



Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

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[From our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary] Hornsby Police news, 14/10/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: High range drink driving
Time/Date: About 4pm on Wednesday the 9th
Place: Unwin rd, Waitara
Vehicle 1: Holden Jackaroo
Driver 1: 50 year old male from Warrawee

Details: The Jackaroo was driven along Unwin road, the driver a 50 year old male is alleged to have clipped a parked car which was pushed into another car. The driver is alleged to have walked away. Witnesses have pointed the male out to police who have then spoken to the male. A breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .193. The driver had his license suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 21st of November charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: DUI plus other offences.
Time/Date: About 10.20pm on Saturday the 12th
Place: Pacific Highway, Wahroonga.
Vehicle 1: Toyota Corolla.
Driver 1: 51 year old male from Warrawee.

Details: Highway patrol officers have seen the Corolla on the Pacific highway and it appeared to be wandering in the lanes. The car was stopped and the driver spoken to. A smell of Cannabis was detected coming from the car. The driver was spoken to about this and his car was searched. A small amount of Green vegetable matter police allege is cannabis was found in the car. A flick knife was also allegedly found in the car. Inquiries also revealed the male was on a good behaviour bond. The male was taken to hospital for a blood and urine test.

Court: The male is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 25th of October, Charged with Breach Bail, possess a prohibited drug and possess a prohibited weapon.

Inquiries are continuing into the drive whilst under the influence offence and police will wait the results of test prior to taking any action.

Incident: Car hit by tree

Time/Date: About 6pm on Saturday the 12th

Place: Roach Avenue, Thornleigh.

Details: The owner of a Ford was travelling along Roach avenue when she has heard and felt a thud on the roof of her car. It appears a large branch off a gum tree has fallen and hit the roof of the car. The branch was too large to be removed by hand so council were called to remove the tree.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 5pm on Wednesday the 9th and 7am on Thursday the 10th

Place: Romsey st, Waitara.

Details: A car parked in an underground car park had its window smashed. A handbag containing a wallet, mobile phone and cash was taken as was an overnight bag. The total value is estimated to be \$1,650.

Incident: Steal from dwelling.

Time/Date: Between 5pm on Wednesday the 9th and 7am on Thursday the 10th

Place: Clarke road, Hornsby.

Details: A hand bag containing a wallet and set of keys were taken from a dining table in a home in Clarke road. The home owners were in the rear yard at the time and it appears the offenders may have simply walked in and taken the handbag.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 1.30pm and 10.30pm on Saturday the 12th

Place: Cap park at Kangaroo point wharf.

Details: The car owner had parked their car in the car park. Unknown person/s have smashed a rear window and stolen a GPS unit, a mobile phone and an Ipad and cables. The total value is estimated to be \$860.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 12.50pm and 4.25pm on Wednesday the 9th

