



# Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

**Newsletter # 169 - 05 January 2015**

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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**05 January 2015: Hornsby Police news, 5/1/15 The following relate to local**

## issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge.  
Time/Date: About 10.45pm Sunday 4th  
Place: Pacific highway, Wahroonga  
Vehicle 1: Commodore  
Driver 1: 40 year old female  
Details: The 40 year old female was stopped for a random breath test which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .081. The female driver had her license suspended by police and she was charged.

Court: The female is to appear at the North Sydney local Court on the 5th of February charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Low range drink driving charge  
Time/Date: About 9pm Sunday 28th  
Place: Mona Vale Road, Pymble  
Vehicle 1: Mazda  
Driver 1: 42 year old male  
Details: The male driver was stopped for a random breath test which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .063. The driver was then charged.

Court: The male is to appear at the North Sydney local Court on the 29th of January charged with Driving with a low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Motor cycle crash  
Time/Date: About 3.40pm Saturday 3rd  
Place: Pacific highway, Brooklyn  
Vehicle 1: Honda motor cycle

Driver 1: 28 year old male

Details: The male rider was travelling on the Pacific highway about 2kms north of the pie in the sky, while negotiating a sweeping bend the cycle has hit a small stick on the road causing the rear wheel to lose traction, the rider has come off the bike and skidded into the Armco railing. An ambulance was called and took the rider to Hornsby hospital with grazes and a broken collarbone. While police were in attendance at the location numerous sticks and branches could be seen over the road from nearby trees due to the high winds, as such no action is being taken into relation to the matter.

Incident: Speeding offence

Time/Date: About 7.35am Sunday 4th

Place: M1 Motorway Mount Colah

Details: A 17 year old Queensland male driving a VW Golf was detected allegedly travelling at 178 kmh in the 110 speed zone. Police have stopped the male in relation to the speed. He was issued a ticket and had his license suspended by police.

Incident: Arrest and charge 2 x break and enters plus other stealing offences

Time/Date: Between 8am and 8.30am Monday 29th

Place: Alan Road, Berowra.

Details: Witnesses claim 2 males were seen acting suspicious at a home in Alan road, Berowra. It is alleged the males have broken into a home stealing a number of items. Witnesses have detained the men until police arrived soon after. Inquiries revealed another home in Turner road was also broken into and a shop stealing offence nearby which police will allege the males were involved in. The males were arrested and subsequently charged with various stealing offences.

Court: A number of inquiries are continuing into the males activities which may result in further charges.

Various break and enter offences:

Boolarong Road, Pymble, 22 December to 30 December.

Window frame bent. Ipad and jewellery taken.

Woonoona Avenue, Wahroonga, Saturday 3 to Monday 5.

Unit entered and credit card stolen, Used in subsequent fraud offence.

Hayle Street, St Ives, 5 December to 3 January.

Unknown entry point, Jewellery and cash taken (owners on holidays at time of incident).

2 x homes in Golfers Parade, Pymble 23 December to 1 January.

Shed and home entered. Jewellery was taken.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents 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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**04 January: Nearly 1,900 motorists were caught breaking the law on the second last day of the Christmas / New Year road safety campaign.**

Operation Safe Arrival started at 12.01am on Friday 19 December 2014 and runs until 11.59pm tonight (Sunday 4 January 2015). Yesterday (Saturday 3 January 2015), police charged 1,890 motorists for a variety of traffic offences. Of note, 740 motorists were caught speeding, 109 were booked for not wearing a seatbelt, and 35 were charged for drink-driving.

"a 19-year-old man detected travelling at 116km/h in a 60km/h zone on the Pacific Highway, Mt Colah"

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

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**04 January: If you make the decision to threaten or intimidate your partner; police will investigate and we will charge you.**

If you make the decision to assault or hit your partner; police will investigate and we will charge you. If it is your behaviour, it's your fault. The NSW Police Force has zero tolerance for domestic violence. If you don't stop domestic violence, the police will.



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**03 January, from our neighbouring command: Police have charged a man over a number of alleged aggravated indecent assaults in North Sydney last year.**

In November 2014, detectives attached to Harbourside Local Area Command began investigating allegations of indecent assault at a medical centre in North Sydney.

It's alleged a staff member performing ultrasounds at the centre had indecently assaulted three women during their examinations.

Following further inquiries, a 67-year-old man attended North Sydney Police Station yesterday (Friday 2 January 2014), where he was arrested.

