



Ku-ring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai 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 the [Kuring-gai LAC 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 an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

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15 January, NSW Roads

Planning to travel through Galston Gorge this month?

Just a reminder that we're closing Pearces Creek bridge for maintenance on the

following days so be sure to plan ahead.

- From 3am Monday 15 January to 3am Friday 19 January
- Monday 22 January at night between 9.30pm and 5am.

For a map of the 30 minute detour click [here](#).

14 January, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Motorcyclists can sometimes be hard to see! Just because you can't see them, doesn't mean they aren't there. Check your blind spots and help motorcyclists ride to live.

Watch video [here](#).

13 January, from the Daily Telegraph : Killara girl handcuffs 13-year-old sister, then calls police

TWO young girls playing cops and robbers led to a visit from the real police as well as the fire brigade when a 13-year-old was handcuffed by her 12-year-old sister.

The open and shut case happened at a home on Buckingham Rd Killara on January 3.

The two girls and their mother were house-sitting when the daughters found a pair of metal handcuffs similar to police issue cuffs.

The family could not find the key and called Hornsby police officers who came along with a set of handcuff keys.

But none fitted so the fire brigade was called.

They tried to undo the handcuffs too but couldn't so after an hour and a half in custody an angle grinder was used to get the cuffs off so the youngster could break free.

Police said the handcuffed girl was in good spirits throughout the ordeal.

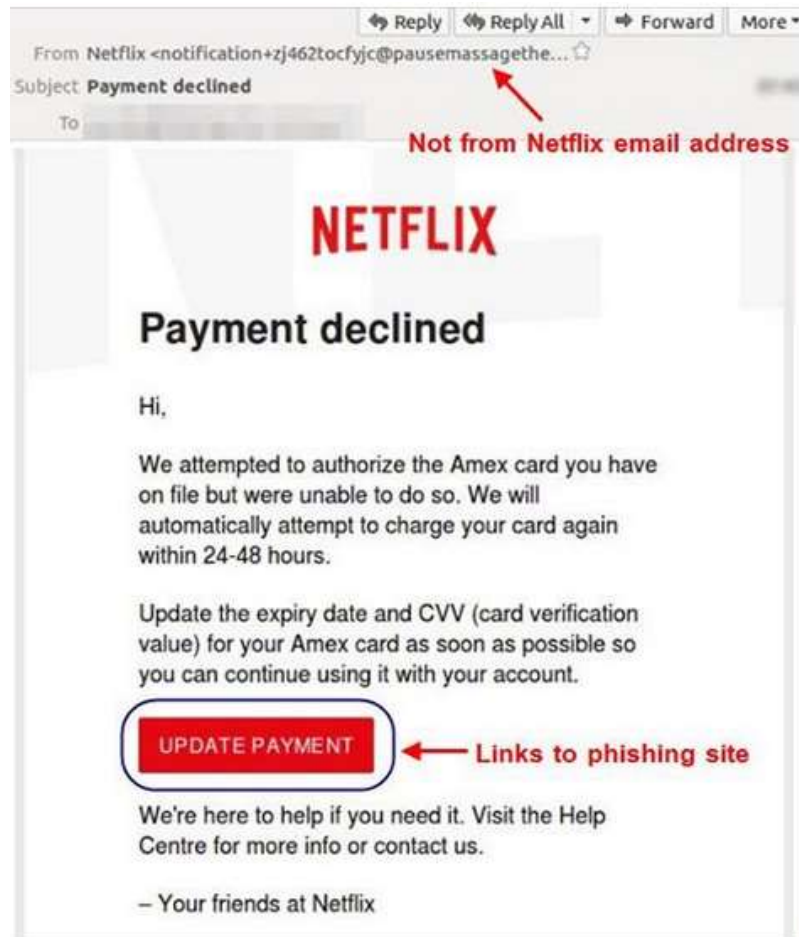
11 January, Join the Drive

Driving distraction-free is easier thanks to Apple's new iOS11 update. If you have an iPhone, enable the 'Do Not Disturb While Driving' feature which will mute calls,

texts, and notifications while you're driving. It will also automatically reply to your mates to let them know you're en-route.

Watch video [here](#).

11 January, from NSW Police Force



The are some Stranger Things going on with this 'Netflix' email

11 January, from Brisbane Water LAC - NSW Police Force

Police warn walkers to prepare and take adequate care whilst bushwalking

Police have urged bush walkers to prepare and take adequate care after two recent rescues during which inexperienced walkers have had to be airlifted to safety.

About 7am on Sunday 7 January 2018, a group of four people set off on a bushwalk from Cowan Railway Station towards Jerusalem Bay at Brooklyn.

Several hours into the walk a woman in the group became dehydrated and fatigued and was unable to continue.

The woman was located by police from Kuring-gai local Area Command and with the assistance of an SES vehicle all of the group were extracted and examined by Ambulance paramedics.

