



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. (He's on leave this week.)

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 that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

28 April: Don't miss Ku-ring-gai Council's popular free event, **Festival on the Green on Sunday 4 May at St Ives Village Green!** Your local [Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force](#) will have a stall there, along with Neighbourhood Watch groups from the area, sharing lots of Crime Prevention advice. Do you have a question?

The design skills of Sydney man, Joseph Mangeruga, have won him the NSW Police Force's **Cops Are Tops** sticker design competition.



28 April: Detectives from the Fraud and Cybercrime Squad have released CCTV of a number of men who police believe can assist with their investigation into an **ATM skimming syndicate**.

Since the middle of January 2014, detectives have noticed a marked increase in the incidence of ATM skimming throughout Sydney. More than 40 ATMs have been targeted in a number of Sydney suburbs, including Artarmon, Avalon, Balmain, Bexley, Bondi Junction, Burwood, Campsie, Caringbah, Chatswood, Clovelly, Dee Why, Double Bay, **Dural, Gordon**, Hurstville, Haymarket, Kingsford, Mona Vale, Mosman, Neutral Bay, Parramatta, Ramsgate, Rockdale, Seven Hills, Strathfield, **St Ives** and the Sydney CBD.

Police from the Fraud and Cybercrime Squad are investigating the incidents and believe those responsible are part of an organised group with links to Eastern Europe. Last month, on Thursday 13 March 2014, two foreign nationals – one Hungarian and Romanian – were arrested after allegedly tampering with an ATM on Market Street in Sydney. Both men are currently before the courts.

The Commander of the Fraud and Cybercrime Squad, Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis, said police believe there are still a number of people out there fitting skimming devices to vulnerable ATMs.

“Our investigation, which has been strongly supported by a number of banks, suggests that the spike in ATM skimming incidents can be attributed to an organised syndicate targeting ATMs in suburbs right across Sydney,” Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis said. “The skimming devices the group are using are capable of copying card details while a tiny video camera records people entering their personal identification numbers. A copy of the compromised card is then created, with all of the capabilities of the original, allowing the group to

access the account holders'™ funds at liberty. "While we have arrested some members of the group, we know there are still a number out there, **so cardholders need to exercise caution when using ATMs.**

"Make sure you carefully cover the hand entering the PIN with your other hand, a newspaper or a magazine. "It's also important to regularly check your bank account transactions so that if you spot any suspicious withdrawals you can contact your financial institution before more money goes missing."

Detectives have today (Monday 28 April 2014) released CCTV of a number of men who they believe can assist with their investigation. Rolling vision captured at an ATM on Market Street in Sydney during the evening of Friday 28 March depicts two men who police believe can assist with their investigation.

The first man captured in the vision is described as being of Eastern European appearance and aged in his twenties or early thirties. In the vision he is wearing a navy blue, long-sleeved shirt.

The second man captured in the vision is described as being of Eastern European appearance and aged in his twenties or early thirties. In the vision, he is wearing a navy blue polo shirt and black baseball cap.

