



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby eNewsletter #777 - 01September 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!").

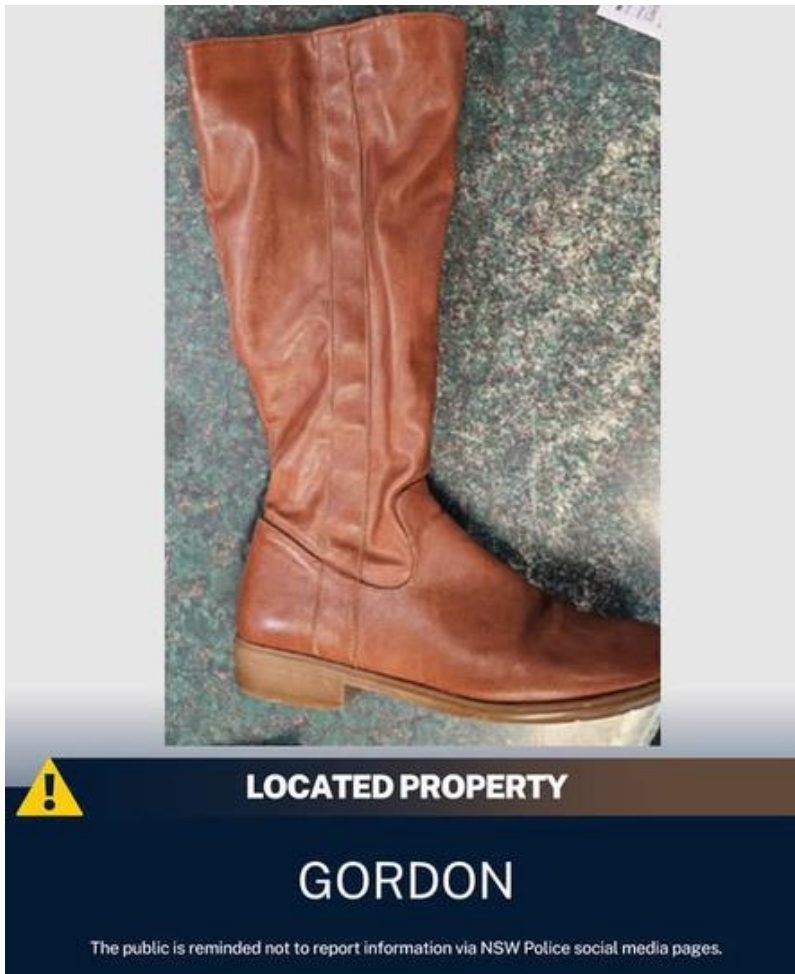
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? [Click here to subscribe](#).

31 August, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command: Do you recognise this boot?

Have you dropped off these boots, with cash still inside, to a charity store in Gordon? If so, please reach out to [Northern Beaches Police Area Command](#).



Have you stored money in a boot / boots?

Have you dropped off that boot / boots, with cash still inside, to a charity store?

If so, we have an amount of money we'd like to return to its owner.

If it's yours, please call us at the Frenchs Forest police station.

Quote reference E 89647339.

30 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command: The 13-year-old girl missing from West Pymble has been located.

Thank you to everyone who shared our appeal.

30 August, from NSW Police Force: One week on, and we're still talking about Beat The Blue 🚓👮

More than 20,000 people packed into Sydney Motorsport Park for a night of fast cars, friendly rivalry and plenty of community spirit. And the public came to play... taking 24 wins from 99 races against our Traffic and Highway Patrol Command officers!

But the biggest win of the night? More than \$80,000 raised for NSW Police Legacy 💙

A massive thank you to the volunteers who pour their time, energy and passion into making Beat The Blue happen, and to everyone who came along and made the night so special.

See you next year!



