



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues. [Click here](#) to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

02 March: Here's the link to the YouTube video from the Women in Policing 100 year celebrations at Tumbalong Park at the weekend. Can you spot yourself?

Women in the NSW Police Force are marking 100 years of service this year, with celebrations for the milestone starting with an expo in the state's capital

city. The expo took place on Sunday 1 March 2015 at Tumbalong Park Darling Harbour, and was the first of a number of public events held across the state to showcase women's achievements over the last century.

[Click here](#) to view the video and read the Media Release.

[Click here](#) for the Events Calendar which will be updated for all the year's events.

02 March, from Police Transport command: Graffiti tunnel rats paint a picture of stupidity

TEEN graffiti vandals and "urban explorers" trespassing in Sydney's rail tunnels are costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars a year while brazenly mocking authorities and boasting about their criminal exploits on social media. The youths are invading the City Circle underground and other tunnels on the network to deface trains and railway property and record their antics on video.



Teen graffiti vandals trespassing in Sydney's rail tunnels / Picture: YouTube Source: YouTube

Full article from News.com.au, [click here](#).

02 March: Police are reminding parents and caregivers that while summer is officially over, the swimming season is not, and extreme vigilance is still required around backyard swimming pools.

The warning from police follows the drowning deaths of two young children in the past week.

According to Royal Life Saving, 20 children between the ages of zero and four years drowned in Australia between July 1 2013 and 30 June 2014. Swimming pools accounted for 70 per cent of the drowning deaths in this age group “ more than 4.5 times that of any other location.

For full media release, [click here](#).

28 February, from the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Driver, passenger escape uninjured after crashing car into tree at Pennant Hills

A MAN and woman were lucky to escape serious injury after their car slammed into a tree in north west Sydney this morning. Emergency services were called to the corner of Crescent and Britannia streets at Pennant Hills about 1.30am to find a late model Holden Cruze sedan had hit a tree.



A driver crashed into a tree in Pennant Hills but escaped with only minor injuries.

Picture: Chris McKeen

[Click here](#) for full article from The Daily Telegraph.

28 February, from the Australian Federal Police - Media Release: Joint agency investigation shuts down fraudulent identity manufacturing operation



Fake IDs can be used to open bank accounts, secure loans from banks, and even apply for passports. This was an alleged fraudulent ID manufacturing operation in Sydney which had created thousands of fake ID cards, including licences, Medicare cards and credit cards.

Read more about this joint operation; [click here](#) for full Media Release.

28 February, from our neighbouring Brisbane Water command: Police on the states Central Coast have warned the public to be vigilant after they seized ‘party pills’™ found to contain illicit drugs available at a local store and later from a shop in Sydney.

During November of 2014 police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command commenced investigations into the alleged supply of prohibited drugs from a shop in Erina. Investigators executed a search warrant on Thursday 20 November 2014 and seized 162 tablets marketed as ‘party pills’™ with the brand names of ‘GO-E’™, ‘XS’™ and ‘Pure Bliss’™.

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

26 February: After a number of thefts from motor vehicles, Hornsby police wish to remind all car owners to lock their car when leaving them, even in the home driveway, take any valuable property with you or hide it out of view.

A number of cars recently had property stolen from unlocked cars or cars that had valuables in plain sight. Laptops, mobiles, Ipods, cash in consoles or on seats have been taken after a cursory look by thieves. Temptation and an unlocked car makes this way too easy. Please take your valuables with you or hide them in the boot and lock the car.

WHAT IS YOUR CAR SCREAMING OUT TO THIEVES?



25 February, from our neighbouring The Hills command: BUY SWAP SELL & PERSONAL SAFETY

Most of you may have heard of Buy, Swap and Sell type FB pages. These are becoming increasingly more common. There are many in and surrounding the Hills LAC. Remember to be safe especially with your personal information when buying and selling and using social media. While most people will be great to deal with and the transaction will be a happy one, remember you are giving out personal information about yourself to a stranger.

