



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.

17 June, from Hornsby Shire Council: SAFER SENIOR DRIVERS PRESENTATION

Senior drivers in Hornsby Shire will be able to get up-to-date information and tips

on safe driving at a special presentation.

Older drivers will learn about new road rules, as well as receiving driver awareness education that is designed to improve safety on roads.

WHEN: Friday 20 June, 10am-12pm

WHERE: Council Chambers Building

COST: Free

BOOKINGS: Phone 9847 6856 or 9847 6616

16 June: Hornsby Police news, 16/6/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Middle range drink driving

Time/Date: About 9.30pm Friday 13th

Place: Alan road, Berowra Heights

Vehicle 1: Isuzu Ute

Driver 1: 40 year old male

Details: Police stopped the Isuzu driver for a random breath test, this result was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .111. The driver had his license suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The male driver is to appear at the North Sydney local Court charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: 4 vehicle crash

Time/Date: About 3.10pm Thursday 12th

Place: M1 freeway, Mt Colah

Vehicle 1: VW Passat

Driver 1: 64 year old male

Details: The Passat was being driven north bound on the M1. The driver was feeling unwell and has pulled into the left hand breakdown lane. For unknown reasons the Passat has started to roll backwards into oncoming traffic. The Passat has crossed lanes 1&2 and was in lane 3 when a tip truck in lane 3 has braked and swerved trying to avoid the Passat but has hit it. The tip truck has then collided

with 2 other cars in lane 2 while the Passat has ended in the centre break down area. Ambulance have attended and taken the 64 year old Passat driver to the RNSH for observations with no recorded injuries. Police will review footage from a witnesses "dash cam"™ and speak to the male driver before deciding what action will be taken. No other persons were injured. Extensive traffic delays back to Pennant Hills road occurred with the M1 finally being cleared about 4.30pm.

Incident: Alcohol related offence

Time/Date: About 3am Sunday 15th

Place: Outside the Railway Hotel Hornsby

Person 1: 18 year old Hornsby Heights man

Details: An 18 year old man was at the Railway Hotel Hornsby. According to staff he was causing issues in the hotel due to his intoxication and was allegedly asked to leave. The man has waited outside the hotel and police arrived for other reasons about 3am. Security has advised police of the man as he still had not left the vicinity of the hotel. Police have asked the man to leave several times and to move at least 50m away from the hotel. The man is alleged to have become argumentative with police refusing to leave the area. Police have on several times asked the man to leave the area before finally advising him that failing to quit (leave the area) would result in a \$550 ticket. It is alleged the male has still failed to leave the area arguing his point. With this police have obtained the man's™ details and a ticket for \$550 was issued for failing to quit licensed premises.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 1pm and 1.40pm Thursday 12th

Place: Taxi rank Station st, Hornsby

Details: A taxi driver was at the rank waiting for a fare, at some stage an unknown person has stolen a 2 way radio from an open window of the taxi.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 9.30 am Thursday 12th and 7.30am Friday 13th

Place: Kulgoa road, Killara

Details: Unknown person/s have used a rock to smash the window of a Toyota Rav 4 and stolen a wallet from inside.

Incident: Malicious Damage

Time/Date: Between 5pm Tuesday 10th and 10.30am Wednesday 11th

Place: Derby st, St Ives.

Details: A Holden Astra was parked on the street, unknown person/s have cut holes in all 4 tyres of the Astra.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 7.30am and 7pm Wednesday 11th

Place: Tennyson avenue, Turramurra

Details: Person/s unknown has forced the lock on a ground floor rear door and ransacked the home. Jewellery valued at an estimated \$2,000 was stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 6.30am Saturday 14th and 12.45am Sunday 15th

Place: Old Northern Road, Middle Dural.

Details: Person/s unknown has forced the framework on a rear sliding aluminium door. The alarm siren to the home was also ripped off the exterior wall of the house. Watches and jewellery was stolen in the break in.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 12.30pm Friday 13th and 5pm Sunday 15th

Place: Coppabella road, Mid Dural

Details: Person/s unknown has turned the power off at the meter box, then smashed a window on a rear door and entered the home. Several rooms were ransacked with an amount of jewellery being stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.15am and 3pm Thursday 12th

Place: Glenview road, Mt Kuring gai

Details: Unknown person/s has jemmied open a ground floor rear door, an amount of jewellery was stolen in the break in.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 12pm Thursday 12th and 8pm Sunday 15th

