



## Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #578 - 08 November 2022**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch 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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### **04 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: ~~XXXX~~ ATTENTION ~~XXXX~~**

Unfortunately there has been a recent spike in Break and Enter, and Steal Motor Vehicle offences within our command between late night and the early hours of the morning. Get into the habit of doing the #9PMROUTINE

- ✓ REMOVE VALUABLES FROM YOUR CAR
- ✓ LOCK YOUR CAR
- ✓ LOCK YOUR HOUSE AND WINDOWS
- ✓ HIDE YOUR KEYS
- ✓ CLOSE GARAGE DOOR
- ✓ TURN ON EXTERIOR LIGHTS
- ✓ CHECK CCTV IS WORKING

- ✓ACTIVATE YOUR ALARM

Please report any suspicious activity **131444** 📞



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### 03 November, from NSW Police Force: Can you help us find Kylie?

Kylie Hasiuk, aged 42, was last seen at Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby, about 9pm on Tuesday 18 October 2022. Kylie is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 165cm tall, of medium build, with long black hair, and is missing her front teeth.

Anyone with information into her whereabouts is urged to contact Ku-ring-gai Police, Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au).

➔ More information here: [police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=103923](https://police.nsw.gov.au/news/article?id=103923)



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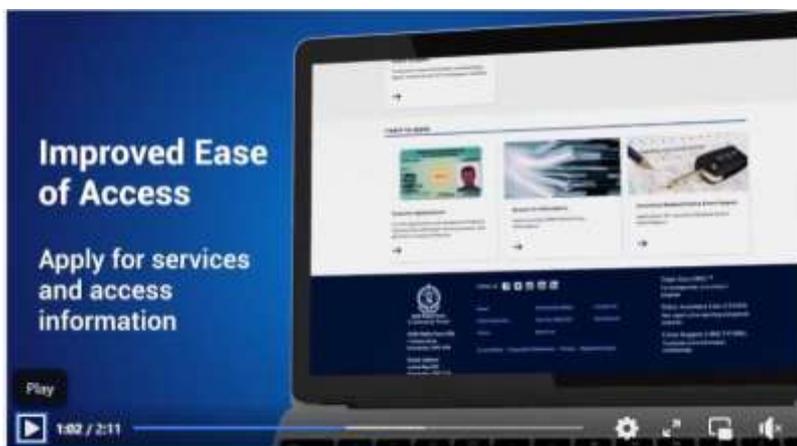
**03 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: The NSW Police Force Community Portal makes it easy, safe and secure for people to report a wide range of crimes to police** 🚔



Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a Police officer is not necessary, registered community members can now create online reports such as Lost Property, Intentional Damage or Graffiti and Theft, in their own time.

To find out about the services offered online, visit the Community Portal 👉

[portal.police.nsw.gov.au](https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au)





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**HAPPY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK! A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.**

**REMINDER: Crime Prevention stall on Friday 11 November 2022 from 11am to 2pm in the cafe @ Bunnings, Pymble**

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) are invited to help with a crime prevention stall organised by Cst Gemma Walker, our Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby police station. This is as part of a Coffee with a Cop event scheduled by the NSWPF as part of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Australasia's NHW Week. Maybe see you there? Bring your questions. Pick up a **FREE** goodie bag with lots of educational handouts, including The Little Black Book of Scams, car rego plate locking screws, NHW stickers, etc. Come and meet your local friendly cops and NHW volunteers!

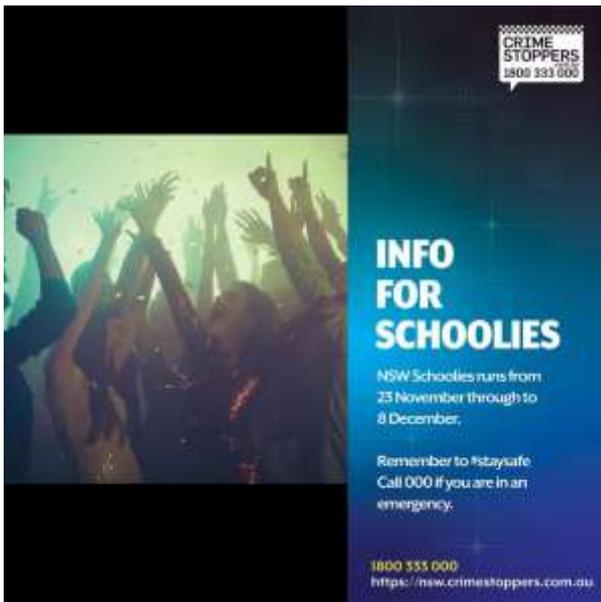
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**06 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLIES – TAG YOUR MATES!**