About 3pm on Monday 8 January 2018 a group of seven bush walkers set out on the Great North Walk leaving from Cowan Railway Station.

Two and a half hours into the walk a man became dehydrated and became unwell due to being asthmatic.

Emergency services were contacted and Police and Ambulance paramedics attended.

The man was winched from the track and airlifted to the Royal North Shore Hospital with severe dehydration and an elevated heart rate.

The other members of the group walked from the National Park. The group were inexperienced bush walkers and although intended to walk to Jerusalem Bay had set out in the wrong direction.

Police from Kuring-gai Local Area Command have appealed for groups planning to bush walk in the area to be better prepared for the conditions they will encounter.

“Although the thought of bushwalking through the National Park appeals to many people at this time of the year I would encourage members of the public to seek advice before heading off,” Chief Inspector Tim Winmill said.

“Unfortunately, these two recent incidents have again shown that inexperienced groups who have not prepared correctly for the conditions can very quickly get into strife.

“Resources from multiple agencies are required to respond for extended periods of time as these search and rescue operations are conducted. This prevents them from attending other emergency situations,” Chief Inspector Winmill said.

Think before you TREK promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

T - Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.

R - Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.

E - Emergency beacon (PLB's) are available free of charge from NSW Police Force and NPWS.

K - Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

11 January, from abc: How well do you know the road rules? Take our quiz for a drive



Nothing makes blood boil quite like a motorist who doesn't know what they're doing behind the wheel.

Each week on Facebook, Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads asks its followers for the solution to some everyday scenarios they may come across when behind the wheel.

Most get it right, but others need a refresher. And fast.

Now it's your turn. We've taken the best questions and present them to you now. Click [here](#) for the quiz.

Can the orange car perform a U-turn here?

10 January, from Maritime NSW

Changes to legislation now requires kayakers and canoeists to wear a lifejacket, even in lakes and estuaries.

Last weekend local boater Jarred Flanigan and Jay Ruming, Roads and Maritime Boating Safety Officer rescued a mother and two children when they fell off their kayaks in Lake Illawarra at Windang and were caught in strong tidal current pushing them out of the lake entrance. This type of accident could be fatal without a lifejacket.

10 January, from Penrith LAC - NSW Polie Force



IS YOUR HOME SAFE & SMART?

With almost half of Australians (48 per cent) wanting to take home security into their own hands with self-monitoring smart devices, Crime Stoppers is urging homeowners to remember the basics and start home security with quality locks this Christmas.

Details [here](#).



Kuringgai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is looking for volunteers to help out with the variety of services we offer at our four locations, St Ives, Pennant Hills, Galston and Berowra.

Volunteering with KNC is a great way to;

- Give back to your community
- Get involved with your community, find out about whats happening, and be welcomed into a new social circle
- Strengthen your resume (references can be written upon request)

At KNC we are committed to working hand in hand with our volunteers, we recognise our volunteers as the backbone of the organisation and will try our very best to be as flexible and understanding of our volunteers prior commitments.

Volunteering at KNC is easy and can be as simple as;

- Shopping assistance once or twice a month. Shopping is either done for the client or transport and help at the shops is provided.
- Companionship – home visits and friendly phone calls to help maintain social contact
- Individual transport to essential medical and personal appointments for people who are unable to manage regular transport

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 18 January: First aid course for young people 8:45 AM -4:30 PM @ Gordon Library - Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon Cost \$90 (incl course & lunch) Ph: 9424 0981 [Info](#).

Monday 22 January: Alternate date for brought forward meeting of 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

Friday 26 January: Happy Australia Day!

Monday 12 February: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

Wednesday 14 February: Planned formal launch of www.watchout.org.au. (tbc)

Saturday 03 March: The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. [Info](#).

Monday 19 March: Gordon 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church Lounge area, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra

From Hornsby Advocate, 11 January High-end brand heist

TRACK work between the Gordon and Hornsby rail line led to the theft of a Louis Vuitton belt and pair of sunglasses worth \$1400 on January 2.

Packed buses replaced trains on that stretch of line when a thief stole the items from the passenger's backpack which police said was close to the 29-year-old man's body. Police urge all passengers on replacement bus services to be extra vigilant because they are usually so packed it's easier for criminals to operate.

Sharp argument

A MAN, 43, produced a knife in a road rage incident at the Pacific Highway, Wahroonga, on Friday at 2.50pm. The two drivers had a disagreement leading to frequent lane changes, braking and accelerating. The alleged victim got out of his car and told the other driver he had children on board. The accused allegedly revealed a knife. He was charged with being armed with intent to commit an indictable offence. He will front Hornsby Court on January 18.

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1 KILLARA

Two teenagers playing cops and robbers led to the real police and fire brigade being called to a home at Buckingham Rd on January 3 when a 13-year-old girl was handcuffed by her sister. The girls and their mother were house-sitting when the daughters found a pair of metal handcuffs. They played with them and the cuffs locked when put on. The family could not find the key and called police who assisted with a set of cuff keys. But none fitted so the fire brigade was called. After 1 ½ an angle grinder had to be used to unlock the cuffs. Police said the handcuffed girl was in good spirits throughout the ordeal.