Place: Springdale road, Killara

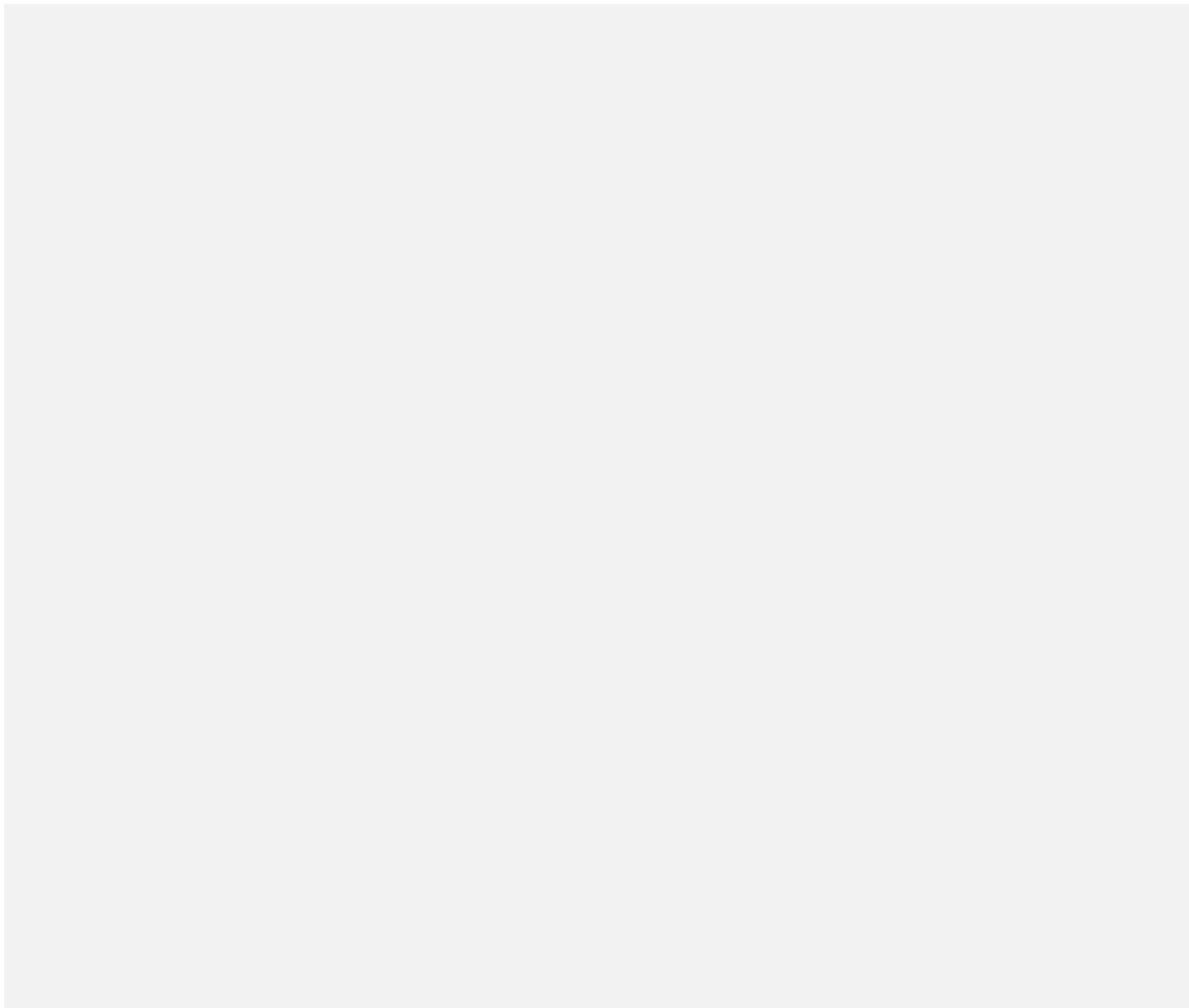
Details: Unknown person/s have jemmied a ground floor rear window and entered

