



# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

**eNewsletter # 204 - 7 September 2015**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-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 [click here](#) (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!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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**7 September, Some crime stats for you, from this week in Kuring-gai Local Area Command.**

| OFFENCES        | Break & Enter | Malicious Damage | Stealing | Steal from motor vehicle | Steal Motor Vehicle | Other |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| ARCADIA         |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| ASQUITH         |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| BEROWRA         |               |                  | 1        |                          |                     |       |
| BROOKLYN        |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| COWAN           |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| GALSTON         |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| GORDON          | 1             |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| HORNSEY         |               |                  | 2        |                          |                     | Fraud |
| HORNSEY HEIGHTS |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| KULLARA         |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| MIT OCLAH       |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| MITCHELING OBI  |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| NORMANBURST     |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| PYMBLE          |               |                  | 1        |                          |                     | Fraud |
| ST IVES         |               |                  | 1        |                          |                     |       |
| THORNLEIGH      |               |                  | 2        |                          |                     | Fraud |
| TURRAMURRA      |               |                  | 1        | 4                        |                     |       |
| WAHROONGA       |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| WATARA          |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| WARRAWEE        |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| WEST PYMBLE     |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| WESTLIGH        |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |

Date range: 4/9 to 9am 7/9

**7 September, It's National Child Protection Week this week.**



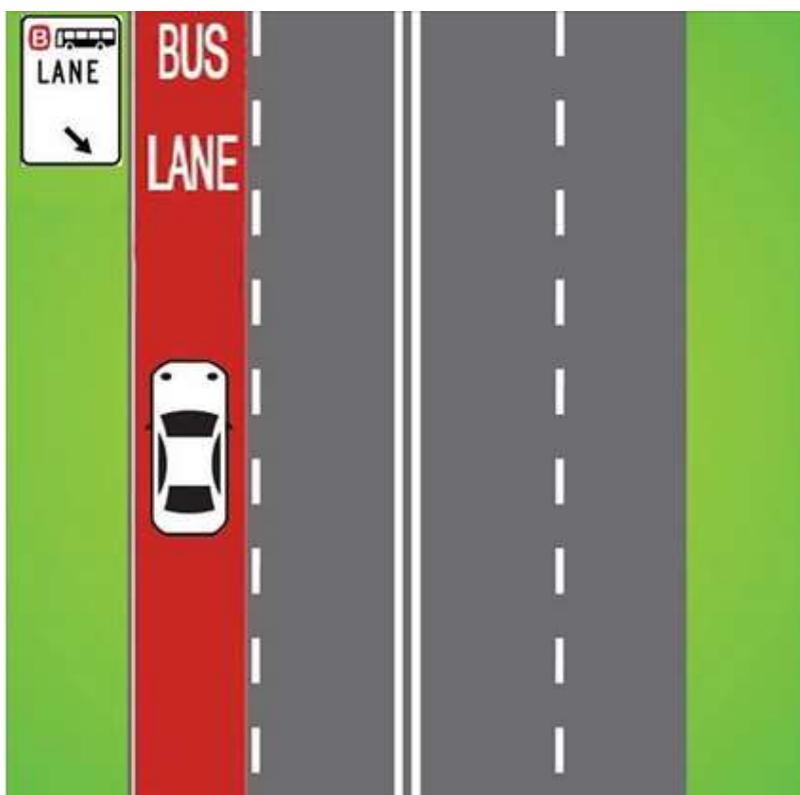
NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) has released a calendar of tips to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people for the launch of 2015 National Child Protection Week.

See the ways in which you can play your part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and families during National Child Protection Week (and every week!).

[Click here](#) for more.

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**5 September, We missed posting the question but thought you would be interested in the answer.**



TEST ANSWER: Thank you for your answers to our earlier question:  
<http://on.fb.me/1O6BPai>. In this scenario, the correct answer is c.

