



Kuring-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 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.



04 October: NSW Police Force, Roads and Maritime Services, and NSW Crime Stoppers have launched a state-wide safety compliance operation as the boating season officially begins. The on-water operation kicked off yesterday (Saturday 3 October 2015), and involves police officers from Marine Area Command as well as Roads and Maritime Boating Safety Officers. Marine Area Commander, Detective Superintendent Mark Hutchings, said police are targeting criminal and anti-social activity on waterways across the state to ensure everyone enjoys the season safely.

View Media Release [here](#).

03 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Truck drivers cop fines of \$2196 for trips in Galston Gorge

THE two drivers whose trucks got stuck in Galston Gorge recently will each be issued fines of \$2196, according to a RMS spokesman. They will also each lose six demerit points and have their trucks' registrations suspended.

View article [here](#).



Monday's incident in the gorge.

02 October, from CareFlight: MOTORCYCLIST CRITICAL AFTER CAR COLLISION

A motorcyclist was rushed to hospital in a critical condition after colliding with a car on busy Pennant Hills Rd in Sydney's north this morning. CareFlight's rapid response medical team were called to the intersection of Mt Pleasant Rd and Pennant Hills Rd at Normanhurst. The rescue helicopter landed nearby on the grounds of Loreto College, where students were on school holidays. The specialist doctor and paramedic joined NSW Ambulance in treating the man, in his 40s, at the scene for multiple injuries. He was intubated and placed in a road ambulance to be taken to Westmead Hospital in a critical condition, with pre-hospital treatment continuing on the way.

Crime Prevention stall at St John's Anglican Church Fête, 9am-2pm Saturday 10 October, St John's Anglican Church, St John's Ave, Gordon

Kuring-gai Police Local Area Command (LAC) and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) will have a joint crime prevention stall at this year's St John's Anglican Church Annual Fête. Come along and get your...

- Up-to-date Crime Prevention advice from our local police Crime Prevention

Officer,

- FREE 'Little Black Book of Scams',
- FREE car registration plate locking screws (thanks to NHW Australasia!),
- FREE giveaways such as key-rings, screen wipes, note-pads, magnets,
- FREE 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series
- FREE giveaways for the kids, such as colouring-in, balloons, tattoos, fingerprinting.
- Get to know your local NHW volunteers and
- Be more aware about the crime in your area.

Is there any particular issue that is bothering you that you'd like to discuss?

01 October: Community Engagement Day & Crime Prevention stall, 10am-12noon Saturday 24 October, Koola Ave Shops, Koola Ave, East Killara.



Neighbourhood Watch
Caring about Community Safety
Community Engagement Day & Crime Prevention Stall
10am - 12 noon
Saturday 24 October 2015
Koola Ave Shops, E. Killara

NSW Police Kuring Gal Local Area Command (LAC) and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), invite you to a Community Engagement Day with Crime Prevention stall, taking place at the Koola Avenue Shopping Centre

- Aware of crime in your area?
- Want to keep your home & family secure?
- Know the latest crime prevention advice and tips available?
- Know about eyewatch on Facebook and the up-to-date information you can get from your local Police and Neighbourhood Watch?
- Not into Facebook – come and sign up for our weekly eyewatch eNewsletter, a compilation of the local crime news, sent directly into your inbox!
- A particular issue bothering you?



Your local Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are looking forward to meeting you and sharing the latest crime prevention advice and FREE give-aways.

