



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?

Please continue to email us anything you may know of, that others may appreciate knowing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

20 January: Hornsby Police news, 20/1/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: High range drink driving

Time/Date: About 2.10am on Sunday the 19th

Place: Alexanria parade, x Romsey street, Waitara

Vehicle 1: Hyundai Getz
Driver 1: 36 year old female

Details: Witnesses have seen a Hyundai Getz drive across the roundabout at the above intersection and go through a fence towards the railway line, a short time later a female is seen to try to push the car out of the grass area. Police have been called. Witnesses pointed out the driver who was then spoken to by police. A roadside breath test was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .166. The female allegedly made admissions to consuming 15 Vodka and Orange drinks earlier that evening. Her license was suspended by police and she was charged.

Court: The female is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 27th of March charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Child run over in driveway.
Time/Date: About 1pm on Friday the 17th
Place: home in Wahroonga

Details: A mother was reversing her car from the driveway of her home. The matter is still being investigated however it appears in the confusion the child, a 1 year old boy was thought to have been in the car but was unfortunately at the rear of the car. As the car has reversed the mother felt a bump and stopped to see her son with extensive injuries. A passing motorist assisted and the child was taken to the Sydney Adventist hospital for treatment and eventually to Westmead Children's hospital where the boy was pronounced deceased. Investigations are continuing.

Incident: Shop stealing
Time/Date: Between 11.50am and 12.05pm on Friday the 17th
Place: Myer, Westfield Hornsby

Details: Person/s unknown have stolen a full set of Jamie Oliver saucepans and a Camera from a display cabinet in Myer. CCTV footage is being viewed, they had a retail value of \$1,050.

Incident: Graffiti

Time/Date: Between 8am on Tuesday the 14th and 11/30am on Wednesday the 15th

Place: Arnold street, Killara.

Details: A Toyota Coaster bus was parked on the street, person/s unknown have used black spray paint to tag the bus. The tags are illegible.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 11.30am and 1.30pm on Thursday the 16th

Place: Car park in Westfield Hornsby

Details: Person/s unknown have broken into a Hyundai while it was parked in the Westfield car park. A GPS unit was stolen.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 4.30pm on Tuesday the 14th and 8am on Wednesday the 15th

Place: Burns road, Wahroonga.

Details: A ute was parked on the street, during the night person/s unknown have broken into a locked tool box on the tray and have stolen a number of tools.

Incident: Stolen Excavator.

Time/Date: Between 2.30pm on Tuesday the 14th and 7am on Wednesday the 15th

Place: Orana avenue, Pymble

Details: A new Yanmar brand Excavator was parked on a building site over night. Person/s unknown have stolen the excavator, which was valued at \$31,000. It was yellow in colour and was a V10 model.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 5pm on Saturday the 18th and 9.30am on Sunday the 19th

Place: Warrangi street, Turramurra.

Details: A garage at a home in Warrangi street was broken into, 3 mountain bikes, 4 bike helmets and 2 power drills were stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 1pm on Friday the 17th and 1pm on Saturday the 18th

Place: Vision Valley, Arcadia.

Details: Person/s unknown have broken into a storage shed at Vision Valley. The shed is used for sporting equipment. 18 archery bows and about 30 arrows were taken.

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 January, from the SMH: New year, new tricks: scams to steer clear of.

Vishing, Graphene, PBX phone fraud, Slimming services and gyms, Auction sites, Jobs and training courses, Phishing.