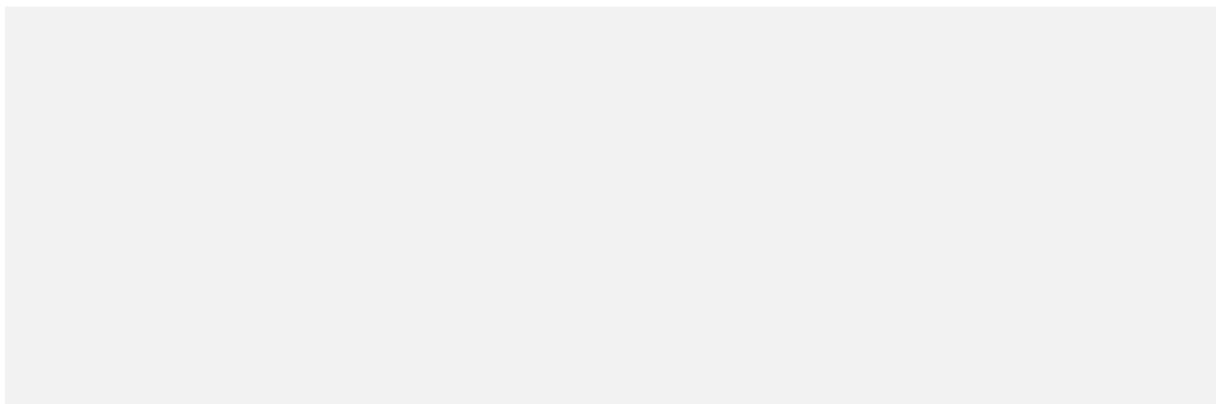
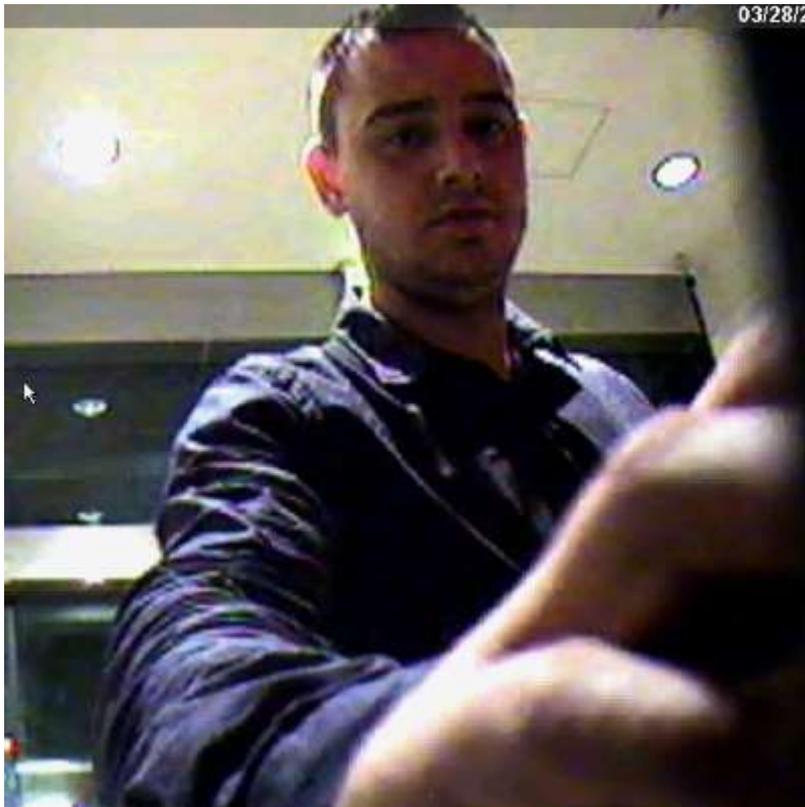
In addition to the rolling CCTV, detectives have also released one CCTV still of **one other man who may be able to assist police with their investigation.**

The CCTV still was captured at an ATM on Beamish Street in Campsie on Friday 21 March 2014. The man depicted in the image is described as being of Eastern European appearance and aged in his late thirties or forties. In the image, he is wearing a light-coloured, long-sleeved shirt, dark pants and shoes and a dark baseball cap.

Detective Superintendent Katsogiannis encouraged anyone who recognises the men to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the **Crime Stoppers online reporting page:** <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>.

"If you know who these people are, please contact us. "You can provide information anonymously. We don't need to know who you are, all we need is the information you have to hand so that we can catch the people responsible for these crimes and put them before the court." Information you provide will be

treated in the strictest of confidence.





