



# Kuring Gai NSW 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](mailto: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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). Thank you.

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**28 July: Our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary recently gave a presentation on Crime Prevention tailored to the seniors at the Turramurra Uniting Church Seniors Centre.** Such great information and reminders were given, that we have been asked to share the best bits with the public via facebook. If you don't come into the seniors category, and so are thinking this is not for you, please think again. There will be one or two items mentioned here for all our readers! We all need reminding! – so, in no particular order:

At the supermarket, keep your handbag with you, NOT in the trolley. Similarly, for those pushing prams - don't leave your handbag on the pram at any time. Beware shoppers distracting you in order to snatch your bag/wallet.

At the coffee shop, or the movies, keep your handbag on your lap or very close.

When driving the car, lock your car doors. If windows are down, only have them open 10cm. Place your handbag on the floor, or under the passenger seat.

Beware tradesman that come touting at your door, eg tree loppers, gutter cleaners, yard work. Note: If you invite anyone into your home, your insurance may be invalid. Beware charity collectors. Never admit that you are alone: "My son will be home in 5 mins"•

At ATMs hide your cash immediately. Remove any receipt. Don't carry large amounts of cash. Note: the large supermarkets will let you have \$50 cash without a purchase.

When selling your house, beware Open House days. Lock away everything valuable. Consider being there as a "purchaser".

When using public transport, utilise populated and well-lit areas. Plan your trip. Try not to be alone. Try not to be waiting for a long time. Carry a torch.

Have the brightest sensor light at your house entry. Have your key ready. Use deadlocks when you go out. Review your locks " some people have been in the same home for many, many years and still have the original locks.

Beware lead-lights in or by your front door. The lead can be vulnerable " add security bars or similar.

If installed, use your burglar alarm. Check it out regularly. Don't hide valuables in hiding places within the home, such as the biscuit tin, or freezer. The crooks know all the usual places. Consider a safe attached to the floor.

Pre-programme emergency numbers into the bedside phone. If you hear someone, use the car alarm panic button. Consider a barking dog alarm linked to sensor lights.

Always lock your car, even in your driveway. Remove the garage remote control from your car. Hide anything from view.

Shred old documents with personal details on and financial information.

Report everything suspicious.

Beware scams. Get your "Little Black Book of Scams" (Copies available online or at Hornsby Police Station)

The government's "Stay Smart Online" has an alert service regarding online scams and software vulnerabilities.

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**28 July, from the Telegraph: North Shore teenager, 19, faces jail after being charged with having sex with 13-year-old girl**

[Click here for full article.](#)

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**26 July, from neighbouring Ryde command: Police investigate act of indecency " North Ryde**

Police are appealing for public assistance following an act of indecency in Sydney's north-west earlier this week. A 62-year-old woman was inside a home on Eastview Avenue, North Ryde, just before 7pm on Monday (21 July 2014), when she heard a knock on the back door. The woman was then confronted by a man outside the home performing a lewd act. The man fled and police were alerted. Officers from Ryde Local Area Command attended and conducted a search of the area with assistance from the Dog Unit.

An investigation into the incident is underway and police are appealing for public assistance to identify and locate the man involved. He's described as being **approximately 180cm tall and with a large, solid build**. The man, who had his face concealed, was wearing a light-coloured shirt.

Investigators are urging anyone with information about this incident, or who has reports about similar incidents in the area, to come forward.

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**26 July, from neighbouring North Shore command: Massage therapist charged with indecent assault " Chatswood**

A massage therapist has been charged over the alleged indecent assault of a client on Sydney's North Shore. On Sunday 20 July 2014, a 35-year-old woman attended a massage clinic on Victoria Road at Chatswood for treatment. It's alleged the woman was indecently assaulting during the massage. Police were alerted and officers from North Shore Local Area Command commenced an investigation.

Following inquiries, investigators arrested a 57-year-old man at the business just after 3.30pm yesterday (Friday 25 July 2014). The man was taken to Chatswood Police Station where he was charged with two counts of assault with act of indecency. The Chatswood man was given conditional bail to appear at North Sydney Local Court on 20 August 2014.

Inquiries are continuing and police are urging anyone with information about this incident, or any similar incidents, to come forward.

