



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 Kuring-gai Police 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. [Click here](#) to join our distribution list.

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!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

May 18, Hornsby Police news, The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Crime report; incidents since Friday.

Drug offences.

Killara 15th youths stopped in car Cannabis and bongs found, received a caution.
Waitara 16th adult male found in public toilet drug affected, ICE was located,
charged with possess prohibited drug.

Stealing offences

Wahroonga 17th number plates stolen
Hornsby Heights 16th
Asquith 16th Copper pipe stolen
Hornsby 17th Shop stealing
Normanhurst 16th Steal from motor vehicle
St Ives 16th

Break, enter & steal

Arcadia 16th
Hornsby 15th (X2)
Pymble 15th

Malicious Damage (Graffiti)

Hornsby 16th
Thornleigh 17th

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

May 18, IDENTITY THEFT (1/2): If you've ever had your identity stolen, you'll know the impact can be financially and emotionally devastating. Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information for illegal purposes. It's one of the most common crimes in Australia. With the use of mobile telephones, tablets, and computers now commonplace in people's lives, it's important to protect your identity online:

- DON'T let anybody else access your personal information or your devices.
- DON'T give anyone remote access to your devices.
- DON'T access emails senders you don't know.
- DON'T share your personal or financial information online such as driver's licence details, date of birth, etc.

For more tips, visit <http://goo.gl/ghVS1p>

Many thanks to the [#FraudWeek](#) campaign sponsors " NSW Department of Justice, Police Bank and Westpac. [#FraudWeekNSW](#)



May 18, The NSW Police Force is urging people to protect themselves from fraud in a crime prevention campaign being launched during National Consumer Fraud Week.

Fraud offences cost the Australian economy billions of dollars each year and in NSW alone 43,000 fraud incidents were reported to police in the 12 months to February 2015.

View full story at [Kuring-gai LAC facebook](#).

May 17, Domestic violence: Government pledges \$4m for helpline, considers monitoring offenders using GPS technology.

The Federal Government has pledged an extra \$4 million in funding for the 1800 RESPECT helpline for the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Social Services Minister Scott Morrison said there had been a surge in calls to the counselling service.

For more, [click here](#).

May17, Thousands of NSW motorists are having cars captured in an elaborate

ransom scam worth millions of dollars.



Thousands of NSW motorists are having their cars captured by tow truck operators and affiliated crash repairers as part of an elaborate, hostage-style racket worth tens of millions of dollars.

A Sun-Herald investigation has found that sections of the accident towing industry are exploiting distressed, not-at-fault drivers at crash scenes by convincing them to sign "authority to act" forms.

Sydney Morning Herald has the full story. [Click here.](#)

May 15, Australian federal Police

Your credit card may be your weapon of choice while shopping duty-free, but thatâ€™s where it must stop.

Credit card knives are a prohibited weapon and their carriage is not permitted on aircraft.

If you carry a credit card knife, you will be caught and you will face court. Just ask the young man who was found guilty and fined \$300 this week for carrying a credit card knife through a domestic airport.

May 14, Pensionerâ€™s mobility scooter stolen from his home will cost him his freedom for weeks A MOBILITY scooter and its charger were stolen in broad daylight from the home of a 76-year-old pensioner in Roseville last week.

The scooter, worth about \$5000, was taken from under a carport while it was plugged into its charger in the garage.



If you saw anything suspicious in the area around Trafalgar Ave on Thursday last week phone North Shore LAC on 9414 8500.
For more, [click here.](#)

