



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

02 June, from NSW Fair Trading: Snug and Safe Tip 1: Did you know that thirty percent of all house fires occur over winter? If you're pulling out heaters, electric

blankets and foot warmers that have been sitting in a cupboard for months, be aware that dust or other material may have gathered around heater elements and should be carefully removed before plugging in. Check cords for fraying and don't place heaters close to furniture, clothing, curtains or bedding. More electrical safety tips can be found on our website - [click here](#).

02 June, from North Shore Times: A group of three men attacked a train guard at Killara station in the early hours of Sunday morning. It is believed the men waited on the tracks for the train to arrive before one allegedly used a modified fire extinguisher to spray paint on the guard and train. While this happened the other two other men allegedly filmed the incident.

02 June: Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, visited the local **Kuring-gai Community Workshop 'The Shed'**, out at St Ives Showground last Wednesday. He gave an interesting presentation entitled, 'Add to the Shedder's Toolkit - a Lesson on Burglary Prevention'. Their lunch room was full, and several who couldn't attend have asked for a further visit from Paul later in the year. Paul shared lots of valuable information. He answered many crime prevention questions, continuing out of the lunch room and into the car park. Sliding doors and windows were discussed, as well as the use of cctv systems - Paul emphasised that when choosing a cctv system you should look at the quality of the night time image as well as the daytime. Thank you, Paul from The Shed!

I had the pleasure of speaking to the members of the St Ives Shed today. A range of topics on personal safety, home security and internet security was discussed with lots of questions being asked. I was only too happy to provide information to the group and pass on some valuable tips on making their lives safer. If you are part of a community group or other facility and believe a talk on safety or security is beneficial, then please call the Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9799 (weekdays).

01 June: Man charged after fatal crash – Terrey Hills

A man has been charged over a fatal crash at Terrey Hills in April. Emergency services were called to Mona Vale Road about 4.15am on Wednesday 10 April 2014, after a red Toyota Corolla left the road and rolled. The female passenger, a 19-year-old woman from Manly, died at the scene.

The driver, a 24-year-old man, was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. The **Wahroonga man** also underwent mandatory blood and urine testing. Officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

On Tuesday 27 May 2014, a 24-year-old man was issued a court attendance notice for the following offences:

- Aggravated dangerous driving occasioning death – drive under the influence of alcohol;
- Dangerous driving occasioning death – drive under the influence of alcohol;
- Drive with high-range concentration of alcohol;
- Negligent driving occasioning death;
- Dangerous driving occasioning death – drive manner dangerous;
- Drive with passenger in/on part of vehicle no seatbelt.

He will appear at Manly Local Court on Thursday 17 July 2014.

30 May, from Hornsby Advocate: Police have seized cannabis worth an estimated \$750,000 from two homes in Pennant Hills.

A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with cultivation and supply of a prohibited drug and use of electricity without authority. Police from Ryde Local Area Command executed simultaneous raids on two houses on Pennant Hills Rd in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Police allege both houses had been

converted into elaborate hydroponic cannabis set-ups. The 31-year-old man appeared at Burwood Local Court on Wednesday where he was given bail to reappear on July 23.

29 May, from NSW Health: Did you know - it's against the law to smoke on the sideline of a kids' sporting game?

It's actually against the law to smoke in all spectator areas of organised sporting events in NSW. The ban applies even if you're in an open-air area. For more information, [click here](#).



For more information or to report a suspected breach, please contact the **Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412**.

29 May, from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: New laws introduced in parliament today will make it easier for people to clear and protect their home from bush fire. Residents in identified areas will be able to clear trees within 10 metres and vegetation within 50 metres of their homewithout seeking approval. [Click here](#) to read more.

28 May: Police are investigating after two trucks collided on the M1 Pacific Motorway in Cowan last night.

About 9.45pm (Tuesday 27 May 2014), police and other emergency services received reports that two trucks travelling south on the M1 Motorway had collided. On arrival officers from Kuring Gai and Brisbane Water Traffic and Highway Patrol found a rigid truck and a B-Double truck had collided. The driver of the rigid truck, a 35-year-old man, was trapped in the cab before being freed by emergency services. He was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital and is believed to be in a serious but stable condition. The driver of the other truck, a 58-year-old man, was uninjured. An investigation into the incident is underway. The M1 was closed southbound for over an hour, however has now reopened.



