



Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 108 - 21 October 2013

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?

21 October: Hornsby Police invite you to attend our annual **WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST** and 'Walk the Talk'

Friday 29 November 2013 at 7:30am - 9:30am Asquith Golf Club, Lord St, Mt Colah

Cost \$25 per person (includes buffet breakfast and lucky door prizes) \$5 from every ticket will be donated to the Hornsby Kuring Gai Domestic Violence Network and the White Ribbon Foundation.

After the breakfast we will be taking part in a free 4.5km walk from Asquith Golf Club to Hornsby Westfield. If you wish to participate in the walk, please bring or wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Please RSVP for the breakfast and/or walk by 19th November 2013 to:

Natasha Doggett: 9476 9775 or dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au

Payment methods:

Cheque: White Ribbon Breakfast

Cash: Please contact to organise

Internet: Acc Name: White Ribbon Breakfast

Acc No: 514000

BSB: 032285

For more information about White Ribbon Day please visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au

Please view this flyer for all the details. We'd appreciate your support. Thanks.



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21 October: Due to the current fire emergency, all national parks have been closed across the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area today (21 October).

Some commercial precincts will remain open. These include:

â€¢ Audley Boatshed and Audley CafÃ© in Royal National Park

â€¢ Bonnie Vale Campground in Royal National Park

â€¢ Bobbin Head in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

â€¢ Akuna Bay Marina in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

â€¢ Basin Camping Area in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

â€¢ Davidson Boat Ramp in Garigal National Park

â€¢ Q Station, Manly in Sydney Harbour National Park

â€¢ Bradleys Head in Sydney Harbour National Park
â€¢ Nielsen Park Kiosk, Vaucluse in Sydney Harbour National Park
â€¢ Fort Denison and Sydney Harbour Islands,
â€¢ La Perouse Headland in Kamay Botany Bay National Park
â€¢ Lane Cove Weir Precinct in Lane Cove National Park
â€¢ Lane Cove Caravan Park in Lane Cove National Park

For more

info:<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/media/OEHmedia13102101.htm#.UmRQm7btBsE.twitter>

21 October: LOOTING, It's hard to imagine but the looters have come out. The looters are stealing from those people who in this distressing time have lost most of their possessions or because of evacuations have left their homes. These low life people need to be stopped. If you see anybody acting suspicious in and around bushfire affected areas, **report them to police 000**. Get their rego numbers and do something.

21 October: Health update on bushfire air pollution (article edited for website info only)

Further information on maintaining health during bushfires can be found at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency_preparedness/weather/Pages/Bushfire.aspx

Further information on bushfire smoke and health can be found at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/bushfire-smoke.aspx>

Air quality alerts can be requested via SMS or email by visiting the Office of Environment and Heritage website and subscribing to Air Quality Index daily forecasts.

For local air quality forecasts and hourly air quality updates, visit the Office of Environment and Heritage website:<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aqms/index.htm>

For more information about air pollution and health, visit the NSW Health website:
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/air/Pages/default.aspx>

21 October: Dig deep please for those in need. Bush Fire Appeal.
<https://salvos.org.au/donate/secure-online-donations/?appeal=adrbf>

[From our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary] Hornsby Police news, 21/10/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Car crash
Time/Date: About 8.05am on Friday the 18th
Place: Marian st, Killara.
Vehicle 1: BMW
Driver 1: 54 year old male.

Details: The driver of the BMW was feeling faint and pulled over and stopped. When he felt better he has started to drive off but fainted. The driver's foot was still on the accelerator and the car was picking up speed. The passenger (the driver's wife) has tried to put the handbrake on but this had very little effect and has then steered the car into Selkirk Park to avoid oncoming traffic. The car has hit a tree which set off both airbags. An ambulance was called and the driver was taken to RNSH, where he will be undergoing tests for several days.

Incident: Tree falls onto power lines.
Time/Date: About 11.15am on Sunday the 20th
Place: Hastings road, Warrawee.

Details: A large tree has split causing part of a large limb to drop onto the road, power and phone lines were also brought down by the branch. Minor disruptions to traffic were experienced while the clearing the debris off the road and power lines.

Incident: Drugs
Time/Date: About 10.40pm on Saturday the 19th
Place: Foxglove oval Mt Colah.