How to protect yourself from fraudsters

- Never give out contact details or financial information to strangers or to businesses that should already know your details.
 - Never send money to someone you don't know.
 - Walk away from job adverts that ask for money in advance.
 - Shred anything containing your personal or bank details – don't just bin it.
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- Check bank and credit card statements regularly and let your bank know immediately if there are any entries you don't recognise.
- Often, you can't get lost money back, particularly if you have handed over cash. If you have paid by credit card you have more protection, and if you used a debit card you may be able to ask your bank for a chargeback.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/money/planning/new-year-new-tricks-scams-to-steer-clear-of-20140117-30yy9.html>

18 January: WOW, We had over 200 people attend our crime prevention stall at **Bunnings, Thornleigh**. We handed out FREE anti theft number plate screws, crime prevention material and goodies for the kids. Many thanks to Bunnings for their assistance and giving us a very prominent position in the car park. Also to 3 of my dedicated NHW volunteers: Mary, Julia and Mick who gave up their free time to help out. We all battled through the heat and decided that at 1pm it was too hot and pulled up stumps. We will regroup and try another when the weather cools a bit. If you missed out and want information on crime prevention, be it vehicle security or home security, go to our photo's area, then into albums and find the info you need, it is all there.

Visitor's Comment: "Nice one guys. Just picked up my plate screws from the friendly team and a balloon and stamp for the 1yo. Would hate to loose my personalised plates. A mate had his stolen and hasn't been able to replace them yet as they were used by someone else."

Young boy's Interesting question: Why is there a green light on top of the command bus?

Answer: In an emergency whoever has control of the situation (the Commander) is in the vehicle with the green light on, enabling other emergency responders to identify the command vehicle.

18 January, from our neighbouring North Shore command: POLICE RENEW APPEAL FOR INFORMATION FOLLOWING SERIOUS ASSAULT IN NAREMBURN LAST YEAR

North Shore Detectives are appealing for information that may assist them in

identifying those who are responsible for the alleged **assault of an Anglican Minister in Naremburn in November last year.**

Police were called to Willoughby Road, Naremburn on Saturday 9th November in response to reports that a man was being assaulted by a number of youths at around 9:30pm. The incident occurred after the Minister went to the aid of a young pizza delivery driver who had been allegedly approached by a group of youths who had taken his pizza from him. A physical altercation occurred between three of the youths and the minister which left the minister suffering several broken ribs, cuts, bruising and a suspected broken jaw. The youths were last seen running south on Willoughby Road.



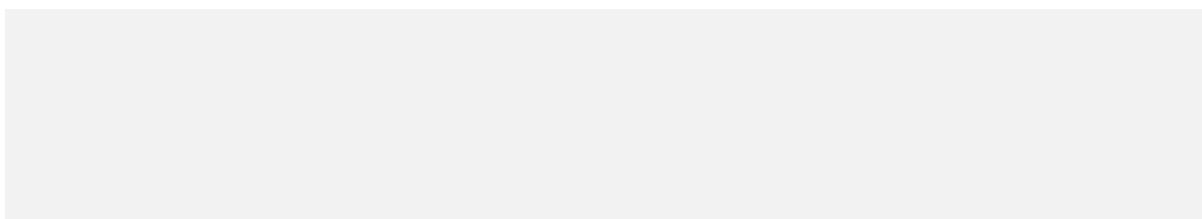
Police are interested to speak with two of the youths depicted in these photos as investigators believe they may be able to assist them with their enquiries.

If you have any information as to the identity of these males or regarding the incident you are urged to contact **Chatswood Detectives on 9414 8499** or you can make an anonymous report to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

17 January, from NSW Police Transport Command: Safety Ad

video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AASe7irnG3w> Tips to stay safe on public transport.

15 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: CAR FLIPS IN GALSTON GORGE





The driver of this car was lucky to escape uninjured after he mounted an embankment on a sharp turn and flipped in Galston Gorge on Sunday night. He says the road was littered with debris from the bush when his car slid and he overcorrected. FULL STORY: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/mt-kuringgai-man-walks-away-from-flipped-car-after-losing-control-in-galston-gorge/story-fngr8i1f-1226802417321>

15 January: Hornsby Police news, 15/1/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Pedestrian crash

Time/Date: About 10am on Saturday the 11th

Place: St Ives shops car park.

Details: A 21 year old male was walking across the pedestrian crossing at the time he was paying attention to his mobile phone. A car has hit the pedestrian and run over his foot. The car only described as a red car did not stop. Police have seen the 21 year old and have viewed CCTV from the local shops, but were not able to identify the red car. The male was taken to Hornsby hospital with a suspected broken foot.