Photo: Hornsby Advocate

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: [click here](#). Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

27 May: It is very worrying that people would resort to **impersonating police to rob someone**, but that is what happened to this family from Mount Annan. In this instance 2 men (not in police uniform) knocked on the door and flashed a badge,

saying they had a search warrant for the house. How do you tell if it is all legitimate? Any police search warrant will have a minimum of 8 police, some maybe uniformed and some in plain clothes. But if you have any doubt ask to see the photo ID which ALL POLICE have with their badge. Before you ask, what happens if you're pulled over in your car by plain clothes police in an unmarked car? The unmarked police car will still have flashing Red and Blue lights. If the people getting out of the car are in uniform they will be kitted with firearm, baton, radio etc and hat. If they are not in uniform, and you have any reservations about their identity, lock your doors, wind up your windows and with your hazard lights on, drive to the nearest police station. This is not the same for every situation as there are many variables to consider. In general, you should know if you've done something wrong where police may need to pull your car over. 000 is an option to call where you may be some distance away or don't know the way to the Police Station. The 000 operator will also be in radio contact with cars in the area you were stopped in, so would be able to relay if that unmarked car was in fact a police car.

Two men who impersonated police officers during a house break-in at Mount Annan last week are being sought by investigators who believe they may have committed similar offences. About 11:30pm on Monday 19 May 2014, a 66-year-old woman was washing up in the kitchen of her home in Welling Drive when she heard someone bang on the front door, ring the bell and call out 'Police'. When she opened the door the woman was confronted by two men who claimed to be police officers with a search warrant and produced what appeared to be a police badge. Two men, aged 40 and 68, who were in the home at the time, were woken by the two men as they searched the premises under the guise of being detectives executing a search warrant. The two intruders stole an amount of cash and jewellery telling the occupants that they would send a receipt for the items. The offenders then searched two vehicles in the garage of the home before walking from the premises into Welling Drive and turning left onto Persoonia Close.

The two men are described as being of Caucasian appearance, mid 20s with a

slim build. The first man was 180cm tall while the second man was 165cm tall. Both men wore blue pants and blue shirts that may have had a logo. Investigators have appealed for anyone with information about the incident to come forward. They are examining links between this incident and a similar offence that occurred in the early hours the following morning.



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WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE AUSTRALASIAN CONVERSATION

If you are a person interested in your local community or keen to make a difference in your neighbourhood or street, then we'd like to invite you to join our network.

As the largest Australasian voluntary based community safety and crime prevention program of its kind we'd like to give you the opportunity to learn more, become involved and simply be aware of what's happening across Australian and New Zealand communities.

Join us and find out how people and other communities, just like you, are working together to affect positive change.

If you are already a Neighbourhood Watch or Neighbourhood Support member, that's great, why not join us and become connected to our extended family.

By joining you will receive our NHWA Magazine free along with other periodic information alerts.



Did you know? By law you must report any electrical accident where medical treatment is required, either by calling your electricity provider or NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20. Employers must also report such accidents to WorkCover.

Update from Hornsby Advocate 28 May: Police have confirmed a man who died after stepping into the path of two cars on the **M1** on Saturday had been seen on the streets of Mt Colah just previous to the incident with what they allege to be stab wounds. At 2.30pm police received calls from concerned members of the public after they saw a man bleeding profusely in **Myall Rd, Mt Colah**.

Residents reported seeing helicopters and dozens of police in the area looking for the man. Officers found a large trail of blood as well as a knife on the street. Police allege there were no other people involved in the stabbing and there are no suspicious circumstances surround the case. For full article [click here](#).

From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mailboxes:

Tip #1. DO KEEP YOUR MAILBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it.

Tip #9. CONSIDER A 'HOLD' ON YOUR MAIL WHILST YOU ARE AWAY. (Also known as 'Stopping the mail'.)

Tip #13. DO 'RETURN TO SENDER' ANY PREVIOUS RESIDENT'S MAIL. (Note: It is illegal to bin it!)

Tip #18. IF YOUR MAILBOX ISN'T SECURE, ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE MADE SECURE, THROUGH YOUR STRATA MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE), OR THROUGH A LOCAL TRADESMAN. Is it time for a new mailbox?

Tip #19. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR AND OFFER TO COLLECT THE MAIL FOR THOSE INCAPACITATED OR SOCIALLY ISOLATED.