Details: Police were patrolling the area and have noticed a car drive into the parking area. Police have stopped and spoken to the driver, a 17 year old male. Observations led police to search the car with a small amount of Green vegetable matter being found, police are alleging this to be Cannabis. The male will receive a caution for the offence.

Incident: Drugs
Time/Date: About 10.40pm on Wednesday the 16th
Place: Princes lane, Turramurra
Persons: 2 x 21 years old males

Details: Police have driven past the laneway and have seen the 2 males. Police could smell cannabis near the males and a search revealed a small amount of green vegetable matter being found which police allege this to be cannabis. The males received a caution for the offence.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 1.30am and 6.45am on Saturday the 19th
Place: Campbell drive, Wahroonga

Details: A garage of a home in Campbell drive was broken into. Unknown person/s have stolen a wine collection valued at \$3,500 and golfing equipment valued at \$4,500 which was in the boot of a car in the garage.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 9.15am and 12pm on Thursday the 17th
Place: Nelson street, Gordon.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home by jemmying a ground floor rear door. The home was ransacked with jewellery valued at an estimated \$12,000 being 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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18 October, fro F3 Freeway Traffic: Oil spill 6:38pm, M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) Cowan between Cowan Sthbnd. Reduce speed www.m1traffic.com.au

17 October: The Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC), has been opened to assist members of the public in relation to bush fire information.

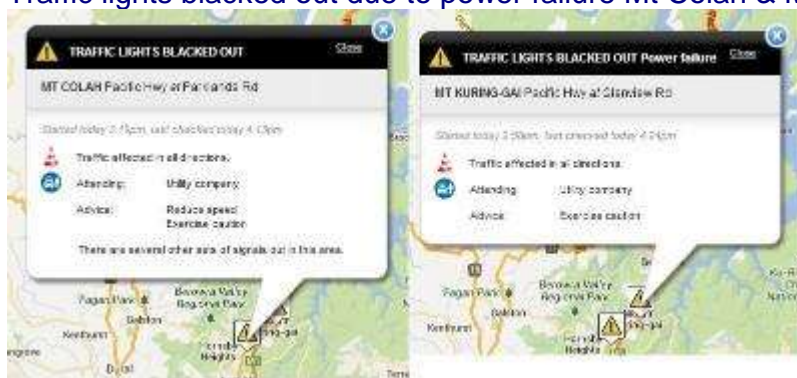
The telephone number to call is 1800 227 228.

Members of the public are reminded to delay all non-essential travel in fire affected areas and to monitor emergency websites for updated advice and warnings.

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

17 October: Thanks to <http://LiveTraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au>

Traffic lights blacked out due to power failure Mt Colah & Mt Kuring-Gai.



17 October: It can be reassuring to find out what the smoke is.

See www.rfs.nsw.gov.au for current fires, the situation etc and sightings reported.

Current Fires and Incidents

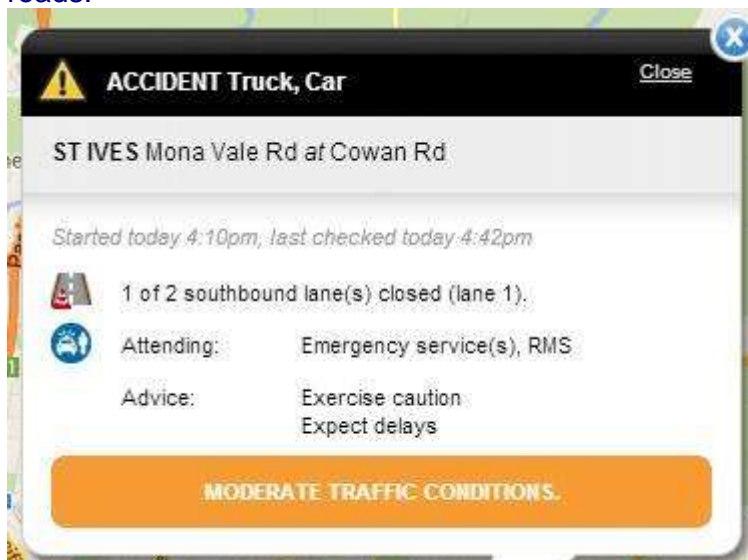


Map of current Fires and Incidents



5,060 people saw this post!