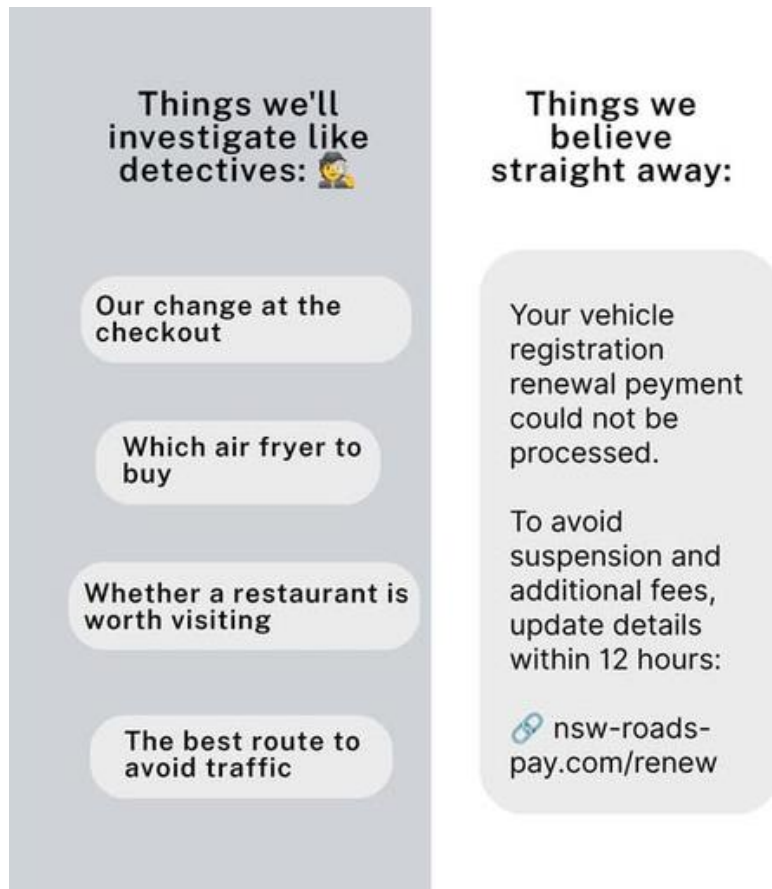
28 August, from NSW Government

This Scams Awareness Week, let's normalise checking.

- who sent this?
- was I expecting it?
- is this the official website?
- can I verify it another way?

A few seconds spent verifying can prevent a much bigger problem later.

Learn more about common scams and how to protect yourself: bit.ly/id-support-scams



27 August, from Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command:

👮👮 This morning, Ku-ring-gai Police attended the Hornsby Mall Markets alongside a range of local community support services. Our officers enjoyed engaging with members of the community, providing crime prevention information, answering questions, and handing out some goodies for the kids. 😊

We were pleased to be joined by representatives from Hornsby TAFE, [Hornsby Shire Council](#), [Services Australia](#), [NDIS Uniting](#), [HKCC Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Community College RTO 90232](#), and [Royal Life Saving Society - Australia](#)

Thank you to everyone who stopped by for a chat. We value these opportunities to connect with our community and work together to keep our neighbourhoods safe. 🚓🍌



26 August, from Nepean Police Area Command: Don't ruin your life by carrying a knife.

Spread the word. Have the conversation. A simple discussion with a loved one today could prevent a life-changing mistake tomorrow.

Carrying a knife in a public place or at school for self-defence is illegal.

Being found with a knife without a lawful reason or reasonable excuse could result in significant penalties, including up to four years imprisonment.



25 August, from Nepean Police Area Command: TRAFFIC TUESDAY'S ROAD RULE REFRESHER

You're riding an e-scooter on a public footpath in NSW. At what speed are you permitted to ride, or, are you permitted to ride an e-scooter on a public footpath, or road/road related area in NSW?

React with what you think, then check the comments where we've posted the answer.



ANSWER:

Personal e-scooters remain illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes.

You can only use these on private property.



31 August, from Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade: The fire danger for Tuesday 1st September will be High. Please report all fires without a fire truck in attendance on 000.



The poster features a yellow background. At the top right is a semi-circular fire danger gauge with four colored segments: green (Moderate), yellow (High), orange (Extreme), and red (Catastrophic). A needle points to the yellow 'High' segment. Below the gauge is a yellow box with the text 'BE READY TO ACT'. To the left of the gauge, the word 'HIGH' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the text 'Be ready to act.' is followed by three bullet points: '› There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.', '› Decide what you will do if a fire starts.', and '› If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.' At the bottom left is the 'GET READY WEEKEND' logo. At the bottom right are the logos for RFS, NSW, and the Australian Fire Services Union.

HIGH

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GET READY WEEKEND
PREPARE FOR BUSH FIRES

RFS **NSW**

31 August, from ABC News: An ABC investigation has discovered gift cards that have been tampered with are being sold by Australia's biggest supermarkets, with charges even being laid over the issue.