Tip #20. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS. Connecting with the community builds a safer community. It allows more people to watch over your home, and mailbox. GOOD NEIGHBOURS ARE THE BEST WATCH DOGS!

More tips available from NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From the Hornsby Advocate May 28: Police are warning small business owners across Hornsby Shire about an increase in late-night break-ins targeting several shops in one hit.

Ku-ring-gai Police crime manager Inspector Neil Higgins said thieves were focusing on strips of shops and hitting multiple businesses in one trip, usually between midnight and 3am. “We are seeing night-time break-ins starting to creep up,” Insp Higgins said. “When they hit one shop, they hit them all and do multiple offences. They will take cash or anything of value really, even personal cigarettes left by employees. It is very opportunistic crime.”

In one recent incident, a restaurant in Hornsby lost its float of money. On the same night, thieves tried to enter Queen Nails in Hornsby but were unsuccessful. Queen Nails owner Maria Vu said when the police responded to the attempted break-in she was told to ensure her till was always empty, and to put up a sign that said: “No cash on premises”. For full article, [click here](#).

Research from Manchester University: Residents of ethnically diverse neighbourhoods can expect to experience fewer assaults than residents of neighbourhoods with little or no ethnic diversity, according to a new way of measuring violence.

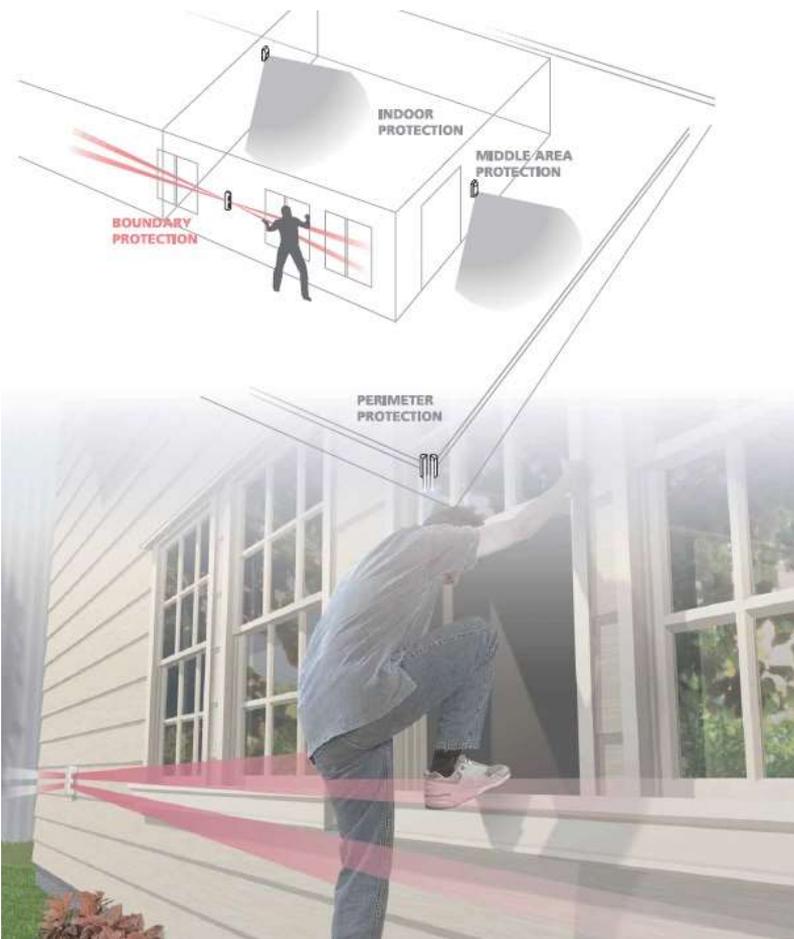
Reader's questions: Know of any product that can be used to make balcony doors safer from criminals?