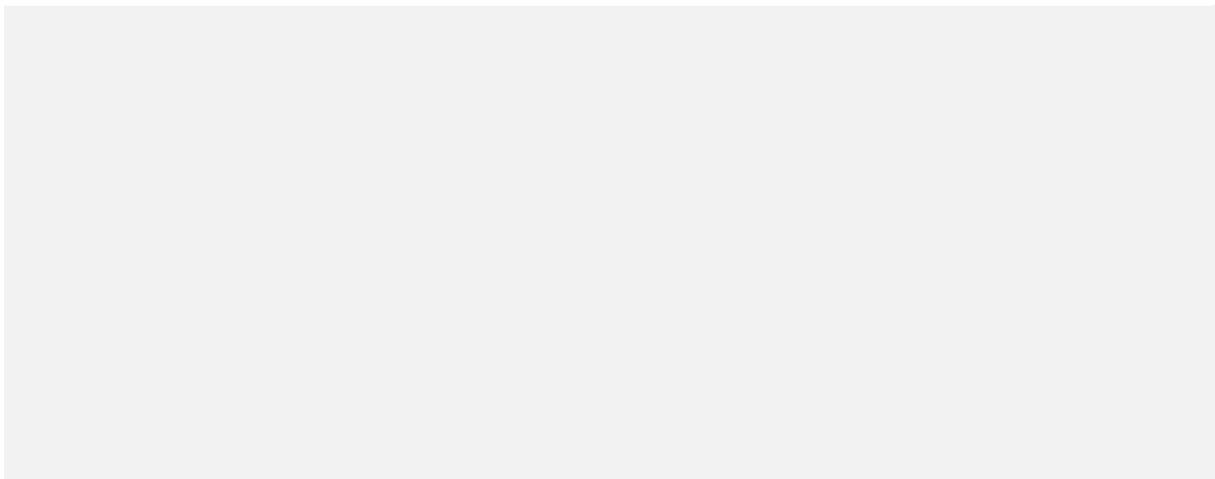
Click [here](#) for the aforementioned Rolling Vision Video.

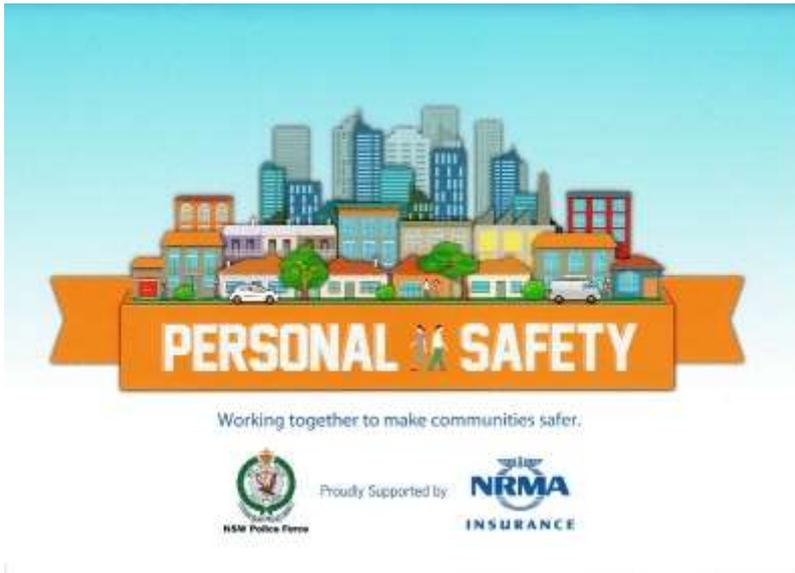
From the Hornsby Advocate: ATMs on **Old Northern Rd, Dural and Mona Vale Rd, St Ives** were used to steal customers' details recently. Police want to speak to a number of men, including this man. Click [here](#) for full story.

28 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Fire and Rescue NSW is reporting that crews have rescued an elderly female after a single vehicle accident **Beaconsfield Pde, Lindfield**. The female has been taken to hospital.

27 April: [Personal Safety Pamphlet \(5 photos\)](#)

It's a sad fact that criminals target people who they consider vulnerable, so it is important to ensure you have taken every precaution to reduce the chance of being targeted.





Get your copy of this useful pamphlet at the Police stall at the **Ku-ring-gai Council's 'Festival on the Green', St Ives Village Green, 10am - 4pm Sunday May 04.**

25 April: A boat has been destroyed by fire north of Sydney today.

About 8.15am (Friday 25 April 2014) emergency services were called to the **Hawkesbury River at Brooklyn**, near the Hawkesbury River Bridge, after reports of a boat on fire. The owner has told police the fire started in the inboard motor of the runabout, shortly after starting. The fire took hold and the owner jumped into the water. He was picked up by a passing vessel and taken to shore. Two vessels from the Marine Area Command attended. Fire boats from the NSW Rural Fire Service extinguished the blaze.

The boat is secured on the bank and the owner's insurance company has been contacted to salvage the wreck, believed to be worth around \$24,000.