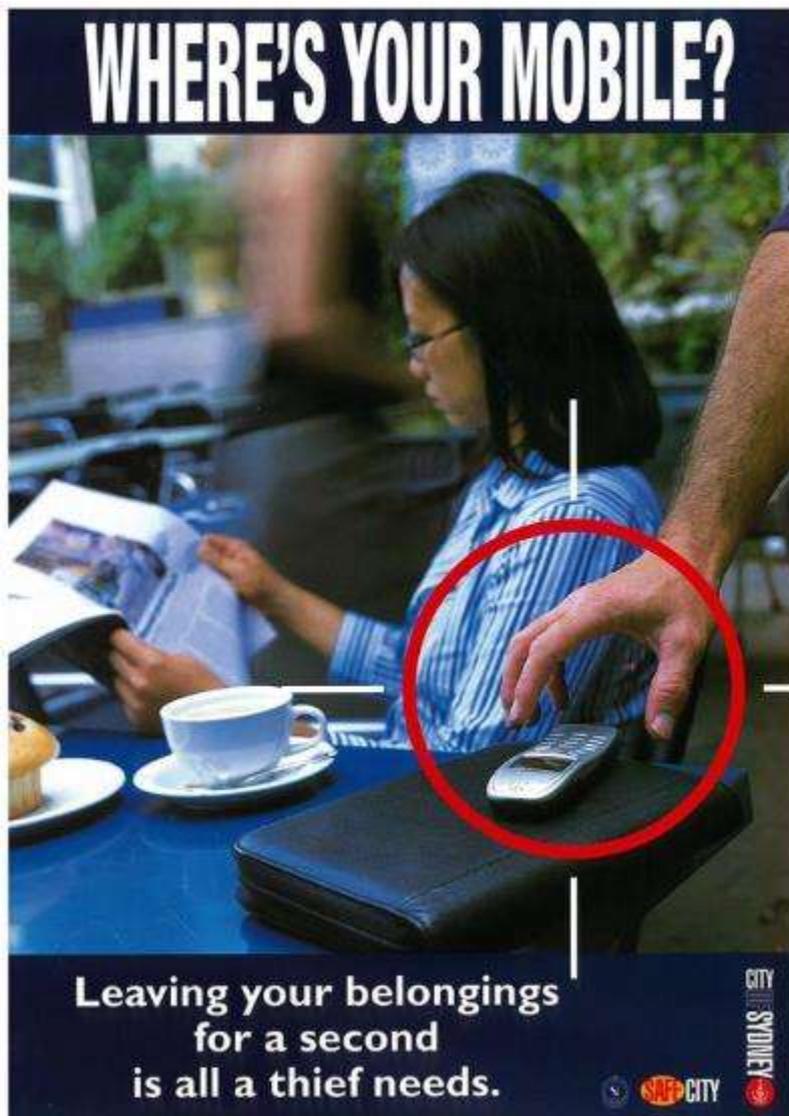
the home. Jewellery was stolen, the type and value of the jewellery is yet to be established.

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.

Lastly please be mindful of where you leave your handbag or mobile phones. A number have been either left behind on benches or seats and subsequently stolen or have been stolen while the owners attention has been away from the phone/bag. Keep a physical hold of your possessions and on't let them out of your sight. Thieves WILL look for an easy target, don't let it be you.

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October 11: Now school is back remember about the school zone offences and the safety of the children. Also parking, if you block an intersection you are committing an offence and inconvenience other drivers as well as created a dangerous area for parents and kids. If you block a persons driveway it gets very annoying for the home owner who just wants to go home or leave their house. It is also an offence which carries a fine. Believe it or not you are no more important than anyone else. Be respectful and park legally.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2012

	<p>Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.</p>	<p>Maximum Penalty</p> <p>\$397</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p>Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p>	<p>Penalty</p> <p>\$165</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p>Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.</p>	<p>Penalty</p> <p>\$298</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p>DOUBLE PARKING</p> <p>You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.</p>	<p>Penalty</p> <p>\$298</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p>

• STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$298 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$397 + 2 Demerit Points
 • STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$165 + 2 Demerit Points
 • STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$496

Please note: these subject to change without notice.
 These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

11 October: What a pathetic attitude of one smoker.

Despite warnings about the heat Sydney sweltered in yesterday which included total fire bans and high winds adding to this danger a Highway patrol officer, driving on the M1 at Mt Colah noticed a very small amount of smoke coming from the centre median grass area. The officer turned around and stopped. A small grass fire had started, which was put out with water from the patrol car. What was noticed was a cigarette butt at the seat of the small fire. I'm sure there are responsible smokers out there, but this tosser obviously thought the ash tray in their car was not for butts. It looks like they just tossed it out the window. Assuming they are an intelligent person and would have read or listened to the news about the dangers, obviously not or they think they are way too important. You placed a lot of property at risk and a lot of people in danger because of your selfishness. To the responsible smokers this is not to target you and I intended no offence. To the tosser if you are reading this and you think I'm treating you harshly so be it, make yourself known and a ticket awaits you.