Place: Gleneagles avenue, Killara

Details: A ground floor rear door was closed but unlocked, person/s unknown has entered and stolen a number of televisions and a laptop computer.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 11pm Thursday 12th and 7am Friday 13th

Place: Buckingham road, Killara

Details: A ground floor rear door had a glass panel removed by unknown person/s. The owners were asleep upstairs at the time, the offenders stole about \$200 cash from the downstairs area.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 12.35am Friday 13th and 9.30am Saturday 14th

Place: Boyd st, Turramurra

Details: Person/s unknown has stolen 25 jars of jam from an unsecured parking space in a unit complex. It appears as though offenders have also broken into several security cages at the same complex, police have no details on this yet as the victim have at this point not reported the matter.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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**We need to teach our daughters
to distinguish between:**

*a man who flatters her
and a man who compliments her,*

*a man who spends money on her
and a man who invests in her,*

*a man who views her as property
and a man who views her properly,*

*a man who lusts after her
and a man who loves her,*

*a man who believes he's a gift to women
and a man who believes she's a gift to him.*

*And then we need to teach our sons
to be that kind of man.*



15 June, from the North Shore Times: Hardware store owner Don Wormald has won a NSW Government Community Service award for his contribution to Turramurra Rotary Club's graffiti removal efforts. [Click here for full story.](#)



15 June, from Blacktown command: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 15 June

Most people are horrified by the idea of elder abuse in our communities. But throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognised or treated as an unspoken problem.

The day aims to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and

financial abuse of elders. It also seeks to understand the challenges and opportunities presented by an ageing population, and brings together senior citizens, and their caregivers, national and local government, academics, and the private sector to exchange ideas about how best to reduce incidents of violence towards elders, increase reporting of such abuse, and to develop elder friendly policies.

15 June: Three charged with conspiring to commit armed robbery - Gordon

Police have arrested three men over an alleged conspiracy to commit an armed robbery in Sydney's north. The arrests follow an investigation by Strike Force Maygar, which comprises detectives from State Crime Command's Robbery and Serious Crime Squad. It will be alleged the three men conspired to commit a home invasion and armed robbery at a residence in Gordon.

About 7.30pm yesterday (Saturday 14 June 2014), detectives attached to Strike Force Maygar, assisted by the Tactical Operations Unit, arrested two men "aged 63 and 40" in **Holford Crescent, Gordon**. Police will allege both men were in possession of gloves, balaclavas, cable ties, machete, knives, a .38 revolver and ammunition. The men were taken to Hornsby Police Station, where they were both charged with:

- Conspiracy to commit indictable offence (robbery whilst armed);
- Armed with intent to commit indictable offence;
- Possess means of disguise;
- Possess unauthorised prohibited pistol;
- Possess firearm with defaced identification marking; and
- Possess ammunition.

The 40-year-old man was additionally charged with possess surveillance device with intention to unlawfully use.

Both were refused bail. The 63 year old will appear in Downing Centre Local Court on 17 June 2014, and the 40 year old will appear in Central Local Court on the same date.

Following further inquiries, another 40-year-old man was arrested

in **Berowra** about 3.30am today (Sunday 15 June 2014). He was taken to Hornsby Police Station, where he was charged with:

- Â· Conspiracy to commit indictable offence (robbery whilst armed);
- Â· Accessory before the fact to armed with intent to commit an indictable offence;
- Â· Possess surveillance device with intention to unlawfully use;
- Â· Possess police uniform; and
- Â· Posses prohibited drug (cannabis).

This man was also bail refused to appear in Central Local Court on 17 June 2014. Strike Force Maygar detectives also executed search warrants at the homes of all three men, during which they seized items relevant to the investigation, including drugs, cash and a vehicle suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Details of the arrested in Newcastle Telegraph article 'Big Nose Gang leader back behind bars', [click here](#).

13 June: The Pacific Highway at Hornsby is to be renamed Peats Ferry road. Did you know about this?

It appears after sitting on this proposal for nearly 12 years Hornsby Council are now proposing to change the name of the Pacific Highway, Hornsby between the rail bridge at George street and Jersey street North Asquith. The new name will be Peats Ferry road. There is no indication George st and Jersey st North will also be renamed Pacific Highway so it seems the Pacific highway ends at Hornsby and starts again at Asquith.

So what about all the businesses and residents that live and work in that section of road, who would foot the bill for stationery changes?