It is leaving shoppers confused and stressed, and raising questions about whether this is linked to a multi-billion-dollar criminal scam.

Read more: <https://ab.co/4gLi7Gx>.



31 August, from Cr Matt Devlin: WAHROONGA VILLAGE – HAVE YOUR SAY

If you live in, work in, shop in, or regularly visit Wahroonga, [Ku-ring-gai Council](#) wants to hear what you think should be prioritised as we develop the Wahroonga Concept Public Domain Plan.

Wahroonga Village sits within Comenarra Ward, and this is an important opportunity to start a proper conversation about what we value today, what could work better, and what we want from our town centre into the future.

The survey gets into some pretty practical stuff:

- 🚗 Traffic and parking
 - 🚶 Footpaths and pedestrian crossings
 - 🌳 Trees, landscaping, and parks
 - ☕ Outdoor dining
 - 🚲 Cycling and bike infrastructure
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💡 Lighting, seating, and public facilities

🌙 Night time activity

This is deliberately an early conversation. A detailed transport study for Wahroonga is still to come, so this first stage focuses on the core of the Village around the station. A more detailed plan will follow once that work is complete. And the timing matters. NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Low and Mid Rise Housing reforms coming our way, the area around Wahroonga Station is going to face change. Whatever your views on that, we should be talking now about the public spaces, infrastructure, access, amenity, and character that should accompany future growth.

This isn't a finished plan asking for a tick of approval. It's the beginning of the conversation.

What should we protect? What could we improve? And what do you want from Wahroonga Village in the years ahead? Submissions close 18th September.

<https://krg.engagementhub.com.au/wpdp-stg1>.



31 August, from The NRMA

From incorrect placement to common mistakes many drivers don't realise they're making, our guide explains how to display your L and P plates correctly and avoid an unnecessary penalty: mynr.ma/p-plates.



From NHW K&H: 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: 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.

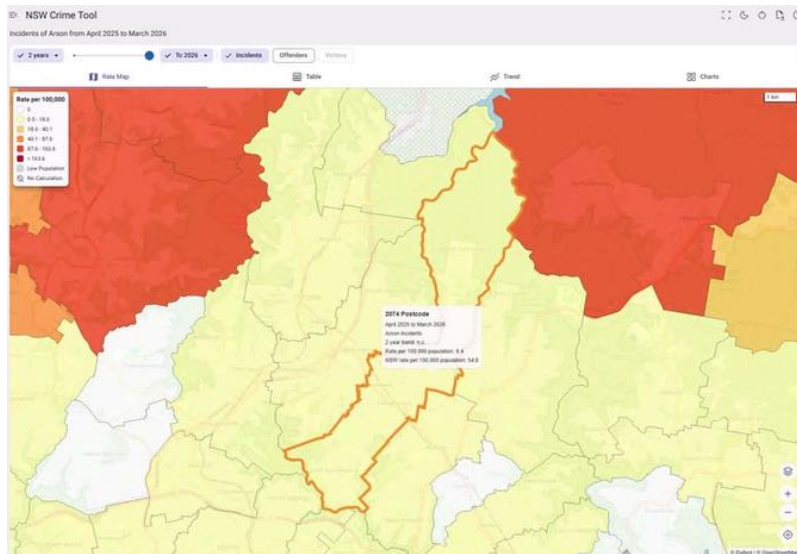
Domestic Assault 33

Non-Domestic Assault 26

Robbery with a weapon not a firearm 2
Sexual Assault 14
Sexual touching, sex act & other sex offences 7
Break & Enter dwelling 20
B&E non-dwelling 8
Receiving/handling stolen goods 2
Motor vehicle theft 2
Steal from motor vehicle 25
Steal from retail store 18
Steal from dwelling 22
Fraud 134
Other theft 7
Malicious damage to property 32
Breach AVDO 9
Breach APVO 2
Breach bail conditions 8
Resist/hinder officer 3
Other offences against justice procedures 1
Trespass 13
Criminal intent 1
Use/possess cocaine 1
Use/possess cannabis 5
Other drug offences 2
Intimidation, stalking & harassment 33
Abduction & kidnapping 1
Arson 2
Blackmail & extortion 4
Liquor offences 3
Pornography offences 1
Prohibited & regulated weapons offences 6

Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Warrawee



31 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby and Surrounds Community Noticeboard Board group:

Someone stole my bike at around 6:10 PM at 12 LINDA ST. HORNSBY replaced it with another bike. If someone owns this bike, please let me know. And if someone notices my bike also please message me.