Incident: Exceed speed limit.

Time/Date: About 2.50pm on Wednesday the 8th

Place: Bobbin Head road, Turramurra

Vehicle 1: Toyota Corolla.

Driver 1: 22 year old male.

Details: The Corolla was detected on Lazer to be travelling at an alleged 88km/h in a 50 speed zone, the car was caused to stop and the driver spoken to. He received a ticket for speeding over 30km/h above the speed limit.

Incident: Malicious damage charges.

Time/Date: About 5.55pm on Saturday the 11th

Place: Jersey street, Hornsby

Details: Police have driven past a unit block and have seen a male striking at a for sale sign. Police stopped and spoke to the male where admissions were made to allegedly slashing the sign with a knife. The male was arrested and charged with Malicious Damage.

Incident: Drugs arrest

Time/Date: About 9.30am on Saturday the 11th

Place: Alice street, Turramurra

Details: Police were called to the area due to a break and enter offence. A male person was seen leaving the area. Police have patrolled the surrounding streets and stopped and spoke to a male. The male a 38 year old was searched and in his backpack police found a white power which police will allege is Methylamphetamine. The male was charged with possess a prohibited drug and is to face Hornsby Court.

Incident: Tazer found

Time/Date: About 12pm on Monday the 13th

Place: The Esplanade, Thornleigh

Details: Police have executed a search warrant at the location and found a tazer device. This was seized and inquiries are still being made into ownership.

Incident: Stealing offence

Time/Date: Between 22nd and 24th of December

Place: An aged care facility in Myra street, Wahroonga

Details: Person/s unknown have stolen a handbag and its contents from a bedside drawer at the facility. It was owned by an 88 year old lady.

Incident: Stolen mail

Time/Date: Between the 4th and the 12th

Place: Bobbin Head road, Pymble

Details: Person/s unknown have used a master or jigglers key to open mail boxes at a unit complex. Several boxes had mail taken. It is believed a jigglers type key was used as there was not damage to the locks. It is presumed the offenders are after personal information or banking statements and credit cards.

Incident: Steal from dwelling

Time/Date: Between the 4th and the 9th of January.

Place: Athena avenue, St Ives.

Details: Person/s unknown have entered the home presumably by an open door. A small amount of jewellery was taken.

Incident: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Time/Date: Between 2.30am and 7am on Saturday the 11th

Place: Gloucester avenue, Pymble

Details: A Hyundai had its window smashed, an Ipod was taken from the car. Also in the same street another car had been broken into and a large amount of cash was taken.

Warning: NEVER leave any valuables particularly cash in an unoccupied car. Take it with you; any cash should be placed in the bank or a sturdy safe inside the house.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.30am and 10.30am on Thursday the 9th

Place: Beechworth road, Pymble

Details: A home was broken into via a ground floor rear door. An amount of jewellery was taken by the offenders.

Incident: Box trailer stolen

Time/Date: Between Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th

Place: Leighton place, Hornsby

Details: A box trailer which was parked on the street was stolen by person/s unknown.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 10.30am and 10.45am on Sunday the 12th

Place: Gloria Jean's Westfield Hornsby

Details: Person/s unknown have stolen an Ipad from the coffee shop. The Ipad had been modified to view the menu and was sitting on a bench.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 1am and 5.30am on Tuesday the 14th

Place: Albert street, Hornsby

Details: Person/s unknown have broken into a first floor unit by a window. 2 mobile phones and 2 handbags containing wallets were taken.

Incident: Stolen mail box

Time/Date: Between 11pm and midnight on Thursday the 9th

Place: Curtin avenue, Wahroonga

Details: A neighbour heard a car speeding from the location. Soon after this the home owner has ventured outside and discovered his mail box had been stolen.

Incident: Graffiti on trains

Time/Date: Between 8.10pm and 8.25pm on Tuesday the 11th

Place: Berowra Railway station.