Some people are out to scam or defraud you, you need to be aware of these people while you might be glad to get rid of that old sofa or lamp, keep in mind these are strangers you are dealing with. If you are not comfortable giving out your home address then meet in a public place and try to always take someone with you or if you have a large item and the buyer is coming to your home, try and move the item to the garage or front yard to avoid them coming inside your home. Again try to have someone else with you and ask to see identification from the buyer upon arrival. If at any time you feel unsafe, call the meeting off and post pone it so you can make other arrangements. This applies to people buying items too. Going to someones home can be daunting.

Use common sense. If something sounds too good to be true - it probably is. Be on

the look out for scams! They can be in any form. A REMINDER TO BE SAFE WHEN BUYING & SELLING!

WHAT'S FOR SALE?

my home address
my name & phone number



25 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Police are investigating an act of cruelty against a brushtail possum which was found with a large nail protruding from its neck on Tuesday.

The dead possum was discovered by a National Parks & Wildlife officer about 9am lying on the side of Apple Tree Bay Rd in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. Police said it appears that it was shot with a nail gun.

25 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Police are appealing for information or witnesses to an indecent assault of a 16-year-old schoolgirl at Hornsby on Monday.

Police said the assault occurred on Peats Ferry Rd, near Bridge Rd, about 1:15pm. The offender is described as a male, 18-19 years old, Asian in appearance, 170-175cm tall with a medium build and short black spiky hair. He was wearing a light blue t shirt and black shorts, reading glasses with oval, clear frames, and he was carrying a black bag. He spoke with a slight Asian accent. Police believe the male

in the photo may be able to assist with their inquiries. **Call 9476 9799.**



25 February, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: There has been much discussion over social media lately in relation to the use of mobile telephones whilst driving.

[Click here](#) for full Law Article by: Geoff Harrison | Sydney Criminal Barrister | Sydney Criminal Lawyer | Published 08/04/2013 Mobile phones:

A mobile phone may only be used while driving:

- If it is secured in a commercially manufactured and designed mounting which is fixed to the vehicle and does not obscure the driver's view of the road, or
- If it can be operated by the driver without touching any part of the phone, for example through the use of Bluetooth technology or voice activation.

While driving, a mobile phone cannot:

- Rest on the driver's leg, between the shoulder and ear, or on any other part of the driver's body,
- Be used for text messaging, video messaging, emailing or similar, or
- Be held in the driver's hand other than to pass it to a passenger.

Drivers can only use a hand-held mobile phone if their vehicle is parked in an authorised parking spot. They cannot use a hand-held mobile phone while stopped at traffic lights.

Drivers may use the navigational or GPS function and audio functions of a phone while driving, provided the phone is secured in a fixed mounting.

Learner and P1 drivers are not permitted to use any function of a phone while operating a vehicle.

24 February, from the NRMA: UPDATE: 'Bright Lights' number plates recalled After a successful campaign to halt the issuing of Bright Lights number plates, the NRMA is claiming a win in our fight to have them recalled. Roads minister Duncan Gay confirmed all 9604 Bright Lights holders will be asked to mail in their plates in exchange for replacements, which are larger and printed in brighter tones with a coloured border.



[Click here](#) for full article.

24 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police appeal for information after another child approached in Westleigh

A SECOND child has been approached by a stranger in Westleigh in the space of a week. The latest incident occurred on Friday when a 10-year-old girl was walking on Quarter Sessions Rd about 8.45am.

Police have been told a car approached the girl and continued to drive slowly as she walked. The car, described as a silver, medium-sized vehicle with tinted windows and a possible dint in the front numberplate, then pulled up next to the girl, before she ran into a nearby school and alerted a staff member.

[Click here](#) for full article.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities



**MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

**KU-RING-GAI UNIT
NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE**

Ku-Ring-Gai SES will be holding a Membership Information Night as part of the first membership intake of 2015.

The night will be held at **7:30pm on Tuesday 14 April** at the Ku-Ring-Gai SES Local Headquarters, located within the Golden Jubilee Fields Complex, on Esk Street, North Wahroonga.