The man was later charged with seven counts of aggravated indecent assault and was granted strict conditional bail to appear before Downing Centre Local Court on Monday 16 February 2015.

Investigations into the incidents are continuing and detectives are urging anyone with information to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

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**02 January, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Northbound on Pennant Hills Rd today a fridge secured on to a trailer by an extension lead!!!!**



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**01 January, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: “It’s not all about tonight, you have to think about tomorrow” is the message from the state’s highway patrol to New Years Eve revellers.**

On New Years Eve 2013 and New Years Day 2014 police conducted 97,315 random breath tests and charged 345 people with drink driving offences. Traffic and Highway Patrol Command’s Assistant Commissioner John Hartley said anyone thinking of having a big night out tonight should consider how capable they are of controlling a vehicle the next morning.

“Alcohol leaves the body slowly over time, and even though you might think you are right to drive the next morning, chances are you won’t be,” Assistant Commissioner Hartley said. “This is why police often conduct random breath testing operations in the morning. “You should name a designated driver, call a taxi or spend the night where you are celebrating.”

Some examples of inappropriate driver behaviour during Day 12 of Operation Safe

Arrival include:

"About 3:15pm yesterday (30 December 2014), a **45-year-old Turrumurra man** was stopped on the Old Hume Highway at Mittagong for a random breath test. The roadside breath test returned a positive reading and he was arrested and taken to Bowral Police Station. A subsequent breath analysis returned a reading of 0.216. He was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice to appear at Moss Vale Local Court on February 3 2015 to answer allegations of high range drink driving. His licence was suspended."

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

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**01 January: You beauty, Sydney!** What a year it's been. We've endured some testing times, but the support from the NSW community and our social media following has meant so much. Happy New Year, all. Be kind to each other, look out for your friends, and continue the spirit of goodwill. Bring on 2015!

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**30 December 2014, from News Local: Who you call for help in an emergency when everyone has gone for the holidays**

**Triple Zero (000)** is the national go-to phone number to call police if you or your property are threatened, you have just witnessed a crime or serious accident or if someone is badly injured or in need of urgent medical attention. If you are deaf or have a speech or hearing impairment call 106.

But keep those numbers for emergencies — call **131 444** to contact police other than in an emergency. Do not forget to call Crime Stoppers, free and confidential, on **1800 333 000** with information to help solve a crime. "Speak Out" against racism and abuse by calling **1800 131 555**. Call **132 500** for storm and flood assistance.

Summer is great for messing about on the water, but in a boating emergency call

Marine Rescue NSW on **Channel 16 on VHF** (distress and calling channel) or **Channel 88 (27.880 MHz)** on a 27 MHz radio or by calling Triple Zero. Volunteers deal with everything from assisting sinking vessels, boats with flat batteries and other mechanical problems, to those that have run aground, often towing disabled vessels back to safe harbour.

[Click here](#) for full article, which includes great advice for contacting Ambulance, Fire, Rural Fire, WIRES and SES.

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### **30 December, from CareFlight: FIVE INJURED IN CAR, BIKE ROLLOVER ON OLD PACIFIC HWY**

A 49-year-old woman was airlifted to Sydney's Westmead Hospital tonight with multiple injuries after an incident involved a car and motorbike on the Old Pacific Highway north of Sydney. The woman was a passenger in a late model BMW coupe which rolled about **1km south of Brooklyn Bridge**. A motorcycle rider and pillion passenger then came to grief trying to avoid the overturned car.

The CareFlight rapid response trauma team were called in at 6.09 pm landing about 21 minutes later adjacent to the scene on the Old Pacific Highway helipad where police, NSW Ambulance and a Cowan Rural Fire Service crew were in attendance. The woman suffered a serious hand injury as well as possible chest and abdominal injuries. She was treated at the scene by the CareFlight doctor and paramedic before being placed in the helicopter for the flight to Westmead. The driver and another passenger were treated by lacerations and minor injuries while both the rider and pillion passenger were treated to abrasions and bruises.

[Click here](#) for CareFlight's video - CareFlight 4 and the team at the scene.

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Thanks to UK Cop Humour

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**Remember the same 0.05 blood alcohol limit that applies on the road, also applies to skippers on the water.**

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### **Shopping Tips from NSW Fair Trading.**

When you buy an item you are automatically covered by a set of legally binding consumer guarantees. They entitle you to ask for a refund, repair or replacement if the product:

- is not of acceptable quality
- does not match the description

- does not match the sample or demonstration model shown to you.