10 Great Tips to keeping safe and having a good time:

- 🍺 Don't mix drugs and alcohol
- 💧 Drink plenty of water
- 💊 Don't drink or take anything offered by a stranger
- 🍷🍹 If you mix alcohol and energy drinks, you could feel alert yet be intoxicated, so don't drive or go swimming

- 🍹 Know your limits: check the label as many premixed drinks are more than a standard drink
- 🍷 Slow down and alternate alcohol with non-alcoholic drinks
- 👥 Stay close to people you know and trust and look out for each other
- 🚑 Call an ambulance if someone needs help. The police won't be called. Just the ambulance service
- ❤️ Practice safe sex, take condoms with you! Don't put yourself at risk later



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**07 November, Shared with permission from the Wahroonga Community group: Here's another warning for scam-related crime.**

I was giving away items on Facebook and allowed someone into our home (stupid in hindsight) to collect some things. They've rifled through a bench of letters while I was assisting to load a fish tank in their car and they stole a NAB letter which was a new debit card (unopened!!). They've managed to take about \$300 out in 3 separate transactions, but NAB luckily shut it down. No idea why the new card worked to tap-and-go because it wasn't even open yet!? Anyway. Never let anyone in your house to collect free things - take it outside!!

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## 05 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Park smarter to reduce vehicle theft

- 🗝️ Always remove and take your ignition keys with you.
- 🗝️ Lock your doors and windows
- 🗝️ Take everything of value from your vehicle each time you leave it.
- 🗝️ Remove any documents from your vehicle which reveal where you live.
- 🗝️ Don't hide spare keys inside or underneath your vehicle.
- 🗝️ Engrave or mark your vehicle's accessories with your driver's licence number.
- 🗝️ Photograph and record details of expensive or essential bolt-on accessories.



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## 05 November, from Fire & Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: Our Roses are red and smell nice too but when they are picked it makes us feel blue.

We love that you guys love our Firefighters Remembrance Roses as much as us fireies but sadly a few of you are loving them too much and taking them all for yourself. Please enjoy them, stop and smell them and then leave them there for someone else to do the same as they walk by.

#roses #smelltheroses



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**05 November, from Transport for NSW: 🚧👷 All works are now completed**

🚗 Galston Road is fully reopened between Hornsby Heights and Galston.

🚧 The road was closed on 8 August to carry out major stabilisation and engineering works, such as:

➡️ Drilling rock bolts 6 to 8 metres into the rock face.

➡️ Building a retaining wall to secure the slope.

TfNSW and ConnectSydney would like to thank the community for their patience during this time.





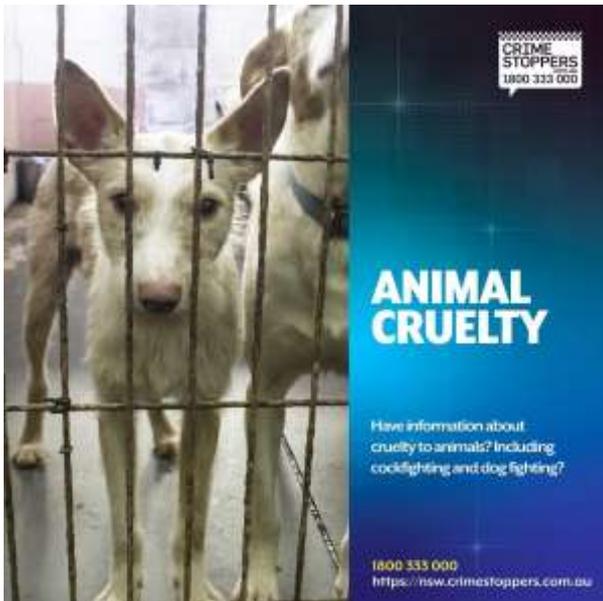
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## 02 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Did you know that you can report ANIMAL CRUELTY to Crime Stoppers?

Do you know about someone who is involved in:

- 🛠 Physical abuse
- 🛠 Poor living conditions
- 🛠 Neglect
- 🛠 Not rendering medical assistance in a timely manner
- 🛠 Baiting
- 🛠 Animal fights for sports

You can report what you know online at [crimestoppers.com.au/home](https://www.crimestoppers.com.au/home) or call us on **1800 333 000** (24/7).



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## **02 November, from 9News.com.au: NSW has phased more single-use plastics: Everything you need to know about state's new ban**

From today people in New South Wales will no longer have access to a range of single-use plastic items, after a new state government ban came into effect overnight. Lightweight plastic bags have already been prohibited in the state since June, but now plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds will join the list of banned items.

Read article [here](#).