23 April, from the Roads & Maritime Service: NAVIGATION RESTRICTION - Hawkesbury River (Marine Safety Act 1998 s.12) Click [here for full Media Release](#).

Hawkesbury River 2014 BRIDGE TO BRIDGE POWERBOAT, WATER SKI & JET SKI RACE 8:00am to 3:00pm – Sunday 4 May 2014

23 April, from the AFP: Two men have pleaded guilty and will be sentenced following their arrest at Melbourne airport for attempting to smuggle card skimming equipment into Australia. Stopping crime before it penetrates our borders is a key focus for both the AFP and @Australian Customs and Border Protection and this is a great example of the two agencies working together to stop the infiltration of crime into Australia from overseas. The AFP with Customs seized a number of items that could be used to create card skimmers. The intent was to fraudulently obtain credit card information.

The image shows some of the equipment that would have been used to potentially steal money and credit card details. It is hard to believe that **dental paste** can be used to take plastic card reader impressions among other things.

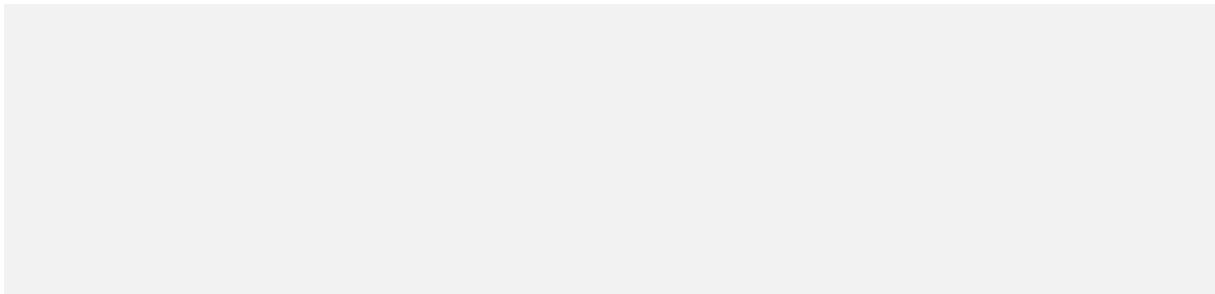


23 April, from NSW Fair Trading: Ticket selling company, **Showbiz International Pty Ltd** (ACN 085 982 789), entered into administration on April 3 2014. At this stage, future ticket sales are on hold and existing ticket holders should contact the appointment administrators - Brad Tonks and John Vouris of PKF Lawler. If you are a customer of Showbiz with current tickets, you can contact the administrators via email at pkflawler@showbiz.com.au

22 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: MOTORISTS are being warned to keep a safe distance between vehicles after this eight car pile-up on the Hawkesbury River Bridge on Good Friday. Fortunately no-one was seriously injured.



22 April: One to pencil in your diaries. Meet local Emergency Services at a FREE BBQ and family games day on Sunday 25 May 2014 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the grounds of Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby.





do you know what to do
in an emergency?

Meet local emergency services at a free BBQ and family games day on Sunday.

you're invited...

Come and join us for a free BBQ and family games, and meet your local emergency services. Get some hands on experience in dealing with emergency situations in your local area and enjoy the Spark, Cinder, Seed, exhibition at Council's Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

Win a free prize by participating in activities

When: Sunday 25 May from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The grounds of Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

Parking available only in surrounding streets.

Cost: Free

For more information call Jan on 9847 8994.



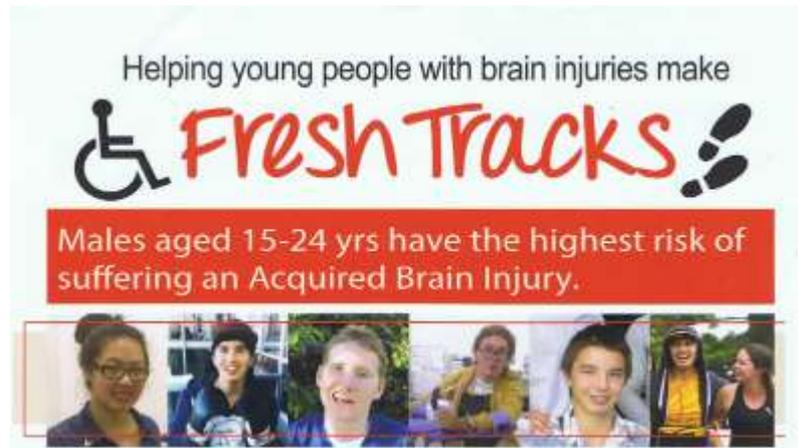
A member of the
Barrero Rural Fire Service -
Aston Settlement

