



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.

22 June: Hornsby Police news, 22/6/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Middle range drink driving and crash

Time/Date: About 6.45pm Saturday 20th

Place: Margaret Avenue, Hornsby Heights.

Vehicle 1: Holden

Driver 1: 65 year old male.

Vehicle 2: Landcruiser

Details: Police were called to Margaret Avenue as a result of a car crash. At the scene police saw a Commodore and a Landcruiser with crash damage. The Commodore driver identified and was subjected to a roadside breath test, which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A follow up test gave a result of .120. The driver had his licence suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The male driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court at a date to be set charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 1.20pm Saturday 20th

Place: Old Northern Road, Glenorie.

Vehicle 1: Lancer

Driver 1: 46 year old female.

Vehicle 2: Nissan Navara

Vehicle 3: Rigid table top truck.

Details: The driver of the lancer has commenced overtaking a car on Old Northern Road, part way through this a Nissan Navara appeared travelling in the opposite direction. The Nissan has commenced moving off the road to avoid a crash but was struck by the Lancer. The Lancer deflected off the Nissan and hit a truck parked in a driveway before veering off the truck and into the centre of the roadway. Police and ambulance officers attended, rescue was required to attend to cut the Lancer driver out of her wrecked car. The driver was taken to Westmead Hospital for minor injuries. Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to taking any action.

Incident: Speeding offence

Time/Date: About 4.05pm Sunday 21st

Place: Pacific Highway, Cowan.

Vehicle 1: Yamaha

Driver 1: 21 year old male

Details: Highway patrol officers have sighted the Yamaha near the 'pie in the sky' at Cowan. A radar check was carried out and it is alleged the Yamaha was travelling at 155km/h in the 80km/h speed zone. The rider was stopped and spoken to. The rider received a ticket for exceeding the speed limit (over 45) and had his licence suspended for 6 months. The bikes rego was also cancelled for 3 months and the plates removed from the bike.

The following are incidents in the Hornsby/Kuring-gai area since 12pm

Friday:

Steal from motor vehicle

2 x incidents Ashley Avenue, Hornsby

Between Sunday and Monday; smashed window nothing stolen and another smashed window, coins and CD's stolen.

St Ives Show Ground a trailer had its tyres stolen between Sunday 14th and Saturday 22nd

Dangar Road, Brooklyn; between Saturday and Monday car had its window smashed with nil stolen.

Malicious Damage incident

Pacific Highway, Mt Colah; between Friday and Saturday a rock was thrown through the window of a car while parked on street.

Steal from retail store incident

About 2.30pm Saturday 20th a male has stolen a drop saw from Bunnings at Thornleigh. CCTV footage is available and a car has been identified.

Break, enter & steal incidents.

Fairlawn Avenue, Turramurra Monday 22nd Tablet and 2 laptops taken.

Roma Road, St Ives, Friday 19th house broken into with nil apparent stolen.

Kooloona Crescent, West Pymble, Friday 19th Jewellery stolen.

Telegraph Road, Pymble, Friday 19th, house broken into with nil apparent stolen.

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

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22 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Cat burglar warning after jewellery stolen from unit at Wahroonga

POLICE warn there's a "cat burglar" targeting units in the area and to remember to lock all balcony doors. A unit in Munderah St, Wahroonga, was broken into on June 12 after the thief climbed an external wall of the building onto the roof of the foyer and then onto the unit's balcony. Police said the balcony sliding door was unlocked, making it an easy for the thief to enter the property and \$1000 in jewellery was stolen. "Lock all sliding balcony doors no matter what level your unit is on," said Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary. "Cat burglars or those individuals who are motivated or agile enough will climb to access these buildings."

22 June, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Even we are unsure of load restraint requirements for dinosaurs!



22 June, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: "Attitude is everything" police tell NSW road users

Road user behaviour in NSW needs to change after the death of nine people in vehicle crashes across NSW during the past nine days.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

20 June: Police have charged 11 people following a peak-hour blitz across the public transport network yesterday afternoon.

Officers attached to the Police Transport Command and Transport Officers from Sydney Trains conducted Operation Avoidance between 2.30pm and 6.30pm

yesterday (Thursday 18 June 2015) on the public transport network.