Have security screens fitted on the windows and a security screen door installed

on the balcony as per AS 5039 and AS 5040. Have an alarm system installed within the apartment. There are special sensors designed for outside perimeters. This gives an early warning, ie *before* an intruder breaks into the premises. Some models play a pre-recorded message (possibly also useful when children are in the household, eg on swimming pool gates). Some models have a size-judging function, to identify a human, rather than a pet or car, reducing false alarms. Note: Neighbourhood Watch and the Police aren't allowed to recommend particular products or services. This advice is from a member of St Ives Chase NHW, who is a security expert in the business of security alarms. Their contact details are available from NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, will conduct a **home security audit** on request. **Phone 9799 9723.**





Here is a link for people diagnosed with Mental Illness who cannot give informed consent. The Mental Health Review Tribunal is a specialist quasi-judicial body constituted under the Mental Health Act 2007. It has a wide range of powers that enable it to conduct mental health inquiries, make and review orders, and to hear some appeals, about the treatment and care of people with a mental illness.

[Click here](#) for the Mental Health Review Tribunal.



Hornsby Shire Council has joined forces with the NSW Police to target dangerous drivers near schools in an effort to keep our children safe. The ongoing campaign will see police and Council traffic rangers conducting joint patrols around schools to ensure both driving and parking offences can be dealt with at the same time. Among the dangerous driving offences targeted will be speeding, u-turns over double lines, mobile phone use and incorrect use of child restraints. Parking violations, particularly those that obstruct vision and endanger young lives, will also be targeted. We welcome the assistance of the police in keeping children safe and look forward to working with them.

Steve Russell
Mayor Hornsby Shire Council

The next meeting of the **Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee** is being held next WED 04JUNE at 5:30pm for 6:00pm in the Training Room at Hornsby Police Station. If you have a concern that you would like raised, please contact Carroll Howe, Chair Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee on **0405 558 660**, email: **carroll.howe@gmail.com**.

Have you downloaded? Some Apps for parents. (Note: Neighbourhood watch and the Police cannot recommend a product or service, including Apps.)

StaySafe App

The mobile app contains location based tracking, and has a timer which counts

down from the time you have stated that you will be alone, say 20 minutes. The location tracking updates in real-time as you change location, so if you are walking or getting into a taxi alone it will track your route. They even have a panic or duress button in case of emergency. The app automatically triggers an SMS text or email to be sent instantly to your emergency contacts, containing details of your location. Full info, [click here](#).

Triple Zero Kids Challenge App

Kids will learn about getting help by playing games and solving mysteries. They'll learn about safety messages and hear what happens when you call Triple Zero. Along the way they will meet the "Zeros" as they are guided step by step through the game. Full info, [click here](#).

First Aid App

The Red Cross First Aid app is a free, comprehensive pocket guide to First Aid, giving you access to the most up to date First Aid information anytime, anywhere. Full info, [click here](#).

Chemical CleanOuts

From Ku-ring-gai Council: A 'Ku-ring-gai Residents Only' collection will take place on **21 and 22 June** at St Ives Showground 9am - 3.30pm. A second collection day has also been tentatively scheduled for Saturday 6 December. For a full list of accepted items and further details [click here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council: Here's your chance to get rid of unwanted chemicals around the home. Deliver them for free to our next scheduled Chemical Collection weekend, **12 July 2014** at Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mount Kuring-gai 9am to 3.30pm. Cost: Free. Further details contact: Waste Management Phone: 9847 4856 Email: waste@hornsby.nsw.gov.au



From NSW Fair Trading, a Parent Alert: Lithium button batteries may be small but they can be lethal. Last year 120 people were treated in NSW hospitals after swallowing these batteries, the vast majority being children under the age of 10. These tiny objects can do enormous damage and even be fatal if swallowed, with children four years and under most at risk,” Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said.

Full Media Release [click here](#).

From Stay Smart Online, May 29: Latest Alerts

Spotify breach – Android users should expect app upgrade and account validation: SSO Alert Priority High Issue Date: 29-05-2014

The Popular online music streaming site, Spotify, has confirmed a breach of its systems and data. As a precaution, Spotify will be requesting that ‘certain users’ validate their username and password. Spotify is also planning to release an update for its Android app in coming days. Users of Spotify on Android should apply this upgrade as soon as possible. For full Alert, [click here](#).



Avast community forum breach: SSO Alert Priority High Issue Date: 28-05-

2014

Antivirus vendor Avast has confirmed a breach of data associated with its customer forum, compromising user names, email addresses and encrypted passwords. It has taken the forum offline. All users will be required to set a new password when it returns. If you use the Avast forum, and reuse this password elsewhere online, you should change those passwords immediately. For full Alert, [click here](#).



Load fail!

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 04 June: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm.