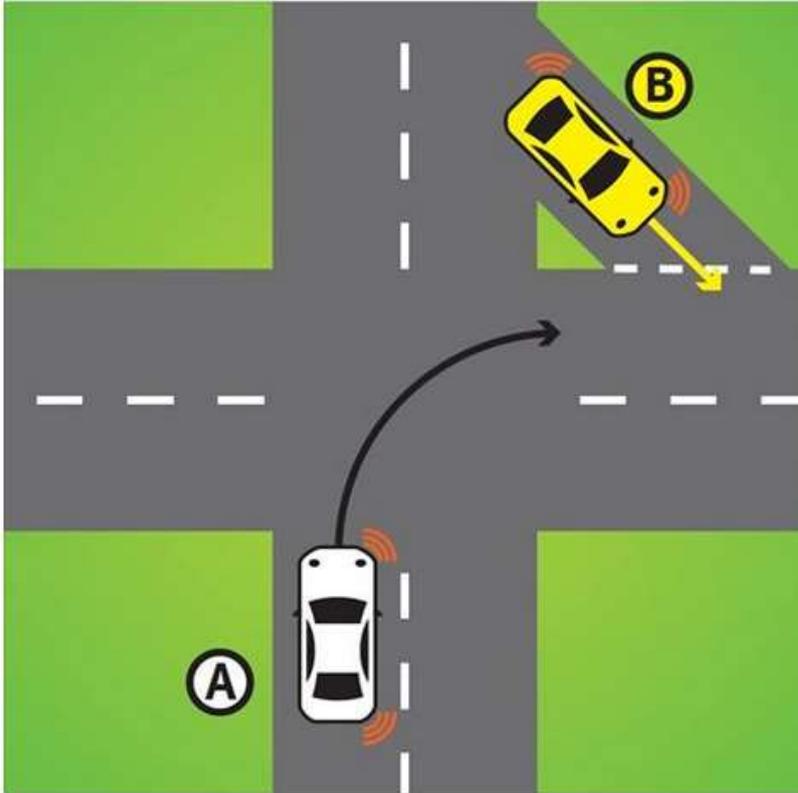
May 12, Is your fog light knowledge, foggy?

Margaret always has her fog lights on at night, no matter the condition. Her husband, Geoff, has told her to turn them off - but she cannot understand why. In what conditions do you think fog lights are allowed?

May 12, TEST TIME: Which vehicle must give way?

Vehicle B

Vehicle A



In this scenario Vehicle B must give way to vehicle A.
A driver entering a road from a slip lane must give way to all vehicles (except those performing a U turn) on the road they are entering.

May 12, Another scam to be careful of:



Got a suspicious SMS from 'ANZ Bank'? Be on the look out for the latest scam SMS which asks recipients to click a link to verify your account details, or the account will be deactivated. This is a fraudulent message - we will never ask you to verify your account details like this. Please share to protect your friends and family!

May 11, Kuring Gai Police respond to incident in Wahroonga

About 9am this morning Police received a report of a number of persons arguing in a carpark at Wahroonga and that it was believed one of the persons within the group was in possession of a firearm. As Police arrived at the scene information was forthcoming that three of the persons involved were leaving the area in a small white vehicle. Officers from Hornsby located and stopped the vehicle on the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga. As a result of a search of the vehicle a replica handgun was located and the 49 year old male in possession of it was arrested. This is further evidence of how the local community and Kuring Gai Police work together to keep our area safe.

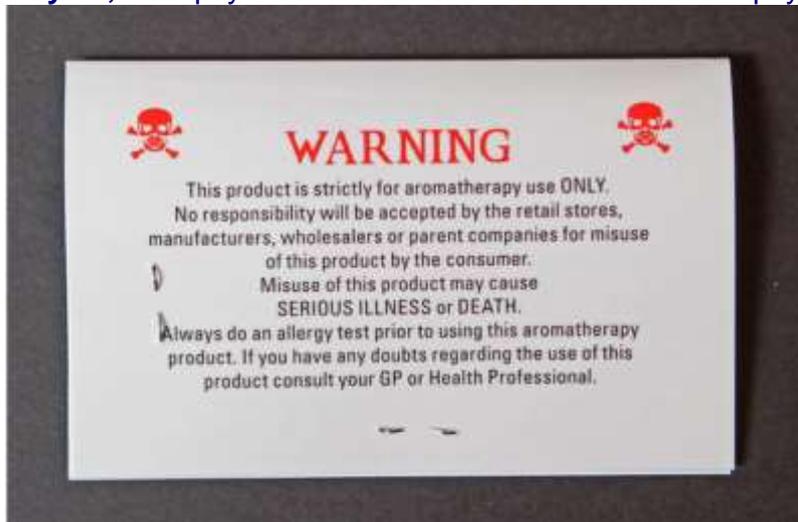
May 11, Shedding light on red light speed cameras.