17 October: Use <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au/> to find information about the roads.





15 October: (re: Sydney Aquatic Centre car park fire) A cigarette butt may have caused this fire, 47 cars gone, destroyed, so who's to blame? Some cars were not insured. Add your 2 cents worth.

Sydney car fire serves as costly

warning: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/nsw/a/19378516/sydney-car-fire-serves-as-costly-warning/>

15 October: From the Hills LAC, Stealing (smash and grab) from cars. Remember this may be from the Castle Hill area, but crooks have no boundaries. It can and does happen here.

Weekend Update

Numerous vehicles were broken into over the weekend, in a number of suburbs, including Baulkham Hills, Rouse Hill, Castle Hill and Kellyville. Windows were smashed, with small visible items such as GPS, tools, wallets and cigarettes stolen. Registration plates were also stolen from some vehicles. Police will continue to target these steal from motor vehicle offences, and again remind the public to remove items from vehicles. Some vehicles are still being left unlocked - secure your property!

The Hills LAC are examining CCTV footage, fingerprints/ DNA and all other evidence in attempts to locate offenders.

Vehicle Security Fact Sheet: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/106893/fact_sheet_vehicle_security.pdf



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors:

Tip #1: INSTALL A PEEP-HOLE IN YOUR FRONT DOOR & INSTALL THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTBULB IN THE LIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR.

Tip #7: KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone.

Tip #11: USE ATMs INSIDE THE BANK. TAKE YOUR TIME. IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE NEARBY, CANCEL THE TRANSACTION. HIDE THAT CASH! DON'T ADVERTISE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE MONEY. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase necessary?

Tip #12: WHEN OUT SHOPPING, KEEP YOUR HANDBAG ZIPPED-UP & WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE IT IN A SHOPPING TROLLEY. It only takes a second for a thief to steal your purse.

Tip #13: SAY "NO" TO TELE-MARKETERS, "COLD-CALLERS", OR PEOPLE WANTING ANY PERSONAL DETAILS ON THE PHONE.

For this and any other of Our Favourite 20 Tips, email NHWGordon@gmail.com .

One for your diaries: **Gordon NHW Area 24/12 AGM & annual get-together**

Thursday, 28 November 2013 7pm Gordon Bowling Club, 4 Pennant Ave, Gordon. What have we been up to? Important absorption of Gordon Area 23. Guest Speaker, Cecilia Castle (lawyer) talking about 'Neighbourhood Disputes'. What question will you ask Cecilia? Bring a plate and a neighbour! Our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary will be available to discuss crime & crime prevention in the Kuring Gai Local Area Command.

From The Hills LAC, 21 Oct: Police are investigating the death of a woman and disappearance of her daughter at Kellyville in Sydney's north west.

Strike Force Youman, comprising detectives from The Hills Local Area Command, has been formed to investigate the death of an 83-year-old woman last week.

About 4:15pm on Friday 18 October 2013, police were called to a house on Alessandra Drive after a real estate agent located the elderly woman deceased inside a bedroom.

A crime scene was established at the premises and examined by specialist forensic officers.

The woman did not have any visible signs of injury and a post mortem examination will be conducted to determine the cause of her death.

Officers attached to Strike Force Youman are continuing their investigations into the woman's death and are now attempting to locate her daughter.

Melissa Peacock, aged 48, was last seen on Monday 14 October 2013.

Police now hold serious concerns for her welfare as she has failed to attend work and all efforts to locate and contact her have been unsuccessful.

Melissa is described as being of Caucasian appearance with a fair complexion, 165cm tall with a medium build and long waist-length brown hair.

Anyone who has seen Melissa or has information about her welfare and whereabouts is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or The Hills Police on (02) 9680 5399.



Shared from Ku-ring-gai SES:

The NSW RFS Website Current Fires & Incidents -

http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=683

The "Fires Near Me" iOS App - <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/fires-near-me-nsw/id370891827?mt=8>

The "Fires Near Me" Android App -

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.rfs.fnm.nsw&hl=en>

We have been asked several times about **In Case of Emergency contact information on mobile phones**. The facility is there and is simple to set up. The contact info can be accessed when the phone is locked. Here is a pic to show how to set them up on an Android phone, as well as how to add an "If this phone is found..." message too.