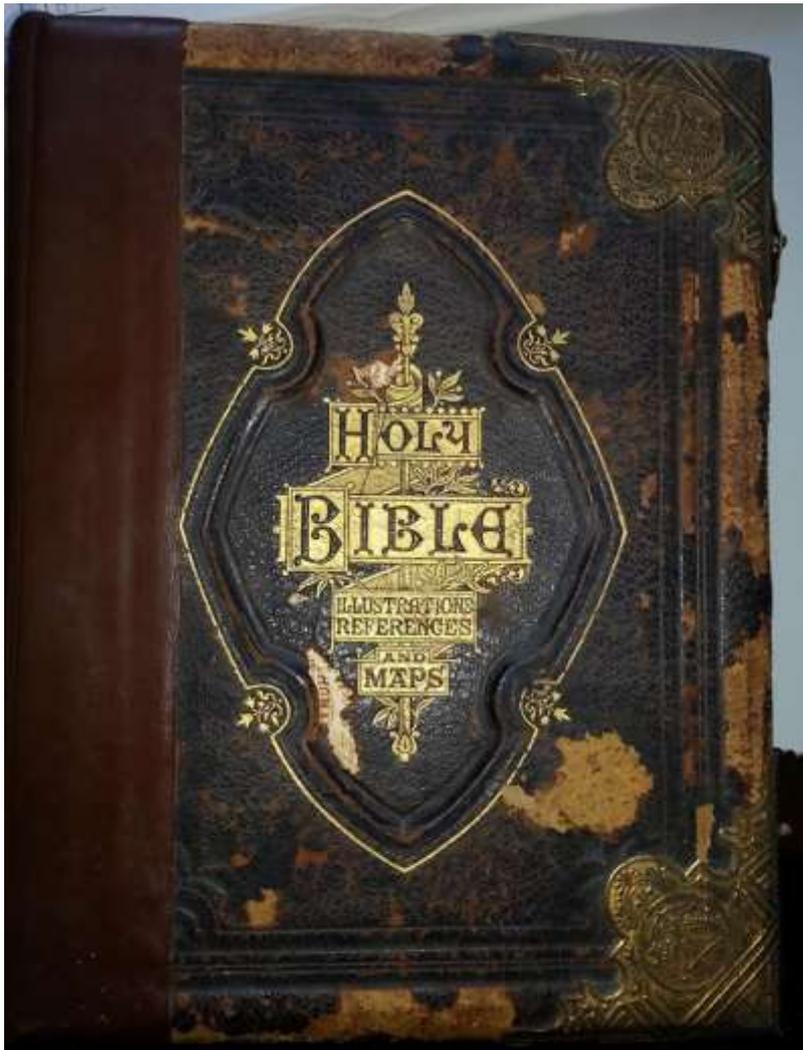
[Click here](#) for full advice.



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**From S.A. Police, 02 January: Police are hoping for some divine intervention to help locate the owner of this bible that was handed in to the Sturt police station this morning.**

It has inscriptions on the inside, and appears to be very old. Anyone with information about the owner or where the bible came from is asked to call the Sturt police station on 8207 4700 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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**Tuesday 20 January:** 'All Areas' NHW meeting #15. 6pm Gordon Police Station.  
All welcome.

Want to get more involved with Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)?

Happy to volunteer an hour of your time at the upcoming Toolang Oval Community Safety Day?

Wish to know more about how Facebook is used as a 21st Century Neighbourhood Watch?

Want to know what NHW volunteers are doing in our command area for 2015?

Please know you are very welcome to come along to this meeting and meet like-minded people concerned about making the area safer to live in. Home-made sandwiches offered as a bribe.

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**A warning about 9volt batteries and a simple preventative. [Click here](#) to watch informative video.**



Thanks to our Kissing Point Road E-Watch.

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**From ABC Health & Well-being: Question - Can you smell if food is off?**

"No way, is the response from food safety experts. Smell is not a good way to tell whether food is safe to eat, says Lydia Buchtman from the Food Safety Information Council. "A lot of people rely on the sniff test, [but] that means nothing whatsoever," says Buchtman. When a plate of leftovers starts to pong, it means spoilage bacteria have taken hold. These are different from bacteria that cause food poisoning."

[Click here](#) for full response.