They are labelled 'safety cameras' on signage but their alternative name is more accurate.

For more, [click here](#).



May 11, New psychoactive substances: What are new psychoactive substances?



For more, [click here](#).

May 11, Breaking Bad computer ransomware encrypts files, asks for up to \$1,000 to regain access.

A new computer virus has begun spreading in Australia that references the Breaking Bad TV show in a ransom note demanding up to \$1,000 to decrypt files it infects.

For more, [click here](#).



Your important files have been encrypted: photos, documents, videos, etc.

If you want to decrypt your files you must pay the fee of \$450 AUD

Failure to pay within the specified time will mean you must pay \$1000 AUD

For support related inquires contact:

theonewhoknocks [redacted]@mailinator.com

Payment Instructions

Your Bitcoin Address: [redacted]

What does this mean? You must pay **\$450 AUD** in order to have your files decrypted now, or **\$1000 AUD** after **10.05.2015 - 09:35**.

How do I pay? We have tried to simplify this process as much as possible. By creating your own Bitcoin wallet for you, all you will need to do is contact a friendly Bitcoin exchange and **quote your Bitcoin wallet address**, they will walk you through the rest.

[How to purchase Bitcoins?](#)

1. Go to www.btcx.com

Here you will see a list of Bitcoin sellers, you will need to choose your favoured payment method

- Cash (Bank and ATM Deposits/Withdrawals)
- Western Union
- Remittance

Alternatively there are private exchangers you can contact to make the payment.

NOTE: When speaking to the Bitcoin exchangers do not tell them that you are paying for a ransom, that may affect you.

May 11, Use this poster to remind yourself and others of the 10 tips to protect your [#privacy](https://twitter.com/privacy): <http://bit.ly/1HPQkOQ>.



May 11, Meth - Not Even Once

A compilation of "Meth - Not Even Once" commercials issued by The Meth Project® <http://www.methproject.org/>
For more, [click here](#)

May 11, Man sought on arrest warrant for fraud related offences:

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man depicted in the attached photos who is wanted by virtue of an arrest warrant.

Andrew Victor ADAMOPOULOS, age 45, is wanted on a first instance warrant in relation to numerous fraud offences.

ADAMOPOULOS is described as being caucasian in appearance, around 180cm tall, of medium build, with fair complexion, brown hair and green/hazel eyes. It is not known how his appearance may have changed over the years.

Anyone who sees him or knows of his whereabouts should not approach him but contact police via Triple Zero (000) or Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

For more details, [click here](#).





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Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 23 May: Rotary Club of Wahroonga's **Trivia Night to Fundraise for Nepal, 7pm** at Abbotsleigh Old Gym 1666 Pacific Highway (Cnr Ada Avenue), Wahroonga. [More info.](#)

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut at St Ives Showground. 9-3:30pm. [More info.](#)

Wednesday 03 June: 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

Thursday 04 June: **FREE** Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers. 6:30pm Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Diane 9424 0798. [More info.](#)

Monday 22 June: **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](#).

Thursday 25 June, 10am-12pm Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building

Monday 13 July: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm Hornsby Police Station. All welcome!

Monday 28 September 2015: Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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](#).

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Saturday 24 October: East Killara Crime Prevention event, 10-12 Koola Ave.

May 18, Here are 23 texting acronyms every parent should know.

Fifty years ago, the idea of texting from a mobile phone would seem like science fiction. Now it's all most teenagers do.

Teenagers rarely spell out words while texting, opting to use acronyms instead. When attempting to decipher the codes, it can feel like translating a language. For more, [click here](#).

May13, Australian Institute of Emergency Services Australia and New Zealand Division's event:

Tickets Now Available - The Australian Institute of Emergency Services -
Emergency Management Resilience Forum

Friday, May 22 at 8:00am

2 Olympic Boulevard Sydney Olympic Park NSW.



Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW.

BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) - 400m south of Hawkesbury River

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 19 Apr 2015 - Sat 30 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time
Check signage

Other Work to stabilise the rock face south of the Hawkesbury River will take
Info: place every night except Saturday.