To report this type of incident, go

to: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/warr/littervehicles.htm>



[1,838 people saw this post and it generated 15 public comments.]

11 October: Here are some quick stats for Kuring gai for the last 24 hours.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal Motor Vehicle	Steal from Motor Vehicle	Robbery	Traffic related	Other
Asquith							1 Crash	
BROOKHURST								
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DALSTON								
GLEADOW								Fire (park)
GORDON								
HORNSBY	1							
HORNSBY HEIGHTS			1					
ILLIAD								
MT COLLIFF								
MT KESWICK GAI								
NORMANBY								
PYRALIE								
ST AUBIN								
TERRACRE								
TURRAMURRA	3 (Businesses)							
WARRINGTON			1					
WAITARA					1 (bag left in car)		1 (Disq)	
WARRIMOO								
WEST PYRALIE								
WESTLEIGH								
Other range								
Previous 24 hours								

Asquith - 1 crash

Glenorie - 1 Fire (Park)

Hornsby - 1 Break & Enter

Hornsby Heights - 1 Stealing

Turramurra - 3 Break & Enter (Businesses)

Wahroonga - 1 Stealing & 1 Traffic Related (Disq)

Waitara - 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle (bag left in car)

11 October: Fire at Holmes Street (Turramurra) last night.

At around 12.30am, fire crews were called to a large blaze in the northern suburb of Turramurra. Initial reports were that two elderly residents were trapped inside. On arrival the first arriving fire truck was confronted with a house fully engulfed in flames. Due to the difficult access, fire attack was conducted from neighbouring properties.

Full article and video at: <http://freenews.com.au/eastern-suburbs/350-house-destroyed-after-large-fire-in-turramurra>

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It's Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday 20 October. We encourage you to volunteer your time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. Training, cleaning equipment, and safety gear will be provided.

10 October, Kuring Gai LAC shared a link to Live Traffic

Live Traffic has live updates and traveller information for NSW roads: <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au/desktop.html>

10 October, [Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force](#) shared [Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service's video](#).

Today has the potential to be very dangerous for bush fires. If you see anyone acting suspicious in bush land (possibly lighting a fire) please take note and call 000.

Weather predictions for Thursday 10th October will see a Fire Danger Rating of Extreme, and a TOTAL FIRE BAN declared across the Greater Sydney area & many other areas throughout NSW. Our local weather forecast will see:

Temps of 38 degrees

Humidity down to 7%

and Winds from the W/NW 40-70 kph.

As far as fire weather goes, it doesn't get much worse than that ! If a bushfire

starts, it will be very difficult for fire agencies to contain. We will pass on further information tonight & tomorrow, but as always, DO NOT RELY on this Facebook page for information relating to any active fire.

Please check out the RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au, listen to ABC radio, or download the 'Fires near me" app.

Let's hope we get through tomorrow fire free !

Video can be accessed

from: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151687791977876&set=vb.125573880828954&type=2&theater>



10 October: Extreme fire danger today.

From the Bureau of Meteorology here's a snap shop of Fire danger ratings for NSW and QLD.





Also stay hydrated if outside. Avoid if possible being outside in the hottest part of the day or in direct sunlight. Keep water up to your animals and make sure they have a shaded area as they suffer more than you think (they're wearing a woolly blanket remember). Remember there is a total fire ban - report any fires or smoke you see.

9 October, from Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: A reminder to keep a close eye on the kids.

A reminder to keep a close eye on the kids, particularly on high fire danger days, after a 10-year-old boy started a bushfire in South Turrumurra last night. Around 5.10pm residents of Robin St noticed smoke and used their rubbish bins full of water to douse the flames. A mother found her son with matches and paper. Both police and parents had a strong word to the boy.