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - next meeting at **8pm on Tuesday 29 April at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives**. An up-to-the-date report on crime within our Kuring Gai Local Area Command and Guest speaker Alan Lawrance, talking about **FreshTracks**. Everyone welcome.



From our neighbouring North Shore command, 27 April: HOW SECURE IS YOUR BIKE?

North Shore Police have received a number of reports over the last week from residents who have had their mountain or road bikes stolen from garages. Residents from **Milray Street and Eaton Road Lindfield** have made reports to police last Friday (11 April) and most recently last weekend from a garage in Church Street Willoughby, after finding their limited edition bikes had been taken from garage areas.

Police urge residents to ensure their bikes are stored securely, using chains and padlocks may provide some security however in some instances these chains have been cut by thieves. It is recommended that you store your bikes out of view in garage areas of car parks. Take a photo of your bike and record any serial numbers or identifying features of the bike.

Have you seen the new bike racks at Gordon Station? They should help keep bikes secure and in an open public spot. Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council. Here's some tips for bike riders:

- Use a heavy bike lock – a D-lock is definitely the best and simple way to prevent theft.
 - Lock your frame and your front wheel to something that won't move.
 - If you have quick release wheels – use a second small cable lock to secure the other wheel to your frame.
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- Leave your bike in an open, obvious place rather than a hidden, tucked-away spot.
- Lock your bike even in your yard, shed at home or common area of a residential block. NB storage cages are the current 'crime of the month' within Kuring Gai LAC.
- Remove any valuable accessories (lights, speedo, etc).



From Ku-ring-gai Council:

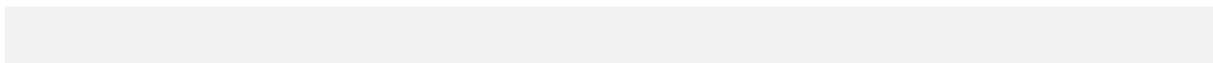
Dog attacks
 A dog that rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal, whether or not any injury is caused, has committed a **dog attack**.

FINE FOR A DOG ATTACK IS \$550

Fines under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998:

Dog not microchipped	\$165
Dog not registered	\$165
Dog without identification tag	\$165
Dog not on a lead	\$220
Failure to remove dog poo	\$275

Information correct as at April 2013



From Hornsby Shire Council: Report illegal dumping

Please help keep your neighbourhood safe by reporting illegal dumping immediately on Council's Waste Hotline **(02) 9847 4856**.

Dumped rubbish costs Council and the community thousands of dollars each year and damages our environment. Illegal dumping is a crime and Council can issue fines up to \$1500 for illegal dumping on public land.

Remember: placing your kerbside rubbish out too early before your kerbside clean-up is considered illegally dumping.

The next **Community Safety Precinct Committee** ("Precinct") meeting is this **Wednesday 30 May**. Neighbourhood Watch are represented at this meeting. If you have any issue (such as traffic, safety, graffiti, etc) you would like raised, please email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series...

Classic Tips #1: Pre-program important numbers such as 000 into your telephone.

Technology Tips (draft) #3: Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.

Boat Owners Tips (draft) #2: DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR BOAT. Don't kid yourself – thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

Car Owners #5: DO NOT OVERLOAD VEHICLES. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LIMIT. It's worth making two trips.

Car Owners #6: PARK IN WELL-LIT, HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREAS, PREFERABLY WITH CCTV. AVOID CAR PARKS WITH A HISTORY OF BREAK-INS.

Car Owners #7. STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR BEFORE GETTING IN.