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**25 July, from the AFP: You've worked hard, you've paid your taxes. And now the scammers are lining up to get their hands on your refund.**

A common tax time scam involves scammers claiming that **you have overpaid your tax** and are entitled to a refund, but that you have to pay a tax or administration fee upfront for the money to be released.

If you think your email from the Australian Taxation Office might not be legit, forward it to **ReportEmailFraud@ato.gov.au**, or call the **ATO during business hours on 1800 060 062**.

For tips from the ATO on how to recognise and avoid tax scams, [click here](#).

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**24 July, from NSW Fair Trading: If you have a Malaysian Airlines booking, and are seeking a refund on tickets, contact the airline immediately.** The Company will allow full refunds, even on non-refundable tickets, for travel through to December 31 as long as customers notify the airline by midnight, Thursday 24 July 2014. You can contact the Malaysian Airlines ticketing office on 13 26 27 (Australia), or call the Malaysia Airlines call centre on +603 7843 3000 (outside Malaysia). For more information, [click here for the full media release](#).

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**24 July: Police are appealing for witnesses after a fire in Hornsby earlier in the month.**

About 4.50pm (Thursday 10 July 2014), emergency services responded to reports of a house on fire on Burdett Street. On arrival, officers from Kuring Gai Local Area Command found the rear of the house alight.

The fire was extinguished by personnel from Fire & Rescue NSW.

Police launched an investigation, establishing a crime scene that was examined by specialist forensic officers. Investigators are treating the fire as suspicious.

They are appealing for anyone who witnessed unusual behaviour in the area, or may have taken photographs or vision of the fire, to call Hornsby Detectives or Crime Stoppers. 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. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook.

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**24 July: Hornsby police are investigating a taxi fare evasion incident.** About 5am Sunday 29th June, 2 males entered a taxi at the Hornsby taxi rank for a fare to Carlingford and West Pennant Hills. In West Pennant Hills one male requested to stop and advised the driver the other male would pay the fare. The taxi continued onto Mosely street, Carlingford. About 5.26am the remaining passenger requested the driver to stop. It is at this point the remaining passenger is alleged to have got out and ran from the taxi without paying the fare. Due to the early hour it was dark and the driver lost sight of the male. Police believe the males depicted may be able to assist with their inquiries into the matter.





If you have any information please ring **Hornsby police on 9476 9799** or to report anonymously ring **crime stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

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### **23 July, from the ABC News: Scammers sell house without owner's knowledge**

[Click here for full article.](#)

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### **22 July, from neighbouring North Shore command: Commonly Asked Questions**

Recently we have done a lot of school visits for ages 4, up to 16 and we get asked some great questions. Here are the answers to a few.

The Police Station is open 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year.

General Duties or First Response Police work 12 hr shifts.

No we don't arrest kids for not doing homework.

No I have never shot someone.

No I don't know your retired Uncle who used to work in the police 10 years ago, in Wagga.

Yes our cars go fast.

Yes we get a lunch break.

No we don't all eat donuts.

No it's nothing like what you see on TV

Yes capsicum spray hurts, as do handcuffs and tasers.

No, having a cough lolly won't take alcohol off your breath.

You must blow into the alcolizer, not suck. We can tell the difference.  
Yes we have a sense of humour.

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## 22 July, from Blacktown command: Creative alright!

This photo highlights the need to be aware of bikes on the road.



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## We all know that dogs deter break-ins. But did you know?

Sensor lights can be linked to **barking dog sounds**. NSW Police and Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service, so you must do your own homework.

A dog barking alarm is an electronic device that protects your home when you are away by emitting the sound of a real barking dog. The sound of a real dog behind the door or window is often enough to cause the burglar to leave your home and go somewhere else.

Information about these types of product can be found by [clicking here](#) and also [here](#).

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**From East Killara Neighbourhood Watch, 26 July: WARNING!!!!!!**

Last night (Fri 25 July) we received this warning we would like to share. The Police were contacted at the time. THREE young men loitering around WARREGO PLACE EAST KILLARA 10:15PM. Wearing black hoodies and back packs using flash lights to look in parked cars.