9 October, from North Shore LAC: MAN FACES COURT OVER DRINK DRIVING

Police stopped a vehicle on the Pacific Highway, Roseville at 12:35am on Friday 4th October whilst conducting random breath testing.

North Shore Officers conducted a road side breath test which returned a positive result, the male driver from Hornsby was taken to Chatswood police station where a further analysis was conducted.

The analysis returned a result of 0.129, the 35-year-old driver was charged with mid range drink driving and his drivers licence was suspended on the spot. He will appear in Hornsby Local Court next month.

9 October, from ABC News: Loophole means L-plater Rhys Colefax escapes penalty over deaths of Eliza Wannan and Will Dalton-Brown.

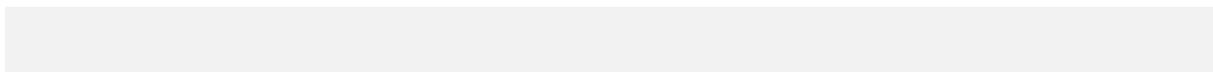
Coroner Sharon Freund has handed down her findings into the 2010 Australia Day accident near Orange, in the state's central west, which killed 19-year-olds Eliza Wannan and Will Dalton-Brown.

She found 17-year-old Rhys Colefax had been under the influence of alcohol and was behind the wheel as an unattended L-plater driver when he accidentally reversed over the teenagers, who were sleeping in a swag.

Full article at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-09/loophole-means-l-plater-escapes-penalty-over-deaths/5011374>



Will-Dalton Brown and Eliza Wannan died in the Australia Day accident.



From Harbourside LAC, Skimming Device discovered at the Commonwealth Bank at Neutral Bay.

9.00pm on the 8th October, a security guard for the Commonwealth Bank at Neutral Bay found what maybe two skimming devices attached to the ATMâ€™s. They items are currently being examined. If you have used these ATMâ€™s over the last week you may wish to check your accounts for any unauthorised transactions and report them to your bank.

October's TIP OF THE MONTH!

When you are alone at home and someone comes to the door, before answering maybe call out something like, "I'm nearest. I'll get it!" to imply there is someone else in the house with you.

Counterfeit Goods FAQs answered by the AFP

What is intellectual property?
What is IP crime?
What items are counterfeited?
Why is IP regulation important?
Can counterfeit goods be dangerous?
How do I spot a fake?
Is IP crime a big problem in Australia?
How do I report IP crime?

The answers can be found at: <http://www.afp.gov.au/policing/ip-crime/faq.aspx>

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Reminder for this coming weekend: Unwanted Household Chemicals

The next free Chemical CleanOut is at the St Ives Showgrounds on 19 and 20 October, 9am - 3.30pm. Learn more about what items will be accepted: http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/Basics/Waste_recycling/Houses/Dangerous_waste/Chemical_CleanOut

From North Shore LAC, 14 October: Following an ongoing investigation by Chatswood Detectives, officers attended a home in Merrylands and arrested a 28-year-old man over a string of fraud offences and an **intimidation offence of an elderly Roseville resident**.

Police will allege that the 28-year-old attended the home of the 94-year-old woman in late May this year and had a conversation with her regarding a tree in her front yard. At this time he purported to be a friend of her son's, where in fact he is not known to her family. The male requested the woman pay him cash before he commenced work, at this time the victim gave him \$400 cash.

The Merrylands man then returned to the Roseville home again in mid June and it is alleged that he told the elderly woman that a tree needed to be removed from her front yard. Although the victim told him that there was no tree to be removed, the man requested the woman pay more money. Another payment was made by the resident and the 28-year-old left. Due to the fact that the elderly woman has limited vision, relatives became concerned about this man's visits and the matter was reported to police where an investigation commenced.

Family members actually installed cctv cameras at the home which captured the same Merrylands man on the 2nd August return to the Roseville home and knock on the door. It is alleged on this occasion he claimed he was from the electrical company and that there were problems with wires and he required a \$250 call out fee. This was paid by the resident and no receipt was given.