Details: A witness has seen 3 males all described as Caucasian in appearance about 173 cm tall with T shirts or balaclavas covering their faces. The males were seen to go to a train carriage which had terminated at the station and commence tagging the train carriage. Police were called. At this time the males have spotted the witness and have fled in a car described as either an Audi or a BMW about a mid 80s model. Police have attended but could not locate the car or the males.

Incident: Fraudulent scripts.

Time/Date: During Tuesday the 14th

Place: Several pharmacies in the Hornsby area.

Details: A doctor's office in Chatswood had a prescription pad used to forge a script. A male has then tried various pharmacies in the Hornsby area to fill the prescription, which had been made out for Alprazolam. The male did not get it filled as the pharmacies were suspicious of the male. CCTV is being viewed which shows the male.

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15 January, from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC): Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce Survey 2014

One key activity of the AIC, on behalf of the Taskforce, is to host an annual consumer fraud survey to obtain a snapshot of the public's exposure to consumer scams and fraud, collect and analyse this information to improve the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of scams.

Survey takes approx 10 minutes and can be found at: http://aic.gov.au/crime_community/surveys/acft.html (Open til March 31 2014.)

If you would like to report a scam, discuss your participation or speak to someone about your experiences, the please call the Australian Competition and Consumer Commissionâ€™s **SCAMwatch hotline on 1300 795 995** (for TTY services call 1300 303 609) or visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

15 January, from the North Shore Times: Police find sophisticated hydroponic set up in Turramurra home on Sydney's north shore.

Police say a search of a cream-rendered Federation cottage on Turramurra Ave at 6.20pm on Tuesday turned up a crop of 170 hydroponically-grown cannabis plants worth \$350,000.

The rental property, with an overgrown garden, is surrounded by neat homes with manicured lawns, on a street that is a popular parking spot for local commuters. An illegal electricity diversion was also found at the home and a 22-year-old man faced Hornsby Local Court today, charged with cultivating a commercial quantity of drugs.



Full story: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/police-find-sophisticated-hydroponic-set-up-in-turramurra-home-on-sydneys-north-shore/story-fngr8i1f-1226802062325>



Neighbourhood Watch

Creating Safer Communities

Representatives from all Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Kuring gai Local Area Command are invited to the **'All Areas' NHW meeting this Wednesday 22 January at 6pm in the Gordon Police Station** meeting room. All residents are invited to please email NHWGordon@gmail.com if there is anything bothering you in your neighbourhood that you would like discussed. We shall report from the meeting in next week's newsletter.

From the SMH on 18 Jan: Opportunist "parking thieves" who grab parking spots in unit blocks while they shop or commute could face fines of \$550 when local council parking officers are allowed to patrol strata parking under changes to the state's strata laws. Full story at: <http://m.smh.com.au/domain/real-estate-news/unit-block-parking-thieves-face-550-fines-20140117-30yrw.html>

Trespassers spotted in a Wahroonga front garden today...



From our neighbouring North Shore command on 18 January: REMINDER TO SECURE YOUR CAR AND HOME FOLLOWING REPORTS OF THEFTS - LINDFIELD/ ROSEVILLE

North Shore LAC Police have received a number of reports over the last week of thefts from vehicles in the **Lindfield and Roseville west** areas. Police are investigating a number of incidents where items have been taken from vehicles that have been parked on the street. Police urge residents not to leave any valuable items inside their vehicles, even loose change can encourage would be thieves to take a closer look inside your car.

It is also important to be mindful of your home security particularly over the summer months and warm evenings. Ensure your ground floor doors and windows are secure and locked whilst you are home and particularly at night. Consider installing sensor lights to the side walkways of your home as it discourages people from accessing your property as they will be seen easily.

It is important to be mindful that if you see anything or anyone who is acting suspiciously in or around your neighbourhood you should contact Police.

From the government's StaySmartOnline: Adobe leaked credentials checker - <http://adobe.cynic.al/>

What is this about? Adobe got hacked and about 150 million people's account details have been leaked.