30 August, from Andy Diaz

You can have a 16-character password and facial recognition locking down your main accounts, but if you have a forgotten email address from 10 years ago attached as a backup... your front door is completely wide open.

When hackers want to get into your primary accounts, they don't guess your complex password.

They look for that old, unmonitored Yahoo or school email you abandoned years ago, compromise it, and hit "Forgot Password" to send the reset link straight there.

Take 60 seconds to close this silent backdoor right now:

- Log into your main email or Google account.
- Go to Settings > Security > "Ways we can verify it's you" (or Recovery Options).
- Review your list of backup emails and phone numbers.
- Delete any old school emails, past work accounts, or phone numbers you no longer own.

Make sure every single recovery method points only to an inbox or phone you actually hold in your hand today.

How many old recovery emails did you have to delete?

Drop it in the comments and make sure to share this with someone who needs to see it, because most people have no idea this backdoor is sitting wide open.

30 August, from 7 News Sydney: Cheap electrical products are flooding New South Wales homes, and now testing has revealed they could be putting lives at risk.

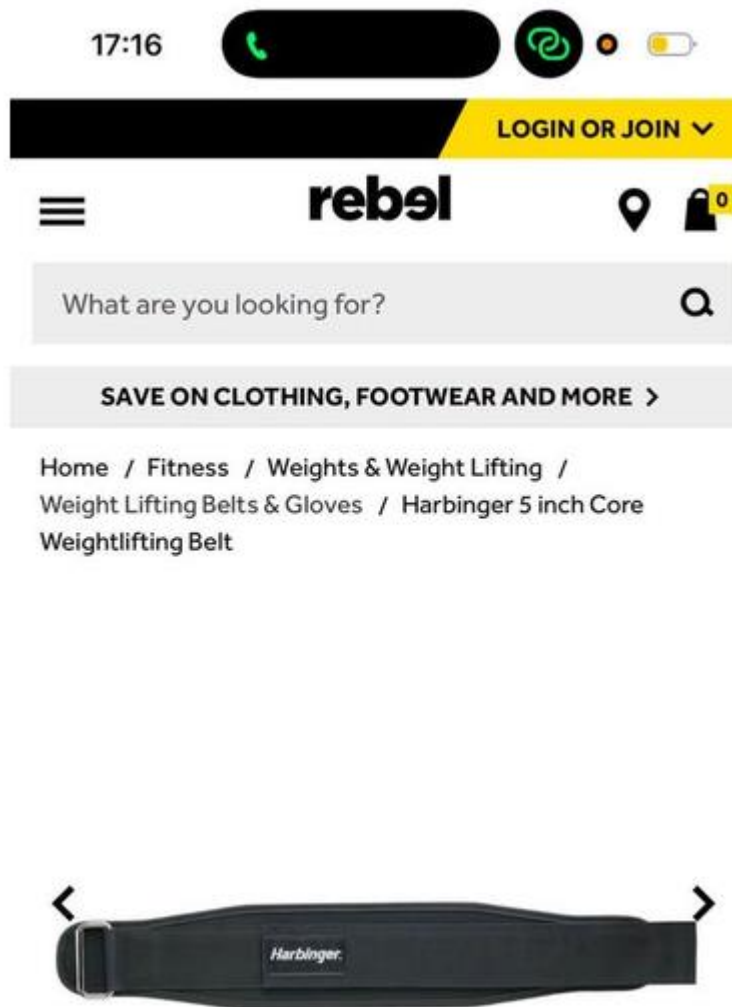


Watch video [here](#).

30 August, Shared with permission from the Hornsby Heights Residents group:

My dad lost his back support belt possibly down the Waninga walking trail last week.

He took it off to have a rest and thinks he's left it on the stones there. And just wandered if anyone had come across it. It's similar to this one.



29 August, from In The Cove: Can You Identify This Ute & Owner?



This distinctive purple ute, towing a boat trailer, caused significant damage to three cars on Rothwell Crescent Lane Cove around 1.50 pm on Thursday 27 August 2026.