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## **Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 07 - Sunday 13 November:** Neighbourhood Watch Week

**Friday 11 November:** Bunnings NHW Week/Coffee with a Cop 10am - 2pm @ Bunnings, Pymble. Joint NSWPF/NHW Crime Prevention stall with goodies.

**Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 November:** Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut 9am-3:30pm @ St Ives Showground

**Thursday 17 November:** Ku-ring-gai Council Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers webinar 6:30-8pm. Bookings **9424 0843** and [here](#).

**Wednesday 30 November:** Walk the Talk. PCYC Waitara return. 8:45-10:45am. [Info](#)

**Wednesday 30 November:** 7pm NHW Gordon/Killara/East Killara/part Pymble/part St Ives AGM @ St John's Anglican Church, Gordon. NHW Crime Prevention stall. All residents welcome!

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### Three flyers from Ku-ring-gai Council:

#### 1. Chemical CleanOut (this weekend)

**Ku-ring-gai.**  
**It's time for a**  
**Chemical CleanOut.**

You can drop off for free:

 Garden chemicals	 Pool chemicals	 Household cleaners
 Hobby chemicals	 Poisons	 Batteries
 Paint	 Motor oils, fluids and fuels	 Fluoro lights
 Gas bottles	 Fire extinguishers	 Smoke detectors

Only household quantities accepted (50L or 20kg), except paint.  
Up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint accepted.

**Your next local event:**

- 📅 Sat 12 & Sun 13 Nov 2022, 9am – 3.30pm
- 📍 St Ives Showground  
450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives
- 🌐 [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au)

Brought to you by the NSW Environment Protection Authority and PaintBack.

You can also drop off items with the following logos:



### Transporting your materials safely

Transporting your materials safely to a CleanOut collection is important. Here are some top tips for safe storage and transportation:

- Groups containers are clearly labelled and well-sealed. If you do not know the contents, label the container 'UNKNOWN CHEMICAL'.
- Whenever possible keep all chemicals in their original containers.
- Never mix chemicals as this may produce dangerous reactions.
- Liquid can leak during transportation. Wrap old or damaged containers in newspaper, place in a sturdy plastic bag and then in a plastic container or tray.
- Keep household chemicals away from passengers e.g. in the boot.

### Other recycling programs

- Return **unwanted medicine** to your local pharmacy for safe disposal.
- Recycle your **mobile phone** with Mobile Muster. Visit [www.mobilmuster.com.au](http://www.mobilmuster.com.au)
- Go to [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au) to find out where you can drop off **TVs, computers or printers** for recycling.
- Home based businesses can find out where to recycle **business waste** at [www.businessrecycling.com.au](http://www.businessrecycling.com.au)
- Recycle **plastic bags** and other **soft plastic packaging** at major supermarkets. Visit [www.redcycle.net.au](http://www.redcycle.net.au) for more information.

For more information call the Environment Line on 131 555 or visit [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au)  
 @NSWHouseholdProblemWastes

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## 2. Help motorcyclists ride to live

**HELP MOTORCYCLISTS**

**RIDE TO LIVE** NSW

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**NSW** GOVERNMENT

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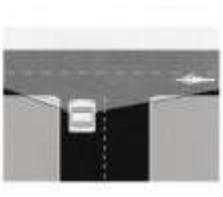
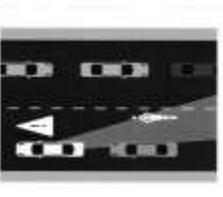
**RIDE TO LIVE** NSW

**CHUCK BLIND SPOTS.**

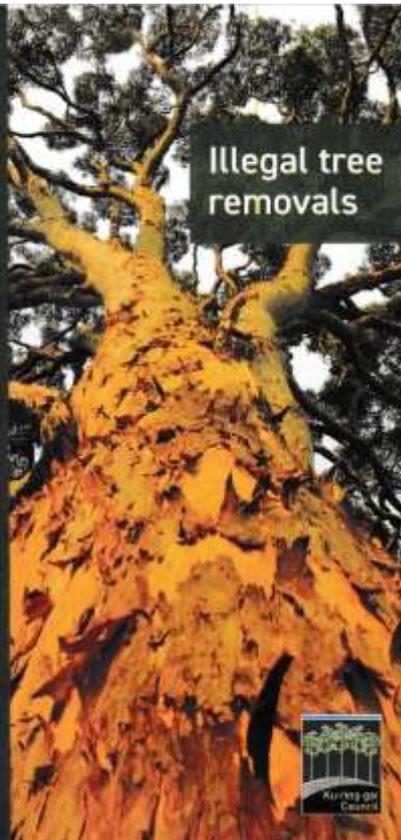
**LOOKOUT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS.**

**GIVE MOTORCYCLISTS SPACE.**

Motorcycles are smaller than most other vehicles and it can be difficult to judge their approaching speed. Small changes to driver behaviour can be the difference between life and death for many.