You may drive in a BUS LANE for up to 100m before making a turn or entering a driveway or road related area. You may also overtake traffic that is turning right and has a right indicator on and use a bus lane to avoid an obstacle. However, you may not pick up or set down passengers.

There are, however, exceptions for driving in bus lanes. Bicycles, taxis, hire cars (with HC plates), and motorcycles are permitted.

For further information on BUS LANES, please visit: [http://bit.ly/Bus\\_lanes](http://bit.ly/Bus_lanes)

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### **3 September, 11 things you can do to protect against ransomware, including Cryptolocker**



Ransomware is malicious software that cyber criminals use to hold your computer or computer files for ransom, demanding payment from you to get them back. Sadly, ransomware is becoming an increasingly popular way for malware authors to extort money from companies and consumers alike. There is a variety of ransomware can get onto a person's machine, but as always, those techniques either boil down to social engineering tactics or using software vulnerabilities to silently install on a victim's machine.

[Click here](#) for more.

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### **2 September, Police Transport Command**

The latest quarterly update from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and research (BOCSAR) for the past 24 months to June 2015, shows that crime figures continue to reflect the hard work of the NSW Police in driving down crime and keeping it down.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, has welcomed the latest results which show that 17 of the major crime categories are either stable or falling. [Click here](#) for more.

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## 2 September, Commuters fear for their safety at Hornsby Station after State Government ditches night security

TRAIN commuters have criticised the State Government's decision to scrap night security at Hornsby Station.

Commuters told The Advocate they would feel unsafe catching trains home late at night if there weren't any security guards manning the stations.

The backlash comes after it was revealed security guards at 11 stations across Sydney were not be rostered on from Friday, August 28.

[Click here](#) for full story.

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## 2 September

| OFFENCES        | Break & Enter | Malicious Damage | Stealing | Steal from motor vehicle | Steal Motor Vehicle | Other |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| ARCADIA         | 1             |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| ASQUETH         |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| BEROWRA         |               |                  | 1        | 1                        |                     |       |
| BROOKLYN        |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| COWAN           |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| GALSTON         | 1             |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| GORDON          |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| HORNSBY         | 2             | 3                | 2        |                          |                     |       |
| HORNSBY HEIGHTS |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| KILLARA         | 1             |                  | 1        |                          |                     |       |
| MT COLAH        | 1             |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| MT KURRING GAI  |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| NORMANHURST     |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| PYMBLE          | 1             | 1                |          |                          |                     |       |
| ST IVES         |               | 1                |          |                          |                     |       |
| THORNLEIGH      |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| TURRAMURRA      | 1             | 1                |          |                          |                     |       |
| WAHROONGA       |               |                  |          |                          |                     | Fraud |
| WAITARA         | 1             |                  |          | 1                        |                     |       |
| WARRAWEE        |               |                  |          | 1                        |                     |       |
| WEST PYMBLE     |               |                  |          |                          |                     |       |
| WESTLEIGH       |               |                  | 1        |                          |                     |       |
| Date range      | 28/8-4pm 31/8 |                  |          |                          |                     |       |

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## 2 September Hornsby Police news,

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Motor Vehicle Crash

Time/Date: 7:30am 31/08/2015

Place: Pacific Highway, Cowan

Vehicle 1: Toyota Corolla

Driver 1: Male aged 19 years from Berowra Heights

Vehicle 2: Ford Falcon

Driver 2: Female aged 42 years from Umina Beach

Details: Around 7:30am on Monday the 31st of August 2015 VEH1 was travelling north bound upon Pacific Highway, Cowan. VEH1 began to veer to the right crossing into lane 2 of 2 before passing over the centre median strip, in to lane 2 of 2 south bound and into lane 1 of 2 south bound, where VEH2 was travelling at approximately 75km/h. VEH1 has collided into VEH2. Both VEH1 and VEH2 sustained extensive damage as a result of the crash, with DRI1 and DRI2 remaining trapped inside their vehicles. Many Emergency services, Fire Brigade, Police and ambulance assisted. DRI2 was released from VEH2 and transported to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. DRI1 was freed from VEH1 and stabilised in a critical condition at the scene by ambulance before being conveyed to Royal North Shore by helicopter to undergo medical treatment. Both VEHs towed from the location. DRI2 currently has a broken sternum, broken collar bone and 8 broken ribs. DRI1 is currently in an induced coma due to head injuries, has facial fractures, internal lung injuries, chest fractures, leg fractures and pelvic fractures.