The operation targeted fare evasion, anti-social behaviour and criminal activity on trains and buses from Newcastle and the Central Coast, throughout the Sydney Metropolitan area and Wollongong. During the four-hour operation, 11 people were arrested and charged with 14 offences, including drug supply and possession, and possessing weapons. In addition, police and transport officers issued a total 414 rail infringement notices, conducted 48 person searches and patrolled more than 100 trains. Officers also issued move-on directions to 26 people during the operation.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

18 June, thank you to Road Choices: Anyone have a parent teaching them who looks like this?

**IT'S HER FIRST DRIVING LESSON.
DAD IS TAKING SOME PRECAUTIONS**



18 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Fatal crash motivates student's road safety project

THE tragic death of Thornleigh dad Joe Habkouk in a motorcycle accident last month has motivated a student to try to improve road safety in the area. Normanhurst teenager Lucas McLagan is working on a major design project to improve safety on The Esplanade/Yarrara Rd corridor. The project is for his year 11 Design and Technology studies at Turrumurra High School. However, before he begins drafting plans, Lucas is keen to find out what the community wants to see changed.

[Click here](#) for full article and details on how to share your thoughts.

17 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

Police will today release CCTV as they renew their appeal for information relating to the abduction and suspected murder of South Windsor man Brendan Vollmost. Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives are investigating the abduction of Mr Vollmost, 23, who was last seen at his home on the evening of Tuesday 31 March 2015. Detectives will be joined today in their appeal for information by Mr Vollmost's mother, Ms Tammy Slade, as they release CCTV from outside Mr Vollmost's home. They believe the people in the images (apart from Mr Vollmost) could assist with the investigation. Police have also established links between the incident and a group of people called 'Blood Brothers'.





Anyone who can assist detectives with information about this incident should call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

17 June: Police investigating card skimming incidents have released images of a number of people they believe can assist with their inquiries. [edited]

Strike Force Huntington is a Fraud and Cybercrime Squad investigation into

numerous card skimming incidents in NSW.

That includes the placement of a skimming device and camera on an ATM in Pitt Street, in Sydney's CBD, during the evening of Thursday 30 April 2015. Police believe the card details of numerous ATM users were stolen after that time.

Further, on the evening of Saturday 9 May at the same ATM, withdrawals were made using a number of credit and bank cards which had been cloned from details stolen from customers using an ATM in another state. Also under investigation is the use of an ATM in Newcastle in the early hours of Saturday 25 April 2015, to make withdrawals using two counterfeit credit cards. It is unknown if the incidents are linked, but Strike Force Huntington detectives are conducting inquiries into all of them and other similar incidents at ATMs across the state.

They have today released CCTV images of a number of people they believe could assist them with their inquiries. Detectives believe the four people depicted in the images may be able to assist with inquiries, and encourage anyone who may recognise them to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.





While investigations into the latest spate of ATM skimming continues, police are reminding members of the public of the steps they can take to reduce their risk of falling victim to ATM skimmers:

- When using an ATM, always use your hand to cover the key pad when entering your PIN. Without your PIN, criminals cannot access your funds from an ATM.
- Always maintain security of your card.

- Be alert at all times when using your cards to purchase goods or withdraw money from an ATM.
 - Report any people acting suspiciously around ATM's to the police.
 - Regularly check your credit card statements and promptly report any irregularities to your financial institution.
 - Always maintain sight of your card and ensure the transaction is processed in your presence every time you make a purchase.
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16 June, from NSW Fair Trading: Keep your proof of transaction; you might need it if things go wrong. You can find out more about what counts as a proof of transaction on our website, [click here](#).

16 June: Have you nominated yet?



The NSW Police Force Customer Service Excellence Award nominations are well under way. The Award recognises high standards of customer service through personal dealings and professionalism. These awards give you, the community, the chance to nominate a NSW Police officer or un-sworn officer that has gone above and beyond in their duties to assist you in your time of need.

We thank those that have already nominated our hard working colleagues. To date, we've received many nominations and we encourage those that have had an outstanding Customer service experience to nominate those officers for the 2015 Customer Service Excellence Award.

You can nominate now by going to the link, [click here](#). Nominations close on the

27th of September, 2015.

16 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police investigate car fire at Mt Colah

HORNSBY police are investigating an incident where a 4WD was set alight in Mt Colah early Saturday morning. Police were called to Myall Rd about 1.30am where Fire & Rescue crews had responded to a report of a vehicle on fire.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary said the Nissan Patrol is believed to have been stolen from Hornsby Heights. The vehicle, valued at between \$25,000 and \$30,000, was completely destroyed. Anyone with information is asked to call Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

[Click here](#) for link to article.