Council FB page now has recent posts about the new westside development (no mention of name change).

More information can be found by googling "hornsby council renaming pacific highway". Or [click here](#).

12 June: Just a reminder, all vehicles driving or riding in hours of darkness must have both a front and rear light. That is all vehicles which includes cars, buses, trucks, motor bikes and push bikes when driven or ridden on public roads or

in public areas. It is dangerous and a safety hazard for both the driver/rider and other road users (who can't see it). For the past 3 mornings while travelling through the Galston Gorge a push bike being ridden Westbound has NOT had a front light, it has a rear red light but no front light. At 6.30am it is DARK. The bike and rider can't be seen until you are right beside it, this is dangerous as well as illegal, I also doubt the rider could see what is going on or see the actual road surface. So please, from dusk till dawn or when street lights are on use your lights.

12 June: Tap and go credit cards a good idea or an easy way for a thief to steal? (no signature and no PIN). Quickest theft I've seen with tap and go is just under 3K in about an hour. Yes the card holder is usually reimbursed but all of us as bank customers pay in the end with higher fees.

Tap-and-go debit cards behind 'fraud surge' POLICE want tap-and-go credit cards scrapped because of a huge surge in fraud, but card issuers say they can't see a problem. [Click here for full article](#) from the Courier Mail.

12 June, from NSW Police Force Fraud and Cybercrime Squad: How Not to Pay the Price for Free Wi-Fi



[Click here for full article](#) from New York Times.

12 June, from Brisbane Water command: Safely Home Program

The Safely Home Program is a joint initiative between the NSW Police and Alzheimerâ€™s Australia (NSW). The program was launched in August 2003, and currently has over 3000 people registered.

The Program provides rapid and accurate identification of a wandering person to allow them to be returned home. Members of the public can become involved by contacting Alzheimerâ€™s Australia (NSW) on 1800 100 500. They will be sent an information package and registration form. The completed registration is returned to Alzheimerâ€™s Australia (NSW) who sends a copy to the Missing Persons Unit so that the registered personâ€™s details can be entered onto the New South Wales Police Safely Home Database.

The Safely Home Bracelet:

The Safely Home Program involves the use of a personalised stainless steel identification bracelet, designed to be worn by the person with dementia at all times. The bracelet features the NSW Police Missing Persons Unit toll free telephone number and the personal identification number linked to the NSW Police Safely Home database.

The Safely Home Database:

This database is accessible by all police 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the Missing Persons Site on the NSW Police Intranet. It includes a detailed description of the registered person, contact information for their next of kin or carer, previous residential addresses and locations they may visit. The database also provides critical medical and linguistic information of the registered person. All details on the database are confidential.

How Does it Work?

When someone finds the wandering person, they simply look at the bracelet, telephone the Police toll free number on 1800 025 091 and quote the personal identification number. Police then make arrangements for the person to be returned safely home.

Safely Home is ideal for carers in home institutions and health professions caring for people in aged care facilities.

For further information on the Safely Home Program, please contact the **NSW**

Police Missing Persons Unit on 02 8835 7655

12 June, from Ryde command: Police appeal for information following break and enter at Carlingford.

Police have released images of a group of people they wish to speak to in relation to the theft of items from a shopping centre. [View cctv images, click here.](#)

12 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police searching for two men over violent break-in at Brooklyn

HORNSBY Police had a busy week with a number of break-ins, a violent attempted robbery, a bizarre car crash and an alleged sexual assault. **For full article click here.**

11 June, from Castle Hill command: NEEDLE CLEAN-UP HOTLINE

Police would like to make everyone aware that there is a Needle Clean-up Hotline available to the public anywhere in NSW.

The clean-up service is available Monday to Friday 8am - 6:30pm. A message can be left on the answering machine outside these hours. **Phone 1800 633 353**





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From SmartTraveller.gov.au

Attitudes towards lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people around the world can be very different from those in Australia. If you're planning a trip overseas, learn as much as you can about the laws of the countries you intend to visit.

You need to obey the laws of the countries you visit, even when they are out of step with Australian laws and values. Local laws and penalties, including ones that appear harsh by Australian standards, do apply to you.

Where laws or attitudes towards the LGBTI community create potential risks for Australian travellers the country-specific advice on Smartraveller will contain relevant facts. We recommend you also check out other sources of information, including online resources, guidebooks, media reporting and local and international LGBTI organisations.