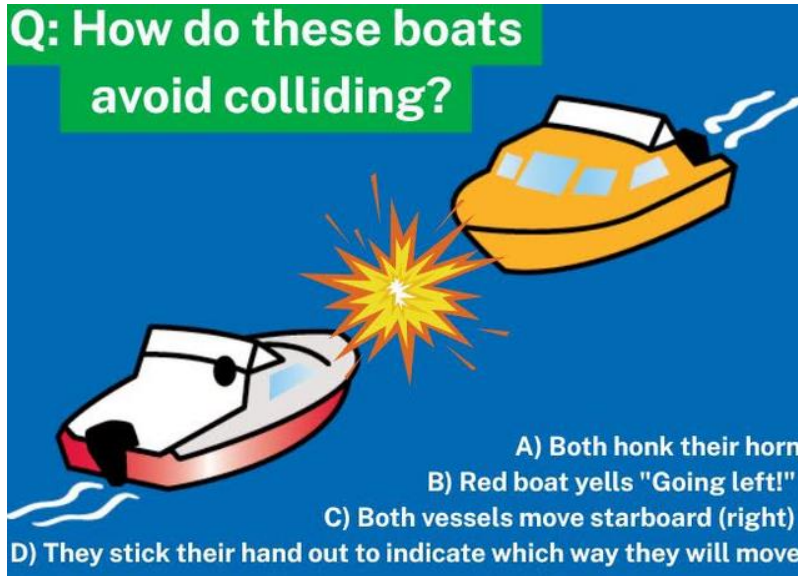
The driver failed to stop and leave their details.

The owners of the damaged vehicles are asking anyone with dashcam or home security footage from the surrounding areas at that time to share what they have with Police.

Chatswood Police Station Phone: 02 9414 8499. Quote Police Number 89731369.

29 August, from NSW Maritime

? These two powered vessels are travelling head-on, how do they avoid collision ?



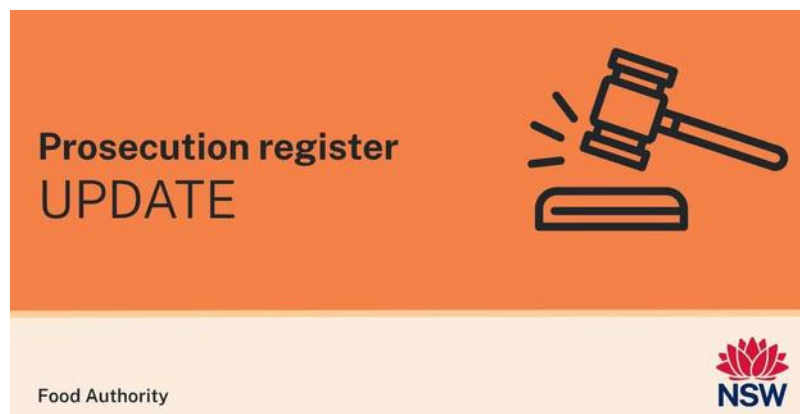
ANSWER

✓ C - Both vessels move to starboard (right)

29 August, from NSW Food Authority

The owner of Soul Gourmet in Lindfield was recently convicted for failing to maintain the food premises to the required standard of cleanliness. Ku-ring-gai Council issued the business owner a \$660 penalty notice for the offence in October last year, and the owner elected to take it to court. In court in June, he pleaded guilty to the offence. The court imposed a \$660 penalty and ordered the owner to pay \$500 in council's legal costs. For details, see:

<http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/.../pros.../soul-gourmet>.



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](#).

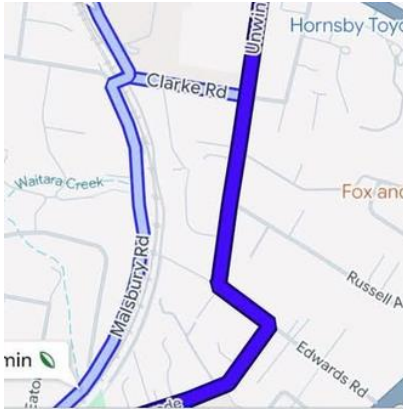
Sunday 27 September: FREE Bike collection day 10am - 1pm. [Info](#).

27 August, Shared with permission from the Thornleigh Westleigh Pennant Hills Normanhurst Community Group: Lost bag!

Hi everyone,

On Friday night I've had my saddle bag fall off of my bike. I rode down Unwin road (next to the Bluegum) and Denmin Parade past the normo shops. I'm not sure where it fell but would appreciate if anyone has seen it to let me know.

Cheers!