However again on the 14th of August the male returned to the home but after he

rang the front doorbell the victim ensured her back door was closed and locked, but the male then appeared at the back door to her home. It is alleged that on this occasion the male insisted on speaking with the victim and despite her requests for him to leave he continued to request to speak with her. This made the 94-year-old fearful .

The Merrylands man was charged on Tuesday with three counts of Dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception and one count of stalk/intimidate intend fear. He was given bail conditions and will face Hornsby Local Court on the 23 October.



Scheduled Roadworks (thanks to the LIVE TRAFFIC App)

Mount Colah, Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd at Belmont Parade Thu 17 Oct to Fri 25 Oct (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. maintenance work will take place over two nights. Partial lane closures will be in place and traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

Pymble, Pacific Hwy between Grandview St and Telegraph Rd Thu 10 Oct to Fri 18 Oct (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Check signage. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

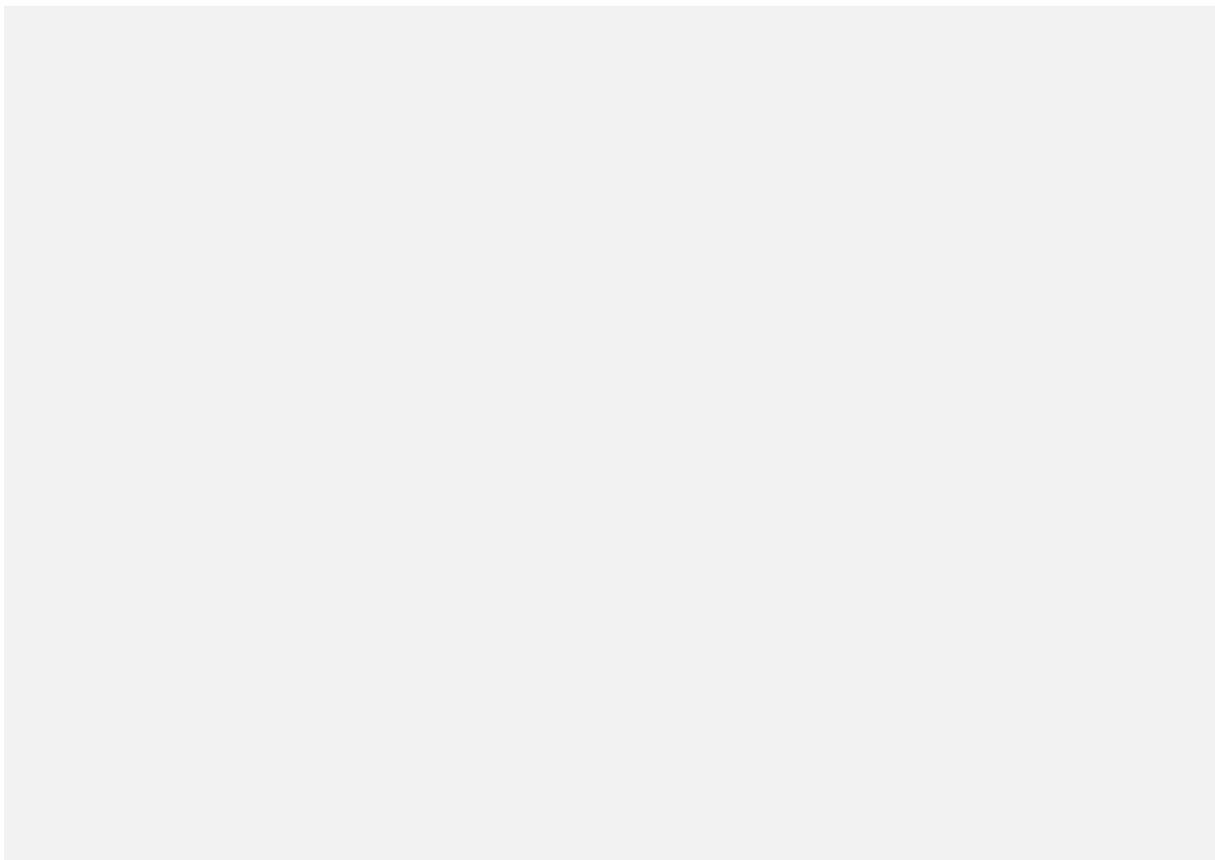
Berowra Waters Ferry. Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance Tu 11 Jun to Tu 10 Dec. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm. The next occurrence is Tue 08 Oct.