If your research identifies any specific issues or risks that may affect your ability to travel in a particular country or location, consider carefully whether another destination might be more suitable.

[Click here for more tips for LGBTI travellers:](#)

[Click here for country-specific travel advice:](#)



12 June, Grapevine: 3 houses broken into yesterday in Greenview Pde, Berowra during the day.

Remember to always lock your doors, even if you are inside, or in the back garden. If you see someone acting suspiciously - for example, going from house front door to house front door is OK, but then walking down the side of a house and looking in the window ISN'T OK - ring **Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799.**

And 14 June: My folks live in Helvetia just above Greenview and noticed an old one cent coin on top of their letterbox, and when they went to see neighbours to let

them know of the breakins, noticed coins on top of their letterbox too. It's as if the houses are being marked. Just something to keep an eye out for I guess. They notified the police to let them know as well. They also seem to be the houses without dogs. Not sure if that's just coincidence.

Our Tip: Put up Beware of the Dog signs and pop a dog's water bowl by the front door.

Thanks to Ralph Stein, who heads up Neighbourhood Watch in the Berowra area who came to talk about crime in Berowra at the Berowra Uniting Church on Sunday night.

For those of you that missed it, this was a fantastic session. Rest assured Berowra is still one of the safest suburbs in NSW but you need to report all acts of vandalism, theft, etc to the **Police Assistance Line 131 444** to ensure we get more patrols and statistics remain accurate. Great initiative for the uniting church in organizing this session !



Dates for the diary:

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 June: 9am - 3:30pm. Ku-ring-gai Council CleanOut at St Ives Showground.

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.

Saturday 9 August: Celebrating 50 years of service - Community Open Day 11am until 4pm at the Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station.

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.

Safe internet use “tips for parents:

- Be aware of how much time your child spends on the internet.
- Spend time talking to your child about the dangers associated with online conversations.
- Spend time exploring the internet with your children and let them teach you about their favourite websites.
- Keep the computer in a room the whole family can access; not in your child's bedroom.
- Consider installing filtering and/or computer blocking software provided by your internet service provider. The Netaalert web page provides information on a number of commercially-available products at their website, [click here](#).
- Ensure you are able to access your child's email and randomly check the contents.
- Check your phone bill for unusual outgoing calls, or consider using a 'caller ID' device to identify incoming calls.
- Consult your telephone company for options designed to ensure privacy and security.
- Enquire with your child's school, public library, and places they frequent, to find out what internet safety measures they have in place.
- Information on internet safety is available on the NSW Police website [click here](#).

Tips for children:

⚠ Do not send a picture of yourself to anyone you don't know and never place a full profile and picture anywhere on the internet.

⚠ Never give out your personal information, including name, home address, phone number or school, over the internet.

⚠ Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you have chatted with on the internet.

⚠ Tell your parents or another adult you know of any contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.

⚠ Remember that pressing "send"™ is definite and final " you can't get it back or take it down.

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

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Ferry at Bay Rd
ROUTINE FERRY MAINTENANCE: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Tue 8 Jul 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (12pm to 2:30pm) Both directions closed. Avoid the area. Use alternative route.

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

Bridge Road between Pacific Highway and Jersey Street: **Wed 18 Jun 2014 - Sun 22 Jun 2014**

Scheduled lane closures for this week.

Thursday to Tuesday (8pm to 5am) affected

Check signage. Allow extra travel time. This work will take place in one night shift and minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. The bus stop within the work zone may be moved during night work times only. This change will be sign posted.

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. Galston Gorge will be closed during five daytime shifts. **Motorists should allow an additional 20 minutes travel time.** One lane will be open for access by emergency vehicles only, at all times.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Strickland Ave *and* Llewellyn St: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. This work will take place over 14 night shifts. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ROSEVILLE Pacific Hwy *between* Eton Rd *and* Clanville Rd: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Exercise caution. Work will be completed in 14 night shifts from 8pm to 5am between Sunday 15 June and Thursday 3 July, except Saturdays.

Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place.

ROSEVILLE Warringah Rd *near* Roseville Bridge: Sun 22 Jun 2014 - Thu 10 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. This work will take place over five night shifts.

Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ROSEVILLE CHASE Babbage Rd *between* Malvern Ave *and* Clive St: Tue 10 Jun 2014 - Fri 20 Jun 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Exercise caution. Work will be carried out over four nights during this period.

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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