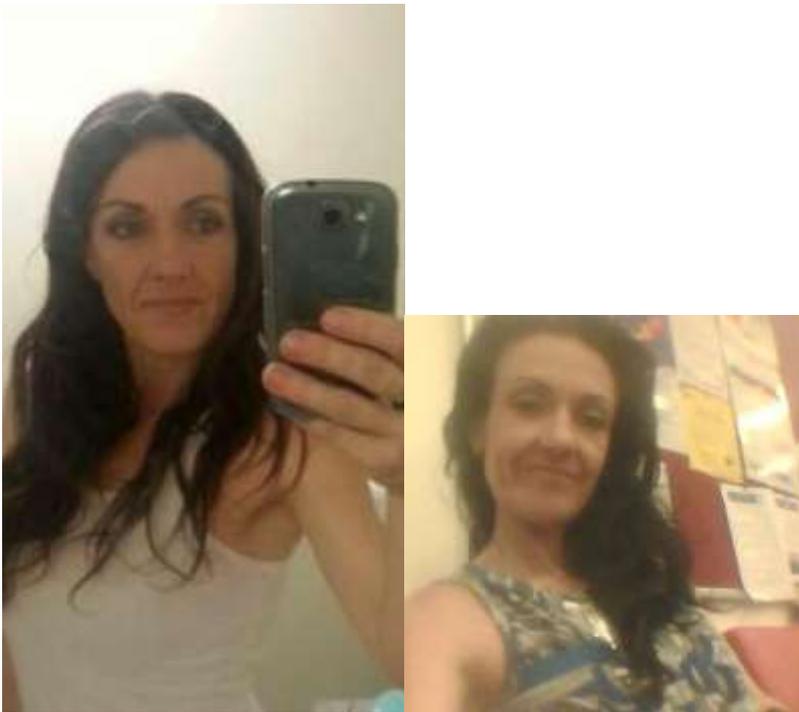


FREE Car Rego Plate Locking Screws
FREE Key-rings, Screen Wipes, Magnets, etc.
FREE colouring-in, moneybox, puzzles, tattoos, fingerprinting and balloons for the kids!
FREE Little Black Book of Scams!
FREE 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series

Neighbourhood Watch supported by NSW Police Force Kuring-gal command

01 October: Police are appealing for assistance from the public to help them track down a woman missing from Sydney's north.

Rebecca Miller, a 41-year-old from Normanhurst, has been missing for more than a week. She was last seen driving near her home, on Stuart Avenue, in a white Holden Commodore around 9.30am on Sunday 20 September 2015. A maroon coloured car, being driven by another woman, and carrying two of Miller's young children, was also seen driving along Stuart Avenue at the same time. Police and other authorities are keen to speak to Ms Miller and encourage anyone who knows where she may be to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



01 October, from NRMA Motoring & Services: TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle A. You must give way to:

- Vehicle C only,
- Both vehicle B and C,

- Vehicle B only?



TEST ANSWER: The correct answer is "Vehicle B only". Vehicle A must give way to vehicle B. Vehicle C is turning right from the terminating road at a T-intersection; a driver turning from the terminating road at a T-intersection must give way to all vehicles on the continuing road (except those performing a U-turn). Vehicle C must give way to vehicles A and B. Vehicle A must then give way to vehicle B as a driver turning right from the continuing road at a T-intersection must give way to any vehicle travelling in the opposite direction turning left at the intersection.

View NSW Road Rule 73(2)(a) & 73(6)(a) [here](#).

30 September: Hornsby Police news, 26/09/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring Gai Local Area Command. Please also have a look at the latest stats.

Incident: Motor Vehicle crash

Time/Date: 1420 26/09/2015

Place: Mono Vale Road St Ives Cross of Ayres Road

Vehicle 1: Gold Toyota Camry

Driver 1: 83 yr male

Details: About 16:20pm on Saturday the 26th September 2015, vehicle one a Gold

Toyota Camry travelled south along Mono Vale Road.
Whilst the vehicle was in motion the driver is reported to have had a micro sleep.
The driver jolted awake and noticed the vehicle veering towards the kerb.
The driver was unable to control the vehicle and as a result the vehicle collided with a kerb side tree.
The result of the impact caused the vehicle to uplift and land on the roof.
The impact of the collision caused significant damage to the vehicle.
At the time the driver did not suffer any extensive injury however, was conveyed by ambulance to Royal North Shore for minor chest pain.

A question of fitness will be addressed to the Roads Maritime Service.