**Our note: Please phone 000 if you see anything.**

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**For Gordon and Killara residents: Managed to scribble a few (sorry, not all) crime stats down for the last 3mths in our area at the Community Safety Precinct Committee yesterday.** Maybe your organisation has a representative that should attend these CSPC meetings? Contact your Crime Prevention Officer at **Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799.**

Assault (DV): Gordon - 2 Killara - 1

Assault (Alcohol, non-DV): Gordon - 2 Killara 3

Break & Enter (dwelling): Gordon - 5 Killara - 7 East Killara - 2

Break & Enter (non-dwelling): Gordon - 6 Killara - 4 East Killara - 1

Mal Damage: Gordon - 9 Killara - 9 East Killara - 1  
Steal from Dwelling: Killara 3 East Killara 1  
Fraud: Killara 10  
Robbery: Killara 1  
Steal from Motor Vehicle: Gordon - 1 Killara - 2  
Stolen Vehicles: none  
Steal from Retail: Gordon - 3  
Move On: Gordon - 6 Killara - 5 East Killara - 2  
Search: Gordon - 22 Killara - 19 East Killara - 3  
Drug Det Possession: Gordon - 2 Killara - 3

**For Berowra residents:**

Assault (DV): Berowra - 1 Berowra Heights - 1  
Assault (Alc & non-DV): Berowra - 1 Berowra Heights - 1  
Break & Enter (Dwelling): Berowra - 9 Berowra Heights - 2  
Break & Enter (non-Dwelling): Berowra - 1  
Mal Damage: Berowra - 11 Berowra Heights - 5  
Steal from Motor Vehicle: Berowra - 3 Berowra Waters 2 Berowra Heights - 1  
Stolen Vehicle: Berowra - 1 Berowra Waters - 1 Berowra Heights - 3  
Steal from Retail: Berowra - 1  
Move On: Berowra - 13  
Search: Berowra - 55 Berowra Heights - 6  
Drug Det Possession: Berowra Heights - 3

Did you know you can search crime stats by offence/suburb on the Bureau of Crime Stats and Research (BOCSAR) website ? [click here.](#)

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**OwnFone launches first 3D-printed braille phone in Australia** [Click here for more info.](#)

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**Free Concert by Ambre Hammond on Thursday 2nd October 2014**

Ku-ring-gai Council, in partnership with Ravenswood School for Girls, is proud to advise that they are sponsoring a special piano recital, on a magnificent Stuart Grand, by Ambre Hammond, an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, to acknowledge **United Nations Day of the Older Person**, in the delightful Lorraine

Smith Auditorium at the school, on Thursday 2nd October 2014, from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Doors will open at 10.00am.

Being school holidays for Ravenswood, parking will be easier, and is available on the Highway after 10.00am, and in the surrounding streets. For anyone considering coming by train, the school is about 300M from Gordon Station. The entrance to the Auditorium is from Henry St, by Gate 3.

It is to be hoped residents can avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to attend this free performance by Ambre, whose career highlights can be found via Google. Enquiries: Ku-ring-gai Council ph: 9424 0000. No phone bookings tho. More info & [booking form & instructions click here](#).

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**Wednesday 30 July:** 6pm, Gordon Police Station. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Have you anything you would like discussed? Please email Gordon Neighbourhood Watch, [click here](#).

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**From NSW Fair Trading, a reminder: Consumers warned of wheat bag fire risk**

[Click here for full media release.](#)

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**Hornsby's Friday night 'Celebrations' raised great money for the new**

**Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.** Here's the bit from the Hornsby Advocate (thanks Advocate).

## **FUNDS RAISED FOR WOMENS SHELTER**

Organisers estimate that in the order of \$20,000 will be raised for the Hornsby Womens Shelter as a result of donations on the night.

"It has been awesome," said Mariane Ioffrida, who organised the fundraising drive behind the scenes with Kylie Macri and Michelle Chahine.

"I think it's been a really great success and that's due to a lot of hard work."

Hornsby RSL club will match the funds raised by public donations, as well as donating \$1200 from ticket sales and a one-off \$10,000 donation.