16 June, Road Rules - Mobile Phones: [Click here](#) to watch video.

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community have said they need more clarification on, like mobile phone laws, roundabout rules and how and why we enforce in school zones. Road safety largely depends on road users being able to understand and follow the road rules, so share the animation links with your friends and colleagues and refresh your memory!

For more information on road rules download the **Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW guide**, [click here](#).

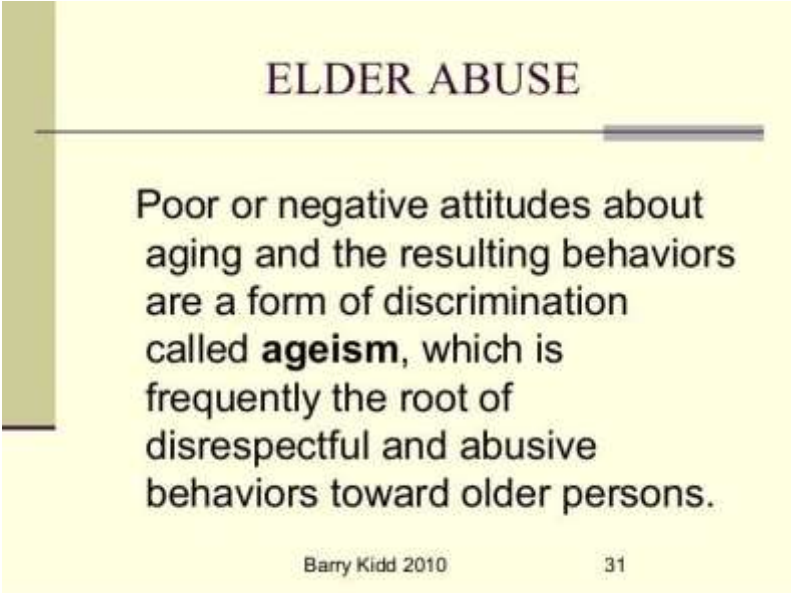
16 June, from Think You Know - Nude Selfies: What parents and carers need to know, [click here](#).

Why do young people share nude selfies? Would you know how to discuss them with your children? Whether you're a parent, carer, teacher or trainer, our new series of animated films, 'Nude Selfies: What parents and carers need to know', aim to help answer these questions. If you're a teacher or trainer, you can download the animations and accompanying guidance pack which will provide you with everything you need to deliver a session with families from, [click here](#).

16 June, from NSW Health: From 6 July 2015 new smoking bans take effect for commercial outdoor dining areas.

Smoking within 10 metres of a food fair stall will be banned. [Click here](#) for more information.

16 June, thank you to Patricia Fleischmann. June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



ELDER ABUSE

Poor or negative attitudes about aging and the resulting behaviors are a form of discrimination called **ageism**, which is frequently the root of disrespectful and abusive behaviors toward older persons.

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Ageism

- Elder abuse is one of the most extreme forms of ageism
- Ageism remains one of the least recognized forms of oppression
- Ageism intersects with other forms of oppression (e.g. gender, race, class, etc.)

16 June, from the Australian Taxation Office:

Your personal details including your date of birth and TFN should be private and never disclosed to anyone except your tax agent and the tax office.

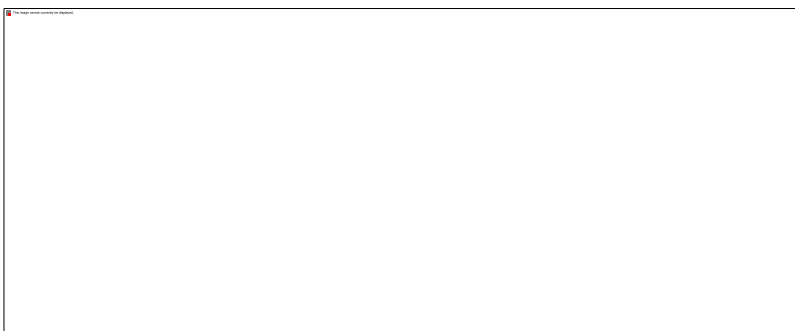
Did you know criminals can use your personal details to set up a business and commit GST fraud in your name? All it can take is your date of birth, address and tax file number (TFN). The emotional and financial toll that identity theft has on victims can be devastating. Don't do the time for someone else's crime; protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft. [Click here](#) for full information.