Incident: Drink Driving - PCA
Time/Date: 1400 26/09/2015
Place: Intersection of Pacific Highway and Yallambee Rd, Berowra
Vehicle 1: 2009 Grey Toyota Corolla
Driver 1: 44 yr male

Details: Police were conducting patrols of the area and observed a Grey Toyota vehicle overtaking other vehicles. Police have stopped the vehicle and conducted a breath test on the driver which was positive.
The male was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police station to undergo a Breathe Analysis Test which resulted in a high range reading.

Court: The male was issued with a Court Attendance Notice, and the matter will be heard at Hornsby Local court.

Incident: Motor Vehicle crash
Time/Date: 2100 27/09/2015
Place: Mono Vale Road St Ives Cross of Richmond Ave
Vehicle 1: 2011 Black Mercedes

Driver 1: 44 yr male

Details: Driver was travelling southbound along Mona Vale Road St Ives.

The road condition at this time was wet and it was raining slightly.

Driver has approached the part of the road where the speed limit changes from 80 kilometres an hour to 60.

Driver has changed lanes to enter the lane closest to the gutter.

At this time the vehicle has hit the gutter and collided with a wooden power pole at an estimated speed of 60 kilometres an hour.

The force of the collision has caused the power pole to split in half and to be held up mainly by it's own wires.

The vehicles airbags have deployed. The Driver was conveyed to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Police and fire service personnel arrived on scene a short time later and assessed the location blocking pedestrian access on the affect side of the street and closing 2 of the three southbound lanes for motorist safety.

Energy Australia staff have attended the scene and secured the pole.

The vehicle was towed form the location.

The Driver was undergoing further scans to rule out internal damage and stated he was otherwise fine.

END

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Other
ARCADIA						
ASQUITH			2			
BEROWRA	1		1			
BROOKLYN						
CDWAN			1			
GALSTON				1		
GORDON	1					
HORNSBY			6			
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA						
MT COLAH						
MT KURRING GAI						
NORMANHURST			1			
PYMBLE	2		2			Fraud
ST IVES	1		1			
THORNLEIGH	1			2		
TURRAMURRA			1	2		Fraud
WAHROONGA						
WATARA			2			
WARRANSEE						
WEST PYMBLE						
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	25/9 to 25/9					

Asquith - Stealing 3

Berowra - Break & Enter (B&E) 1, Malicious Damage (Mal Dam) 1, Stealing 1

Cowan - Mal Dam 1

Galston - Stealing 1

Gordon - B&E 1

Hornsby - Stealing 6

Normanhurst - Mal Dam 1

Pymble - B&E 2, Stealing 2, Fraud

St Ives - B&E 1, Stealing 1

Thornleigh - B&E 1, Stealing 2

Turrumurra - Mal Dam 1, Stealing 2, Fraud

Waitara - Stealing 2.

30 September: [Says it all really](#)



30 September: October Long Weekend - Double Demerits and Operation

Slow Down

In addition to the long weekend double demerits Operation Slow Down is to be conducted between Friday 2nd Oct and Mon 5th Oct inclusive. Kuring-Gai Local Area Command as with all Commands will as a result be focused upon targeting drivers regarding Speeding, Drink and Drug Driving Offences and the Failure to wear seat belts in vehicles and helmets on motor cycles.

Add to this that every Police vehicle is a mobile RBT so don't be surprised to be stopped and tested and equally don't be surprised when you lose your licence and receive an appointment before the Court if you cannot get the message, because if that is you, the Police and the community don't want you on the road.

As the same rules regarding Alcohol relate to boating, you can expect to be tested on the Hawkesbury River also, so be sensible and stay safe.

30 September, from Hornsby SHire Council: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLORENCE STREET AND FOOTBRIDGE

As part of the construction of a new Hornsby Footbridge the current bridge will be temporarily closed a number of times over the next week, while Florence Street will be temporarily closed to vehicles. Pedestrians will be able to cross George Street at the traffic lights at Burdett Street and Peats Ferry Road. Residents and businesses will have vehicle access via Hunter Lane, which will be under traffic control.

“Works of this nature always cause some disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience,” Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell said.

“At moments like this all we can do is remember how exciting it will be to have the new footbridge, which will be twice as wide as the current bridge and include two lifts.”

