



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.

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.

01 December, from the NSW Roads & Maritime Services: "From Monday,

anyone caught parking in a disabled car park without holding a valid mobility parking sticker will not only get a \$519.00 fine – the highest fine for this offence in the country, they'll also receive a demerit point penalty."

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

29 November, a reminder from Campbelltown command: It's the Time For Christmas Shopping, for you, me and the Thieves!

Avoid taking purchases to your car and stowing them. Sometimes, especially around Christmas time when we are doing a lot of shopping, we will take our purchases to the car to unload our arms so we can return to the mall or shopping strip and do more shopping. My suggestion is that if you have to stow and return to shopping, move your car if at all possible. If a would-be thief is watching you stow your packages, he will be deterred if he sees you leave. I know it is not always easy to find a parking space during peak shopping hours, but replacing all your stolen items is no walk in the park either!

26 November, from the North Shore Times: Delinquency thrives in Robert Pymble Park

IN ROBERT Pymble Park, delinquency still rules the night despite a regular police presence. The unmistakable shape of a syringe sticking out in the park and anti-social behaviour has prompted Andrew Macaulay and other Pymble residents to lobby Ku-ring-gai Council for change. Two separate motions from councillors Christiane Berlioz and David Ossip that focused on tackling graffiti, vandalism and assaults in the area became one at Tuesday's council meeting. "It was the resolution we wanted passed, and we had the mother of a girl who was (allegedly) assaulted in the audience as well as 20 people representing residents from Grandview St," Mr Macaulay said.

[Click here](#) for full article.

26 November: A third man has been arrested and charged in connection with a series of alleged armed robberies across Sydney.

Between Sunday 24 August and Tuesday 21 October 2014, a series of armed robberies was committed upon newsagencies, service stations, liquor stores and hotels across Sydney [incl the Blue Gum, Waitara].

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

26 November: ACORN - Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network

The ACORN is a national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. By reporting cybercrime and protecting yourself online, you can help make Australia a harder target for cyber criminals.

[Click here](#) for ACORN website.

26 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police shut down 'impromptu party' of 60 teenagers at Warrina Street Oval, Berowra

POLICE are urging parents to know where their children are at night after a group of more than 60 teenagers threw an impromptu party at Berowra on Saturday night. Police were called to Warrina Street Oval about 9pm after neighbours reported a large number of youths yelling out and trashing the oval. It's believed that some of the teenagers were later involved in smashing windows and pot plants at nearby St Bernard's Catholic School.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary said many of the teenagers were intoxicated and a number of them were under-age. He said smashed bottles and rubbish were strewn across the oval. "They were getting out of control," he said. "There was the potential for property to be damaged. If they were allowed to continue it was likely that things would escalate."

[Click here](#) for full article.

26 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: 'It's sickening': Children as young as six at risk as drug users dump syringes in Waitara scout grounds

Scouts have been forced to get a sharps bin after the grounds of their hut became a drug den. 1st Waitara Scout leaders say they regularly have to pick up syringes before around 50 Cubs, Scouts and Joeys who use the hut near Hornsby Hospital arrive for their weekly meetings, fearing the kids as young as six could pick them up. Bongs have also been discovered near the hut on Palmerston Road North. Cub leader Bill Martin says it's worrying that he's had to clear up needles with so many kids around.

[Click here](#) for full article.

25 November: Two men are assisting with inquiries into a number of armed robberies across Sydney.

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24 November, from the government's Scam Watch: Do you have a big heart and love to donate money to worthy causes? Scammers don't.

Charity scams involve scammers collecting money by pretending to work for a legitimate cause or charity, or a fictitious one they've created. Often scammers will exploit a recent natural disaster or crisis that has been in the news. They may also play on your emotions by claiming to collect for a cause that will secure your sympathy, for example, to help sick children. These scams divert much-needed

donations away from legitimate charities and causes. Charities must be registered with government — donate confidently by checking their registration first.