<p><b>TIPS FOR DRIVERS</b>          Don't drink or drive to better share the road with motorcyclists.</p>		<p><b>Check mirrors and blind spots</b>          Check your mirrors and blind spots often, and give motorcycles room to traffic.</p>		<p><b>Give space</b>          Don't just remove a motorcycle from your path and give motorcycles room to make it their own.</p>
		<p><b>Blind spots</b>          Can't see both that you're far enough to change your view. Look over your shoulder before you make a move of any kind.</p>		<p><b>Check</b>          When you're pulling out from the left, look especially for motorcycles. They have a narrower profile than cars and can be hard to spot.</p>
		<p><b>Scan the road</b>          Remind to scan the road environment and watch for motorcycles, especially when you approach intersections.</p>		<p><b>Revised cuts</b>          When you're getting out of a parked car, check for motorcycles before you open the door.</p>

### 3. Illegal Tree Removals



Illegal tree removals




## Ku-ring-gai Council has local laws that protect trees.

Most tree removals require approval by Council, before work can take place.

If you believe a tree is being illegally removed or pruned, here's what you can do.

### Check our web map

The Council has an online map showing tree permits that have been issued to properties. Simply follow the prompts at [krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck)



### Report it to Council

- Call 9424 0000 This is a 24/7 service.
- Email [krg@krg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:krg@krg.nsw.gov.au)
- Lodge an online report at [krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck)

### When lodging a report:

- Provide the property address.
- Describe what is happening, along with the date and time.
- Provide photographs or video footage if possible.
- Provide your name and contact details.

### What we will do

- Undertake an investigation.
- Gather evidence. We may need to contact you as a result.
- Apply fines if proven that a tree has been illegally removed.

In rare situations, trees can be removed without a permit. This is usually when a development has been approved that allows trees to be removed on the site.

You can check whether the tree has been removed as part of an approved development at [krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/treecheck)

### Questions?

Contact our tree team on 9424 0000 if you have any enquiries. Or send an email to them at [krg@krg.gov.au](mailto:krg@krg.gov.au)

Email us [here](#) for a pdf in your inbox.

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## From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel'

**Tip #5:** SCAN YOUR ITINERARY, passport & travel insurance documents and save them to a secure USB and/or cloud-based storage. Include your Emergency Contact numbers, Consulate & Embassy contact details. Copy both sides of the cards in your wallet (the back has emergency contact numbers).

**Tip #9:** IF YOU FEEL INTIMIDATED by someone with you in a train carriage, jump out at the next exit, go down a carriage and hop back on.

**Tip #12:** CONSIDER A REDUCED CREDIT LIMIT on a credit card purely for your overseas travel. Let the bank know of your trip. To avoid being over-charged, consider using a currency exchange mobile phone App such as XE Currency. Consider wearing a hidden wallet (that attaches to a belt and tucks inside your pant's leg). Use a wallet/bag/passport holder with RFID protection.

**Tip #13:** TRY AND LOOK LIKE A LOCAL. Respect local customs and culture. Drink in

moderation. Try and plan routes with maps INSIDE the hotel or inconspicuously when out. Download local maps prior to departure. Research the area and routes, using 'Street View' to familiarise yourself. Avoid beaches at night, as they are usually not patrolled.

**Tip #17:** KEEP THE 'DO NOT DISTURB' SIGN ON HOTEL DOOR, even when unoccupied. Keep the drapes/blinds pulled at all times, even when unoccupied. Don't rely on hotel room safes - carry passport & anything of value at all times. Get cleaned by calling maid service.

For more tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page [here](#). Or try our WatchOut! website [here](#), for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox [here](#).



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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**  
**TTY: 106**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**  
Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai PAC](#)**  
Non-emergency two-way communication

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**  
For non-urgent minor crime.

**[NSW Police Community Portal](#)**  
Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

**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 within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**

**Website** [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org)  
**Facebook** [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Facebook Group** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)  
**Twitter** [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)  
**Email** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com)



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

**Website** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au)  
**Facebook** [@NHWWatchOut](#)

**Local Facebook pages/groups:**

[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 - St Ives](#)  
[Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)  
[Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)  
[Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee](#)

**Face-to-Face/printed newsletter groups:**

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara  
Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon (part)/Killara (part)/Pymble (part)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby (Jubilee St)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah  
Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)  
Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase)

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**Our mailing address is:**

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c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station

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