The closures will occur on the following days:

Friday 2 October – several short closures of Florence Street

Tuesday 6 October – several short closures of Florence Street

Wednesday 7 October – Florence Street and footbridge closed from 3pm to midnight

Thursday 8 October – Footbridge closed from 7am to 12pm

Friday 9 October – Florence Street closed from 7am to 3pm

Throughout this period there will be a significant amount of noise, as a temporary ramp is installed and sections of the old bridge are demolished. “It’s not going to be much fun – there’s no other way to say it – but we sincerely hope this doesn’t diminish anybody’s excitement about finally having a new bridge,” Mayor Russell said.

It’s possible that weather and other factors could delay this work. For up to date information on the closures visit Council’s website [here](#).



Draft Tips for Carers #2: If you are caring for someone and leave the home, please don't leave a message in a visible place, such as a note in the door jamb, ready for the next carer's attention. Anything obvious like that leaves the client at risk. It would be better to leave the note in the letterbox, or work out a non-recognisable clue system, such as a pair of orange shoes left outside the door (!)

UPCOMING CRIME PREVENTION EVENT: St John's Anglican Church Annual Fête - Saturday 10 October 9am-2pm St John's Anglican Church, St John's Ave, Gordon. We'd love to see you there!

And the next date after that?

East Killara Community Engagement Day - 10am-12noon Saturday 24 October, Koola Ave Shops, East Killara.

We'd love to see you there also!

Q: Where do you get all your information from?

A: The local Police Facebook page. View [here](#). This information is provided by NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), also known as the guys at Hornsby Police Station. The page can be viewed without being registered with the Facebook website. As you scroll down the page you go back in time through the posts as they were posted.



Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 shared the September Crime Stats:

BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	STANHOPE RD	2/09/2015	1400
GRAFFITI	CHURCH HILL LN/HENRY ST	5/09/2015	408

	(Gordon Railway Station)		
GRAFFITI	CHURCH HILL LN & HENRY ST (“)	5/09/2015	2007
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	CHURCH HILL LN & HENRY ST (“)	11/09/2015	1808
ASSAULT COMMON	Killara	21/09/2015	900
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	ROSEDALE RD	23/09/2015	1840
GRAFFITI	WERONA AVE	27/09/2015	1724

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies':

Tip#1: IDENTIFY YOUR POWER TOOLS USING AN ENGRAVER, AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER OR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH . Stolen power tools are easily bought & sold at garage & car boot sales.

Did you know? The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station has 8 power engravers that can be borrowed free of charge. Call 9476 9799.

From Drug Alcohol Research & Training, Paul Dillon: Pre-parties, alcohol and security - Is it any wonder that parents are reluctant to host teen parties?

View full blog [here](#).

A REMINDER TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS AND CATS

To register a pet with Ku-ring-gai Council, [click here](#).

To register a pet with Hornsby Shire Council, [click here](#).

Don't forget to change your details if you **move house** - within 14 days of moving!
Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to \$880, or up to \$5,500 for a dangerous

or restricted dog.

Want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch within the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai regions? View their website [here](#), or [email us](#) for particular information.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 01 October:

REMEMBER THE BRAVE FALLEN NATIONAL Police Remembrance Day is one of the most important events on the NSW Police Force calendar. It is a day when members of the NSW Police Force and the community remember those officers who have given their lives in the course of their duties. This year's service was held on Tuesday at the NSW Police Wall of Remembrance in The Domain, Sydney, as well as other locations across the state, nation, and the South West Pacific region. It's also a time to remember both sworn and unsworn members of the NSW Police Force who lost their lives through illness, accident or other circumstances in the previous 12 months. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Kuring-

gai Local Area Command

TURRAMURRA Police have released a description of a woman wanted over the theft of 86 bottles of vitamin pills, worth \$1593, from the Coles store in Ray St between 9am last Thursday and 4pm Friday. She is described as being aged in her mid-30s, 165cm tall, caucasian appearance, with brown hair, wearing black pants and a black top.