What you should do to safeguard yourself:

- Approach charity organisations directly to make a donation or offer support.
- Don't rely on a phone number or website address given by the person who first called, visited or emailed you because they could be impersonating a legitimate charity.
- Never give out your personal, credit card or online account details unless you initiated contact and it is a trusted source.
- If you're approached out of the blue by a collector ask to see their identification.
- Legitimate charities are registered at the state or territory level—check with your local consumer protection agency to see if they're a genuine charity.
- If you think you've provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

[Click here](#) for more info.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities



Don't stay silent about violence
If you hear or know something... Say something.

The **NSW Police Force 'Facebook' page** has hit **400,000** followers this week marking a 'milestone' for the organisation. The Facebook page allows police to communicate key messages to the community both quickly and effectively.



White Ribbon Day for the police horses.

From NSW Food Authority: Weekly update to our Name & Shame list of on-the-spot fines:

- 21 outlets added
- 12 outlets removed

Thyme Square Cafe, Hornsby, 5/43A FLORENCE STREET HORNSBY 2077 -

Fail to display potentially hazardous food under temperature control - \$880

[Click here](#) for details.

From Ku-ring-gai Council, 27 November: The Council voted this week to approve a raft of measures aimed at making the Robert Pymble Park and surrounding shops safer, following a string of vandalism and anti-social behaviour incidents in recent months.

Residents have raised allegations with Councillors that a street gang is congregating in the park at the corner of Alma Avenue and Park Crescent Pymble, approaching members of the public in a threatening manner. Mayor Anderson said some of the allegations, which included alleged sexual assaults, were a police matter. “However, there are practical steps that the Council can take to make this area safer for residents and passers-by and we will be acting on these as a matter of urgency.”

Among the measures the Council voted to approve were improved lighting in the park and surrounding area, making the park a no-alcohol zone and locking public facilities such as the tennis courts and toilets at night.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

From NSW Food Authority: RECALL - Aldi Berg Strassburg, Skinless Hotdogs

NSW Food Authority advises Tibaldi Australasia is recalling several manufactured meat products, sold in ALDI stores in NSW and other states. The recall is because of contamination with **Listeria monocytogenes**. Listeria can cause an infection which can be particularly serious for pregnant women, the immuno-compromised, the elderly and young children.





* ALDI Berg Strassburg 500g in vacuum packs, all 'use by' dates up to and including 08-02-15, and

* ALDI Berg Skinless Hotdogs, 375g per 6 in vacuum packs, all 'use by' dates up to and including 16-01-15

Pregnant women, the immunocompromised, the elderly and young children should take particular care to not consume the recalled products.

[Click here](#) for full details.

New App: 'Save the Date' from NSW Health

NSW Health is making it easier for parents to ensure their children are fully immunised on time. As part of an **immunisation awareness campaign**, the “Save the Date” phone App allows parents to enter their child’s name, date of birth and GP contact details. The App will then calculate the next immunisation due date and send a series of reminders to prompt the parent to call their GP to schedule an appointment for each immunisation. Parents can make that call straight from the App.

"Good neighbours are one of the best security devices. Get to know your neighbours, stay in touch and, together, keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour."
- Senior Constable Sascha Orrock, Crime Prevention Officer at North Shore Local Area Command (LAC), from the North Shore Times 28 Nov 2014.



Thanks Sandra Bach.

Reader's question: Can I report to anyone counterfeit goods being sold at a shop?

Our reply, confirmed by phone with NSW Fair Trading: If you suspect a retailer is selling counterfeit goods, you can dob them in by lodging a general complaint online with NSW Fair Trading. Supporting evidence is needed, eg a photo, a receipt for goods. An inspector may be sent to investigate the matter.

[Click here](#) for link 'to lodge a general complaint online'.

Alternatively, phone **NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20** to discuss how to lodge a complaint.

From Hornsby Shire Council: FREE Christmas Spectacular 5 til 9:30pm at Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights.