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**From Traffic & Highway Patrol: It's late but we came across this old story from Victoria. There are no words.**



[Click here for full article.](#)

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 24 July: MAKE IT HARDER FOR CROOKS** Crime prevention can be an involved process using intelligence, strategic policing and attention to environmental factors. It can also be very simple – “just lock up! Your police continue to investigate thefts that occur on unlocked targets. These include unlocked windows and doors in houses, unlocked garages at houses and units and unlocked cars. Criminals are often opportunists. They know they want to steal something, and they know if they look hard enough they will find unlocked premises or cars, which makes it easy to steal from and also does not attract the attention that breaking a window or door will do. - Detective Inspector Jon Gross

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**Dates for the diary:**

**Wednesday 30 July:** 6pm, Gordon Police Station. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

**Thursday 31 July:** Chinese Parent's Forum: HSC Study 5:30-8:30pm Hornsby Council Chambers. Enquiries: jane@2realise.org.au

**Wednesday 06 August:** Activate Turramurra Family Fun Day 1- 4:30pm in Coles carpark. See council website.

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

**Saturday 9 August:** St Ives Graffiti Removal Day. Note date change. Still tbc. More details to follow.

**Sunday 10 August:** 3rd Bradfield Comedy Debate. 4pm at Ravenswood School for Girls, Gordon.

**Sunday 24 August:** FREE 10:30am-12:30pm AFL Family Day Fun.

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

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

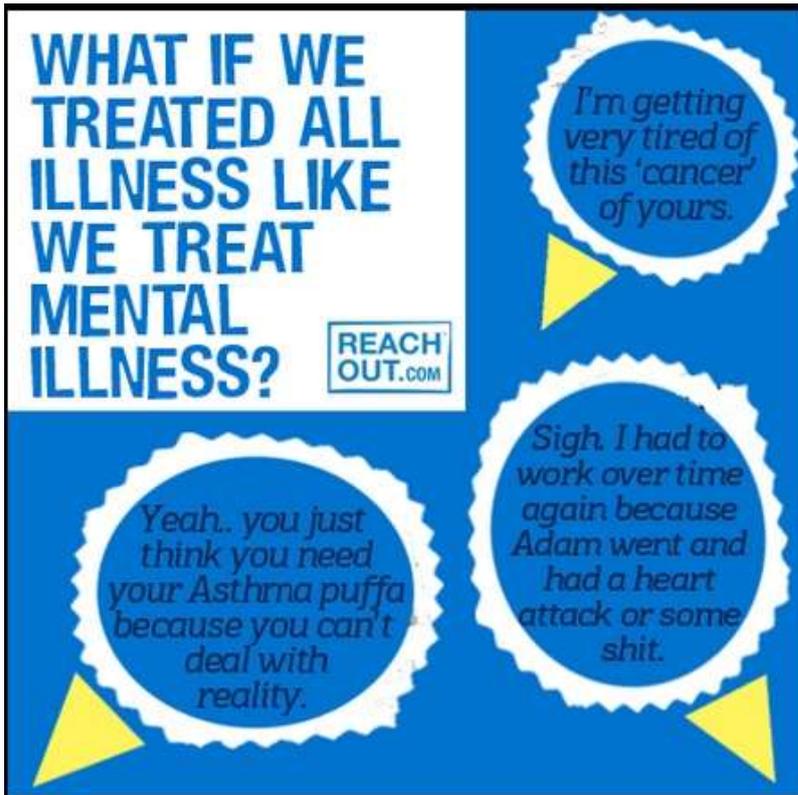
**Saturday 13 September:** Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Open Day

**Sunday 14 September:** Open Day FREE 10am-2pm. NSW Mounted Police Stables, 7 Baptist St, Redfern.

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

**Saturday 11 October:** St John's Anglican Church Fête, cnr Pac Hwy & St John's Ave, Gordon 9am - 2pm. Crime Prevention stall there, with NSW Police and local Neighbourhood Watch.

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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. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.**

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**Last week's abandoned vehicle sale:** Thanks for the feedback. It wasn't really 'crime', but it seems that people appreciated the note and we know one happy reader hopes to bid at the auction!

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

**BEROWRA WATERS** Berowra Waters Ferry: Tue 12 Aug 2014 - Tue 12 Aug 2014

**Scheduled road closures for this week**

Tue (10.30am to 2.30pm) closed. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

**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.

**GORDON** Pacific Hwy *between* Ryde Rd *and* Henry St: Tue 8 Jul 2014 - Mon 4 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Wed (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Exercise caution. A contra flow will be implemented to allow motorists to pass the works in both directions.

**HORNSBY** Pacific Hwy *between* Pretoria Pde *and* Edgeworth David Ave: Thu 24 Jul 2014 - Sun 31 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Wed (8pm to 5am) Northbound affected. Thu to Sat (9:30pm to 5am) Northbound affected. Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h). Two out of three northbound lanes will be closed at night.