The New South Wales State Emergency Service is an inclusive organisation, welcoming volunteers of all backgrounds and skill levels. To become a full volunteer, you must be 18 years or older, and pass a police check.

Even if you are not interested, or able, to take part in the field operations undertaken by NSWSES, those volunteers in the field are only able to do the wonderful job they do with the support of the army of volunteers manning operations centres, operating radios, sourcing supplies and equipment, etc. So, if you, a member of your family, or your friends have ever been interested in joining NSW SES, come along to get a better idea of who we are, what we do, and how you can help!

Please RSVP by contacting **NSW SES Recruitment on 1800 201 000** - they will send out an Information Pack and provide Ku-Ring-Gai SES with your details so we can expect you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SOCIAL NETWORKS - IS YOUR INFORMATION SAFE?

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia is the largest single organised crime prevention activity in Australia. Neighbourhood Watch Australasia is a not for profit community

based organisation currently funded by the Federal Government and working across all member police and state NHW jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand.

Neighbourhood Watch and its well recognised four faces logo, is a trusted and respected brand that represents 30 years of community and police partnerships in promoting community safety and crime prevention in Australia. Neighbourhood Watch groups have evolved in recent years to meet the emerging trends within the community and ensuring it embraces new technology. NHW, like other major organisations, has adapted to social media as a strong means of communicating with individuals and collective communities. NHW blogs, face book pages, eye watch and twitter accounts can be found Australia wide.

Membership of an authentic NHW group affords community members the assurance that their personal information is safe and not shared with any other organisations. The information and communication methods provided by NHW to its members and the community at large are from reliable and trusted sources. The information relating to crime statistics and incidents of crime are factual and up to the minute.

Membership of a Neighbourhood Watch group is free and will always be free. Membership of a Neighbourhood Watch social media network is also free and will always be free.

If you are being approached to join a neighbourhood social network, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia encourages all community members to seek confirmation about the safety of their personal information now and in the future. Neighbourhood Watch Australasia also encourages community members to feel satisfied that the organisation requesting their membership is valid and that they can trust the information to be shared will be factually correct and monitored daily. Neighbourhood Watch Australasia does not use telemarketing to attract membership to NHW social networks. If you wish to join a local Neighbourhood Watch Group contact your state office or visit NHWA, [click here](#). For further information contact: **Ingrid Stonhill, CEO, NHWA, Telephone 041 592 7526**

24 February 2015

Go4Fun family fun day



Free activities for primary school aged children.

Come and try the Go4Fun program at this FREE Family Fun Day which includes a range of sports and fun activities for kids.

Find about this free program which helps children and families develop healthy eating habits, build self-confidence and become more active. Meet other families and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!



Details

When: Sunday 8 March from 9.00am – 11.00am

Where: Ruddock Park
Coral Heath Avenue, Westleigh

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings Essential
Book online at trybooking.com/GMRR

What to bring:

- Drinks, hats and sun protection
- Chairs or picnic blankets
- Suitable sports footwear
- A healthy snack for your child!

Children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the session.

This event will be cancelled if raining – please check Council's facebook page and website.






For more information visit:
hornsby.nsw.gov.au



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From one of our readers: Here is an initiative from PCYC NSW for Learner Drivers to become safe drivers.

How does knocking 40 hours off your learner's compulsory 120 logbook hours sound? With the introduction of the Safer Drivers Course for learner drivers, you can.

Knock an extra 20 Hours off your Logbook and become a Safer Driver sooner at over 40 PCYCs across NSW

[Click here](#) for full details.

From Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch: One to pencil in your diaries - We are

having a **Neighbourhood Watch stall at the 'Mt Colah Mingle Day' Sun 29 March 2015, 2:30 - 5:30pm @ Mt Colah Community Centre.**

From Hornsby Shire Council: ROAD RULES AWARENESS WEEK

- A driver must not use their headlights on high beam if travelling: less than 200m behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction, or less than 200m from an oncoming vehicle.
- It is an offence to flash the vehicle's headlights unless the vehicle is being used to respond to an emergency.
- A driver must not use any light fitted to their vehicle that may dazzle another road user.