Investigations still pending. Condition of both drivers updated daily.

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**1 September, Alert Priority Moderate | Scammers targeting NSW consumers in computer 'repair' deception**

You are advised not to provide personal or financial details to people who approach you online or over the phone. The New South Wales Fair Trading Commissioner has warned consumers in New South Wales of a scam that recently cost an 83 year old man from Balgownie in Wollongong \$600.

[Click here](#) for more.

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### **1 September, Five things you should never post on Facebook**

1. Your phone number
2. Your home address
3. Anything work-related
4. Your relationship status
5. Your payment information

[Click here](#) for more.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

From 15 September 2015, AMSA is replacing beacon registration stickers with four new options for you to prove beacon registration. Choose what works best for you!

**SMS**  
| Save your SMS registration confirmation on your mobile phone

**EMAIL**  
| Save your email registration confirmation on your mobile phone

**PRINT**  
| Print your registration confirmation, or if you have no email, request a printed copy be sent via mail

**ONLINE**  
| Check Beacon Registration - Online function to look up the registration status

The graphic features a red and white AMSA 406 MHz beacon on the right side. The background is dark blue with a white wave pattern at the bottom.

#### Australian Maritime Safety Authority - AMSA

Do you own a beacon? Registering it is about to become easier, with AMSA launching a mobile friendly registration system from 15 September, 2015. Details here: [http://www.amsa.gov.au/.../030815\\_MediaRelease\\_Beaconregistra...](http://www.amsa.gov.au/.../030815_MediaRelease_Beaconregistra...)

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### 31 August, NIH Senior Health: Older Drivers

What are some signs that an older person may be having problems driving?

Here are some signs which may indicate that an older driver is having problems at the wheel.

- drifting out of lane
- getting lost in familiar places
- having trouble moving the foot between the gas and the brake pedals, or confusing the two.

[Click here](#) for full story

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*Creating Safer Communities*

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**5 September, Five minute fix: Keeping your kids safe online with parental controls**



[Click here](#) for full story.

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**4 September, Amnesty International Australia**

The all-male village council has ordered the sisters be raped and paraded naked as 'punishment' after their brother eloped with a married woman.



[Click here](#) for full story.

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### **2 September, 5 road safety tips for experienced drivers:**

The vast majority of vehicle collisions can be assigned to driver error. They are avoidable and yet experienced drivers continue to be involved in unnecessary incidents. This is usually because somebody failed to pay the required attention.

[Click here](#) for more.

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 08 September: FREE** Parents of Learner Drivers workshop. 6:30-8:30pm. [Info](#). **Book 9847 6856.**

**Saturday 12 September: FREE** NSW Mounted Police Open Day. 10-12 at the Stables, 7 Baptist St, Redfern.

**Thursday 17 September: FREE** Safer Senior Drivers presentation 10-12noon. [Info](#). **Book 9847 6856.**

**Thursday 17 September: FREE** Ku-ring-gai Council child car seat, harness & booster seat safety check. 9am-3:30pm. Bookings essential. **Ph 9424 0798**. [Info](#).

**Monday 28 September 2015:** Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting,

Turrumurra Uniting Church.

**Monday 21 September: FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#).

**Sunday 27 September:** International Students vs NSW Police Beach Soccer 8:30am Coogee Beach.

**Sunday 18 October:** Graffiti Removal Day

**Wednesday 21 October:** East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

**Saturday 24 October:** East Killara Crime Prevention Community Engagement event, 10am-12noon at the Koola Avenue shops.