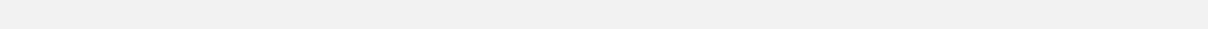
Why does this matter? Adobe didn't store the passwords securely and you should work on the assumption that they have been cracked. Popular wisdom suggests people use the same password on multiple websites.

What should I do? A visit to the 'Adobe Leaked Credentials Checker' website is suggested by the government's StaySmartOnline. On the website, enter your email address and see if yours was on the stolen list.

If found, you receive this message, "**youremail@gmail.com was found. You need to change your passwords now.**"

If you are OK, you receive the message: "**youremail@gmail.com was not found. You seem to be safe.**"

From The North Shore Mums Group, 15 Jan:



 Yesterday at 08:51 

Hi girls. A friend of mine has lost a Seiko watch which was given to her as a gift from her parents for her 21st birthday. Both parents have since passed away so you can image how sentimental it is to her. She thinks she was in Sydney Road Hornsby Heights looking at Chrissy lights when it has fallen off. I know it's a long shot but I thought I would put it out there as some may know someone who has found it. She is probably going to do a letterbox drop in the street but I thought I would out there on here too, as this group has been so helpful in the past. Thanks ladies!

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

From our neighbouring Harbourside command on 15 Jan: On Sunday January 12th we had a bike stolen outside the cinemas at Cremorne. The image attached is a look a like of the bike stolen. If you see it around or being advertised for sale etc please contact **Mosman 99691933 or North Sydney Police 99563199.**



From the NSW Fair Trading on Jan 16: The **NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)** started on 1 January - a new one-stop shop that covers matters from tenancy and building works disputes to administrative reviews of government decisions. It replaces more than 20 tribunals and will make it easier for you to access a range of services under the one roof. Disputes that previously went to the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) are now dealt with by NCAT. Find out more via the link: www.ncat.nsw.gov.au

A link from a reader of our newsletter: A local boy, Daniel Christie, died last weekend after having been king hit at King's Cross.

I just signed the petition "The Premier of NSW - The Hon. Barry O'Farrell MP: Reform sentencing laws to curb alcohol-fuelled violence" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 150,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here: https://www.change.org/petitions/the-premier-of-nsw-the-hon-barry-o-farrell-mp-reform-sentencing-laws-to-curb-alcohol-fuelled-violence?share_id=yGcPBOGxpI

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW and Ku-ring-gai Council

ROSEVILLE Archbold Rd *between* Bancroft Ave *and* Duntoon Ave

Date: Sun 19 Jan 2014
- Wed 22 Jan
2014

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**
Sun to Wed (8pm
to 5am)
Eastbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduced speed
limit

TURRAMURRA Fox Valley Rd *between* Lucinda Ave *and* Ada Ave

Date: Tue 10 Dec 2013
- Tue 11 Feb

2014

Impact:

**Scheduled
road closures
for this week**
Mon to Sun (8pm
to 5am) Both
directions closed

Diversions:

Detour via
Lucinda Avenue,
Pacific Highway
and Ada Avenue.

Advice:

Check signage
Allow extra travel
time

Lindfield,

Havilah Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for Monday 20 January, weather permitting.

Northcote Road (between No. 46 and Mackenzie Street): Road resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 21 January, weather permitting.

Pymble,

Church Street (between Station Street and Wellesley Road): Road resurfacing scheduled for one day from 24 January, weather permitting.

Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for two nights from 24 February, weather permitting.

Roseville Chase, Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley Parade) and Normac Street: Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 3 February, weather permitting.

St Ives,

Sheather Avenue : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Kelvin Road (between Sheather Avenue and Iluka Place) : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Iluka Place : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Wahroonga: Strone Avenue and Elizabeth Street : Road reconstruction works are scheduled for late January.

