left lane.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 02 September: FREE Community Connections @ Hornsby Library features Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command and Services Australia. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Info](#).

Wednesday 02 September: FREE Emergency Redi Workshop with Australian Red Cross at Hornsby Library 11am - 12noon. [Info & bookings](#).

Tuesday 15 September: FREE Be Connected webinar - Helpful apps for your smart device 3-4pm [Info & Bookings](#).

Wednesday 19 September: FREE Westleigh RFS Open Day. 10am - 3pm. [Info & Bookings](#).

Tuesday 22 September: FREE Be Connected webinar - Protect yourself against scams. 10-11am [Info & Bookings](#).

Thursday 24 September: FREE Be Connected webinar - All you need to know about data and public Wi-Fi 3-4pm [Info & Bookings](#).

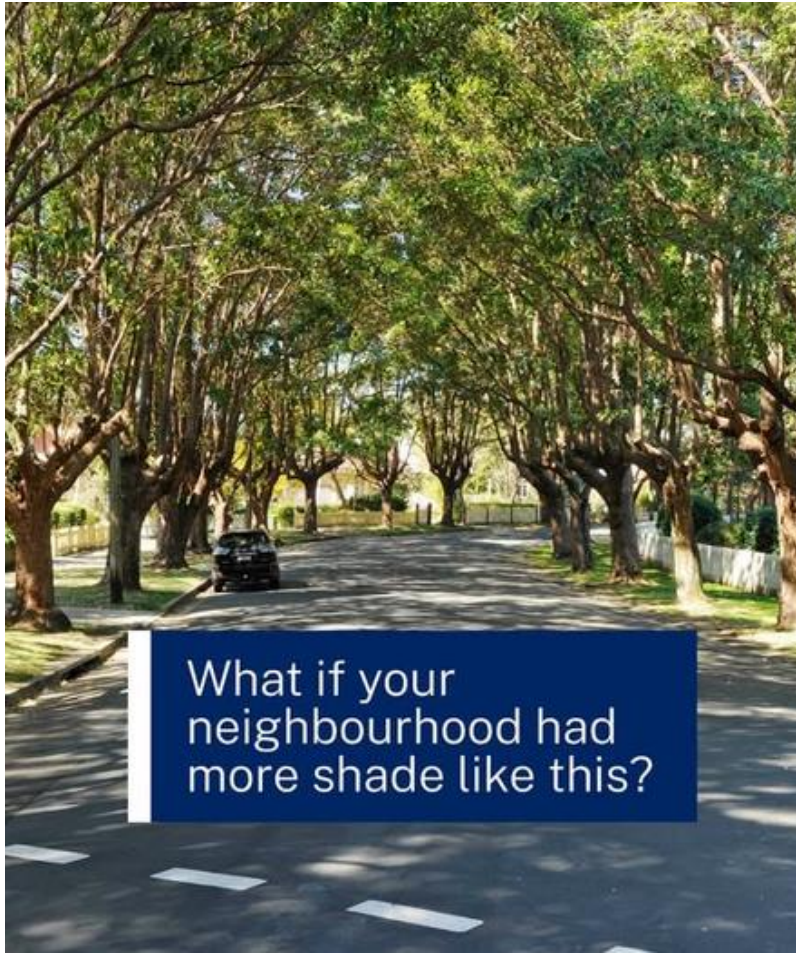
Sunday 27 September: FREE Bike collection day 10am - 1pm. [Info](#).

20 August, from NSW Government

Shade helps keep our communities cooler and more comfortable throughout the year.

That's why we're expanding the Greener Neighbourhoods Grant Program, giving more councils access to funding to help plan for more tree canopy and greener public spaces.

Live in Greater Sydney and curious about your local area? Explore your council's greening snapshot using the interactive map: bit.ly/greener-neighbourhoods



What if your
neighbourhood had
more shade like this?

20 August, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command



SEXTORTION

Sexual extortion (or sextortion) is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share intimate personal images of you online unless their demands are met. These demands are typically for money, more intimate images or sexual favours.

NSW Police Force takes sexual extortion seriously and there are consequences.

In NSW the recording or capture, distribution, as well as the threat to record or distribute, an intimate image is against the law.

If you experience image-based abuse police can investigate.

- Do not pay or send any more images or videos of yourself.
- Stop all contact with the blackmailer
- Notify the relevant social media platform
- Secure your accounts.

Remember, it is not your fault, you are not alone and you have not done anything wrong.

REPORT TO:

- ReportCyber ([Cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report](https://cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report))
- if under 18 incidents should be reported to Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (accce.gov.au/report)
- if over 18 reports to Australian eSafety Commissioner (esafety.gov.au/report/forms)

IMMEDIATE DANGER PLEASE CALL 000.

20 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group:

Do you own a white Nissan Ute that was parked in Gladstone Parade Lindfield yesterday? Did you find your car without a driver's side mirror when you returned to it?

I saw what happened. I'm not sure if I got enough details for you, but there's also a CCTV camera nearby that may be helpful. Send me a message.

19 August, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find Robert?

Robert, aged 55, was last seen in Berowra Heights on Friday, 14 August 2026. He was last seen wearing cream-coloured long pants, a black puffer jacket, and a black cap.

Robert is known to frequent Ku-ring-gai and Kirribilli.

Anyone who sees him is urged to contact [Kuring Gai Police Area Command](#) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

MORE INFORMATION 

<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=127057>.



18 August, from NSW Government

National Gun Buyback Scheme

NSW Phase 1 starting
2 November 2026

The National Gun Buyback Scheme will be implemented in phases in NSW, with phase 1 commencing on 2 November 2026. It will provide compensation for eligible firearms affected by firearm limits and classification changes introduced under the Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025, and ammunition.

An industry support package will also launch alongside Phase 1 of the Buyback Scheme on 2 November 2026. It will include:

- up to \$25,000 in business support grants for eligible businesses and dealers
- one-off licence fee relief for eligible gun dealers in NSW, worth \$500 over two years per dealer
- advisory support for all gun dealers and businesses in NSW.

More information about eligibility and support will be available in the coming weeks, go to: nsw.gov.au/gunbuyback



Thanks to Say Awesome



Spring is coming..

Thanks to Good Morning Australia

Meanwhile in Australia



An Eastern Brown Snake

(second most toxic snake venoms in the world)

stealing a sausage straight off a barbeque

Thanks to Meanwhile in 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](https://www.facebook.com/NHWKuringgaiHornsby)

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

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

Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



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

Website WatchOut.org.au

Facebook [@NHWWatchOut](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWatchOut)

Local NHW Facebook pages:

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#)

[Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

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

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

[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](#)