26 August, from The Hills Police Area Command: Sexual extortion, also known as sextortion, is a growing concern for law enforcement agencies

SEXTORTION

A form of **online blackmail** where someone **tricks or coerces you into sending your sexual images** then threatens to share them unless their demands are met.

- ✓ **Do** stop the chat
- ✓ **Do** take screenshots of the text and profile
- ✓ **Do** block the account and report it to the platform
- ✓ **Do** report
- ✓ **Do** get support

- ✗ **Don't** send more images
- ✗ **Don't** pay
- ✗ **Don't** respond to demands
- ✗ **Don't** enter into further communication
- ✗ **Don't** think you're alone

If you're under 18, we can help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep children and young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

Our specialist investigators will make sure you get the help you need.

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To report
or get help:
[accce.gov.au](https://www.accce.gov.au)



Australian
Centre to Counter
Child Exploitation



If you're in a life-threatening situation, call Triple Zero (000).

Boys between the ages of 13 and 17 are primarily targeted, and it involves coercing them into sending sexually explicit content and then blackmail.

The Australian Federal Police have created an online response kit to help you manage serious incidents of sextortion.

Don't hesitate to seek assistance and take action against this threat.

Reporting is safe and the reporter won't be blamed.

Visit here for more information:

<https://www.accce.gov.au/report>

26 August, from The Hills Police Area Command: 📌 FOUND Can You Help Locate Missing Teenager ? 📌

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate who has been reported missing from the Cherrybrook area since Sunday 23 August 2026.

Concerns are held for welfare due to her young age.

Anyone who has seen, knows of her whereabouts, or has information that may assist police is urged to contact The Hills Police Area Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Information can be provided anonymously.

Please do not report information via social media pages. Contact police directly.

Reference: Missing Person – I(14)

Location Last Seen: Cherrybrook

Missing Since: 23 August 2026

Police thank the community for their assistance.

**26 August, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/East
Lindfield/Killara/Roseville Community Group: Stolen road bike Lindfield
Station - August 21st**

Hi all,

I locked my Cannondale Synapse at the Lindfield station bike rack on Lindfield Avenue (pictured) at 3:30pm on Friday 21st. I returned to the station at 1am to find the bike, lock and helmet were all gone.

Defining features are the tan stripe on the sides of the front tyre (rear tyre is plain black) and the front bottle holder only has the right bracket.

This bike brought me so much joy and was my main source of transport as I don't have a car. I would ride to Lindfield station very often and lock it here for roughly 2.5 years. The prospect of it being stolen is deeply saddening and disheartening for the local community. I have reported this to the police.

Please let me know if anyone has seen the bike or has any information.

Many thanks, Jarrah



25 August, from Eastern Beaches Police Area Command: 🔍 Crime Prevention Tip of the Week 🔍

Want to know the easiest way to disappoint a thief?

Keep your home secure by following these basic steps:

- ✅ Ensure no valuables are left in plain sight.
- ✅ Double-check that vehicle doors are locked.
- ✅ Keep garage doors closed at all times.
- ✅ Avoid hiding spare keys in obvious outdoor spots.

Because while criminals are looking for an easy opportunity, we'd rather they keep looking.

Thanks to UK Cop Humour: In a criminal justice system based on 12 people not clever enough to get out of jury duty, here's a jury to be proud of...



A defendant was on trial for murder.

There was strong evidence pointing to his guilt, but one fairly significant problem: there was no body.

During his closing statement, the defence lawyer, knowing his client was likely to be convicted, decided on one last trick.

“Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you,” he said, glancing at his watch.

“Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk through that courtroom door.”

He turned towards the door.

The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked too.

A minute passed.

Nothing happened.

Finally, the lawyer turned back to the jury.

“I made that up. But every single one of you looked at that door expecting someone to walk through it. Therefore, you must have reasonable doubt as to whether anyone was actually killed, and I ask you to return a verdict of not guilty.”

The jury retired to deliberate.

A few minutes later, they returned.

“Guilty.”

The lawyer was stunned.

“But how? You must have had some doubt. I saw every one of you looking at the door.”

The jury foreman replied:

“Yes, we were looking.

But your client wasn’t.”



Its true-Lol-Joy

Thanks to Aussie Vets PTSD Group



Wrong answers only.

Saying that, there IS no right answer.

Probably. 🤔

Thanks to UK Paramedic Humour

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](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

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