MIDDLE DURAL Old Northern Rd between Wylds Rd and Galston Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 24 May 2015 - Fri 10 Jul 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed

Other Info: Traffic controllers will be on site. There will be detours in place on some nights. Traffic will be diverted onto Mid Dural Rd and Galston Rd. Motorists are advised to expect delays of up to 5 minutes.

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry

SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE

Date: Tue 9 Jun 2015 - Tue 9 Jun 2015

Boundary Road, New Line Road, Galston Road, Arcadia Road and Bay

Diversions: Road.

This route is not suitable for all vehicles.

Advice: Use alternative route

Other Info: Ferry services will not operate on the second Tuesday of each month between 12pm and 2.30pm.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Tue 31 Mar 2015 - Mon 15 Jun 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Sat (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected
Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution

Other Info: Safety improvement works. There will be no day work on Sundays and no night work on Saturdays.

ROSEVILLE Boundary St between Archer St and Ferncourt Ave

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sat 2 May 2015 - Tue 2 Jun 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Every night (10.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage
Exercise caution

ROSEVILLE Boundary Rd between Pacific Hwy and Archbold Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 3 May 2015 - Sat 30 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Wed (9am to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu to Fri (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected
Other Info: There will be one lane available to each direction of traffic.

WAHROONGA Pacific Hwy between Woodville Rd and Fox Valley Rd
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Fri 24 Apr 2015 - Fri 22 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Wed (9:30pm to 5am) Southbound affected
Thu to Fri (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Other Info: Two of three southbound lanes will close.

MOONEY MOONEY M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) near Jolls Bridge
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 3 May 2015 - Fri 29 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution

Other Info: Safety improvement work.

[Click here](#) for Live Traffic NSW website.

From the North Shore Times, 15 May:

3 ROSEVILLE A unit in Corona Ave was broken into on Saturday between 11.30am and 9pm. Police said the intruder came in through a window. Contact Chatswood police on 9414 8500, if you saw anything .

8 WAHROONGA A man, 49, was arrested after he was allegedly seen with a replica pistol in a carpark. Police received a report of people arguing in a carpark at Wahroonga and were told one of the group was armed with a gun about 9am on Tuesday morning. When police arrived at the carpark they were told three people had just left in a small white car. Police stopped the car on the Pacific Hwy at Wahroonga and during a search of the car found a replica handgun and charged a man with possession of it.

11 PYMBLE Four motorbikes worth more than \$21,000 were stolen from a garage at a house on Nadene Place between 8pm on Monday and Tuesday morning. The garage door was closed but not locked. The owner had advertised two of the bikes for sale online at the Gumtree website within the past two weeks.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 15 May:

2 THORNLEIGH Graffiti vandals broke into a classroom at Thornleigh West Public School and spray-painted swear words and a phallic symbol on the walls sometime between 4pm Saturday and noon Sunday. The vandals also urinated in the room.

4 TURRAMURRA A man was arrested after a number of items belonging to other people were found in his car on Sunday afternoon. Police were conducting checks on vehicles in Spurwood Rd about 4pm when they noticed a car with an expired registration. They stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who was found to have a suspended learner's licence. A search of the vehicle located three wallets, five pairs of sunglasses, reading glasses, two GPS units and a quantity of green vegetable matter.

6 HORNSBY HEIGHTS
Jewellery was stolen during a break-in at a home in Somerville Rd between 8.30am and 7.10pm on Monday. Police said the owner came home to find the front door open and a number of rooms ransacked. A hammer belonging to the owner was used to break the locks on a floor safe.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Online Services Portal

Council offers a wide range of online services, giving residents convenient access 24 hours a day.

Registered users are able to access additional services. [Log in](#) or [Register now](#).

If you have previously registered with Online Services and have not yet received your username and password to log in to our new portal, you can request your new details by emailing colservices@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. Don't forget to include your name or company name along with your previous username.

From Kuringai Council:

14 May, Community urged to have their say on Fit for the Future

Ku-ring-gai Council is consulting residents about the NSW Government's proposed reforms to local government.

For more, [click here](#).

13 May, More markets in Ku-ring-gai a step closer

A Council decision this week will pave the way for a public car park in St Ives to host occasional markets.

For more, [click here](#).

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac 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

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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