Come and support your local police and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers. The Crime Prevention Van will be there; along with the NSW Police mascot, Constable Charlie the friendly penguin; and our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary. This means loads of FREE give-aways for you and the kids - colouring-in, key rings, balloons, tattoos, cut-out police vehicles to build, car fresheners, reminder notes, fridge magnets, etc and all the safety and security advice you could possibly need. Volunteers from all the NHW groups in the Kuring Gai command will be there to celebrate the end of a good NHW year - please come over and say hello! Bring the kids and make FREE Christmas cards for your family!

FREE shuttle buses will leave Hornsby Station and Rofe Park every 15 minutes between 4:30 and 10pm.

[Click here](#) for full details.

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

From 29 April 2015, all properties with a pool or spa that are sold or leased must have a pool compliance certificate confirming that the pool's barrier meets required safety standards. Compliance certificates are available from local councils following a satisfactory inspection of safety barriers. Inspections can be arranged in Ku-ring-gai by calling the Council on **9424 0000**.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

Victim blaming is never OK... EVER



Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday 03 December: International Day of People with Disability. [Click here](#) for local info.

Saturday 06 December: Xmas Spectacular 5-9:30pm Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights.

Saturday 06 December: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Clean-out, at St Ives

Showground 9am - 3.30pm. [Click here](#) for info.

Tuesday 09 December: Gordon Area 24/12 NHW AGM, 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club.

Sunday 21 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Service Santa Run, 8:30 - 11:30 Westleigh & Thornleigh. More details to follow.

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival.

Monday 31 March 2015: NOTE DATE CHANGE Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 28 September 2015: Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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.

From the RFS: [Important new changes to the 10/50 vegetation clearing rule](#)

Changes announced on 26 November - Find out whether you can clear trees and vegetation from your property. Changes were made to the eligibility area on 27 November. These changes are effective immediately. You should re-confirm your eligibility to remove vegetation using the [online tool](#) before taking any action. For more information see our [frequently asked questions](#).

[Click here](#) for the Hornsby Shire Council Media Release.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW



BROOKLYN Pacific Hwy on Peats Ferry Bridge

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 24 Nov 2014 - Fri 5 Dec 2014

Impact:



Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (9.30am to 2.30pm) Both directions affected

Advice:

Allow extra travel time
Exercise caution

Monday 24 November and Friday 5 December, excluding weekends, weather permitting.

Other

Work involving lane closures will be carried out between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Info:

A specialist bridge inspection vehicle may be parked on the road.
Some delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Lane closures and a reduced speed limit will be in place.



DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 20 Dec 2014

Impact:



Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected
Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected

Advice:

Check signage
Reduce speed

Road improvement works are taking place, including installation of new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

Other

Info:

Work to upgrade the intersection will not take place during the Christmas and New Year period.



DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Thu 6 Nov 2014 - Wed 31 Dec 2014

Impact:



Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Sat (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected
Mon to Sat (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time
Exercise caution
Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm until late December 2014, excluding Sundays.


Other Info: There will also be 20 shifts of night work between 9pm and 5am, excluding Sundays, until late December.
Lane closures will be in place while the work is carried out.
There will be some noise associated with this work



KILLARA Pacific Hwy between Marian St and Stanhope Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 8 Dec 2014 - Mon 15 Dec 2014

Impact:  Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Mon (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution

Other Info: Maintenance works requiring one night shift to complete. There will be no work on Saturday.

Lindfield

Short Street Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Tryon Road Heavy patching scheduled between Nelson Road and Howard Street.

Valley Road Preparation work in progress. Reconstruction of the bend near Short Street scheduled for early December. Adjustments of manholes to follow.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Roseville

Bromborough Road Stabilisation works completed between Shirley Road and Ontario Avenue. A temporary surface has been laid while the new works settle.
Heavy patching and kerb and guttering works in progress on the remainder of the street.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.
Ontario Avenue Heavy patching completed.
Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.
Shirley Road Heaving patching completed between Alston Way and bend near
Shirley Road.
Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.



WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd between Lady Game Dr and Lane Cove River

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 27 Oct 2014 - Fri 12 Dec 2014

Impact:  Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (10am to 3pm) Southbound affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time
Expect delays

Other Info: One of three southbound lanes will be closed.

[Click here](#), for Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks information.



Thanks to Family Friend Poems - Russel Jones

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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