To see the full list of commonly misunderstood road rules or get more information, visit the Centre for Road Safety's website, [click here](#).

THE KURING GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL
Communicating and Caring

**"PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR
TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"**

FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS
together with YOUNG DRIVERS

MONDAY - 16 MARCH 2015
6.00 PM for 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

AT
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 3,
818 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON - ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



STAY ALERT - HAVE AN ESCAPE!!!!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall - Trent Driving School
Immediate Past President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd
Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety
Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

will discuss the Vital Aspects of

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TEACHING A YOUNG DRIVER:

- o A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
 - o The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers : Preparation for the Driving Test
 - o Keeping the Log Book Honest : Teaching Practical Skills Safely
 - o The Components of Driving : Strategies for Safe Driving
 - o Effective Partnerships : Making it a Positive Experience
- Vital information about the current driving test!

BOOK EARLY - SEATS LIMITED: Phone Carroll on mobile 0405 558 660
or email carroll_howe@gmail.com

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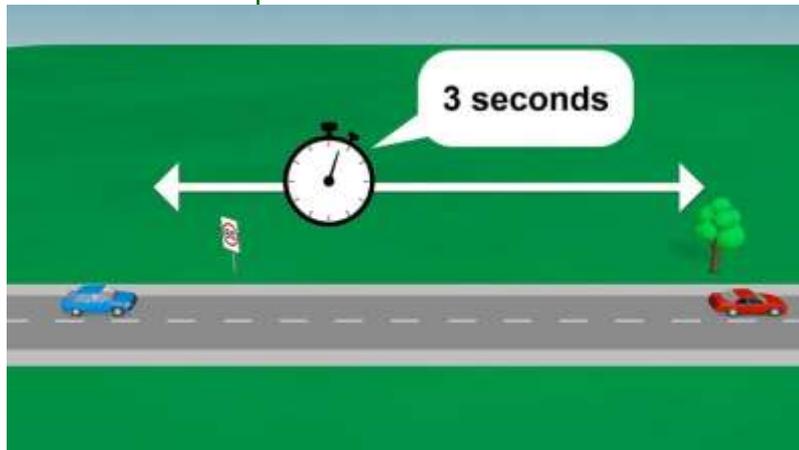
From Hornsby Shire Council: ROAD RULES AWARENESS WEEK

Keeping a safe distance from the car in front of you is vital to avoid a crash, but many drivers in New South Wales still seem confused with the issue popping up as one of the Top 10 misunderstood road rules. Drivers must keep sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front of them to safely avoid a collision.

Safe following distances may vary depending on the conditions, the type of vehicle and the speed at which the vehicle is travelling. As a general rule, when following a vehicle, **the driver should travel three seconds behind the vehicle in front** to provide sufficient time to avoid a crash.

To calculate a three second space when following another vehicle, drivers can use the basic time-lapse method technique:

- Drivers should select a mark or object on the left hand side of the road, for example a sign or a power pole
- As the rear of the vehicle ahead passes the chosen object, the driver counts “one thousand one, two thousand two, three thousand three”. This should take about three seconds.
- If the driver’s car passes the chosen object before finishing the three second count, then they are travelling too close to the vehicle in front. There is not enough crash avoidance space so the driver should slow down and repeat the exercise to ensure the three second gap is achieved.
- In poor conditions such as rain, gravel roads or dim light, it may be necessary to increase the travelling distance to four seconds to increase the crash avoidance space.



COULD YOU SPOT A COUNTERFEIT BANKNOTE? \$50 are currently in circulation

Always check a range of features “ don't rely on only one or two. It can be useful to compare a suspect banknote with one you know is genuine and look for differences. All Australian banknotes have similar security features, though their location can vary on the banknote.