16 June, from Today:



From Woolworths: ELECTRICAL SAFETY RECALL

Woolworths Supermarkets and BIG W take product safety very seriously and wish to advise customers that they are recalling Portable Room Heaters. [Click here](#) for full details.



From the SES - never play in flood water!



From the Telegraph 18 June: Missing Queensland teenager could be in NSW/Sydney, police searching for her say.



Police have released this picture of Toto, also known as Diana, aged 16.

[Click here](#) for full article.

From News.com.au: Online shoppers must protect themselves as cyber crime theft hits almost \$300 million

[Click here](#) for full article.

From the Hornsby Advocate, June 18:

Trailwalker rescued

A WOMAN in training for this year's Oxfam Trailwalker was rescued on Sunday afternoon after injuring herself in bushland at Cowan Creek. Four firefighters from Berowra Fire & Rescue trekked about 4km to rescue the woman, who had phoned for help about 3.25pm. The woman, who was on her own, had been running through the bush before injuring her ankle. She was relieved to see the firefighters, who carried her on a stretcher for much of the long trek uphill. "It was quarter to five when we got her back to the top of the hill," Berowra firefighter Col Eldridge said. "It was very steep and rugged bushland." Ambulance officers took her to Hornsby Hospital.

Under-age smokes in the firing line

Cigarettes are drugs as well as the illegal ones we usually speak of. It is an offence for children to be sold cigarettes with large fines for those breaking the law. It is also illegal for children to possess tobacco products. Your police have begun seizing tobacco products from children and disposing of them as permitted by law. Children smoking is a health hazard and a child damaging their health and spending their limited money on these products is highly undesirable. The law in this area will be enforced as well as the future changes in outdoor smoking legislation. Please ensure our children remain healthy and safe. Detective Inspector Jon Goss.

Dates for the Diary:

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: Turramurra 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.


Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW



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

SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE

Date: Tue 23 Jun 2015 - Tue 23 Jun 2015

 Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week
Tue (12:00 to 3pm) closed

Advice: Use alternative route
Allow extra travel time

Other Ferry services will not operate on the second Tuesday of each month

Info: between 12pm and 2:30pm.

 **BROOKLYN M1** Pacific Mwy (F3) at Brooklyn

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 24 May 2015 - Fri 31 Jul 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sat to Fri (9pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Allow extra travel time
Work will take place at 400 metres and 3.5 kilometres north of the


Other Hawkesbury River.

Info: Motorists are advised to plan their trip and follow direction of traffic controllers.

 **GALSTON** Galston Rd between Mid Dural Rd and Arcadia Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Tue 23 Jun 2015 - Mon 29 Jun 2015

Impact:  Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (8:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed


Other Work will take place over two nights. Traffic controllers will be on site.

Info: Motorists are advised they may experience minor delays.

 **GORDON** Pacific Hwy between Dumaresq St and St Johns Ave

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 15 Jun 2015 - Thu 25 Jun 2015

Impact:  Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Wed (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected
Thu (10.30pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected
Fri (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected

Advice: Exercise caution
Check signage

Other Info: 2 of 3 lanes will be closed southbound.



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.

NORMANHURST

Pennant Hills Road between Frazer Road and Huddart Avenue

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS Thu 25 Jun 2015 - Fri 24 Jul 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week.

Sunday to Wednesday (9:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thursday (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

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

Advice: Check signage

Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

2 of 3 lanes will close in both directions.



WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pacific Hwy and Edgeworth

David Ave

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Fri 1 May 2015 - Thu 2 Jul 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Thu (11pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Fri (11pm to 6am) Northbound affected
Advice: Expect delays
Exercise caution
Other Info: 2 of 3 northbound lanes will be closed



WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pennant Hills Rd and north of Edgeworth David Ave

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 14 Jun 2015 - Thu 9 Jul 2015



Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun (11pm to 4am) Southbound affected
Impact: Mon to Thu (9pm to 4am) Southbound affected
Mon to Thu (11pm to 5am) Northbound affected
Fri (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected
Fri (11pm to 6am) Northbound affected
Advice: Allow extra travel time
Reduced speed limit (40km/h)
Other Info: 2 of 3 lanes will be closed in each directions on the days indicated.

WAITARA

Pacific Highway between George Street and Romsey Street

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS Wed 24 Jun 2015 - Thu 23 Jul 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week.

Sunday to Wednesday (9:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thursday (10:30pm to 5am) affected

Advice: Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Check signage

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

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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This email has been forwarded to you by Gordon Area 12 / 24 Neighbourhood Watch group. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai LAC, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

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