ASQUITH The Liquorland store has had three bottles of vodka stolen in separate incidents. About 4.05pm Friday, a male, in his mid-20s entered the store and left with a \$40 bottle of vodka. He is described as being of Middle Eastern appearance, stocky build, wearing a grey hoodie with white writing on the front, navy track pants and white trainers. That evening, about 8pm, another \$40 bottle was stolen from a display shelf by a male, aged about 23, 180cm tall, slim build, caucasian appearance, wearing a black hoodie with a Puma logo, black cap, khaki pants and black leather hi-top shoes. Then at 6.45pm Monday a \$65 bottle was stolen by a male, aged about 16, wearing a black cap, black hoodie, brown cargo pants and black and white shoes.

WESTLEIGH A handbag, mobile phone, iPad and set of keys were stolen from a home in Euroka Rd between 12.30am and 2.30am Tuesday while the residents were asleep upstairs. The thieves also stole the victim's car, a 2013 grey Holden Commodore. Police said a lock on the ground floor rear door was manipulated to gain entry to the property.

THORNLEIGH A generator, 200kg of scrap copper and two two-way radios with a charger, worth \$8400, were stolen from a construction site on Pennant Hills Rd between 4.30pm Friday and 6.30am Monday.

DANGAR ISLAND Police have received two callouts for medical incidents at Dangar Island. A 72-year-old woman fell and injured her hip about 10.30am on Sunday. The police boat transported paramedics to the island and then transported the woman back to a waiting ambulance which took her to the Sydney Adventist Hospital. About 3am Monday police were again called out to the island after a

woman fell out of bed but her injuries were not serious.

COWAN An 82-year-old motorist returned to her Holden Astra in the carpark of the Muogamarra Nature Reserve to find that scratch marks had been made down both sides of the vehicle between 9.30am and 5pm Friday. The cost of the damage is estimated at \$3500.

GALSTON Four teenagers entered the Bliss Hair and Beauty salon in the Galston shopping village about 3.35pm Saturday and left with a gold wallet containing \$500 cash that was sitting on the front counter. One was 180cm tall, with a medium build, a tattoo extending from his right cheek down to his jaw, wearing a navy T-shirt and shorts, with a black Lacoste bum bag slung across his shoulder. One of the other teens was about 180cm tall, with a medium build, fair hair in a mohawk style and wearing grey clothing.

WAHROONGA A woman was taken to Hornsby Hospital for observation after an accident at the intersection of Fox Valley Rd and Lucinda Ave about 4pm Friday. The 28-year-old driver lost control of her vehicle at a roundabout and hit a tree, causing the car to flip onto its roof.

NORMANHURST Two windows at Normanhurst West Public School were smashed between 8am Sunday and 7am Monday. The damage is estimated at \$600.

Struggles with illegal brothels PROVING an illegal brothel is operating is “far from simple” because of the level of evidence required and how operators conceal their activities, Hornsby Council has told an inquiry. The council’s submission into the State Government inquiry into brothel regulation said it required “significant” resources and money to prove an illegal brothel. Following the council’s unsuccessful court challenge to one establishment earlier this year, its submission said courts required evidence that sexual services were being offered by more than one prostitute on an ongoing basis as well as statements from complainants who were offered sex, and payments from employers made to the prostitutes, among other proof. Private investigators must then return to check whether the

suspected brothel had complied with the council's orders. The council's submission urged the government to take over regulation of the industry from councils, and to remove confusion over the definition of brothels. A final report on the inquiry is due on November 12.

From the North Shore Times 02 October:

5 LINDFIELD A man, 22, of Lindfield, was charged with trespassing and driving while suspended after allegedly fleeing police on Friday last week. North shore police were patrolling Tryon Rd, about 4pm, when it is alleged they passed a white Holden ute that stopped upon seeing police. The ute then allegedly accelerated before driving into a nearby driveway. Police followed the ute down the driveway and saw the driver get out of the car and run to the backyard of a house. Police followed on foot and caught a man, 22. It was found that the man was a disqualified driver and the residents had not given him permission to be on their property. He will face Hornsby court next month.