Car Owners #8. CONSIDER INSTALLING A HIGH QUALITY ALARM, TRACKING/SECURITY SYSTEM and/or LOCKING DEVICES ON THE STEERING WHEEL OR TRANSMISSION SHIFT – all good deterrents. The most

effective car alarms are switched-on people!

Do you have a favourite tip we could share? Please email your suggestions to NHWGordon@gmail.com.

The current 20 Tips series is available from NHWGordon@gmail.com and includes:

Businesses, Car Owners, Mailboxes, New Neighbours, Retirement Villages, Seniors and Tradies.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Wood-fire heaters

During the cooler months, the incorrect use of wood-fire heaters can emit excessive smoke that may cause a nuisance to residents in nearby properties. Tips to reduce excessive smoke from wood-fire heaters - [click here](#).

If you are concerned with wood-smoke air pollution from a neighbour's chimney and would like Council to investigate your concerns, Council will endeavour to negotiate a solution without regulatory enforcement. You may wish to **lodge a request** with Council to investigate your concerns.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 29 April: St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - meeting at 8pm, at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives. Up-to-the-date report on crime & Alan Lawrance of **Fresh Tracks**.

Sunday 04 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, Village Green, St Ives. Crime Prevention stall.

Sunday 04 May: FreshTracks - Team Wheelathon, Narrabeen Academy of Sport & Rec 10am-2:30pm. Info: www.freshtracks.com.au/wheelathon

Monday 5 May: FREE Supervisor of Learner Drivers Workshop at 6:30-8:30pm, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential.

Monday 12 May: KYDS Alcohol fueled Violence Parent Forum. 6:30-8:30pm, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: 9424 0837.

Friday 16 May: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter Benefit Night. 6:30 for 7pm

at Asquith Leagues Club. Phone Keith Murray 0400 745 644.

Sunday 25 May: Meet local Emergency Services - FREE BBQ & family games day. 10:30am to 12:30pm, grounds of Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Info: **9847 6994**.

Saturday 21 June: PCYC's Trivia Night at PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Club House. Info: **9477 2310**

Saturday 06 September: Gordon Shopping Centre, Dads are Great! Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch, etc - more info nearer the event.

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

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK.

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

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Fri 31 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

There will also be night works from 8pm to 5am between Tuesday 29 April and Saturday 3 May.

GORDON Pacific Hwy at Moree St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Mon 26 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (10am to 2pm) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy near Westbourne St: Thu 1 May 2014 - Tue 6 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Thu to Tue (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. One night shift will be required to carry out the works. Minor delays can be expected. Traffic controllers will be on site. Access to properties may be affected during work hours.

Pymble: Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road : Road resurfacing

rescheduled for two nights during week commencing 28 April.

ROSEVILLE Babbage Rd at Boundary St: Mon 5 May 2014 - Sat 10 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Sat (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Check signage. One night shift from 8pm to 5am between Monday 5 May and Saturday 10 May, will be required for these works. Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions.

Partial lane closures will be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers.

There will be temporary changes to street parking during this essential work. Traffic controllers will ensure vehicles are not parked on certain sections of Babbage Road between 5pm and 5am on the day of work.

Roseville Chase, Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley Parade) and Normac Street: Road resurfacing rescheduled for 28 and 29 April.

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd at Wells St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Fri 30 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Safety improvement work including installing traffic signals and a median barrier. Motorists are advised to expect partial lane closures and minor delays. Traffic controllers will be on site. There may also be some day work between 10am and 2pm.

Turrumurra, Fairlawn Avenue: Road resurfacing rescheduled for May.

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd at Minnamurra Ave: Mon 5 May 2014 - Tue 13 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Allow extra travel time. Reduce speed. This work will take place for one night shift only.

Hornsby Shire Council areas: If you would like to enquire about any work taking place please **phone 9847 6666** or email hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil.

For further information, see [NSW Live Traffic](#) and [the Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks page](#).

One from from Ku-ring-gai Council:

Residents are reminded that **it is illegal to blow or sweep leaf litter from nature strips and driveways into gutters**. This practice blocks drains and causes unnecessary flooding. It also impacts on the ability of the sweepers to complete the monthly schedule on time. If applicable please ensure all gardeners/maintenance contractors are aware of this situation.

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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