[Click here](#) for Reserve Bank of Australia **Counterfeit Detection Guide**.

From NSW Fair Trading: Renting your first home? Interested in becoming a landlord?

For tips and more info on renting, why not subscribe to our free quarterly newsletter, The Letterbox!

[Click here](#) to subscribe and for past copies.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 05 March: FREE Seniors Concert, 9:30am Turramurra Uniting Church. **Bookings 9424 0000.**

Thursday 05 March: Safer Drivers Course, 4:30-7pm, Hornsby PCYC. Cost \$140. Enroll: call **9477 2310**.

Saturday 07 March: Turramurra Lookout Community Garden Open Day, 9am-12noon [click here](#).

Sunday 08 March: Family Fun Day, 9-11am at Ruddock Park, Westleigh. **Bookings essential**, [click here](#). NHW may have a Crime Prevention stall there.

Monday 16 March: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

Thursday 19 March: Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers, 6:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers Bookings essential ph: **9424 0798**.

Tuesday 24 March: Our CPO is giving a Crime Prevention seminar with Ku-ring-

gai Council as part of Seniors Week: "Beat the Crims! One in, All in - Cops & Community!" 10:30-12, Council Chambers, Gordon. Bookings thru council.

Saturday 28 March: Ku-ring-gai Big Swing Festival, 5-10pm, St Ives Showground. [Click here](#).

Sunday 29 March: Mt Colah Mingle Day, 2:30-5:30pm, Mt Colah Community Centre. NHW will have a stall.

Monday 30 March 2015: 8pm Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Turramurra Uniting Church.

Monday 13 April: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm, Gordon Police Station. All welcome!

Tuesday 14 April: SES Membership Info night. 7:30pm, HQ, Golden Jubilee Fields Complex.

Sunday 04 May: 10-3pm St Ives Festival on the Green. NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall there!

Wednesday 03 June: 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

Monday 22 June: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 21 September: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

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 Australian Government's CyberSmart: Parental controls help monitor and limit what your children do online. Find out which tools you should use to block out the bad stuff.

- > What are parental controls?
- > What do parental controls do?
- > Do parental controls block all bad stuff?
- > What about game consoles, mobiles and tablets?
- > What is the best parental control tool?
- > How do I find the best parental control tool for me?
- > Do parental control tools keep computers and data secure?

[Click here for more information.](#)

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW.

BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Pacific Hwy overpass *and* Peats Ferry Rd **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Thu 26 Feb 2015
- Fri 13 Mar 2015

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Thu
(11pm to 5am)
Northbound
affected
Fri (11pm to
6am) Northbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed

Other Info: Two of three
northbound lanes
will be closed.

HORNSBY George St *between* Pacific Hwy *and* Burdett St **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015
- Thu 9 Apr 2015

Impact:

Scheduled

**lane closures
for this week**
Sun to Thu (9pm
to 5am) Both
directions
affected
Thu to Fri
(9.30pm to 5am)
Both directions
affected
Fri to Sat (9pm
to 5am) Both
directions
affected

Advice: Check signage
Exercise caution

Other Info: Stop/slow
conditions will be
implemented to
allow motorists
to travel in both
directions past
this road work.

**HORNSBY Pacific Hwy at Leonard St
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Wed 11 Mar 2015
- Wed 18 Mar
2015

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**
Sun to Fri (8pm
to 5am) Both
directions
affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution

Other Info: Asphaltting and
line marking
requiring one
night shift to
complete.

**PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd *between* Trebor Rd *and* Railway St
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 2 Mar 2015
- Wed 1 Apr
2015

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Mon to Wed
(9pm to 5am)
Both directions
affected
Thu (10pm to
5am) Both
directions
affected
Fri (9:30pm to
5am) Both
directions
affected
Sat (10pm to
5am) Both
directions
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduced speed
limit (40km/h)

Other Info: Two of three
lanes will close in
both directions
for survey work.

