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RangrDangr launches community map to take the sting out of parking

RangrDangr has launched a free website that gives Australians a heads-up about nearby parking rangers, hazards and lost pets, aiming to ease one more source of pressure on household budgets.

With its mobile app still under construction, users can already visit rangrdangr.com, create an account and report sightings on a shared map. The idea brings the community reporting model familiar to Waze users into the everyday experience of parking and keeping up with what is happening nearby.

For someone running ten minutes late from a doctor's appointment or collecting a loved one from hospital, a three-figure parking fine can turn an ordinary delay into a serious financial setback. RangrDangr aims to give people more information before that happens.

The scale is substantial. NSW Government figures show councils issued $253.6 million worth of parking fines in 2023–24, up 14 per cent on the previous year. That is the face value of fines issued, rather than a measure of cash collected or council profit.[1]

The debate about surprise penalties has already prompted reform. In September 2026, the NSW Government reported that councils issued 1,270,450 parking fines in 2025–26, down from 1,378,946 a year earlier. Physical notifications were left for 92 per cent of fines, up from 42 per cent. The government is now consulting on further changes to exceptions that still allow ticketless fines.[2]

RangrDangr welcomes fair enforcement, but argues that penalties alone cannot solve parking pressure. Councils need to pair enforcement with clearer signage, practical short- and long-stay options, and transport infrastructure that keeps pace with growing communities and busy regional CBDs. City of Newcastle itself acknowledges that demand for on-street parking is very high.[3]

The platform does not encourage users to break road rules, overstay time limits or avoid paying for parking. Its purpose is to help people make informed decisions and share useful local information. A community report does not change parking restrictions or guarantee that a fine will be avoided.

The map can be browsed without an account. Users need an account to post, confirm or comment on sightings. Beyond parking rangers, reports can cover incidents, hazards, lost pets and found items, giving neighbours a practical way to help one another.[4]

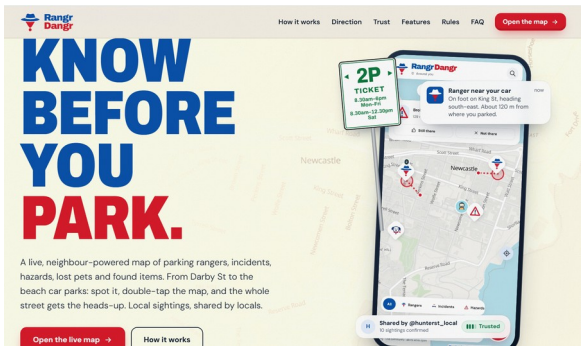
RangrDangr is available now at rangrdangr.com.

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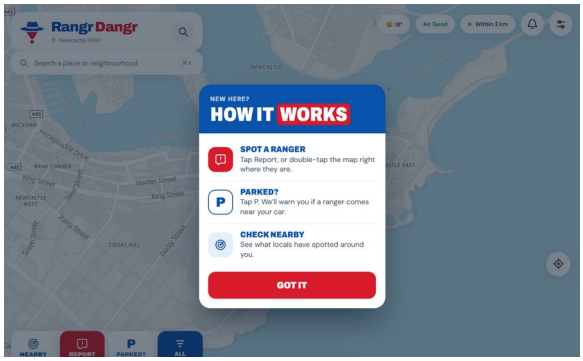
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RangrDangr in action

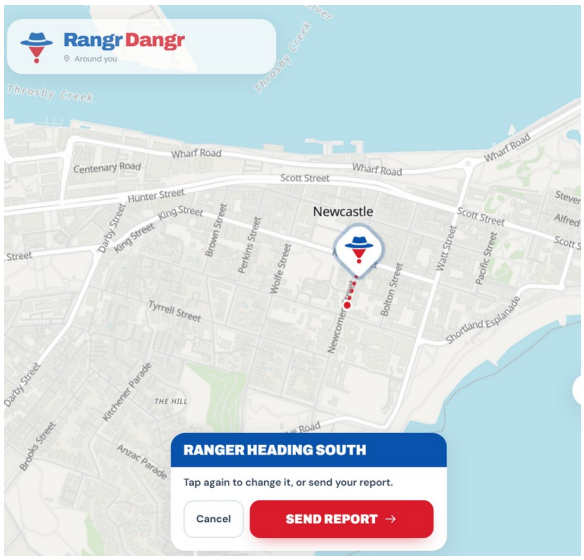
Website and product screenshots supplied by RangrDangr. These show the landing page, onboarding, a directional ranger report and a sighting detail view.



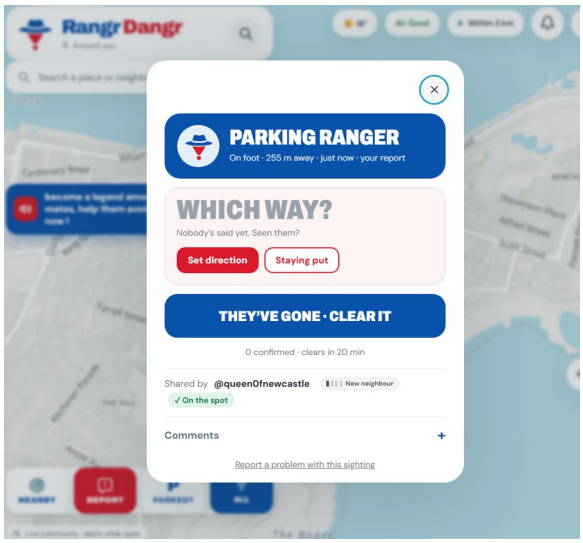
1 Landing page



2 How it works



3 Pin a ranger and indicate direction



4 Confirm or update a sighting

Notes for editors

About RangrDangr: A free community reporting platform for parking ranger sightings, incidents, hazards, lost pets and found items. The website is available now; the mobile app is in development.

[1] NSW Government, 7 August 2024. Council-issued parking fines: $253,606,381 in 2023–24; $222,116,619 in 2022–23. Source

[2] NSW Government, 27 September 2026. Parking fine volumes, physical notification rates and proposed further reforms. Source

[3] City of Newcastle, Parking in Newcastle. On-street demand and the purpose of parking restrictions. Source

[4] RangrDangr website. Account requirements, report categories and free access. Source