2 MT COLAH

Police are on the lookout for someone armed with a bow after a homeowner found three arrow holes in his weatherboard house at Belmont Ave. The 90-year-old man returned home from a Christmas break on January 2 and found the holes and a discarded arrow on his property. The incident occurred between December 13 and January 2.

4 GORDON

A good Samaritan Uber driver who returned a wallet found on his back seat was attacked by the item's owner at Gordon train station on New Year's Day because he took too long to get there. The 27-year-old Auburn driver picked up three people — two men and a woman — from Kissing Point Rd, South Turramurra, and took them to the station at 3pm. On his next job a passenger found the wallet on the back seat. The driver contacted the owner and arranged the meet. It's alleged he was then attacked by the wallet's owner and his friends who also damaged his car because he did not get there until 5pm. The driver suffered minor injuries. Investigations are continuing.

5 NORTH TURRAMURRA

A 57-year-old cyclist smashed into a car door when it suddenly opened in his way on New Year's Day and suffered a broken rib after somersaulting over the door and crashing to the road. The Warrawee rider was in the cycle lane on Bobbin Head Rd at 3pm when he moved out to overtake a parked car. The driver — whose window was smashed — told police he looked in his mirror before opening the door but said the cyclist must have been in a blind spot. The driver was issued with a \$302 fine.

From the North Shore Times, 11 January: Woman charged after trying to 'kidnap' mother [Page 11]

THE former partner of a BRW rich lister will remain behind bars after being accused of a “bizarre” and violent alleged kidnapping of her mother in Cherrybrook.

Naremburn woman Lauren Pollack, 37, wept at Hornsby Court as she was refused bail for allegedly assaulting her 68-year-old mother Royalene, tying her up and taking her against her will at 3am on Sunday.

The court heard Ms Pollack was the ex-partner of hedge fund manager Philip Scott Mathews, who has previously been named on the BRW rich list.

The pair's relationship broke down in 2014.

It is alleged Ms Pollack convinced her “friend” war veteran Daniel Mark Cupples, 39, to help with the alleged kidnapping, which was labelled “very disturbing” and “somewhat bizarre” by magistrate Daniel Reiss.

Police will allege the elderly woman was dragged from her bedroom, where blood was found, and driven to Ms Pollack's Naremburn address before then being taken to Ms Pollack's expartner's home in Mosman.

Ms Pollack's mother Royalene was then told to go inside. She then asked her daughter's former partner to contact police, before she was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with cuts to her face and body, along with a suspected fractured rib. Police said Ms Pollack and Mr Cupples left the scene but were later arrested in Naremburn following an investigation. They were charged with take and detain for advantage and cause grievous bodily harm.

Click [here](#) for full story.

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G O R D O N

2 A man, 57, of Gordon, was charged with drink driving on Saturday. About 7pm near Werona Ave, police stopped a blue Toyota Landcruiser that had a cancelled registration. The driver returned a positive breath test. A further breath analysis at Chatswood Police Station returned a reading of 0.118. He was charged with driving with a middle-range PCA and using an unregistered motor vehicle.

R O S E V I L L E

3 Almost \$10,000 in ladies' jewellery and cash was stolen from a Boundary St house over the holiday period. Sometime between 6am, December 15, and 9.40pm, January 7, the offender/s have broken into the home by removing a fly screen from a ground floor window and jemmying the lock. Several rooms were looted during the robbery.

New year's heave

About 500 police worked on the northern side of Sydney Harbour on New Year's Eve to manage the large crowds that came to see the fireworks. About 500,000 revellers visited the various parks and vantage points on the north shore, with some parks reaching capacity as early as 4pm. Many people ignored the alcohol prohibition, resulting in police seizing a variety of drinks from people. Several people were arrested for a variety of offences including assaulting police, offensive behaviour, possessing drugs and fireworks.

10 January, from Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force

Our Command's Marine Enforcement Team (MET) launching at Bayview. The MET will be patrolling coastal waterways up and down the coast with our new sponsor vehicle, a Dodge Ram, supported by Sydney City Prestige.

10 January, Find Community Recycling Centres and Household Chemical CleanOut events

Find your nearest Community Recycling Centre or the next Household Chemical CleanOut event, where you can drop off household problem waste for free.

Click [here](#) for details.

10 January, from The NRMA

TEST TIME: In what order do the vehicles go?

1. Vehicle C, B, A and then D
2. Vehicle C, A, B and then D
3. Vehicle B, A, C and then D



9 January, from Stay Smart Online

Hacking is a word we hear all the time, but what does it mean and how do you protect yourself from it? Find out [here](#)

Animal World

Watch video [here](#). One word for this video?



IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

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

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

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.

Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC:



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Our Crime Prevention website WatchOut.org.au



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