**Monday 09 November:** 'All Areas' NHW meeting. Please email your suggestions and concerns - [click here](#).

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### **From Ku-ring-gai Council, Overt electronic surveillance in public places St Ives Showground**

Incidents of illegal dumping have increased significantly incurring substantial costs to Council in collection and disposal costs as well as impacting negatively on the amenity and environment within the community. A number of these incidents have been significant dumping involving multiple loads of materials such as wood chip and demolition materials. Incidents of vandalism, littering and graffiti have also occurred. Using funding from the Waste Less Recycle More program, Council is able to conduct overt electronic surveillance to assist in deterring these acts and to gather evidence to regulate these incidents.

Council has formalised a policy on how and where types of overt electronic surveillance can be employed and identified the control provisions for storage of relevant information, who will be authorised to access information and for what purpose the information will be used. Links to the Policy, Code of Practice and Standard Operating Procedures are below.

[Click here](#) for more.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 3 September:**

**WAITARA** Teenagers went on a destructive rampage at a new unit development in Balmoral St, causing \$20,000 damage. The incident happened between 4pm, Saturday and 6.30am, Monday. Police said a lock had been forced on a ground floor fire escape door to access the stairwell of the block of units, which were not yet occupied. Several units had their doors smashed and suffered internal damage. The teenagers also gained entry to a second block of units on the site. They smashed the glass of a vending machine in the foyer and stole three empty display soft drink cans. Police are looking for a group of five youths aged 15-16. Anyone with information is urged to phone 9476 9799.

**HORNSBY** A naked man wearing only a beanie and a white mask assaulted two women on Sunday morning. Police said the women, aged 18 and 20, got off a bus at Hornsby railway station about 3.45am and walked through Hornsby mall. When they reached May St a naked man pushed the 20year-old woman to the ground and grabbed the teenager by her skirt. When the women began screaming, he ran off. The women were not injured. The man is described as being of Asian appearance and about 20 years old. Anyone with information is asked to phone CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

**BEROWRA** Two classroom windows were smashed at Berowra Public School between 9pm, Friday and 8.30am, Monday. Several items made by the students were destroyed. Smashed bottles and beer cans were found on the grounds.

**WARRAWEE** Jewellery worth \$5000 was stolen from a unit on the Pacific Highway between 5am, August 3 and 11am, August 30.

**TURRAMURRA** Jewellery, cash, a wallet and iPad worth a total of \$6700 were stolen from a home in Bobbin Head Rd between 12.15am and 5.15am, Monday. The family was home asleep at the time. Entry was gained by opening a ground floor rear window.

**HORNSBY** A thief got away with \$600 from a home in Stephen St between noon, Tuesday and 9.45am, Sunday.

**WARRAWEE** The contents of a glass jar, about \$500, were stolen from a unit in Cherry St on the weekend. The thief opened a window that was left ajar and climbed into the unit.

**WESTLEIGH** Three pairs of sunglasses and a laptop with a total value of \$2600 were stolen from a black Audi parked in Paperbark Way between 5pm, Sunday and 6.25am, Monday.

**TURRAMURRA** The number plates from a red Mitsubishi Magna parked in Jersey St were stolen on Monday.

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### **Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW**

**BEROWRA WATERS** Berowra Waters Ferry between Bay Rd and Berowra Waters Rd

**SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE**

Date: Tue 8 Sep 2015 - Tue 8 Sep 2015

Advice: Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

Other Info: Ferry services will not operate on the second Tuesday of each month between 12pm and 2:30pm.

**HORNSBY** Pacific Hwy between College Crescent and Carden Ave

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Wed 29 Jul 2015 - Tue 29 Sep 2015

Impact: Impact Lanes closed in both directions, 2 of 3 lane(s) closed. Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Wed (9pm to 5am) affected. Thu to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) affected.