To set In Case of Emergency (ICE) Contacts for Android:

1. Go to an existing contact.
2. Select Edit. Select Groups.
3. Tick ICE - emergency contacts
4. Save.
5. Do this for all the people you want on your ICE list.

To Check:

6. From your locked screen, select Emergency Call
7. Select the Emergency Contacts symbol bottom left
8. Your ICE Contacts will be displayed & can be rung from here.

To set an owner message on the locked screen, such as "If found please call...":

9. Go to Settings.
- 10 Select Lock Screen.
11. Select Owner Information (at bottom).
- 12 Type in your message.
13. Tick Show Info on Lock Screen.
- 14 Select OK.



Graffiti Removal Day 20 October 2013: Have you a photo you would like to share? This one is of Gordon Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who helped Rotary volunteers with a clean-up of the Wade Lane multi-storey car park in Gordon.



Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: <https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC>

From Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate, 17 October: Kuring-gai Police are warning people about scammers operating across the north shore particularly during high winds. These people will target the elderly who need fallen branches removed from their properties. They will inflate the price or give low quotes then present inflated bills.

Thanks to the North Shore Mothers Group. From the ACCC, 16 October: Product recall of Woolworths Ltd's "Macro Organic Baby Puree 120g: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1052639>



Scheduled Roadworks (thanks to the LIVE TRAFFIC App and Ku-ring-gai

Council website)

Turrumurra, Pacific Highway at property no. 1264: Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Pacific Highway at property no. 1264. Work is scheduled to be completed in two night shifts between Wednesday 23 October and Thursday 31 October, except Saturdays, weather permitting.

Turrumurra, Pacific Highway, Ray Street & Bobbin Head Road: Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Pacific Highway between Ray Street and Bobbin Head Road. Work is scheduled to be completed in approximately four night shifts between Sunday 20 October and Monday 28 October, weather permitting.

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.

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.

How do I... Report a Pothole?

Ku-ring-gai Council: We fix potholes on most streets in Ku-ring-gai.

To report a pothole, please fill in the form below and we will generally fix it within three working days - depending on the size and location of the pothole.

We don't repair private roads, nor the Pacific Highway, Ryde Road and Mona Vale Road, which are managed by Road and Maritime Services - call 131 700.

Use this form: http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/I_want_to/Report_or_complain/Pothole

Hornsby Shire Council: Hornsby Council has a mobile version of its website for iOS and Android-compatible phones and tablet computers including the Samsung

Galaxy Tab and Apple iPhone and iPad. The site can be accessed at hornsbyshire.mobi.

A key feature of the new mobile website is a special function for residents to report a fault or issue such as a pothole or graffiti requiring attention using the global positioning system on their smart phone.

From NSW Fair Trading: "In NSW alone 54 conmen have been prosecuted for 215 offences, with fines totalling almost \$500,000."

Full Media Release

at: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20131011_tcm_campaign_wins_award.page

Grandparents Day Friday 25 October

Hornsby Hub has been given a small grant from COTA to celebrate NSW Grandparents Day and we have decided to have a Kite making workshop and Morning Tea at Lillian Fraser Gardens at on Friday, 25th October 2013. Reverse Garbage, a not for profit service based at Marrickville that aims to use recycled materials in creative ways will run the Workshop and the Hub will provide the Morning Tea.

This event is open to all grandparents, young children and their families to share and is a small way of acknowledging the joys of being a grandparent of young children.

Kite making and flying is a traditional activity shared by grandparents and grandchildren and their families across many cultures and we hope to share in the diverse cultural skills & knowledge of those who participate.

You may not be able to fly your kite on the day of the workshop, but you get something beautiful to take home and share with your grandchildren !

Please note that numbers are limited so Registration is essential.

This workshop is free!

Please help us let grandparents, children and families know about this event!

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The Role of Grandparents Today, a workshop on Thursday 24 October 10am-12:30pm at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. \$5 incl morning tea. Bookings essential. More info: 9424 0000.

The Stay Smart Online Alert Service is a free service for Australian internet users, to explain recent online threats and how they can be managed.

Home and small business users are provided with easy to understand cyber security information and solutions to help protect their online safety and privacy.

The resource also informs users about the latest threats and vulnerabilities within an Australian context, and how to address any risks to their devices or computer networks.

Users can pick and choose the types of information they would like to receive and can unsubscribe from the service at any time.

Subscribe Now at: <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/>

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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