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**30 December, from the Bush Telegraph:** Congratulations to the local blokes who ran down a couple of would-be Burglars in Alan Road Berowra Heights this morning ... And thanks to the police who were quickly on the scene!

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**From Hornsby Shire Council: BEROWRA WATERS ALGAE AT SAFE LEVELS**

New tests have revealed algae levels in Berowra Waters have dropped to safe levels. Levels are at acceptable concentrations for all recreation including swimming, boating and wildstock shellfish collection.

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**From Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Shire Council: “It’s a two-way Street”**

Ku-ring-gai Council and Hornsby Council are teaming up to deliver a Cycle and Driver Awareness Campaign throughout January and February 2015.



[Click here](#) for Ku-ring-gai's full Media Release, including the following tips for drivers and cyclists. [Click here](#) for Hornsby's full Media Release:

**Tips for Drivers**

Pass cyclists safely. Leave at least one metre when overtaking. If it's not safe to pass, 'brake and wait'.

Drive carefully, do not cut in front or squeeze a cyclist off the road.

**Tips for Cyclists**

Be mindful, ride according to road, weather and traffic conditions.

Make eye contact with drivers.

Indicate clearly and let cyclists know where you are going.

Regularly check behind you and be predictable – maintain a smooth riding line.

Cyclists can be difficult to see at intersections and in low visibility conditions. Check rear view mirrors and know your blind spots. Take a second look before opening car doors.

Ride at least one metre from parked cars and watch for drivers opening doors.

Take special care when entering and exiting driveways. Watch for cyclists.

Indicate your intentions. You may occupy the centre of the traffic lane when using roundabouts or when getting ready to turn, use hand signals prior to turning.

Cyclists are vehicles. They have as much right to use the road as you and can legally ride two abreast.

Scan ahead and look for pedestrians or drivers who may not have seen you, and for potholes or drainage grates.

Make sure you can be seen. Wear bright clothing, an approved helmet and lights and reflectors for night riding.

**From Ku-ring-gai Council: The Seniors Road Safety Calendar 2015 is now available**

The free calendar is available from Council Chambers and all Ku-ring-gai Library

branches. Grab one quick, limited stock!



[Click here](#) for more info.

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Officers located and apprehended a koala earlier today for shoplifting offences. He is due to appear in Animal's Court at a later date. "This milk looks like it's top koala-ty!"



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia.

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Sunday 18 January:** Recycle your live Xmas tree (or other garden prunings to be chipped) 8am - 2:45pm. FREE to Hornsby Shire residents. Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai Phone 9847 4856

**Tuesday 20 January:** 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm Gordon Police Station. All welcome.

**Sunday 15 February:** Community Crime Prevention & Safety Day at Toolang Oval, St Ives. 9am-1pm.

**Thursday 19 February:** Neighbourhood Watch Information Day, 9am-4pm, NSW Teachers Federation Building, 37 Reservoir Street, Surrey Hills.

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

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

**Monday 28 September 2015:** Turramurra 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.**

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Thanks to Shut Up I'm Still Talking.

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**Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW & Ku-ring-gai Council.**

**Lindfield**, Tryon Road: Heavy patching works completed prior to resurfacing scheduled for January 2015.

**Pymble** Alma Street Reconstruction works scheduled for mid-January 2015.



**ROSEVILLE Archbold Rd between Tryon Rd and Boundary St**

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 5 Jan 2015 - Sat 17 Jan 2015

Advice: Check signage  
Exercise caution

Other Info: The median lane in both directions will be closed for excavation work by Ausgrid, continuously from January 5 to 17. One lane will remain open for traffic in each direction.

**Roseville**, Archbold Road: Proposed extended day time hours - North Shore cable project from 5 to 15 January 2015 (between Owen Street and Bancroft Avenue). There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays. Proposed hours are 7am to 9pm Monday to Saturday.

<b>Turramurra</b>	Buckra Street (between Charlton Avenue and Merrivale Lane)	Shoulder construction completed prior to road resurfacing (yet to be scheduled).
	Canberra Avenue	A temporary surface will be laid with final surfacing scheduled for early 2015.
	Nambucca Avenue	Reconstruction of the road pavement is scheduled for early 2015.
<b>West Pymble</b>	Lord Street	Lowering of utility services prior to road reconstruction in January 2015.
	Wallalong	Shoulder construction and adjustment of driveways

Crescent completed prior to resurfacing in early 2015.

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

[Click here](#) for Live Traffic NSW website.

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Thanks to Police in the Area.

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### **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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