Advice: Allow extra travel time. Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: NorthConnex works will close 2 of 3 lanes in both directions.

**NORMANHURST** Pennant Hills Rd between Frazer Rd and Huddart Ave

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Thu 25 Jun 2015 - Fri 25 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Fri (10:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: Two of three lanes will closed both eastbound and westbound with a lane merge in place.

**From 25 August to 25 September** Monday to Friday (midnight - 4:30am) there will be alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions in place.

**PENNANT HILLS** Beecroft Rd from Pennant Hills Rd

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Tue 9 Jun 2015 - Tue 15 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Wed (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Thu to Fri (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected.

Advice: Check signage. Exercise caution

Other Info: One lane will remain available to motorists.

**PENNANT HILLS** Pennant Hills Rd between Boundary Rd and Hull Rd

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 17 Aug 2015 - Thu 17 Sep 2015

Website: NorthConnex

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Wed (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu to Fri (10:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h).

Other Info: Construction work will close two of the three lanes in each direction.

**PYMBLE** Mona Vale Rd between Fairway Ave and Porters Lane

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Wed 2 Sep 2015 - Fri 11 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) affected

Advice: Check signage. Allow extra travel time.

Other Info: A contra flow will be in operation.

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd between Nelson St and The Comenarra Parkway

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Tue 21 Jul 2015 - Thu 17 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Fri (11pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: Northconnex works will close 2 of 3 lanes in both directions at night.

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd between Stevens St and Railway Pde

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Fri 21 Aug 2015 - Sat 19 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Every night (9:30pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Exercise caution. Reduce speed.

Other Info: One of three northbound lanes will be closed at night for electrical services upgrade.

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd between Loftus Rd and Wells St

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 24 Aug 2015 - Thu 24 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu (11pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Other Info: Two of three lanes will close in each direction. There will be no work on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August, or Friday 18, Saturday 19, Sunday 20 September.

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd between Pacific Hwy and Wells St

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 24 Aug 2015 - Thu 24 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Every night (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Other Info: One of three lanes in each direction will close. There will be no work on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August, or Friday 18, Saturday 19, Sunday 20 September.

**WAHROONGA** M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pennant Hills Rd and Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Rd

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Tue 14 Jul 2015 - Fri 16 Oct 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun (11pm to 4am) Southbound affected

Mon to Thu (9pm to 4am) Southbound affected

Advice: Check signage. Allow extra travel time

Other Info: Northbound lanes will also close from 13 August to 14 September: Monday - Thursday 11pm to 5am; Friday 11pm to 6am.

**WAHROONGA** Pacific Hwy between Blytheswood Ave and Myall Ave

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 7 Sep 2015 - Fri 25 Sep 2015

mpact Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9.30pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Thu (10pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Expect delays

Exercise caution

Other Info: 2 of 3 lanes will be closed during the work..

**WAITARA** Pacific Hwy between Waitara Ave and Ingram Rd

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 6 Jul 2015 - Thu 24 Sep 2015

Website: [click here](#)

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h).

**WAITARA** Pacific Hwy between Windarra Crescent and Yardley Ave

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Sun 26 Jul 2015 - Thu 24 Sep 2015

Website: NorthConnex

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Wed (9pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Thu (9:30pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

**WAITARA** Pacific Hwy between Romsey St and Burdett St

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Tue 25 Aug 2015 - Fri 25 Sep 2015

Impact: Lanes closed Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Thu (12.30am to 4.30am) Both directions affected

Fri (1am to 4.30am) Both directions affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time. Reduced speed limit (40km/h).

Other Info: Stop/slow traffic control will be in place during CCTV Camera works.

[Click here](#) for **Live Traffic NSW** website. Download the Live Traffic App: Android,

[click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

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## **Important Contacts**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000**

**Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific Hwy), Hornsby 2077

**Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime

**Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723**

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

Non-emergency two-way communication

**Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450**

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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**Our mailing address is:**

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