Did you know about this App? REPORT TO EPA App

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From North Shore LAC, 9 October: LOCAL YOUTHS WILL FACE COURT OVER GRAFFITI RELATED OFFENCES

Police advise parents and young people that graffiti matters are criminal offences,

if you are caught in possession of Spray cans or any other item that may be used to cause damage you will be charged put before the courts. Around 3:35pm on 24th September 2013 police received a number of calls from the public after allegedly observing a group of young persons entering the rail corridor. Police attended Lindfield Railway Station and located a number of young persons in a nearby alley way. Officers from North Shore Police stopped and spoke to the group and will allege that some of them were seen to have paint on their hands and clothes. A search of the young people revealed two of the young males were in possession of spray cans and marker pens. The youths parents were contacted and the spray cans and pens were seized. Following an interview, two 14-year-olds were charged with possess graffiti implement with intent to damage.

Thanks to Triple H Community Radio:

Our Crime Prevention Officer Paul Cleary [Cpo Kuring Gai](#) and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Julia Eagles, are invited each second Wednesday of the month onto TripleH Community Radio 100.1FM around 4 til 5pm-ish as guests of Cecilia Castle's show 'On Your Case'. In October there was discussion on various myths and scams currently doing the rounds. Do you check your email facts with [Snopes.com](#) before forwarding them? "the definitive Internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation".

Some current myths:

1. No, dogs aren't being stolen for dog fights -
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/dogstickers.asp>
2. Yes, home invasion criminals do pretend to be in need of help -
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/prevent/doorpound.asp>
3. No, carjackers aren't putting notes on rear windows -
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/carjack.asp>
4. Yes, thieves use stolen GPS from cars to locate homes to burgle -
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/intent/gps.asp>

Paul and Julia are next on Triple H Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Radio on Wednesday 13 November. If you can't get a signal, why not stream from the Triple H website? <http://www.triplehfm.com.au/hhh/>

Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate, 8 October: Family of three tossed into

Hawkesbury River after driver falls on tiller

TWO young Sydney girls are lucky to be alive after one was thrown from an out-of-control tinny and the other was trapped beneath the boat as it took on water and capsized on the Hawkesbury River.

A 10-year-old and an 11-year-old were travelling with their father towards a fishing spot near the Brooklyn Bridge on Friday morning when the incident occurred.

See more at: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/family-of-three-tossed-into-hawkesbury-river-after-driver-falls-on-tiller/story-e6frg6n6-1226734855696#sthash.Miutl3ke.dpuf>

Does someone owe you money?

The Small Claims Division is for debts of \$10 000 or less and was set up with simplified procedures so that people do not need to have a lawyer.

http://www.lawassist.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawassist/lawassist_debt_small_claims_home/lawassist_does_someone_owe_you_money_home.html

Recommended viewing for motorbike

riders: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao0jaXRAarQ>

The Perfect Ride campaign addresses five key safety issues that recreational riders encounter and can contribute to a crash:

1. Speed
2. Cornering
3. Road position
4. Road surfaces and foreign objects
5. Other road users/objects

The Perfect Ride Tutorials were developed to provide riders with more detailed information on the above hazards that a 60 second television commercial can not. These four short videos show a group of mates going for a recreational ride as Rick Williams, a motorcycle riding instructor with seven years experience, leads

the group as they discuss their plans for the ride and what they see and do on their ride.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, 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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