For further information, see:

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>

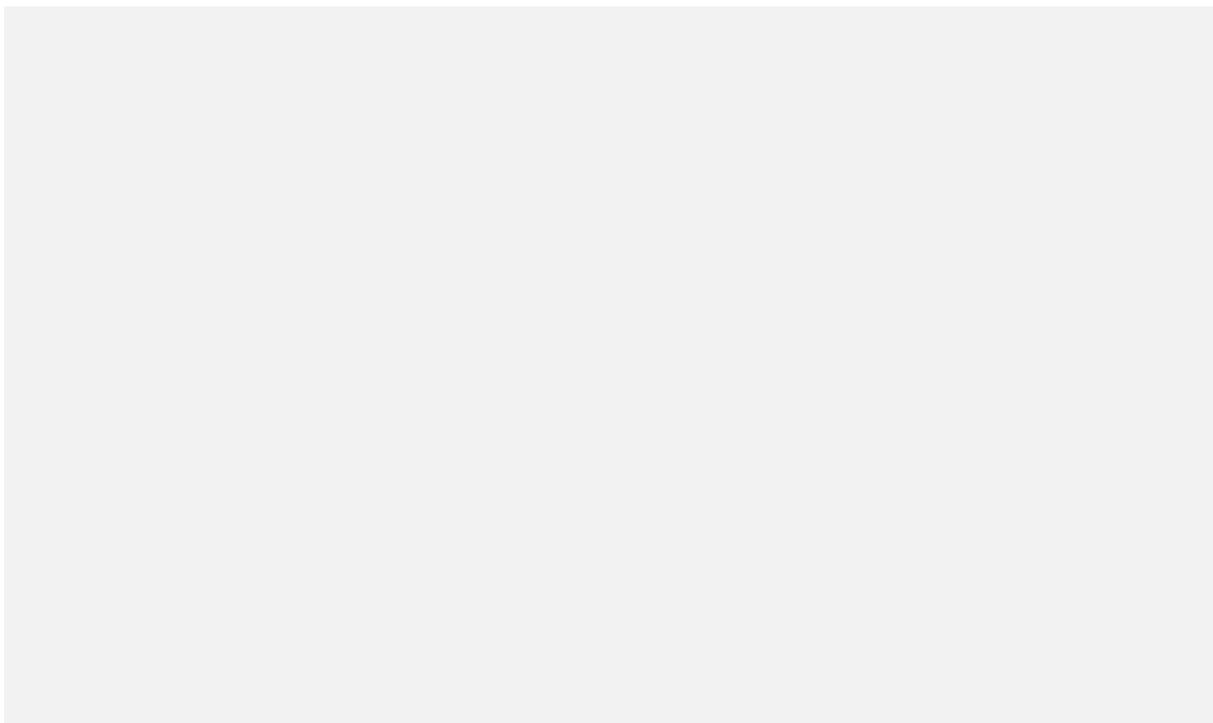
http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/Council_initiatives/Roadworks

One to pencil in your diaries:

Berowra Neighbourhood Watch and Hornsby Shire Council are holding a Community Day 10am - 2pm Saturday 22 March 2014 at 19 Turner Road car park (outside the IGA).

Join us for a free BBQ and meet other people in your neighbourhood and learn more about the wonderful local services in Berowra. There will be information from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch, games and face painting for the kids. The SES and Rural Fire Service are being invited also.

Did you know you can chat with a Ku-ring-gai Council representative online? There is a real time translation available for each chat session. Available from 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday at: <http://chat.informatix.com.au/chat>



ST IVES

Whitaker thanked for eWatch contribution

 KURING GAI LAC crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary has thanked TV weatherman Dick Whitaker for his work in setting up the first eWatch in St Ives.

This is the first time in the command that residents have been linked in a Neighbourhood Watch group via an email chain.

eWatch is an easy way to find out what's happening in the community and allows residents to connect with local police and council in an effort to make the neighbourhood a safer and more vibrant place to live.

Whitaker has now retired from the co-ordinator role to do more of his daytime TV weather work.

"Thank you Dick for your



Dick Whitaker has been thanked by the police for setting up an eWatch group.

part in bringing the technology to Neighbourhood Watch. We now have other groups linked in this manner, as well as the police's 'eye-watch' using facebook," Senior Constable Cleary said.

Call the crime prevention officer on 9476 9799.

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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