**LINDFIELD** Pacific Hwy *between* Strickland Ave *and* Llewellyn St: Mon 21 Jul 2014 - Thu 31 Jul 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Minor delays are expected.

**St Ives:** Killeaton Street (between Memorial Avenue and Warrimoo Avenue) - Night patching and road resurfacing scheduled week commencing Monday 21 July.

**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd *between* Parkes St *and* Phyllis Ave: Wed 23 Jul 2014 - Fri 8 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Wed to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Night maintenance work requiring two nights shifts to complete, excluding Saturdays.

**TURRAMURRA** Pacific Hwy *between* Rohini St *and* Borambil St: Tue 22 Jul 2014 - Fri 8 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sat to Fri (9.30pm to 4.30am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduced speed limit (40km/h).

**And extra info from Hornsby Shire Council: Works Near You Monday 28 July, 2014**

Hornsby Shire Council will be carrying out major road resurfacing works this week in **Hornsby** on Northcote Road and Lisgar Road.

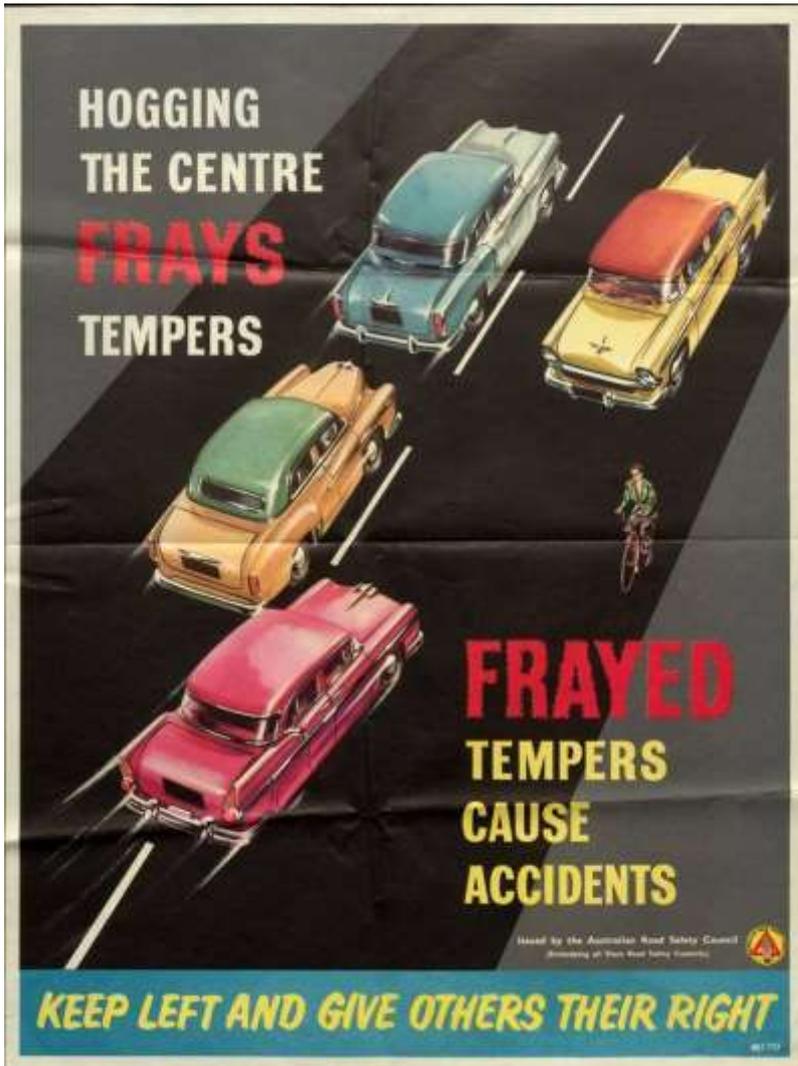
A small section of the kerb will be replaced at Buckingham Avenue in **Normanhurst**.

Roadworks continue in **Berowra** on Berowra Waters Road and Goodwyn Road, while Edgeworth David Avenue is still having traffic signals installed.

**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](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au). Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil](http://www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil).

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

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From Queensland State Archives.

## 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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