Monday 16 June: KPCSC Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers. FREE. 6pm for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: Carroll, **0405 558 660**.

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

Wednesday 23 July: 10am. Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Wednesday 30 July: 6pm. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Wednesday 03 September: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm

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

Saturday/Sunday 20/21 September: Ku-ring-gai Council's Medieval Faire at St Ives Showground.

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.

From the North Shore Times 30 May:

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man who could help with their inquiries into the **indecent assault of a woman at Lindfield**. About 1.45am on Sunday, May 17, a woman, 18, was crossing Lindfield Ave after getting off a train. It's alleged a man approached her from behind and then indecently assaulted her.

A passer-by, who saw what was happening, ran to help, causing the man to flee north along Lindfield Ave. The man in the image is described as of Asian appearance, about 20, 175cm tall, with black hair and a medium build. If you have any information, call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



From the Hornsby Advocate 29 May: In recent weeks we have seen an increase of children being hit by motor vehicles. Please ensure when around schools, shopping centres or anywhere where children may frequent that you are aware of your surroundings. When moving any vehicles at home the safest place for the child is in the car with you. When exiting your vehicle at the shopping centre have your children remain in the car until you can safely remove them. When returning to your car put children in the car first then load any shopping into the vehicle. When walking in car parks or along the street keep children close to you. *Detective Inspector Jon Gross*

Our tip: Remember to teach children when you are parked in the road, to get into the car from the **pavement-side door**.

HORNSBY An incident of road rage left a 66-year old man with a bruised cheek at Hornsby on Tuesday. The man was on Hunter St at 11.30am when the driver of a red Corolla starting shouting at him during a lane change. On Edgeworth David Ave the Corolla driver yelled abuse and sounded his horn. When the man stopped the Corolla driver spat at him. The 66-year-old then threw a punch that was unsuccessful. He was then hit in the cheek. Police inquiries are continuing.

MT KURING-GAI Police are investigating whether to lay charges against the driver

of a 4WD which hit a traffic island, drove through trees onto the wrong side of the road and into a fence. At 4pm on Tuesday the Hilux was on Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd when it failed to negotiate a bend and continued driving straight. After hitting several items it eventually stopped 10m later in a patch of bush, up against a fence. Both the 23-year-old driver and his 16-year-old passenger were taken to hospital but later released with no injuries.

GLENORIE Police are investigating an incident at Glenorie Bakery on Monday morning where two customers yelled abuse after being charged \$2.80 for a can of soft drink. At 8.10am two people entered the shop on Old Northern Rd and complained about the price of the drink. They then used offensive language against the staff and were asked to leave. Witnesses alleged the pair fell onto the road outside the store but they claim to have been assaulted.

HORNSBY A 66-yearold resident at Mt Wilga Private Hospital had a \$2000 watch stolen from his room while showering on Monday. Between 5.40am and 9am the man was asleep before waking to have a shower. He then noticed the watch was missing. It was a silver and chrome Omega watch which was engraved with his name and date. Anyone with information should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

HORNSBY An employee's personal iPad was stolen from a gelato shop in Westfield Hornsby on Sunday afternoon. The employee of Gelati Fissimo left the device on a table before going to the toilet and finding it missing about 3.45pm. Anyone with information about the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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.



HORNSBY HEIGHTS Galston Rd *from* Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd Galston: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Fri 11 Jul 2014



Scheduled road closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9am to 4pm) Both directions closed. Alternative routes include: Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. Check signage. Use alternative route. The detour is suitable for heavy vehicles. Motorists should allow an additional 20 minutes travel time.



LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Highfield Rd *and* Provincial Rd: **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS - Crane operation** Mon 2 Jun 2014 - Tue 3 Jun 2014



Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon (9.30pm to 4am) Northbound affected. Check signage.
Allow extra travel time. 2 of 3 northbound lanes will close.

South Turramurra, Maxwell Street (between The Comenarra Parkway and Turramurra Street) / Gipps Place: Road resurfacing scheduled for 31 May.



WAITARA Pacific Hwy *between* Woolcott Ave *and* Hornsby St: Tue 3 Jun 2014 - Fri 13 Jun 2014



Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place. Access to properties may be affected during work hours. Traffic controllers will provide access to properties as required. There will be temporary changes to street parking during this essential work. Five night shifts will be required in order to complete these works.

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](#).

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

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