6 ST IVES A St Ives man who shouted a range of obscenities at police in a patrol car as he walked along Pittwater Rd, in Mona Vale, on Sunday, at 1am, was charged with using offensive language and fined \$500.

One from the archives... 29 April 2013

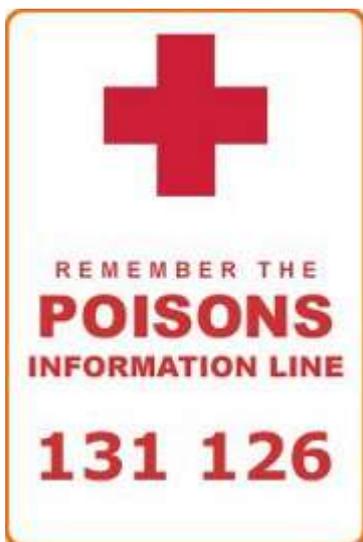
From Arcadia Fire Brigade: Tips for Safe Chemical Storage and Use: Keep your home safe!

The NSW Fire Brigades recommends this simple safety checklist:

- Read the label before purchasing any chemical. Understand the correct use and

the dangers posed by the chemical.

- Choose the least dangerous product that will do the job, especially if children are present.
- Lock chemicals in a cabinet out of the reach of children. Where possible, store liquid chemicals below dry chemicals. Remember children are curious, inventive and good climbers.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Handle with extreme caution. Use recommended protective equipment: gloves, safety goggles, etc. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Wash cleaning rags after use, and before throwing in the rubbish.
- Seal chemicals in their original containers. Do not reuse empty containers or repack product in different containers.
- Remember some medicines look like soft drinks or lollies. Lock them away from children.
- Do not mix chemicals.
- Do not prepare more chemical than you need for the job.
- Do not use chemicals for jobs for which they are not intended.
- Do not pour chemicals down the drain, the toilet or the gutter.



Dates for the Diary:

OCTOBER - Mental Awareness Month

Saturday 17 October: House & Garden Stall for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, 9am Kendall St Mall, West Pymble.

Saturday 17 October: Turramurra Uniting Church Flea Market, 830-2pm.

Sunday 18 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 October: TV & Computer recycling 9-4pm St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

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.

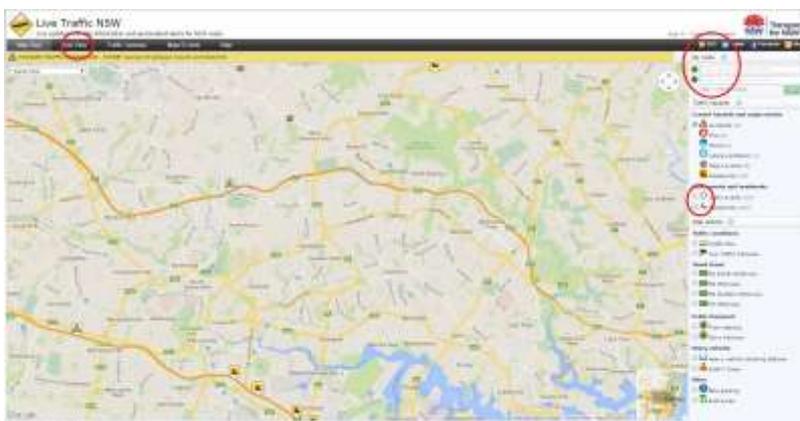
Monday 26 October: SES Member Info Night: 7:30-9pm Esk St, Wahroonga

Saturday 31 October: CareFlight's Open Day Westmead Operations Base. 1hr tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. **RSVP essential:** events@careflight.org or 02 9843 5176.

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

Wednesday 25 November: White Ribbon Day.

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you? (Sorry, but the list is getting too long for us to include!)



View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#). [We like the 'Text View' menu option and include 'Other Events' and 'Roadworks'. Maybe try popping in the 'My Route' option and see how that works? - Ed]

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

Thanks to Cop Humour: There is currently a gang of thieves going through Perth shopping centres, systematically shoplifting clothes in size order...

The police believe they are still at large.

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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