PENNANT HILLS Beecroft Rd *between* Albert Rd *and* Pennant Hills Rd
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015
- Mon 16 Mar
2015

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Mon to Thu
(11am to 2pm)
Northbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Exercise caution

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd *between* Boundary Rd *and* Loftus Rd
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015
- Mon 16 Mar
2015

Impact:

1 of 3
northbound
lane(s) closed.

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Mon to Thu
(11am to 2pm)
Northbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Allow extra travel
time

**PYMBLE Pacific Hwy *between* Livingstone Ave *and* Bloomsbury Ave
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Thu 19 Mar 2015
- Wed 25 Mar
2015

Impact: 2 of 3
southbound
lane(s) closed.

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Thu to Fri (10pm
to 4.30am)
Southbound
affected
Fri to Sat (10pm
to 5am)
Southbound
affected
Mon to Tue
(10pm to
4.30am)
Southbound
affected
Tue to Wed
(10pm to 5am)
Southbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Exercise caution

**WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) onramp *from* Pacific Hwy
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 23 Feb 2015
- Mon 9 Mar
2015

Impact:

**Scheduled
road closures**

for this week
Sun to Thu
(11pm to 5am)
Northbound
closed

Advice: Check signage
Use diversions

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd at Lady Game Dr
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 1 Mar 2015 -
Fri 20 Mar 2015

Impact:

Scheduled
lane closures
for this week
Sun to Fri (9pm
to 5am)
Southbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduced speed
limit (40km/h)

Other Info: 1 of 3 lanes will
be closed
southbound.

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

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

From Hornsby Shire Council: UPDATE ON NEW SWIMMING POOL RULES

Council has been advised by the Office of Local Government that the provisions that require a property with a swimming pool to have a certificate of compliance before it can be sold or leased will now commence on 29 April 2016. The change was previously scheduled to begin on 29 April this year, but an additional twelve months has been provided to give property owners more time to ensure their swimming pools are compliant.

For more information, [click here](#).

From the North Shore Times, 27 February:

1 ROSEVILLE A 63-year-old man and a 71-year-old woman were arrested and charged with drink-driving after random breath testing on the Pacific Highway about 12.35am on Tuesday. The lady from St Ives allegedly blew 0.055 and was charged with low-range drink-driving. The man blew 0.092 and had his licence suspended. He was charged with mid-range drink-driving.

6 KILLARA Frozen food and an iPad were stolen from a unit on the Pacific Highway sometime between 1am and 8am on Monday. Thieves entered through a ground floor side door and took an iPad, frozen seafood, bacon, bread and condiments worth \$70.

5 WEST PYMBLE A 73-year-old female driver reversed her car into a cafe attempting to park about 1pm on Monday at Phillip More shops. The Holden Barina mounted the curb, knocked over a bollard and ran through the Munch Deli cafe but no customers were injured. Police will make a submission for a fitness to hold a driver's licence test which the RMS will determine after further investigation.

7 ST IVES Police issued a cannabis caution and a speeding fine to a 19-year-old man near Palm St about 12.15am on Tuesday. Police stopped a Mazda 3 that appeared to be speeding. The police became suspicious while talking to the driver and searched his car. They found a container and partial admissions were made by the teenager before he was given a cannabis caution.

From Hornsby Shire Council: SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Learner drivers under the age of 25 who have more than 50 on-road driving hours in their log book can improve their skills and score some extra hours with the Safer Drivers Course. The next Safer Drivers Course being held locally by the PCYC Hornsby will be on **Thursday 5 March from 4.30pm to 7pm and costs \$140.**

This initiative of Transport for NSW is designed to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances. The course involves two modules - module one is a facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This involves a maximum of 12 participants and is delivered by a facilitator. Module two is a two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies, involving two participants and a coach.

Participants will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book for completing the course. To enrol in the course, **email hornsbytoip@pcycnsw.org.au or call 9477 2310.**

HORNSBY KURINGGAI WOMENâ€™S SHELTER NOW OPEN

Local women who are experiencing a crisis now have a place to turn to for help with the opening of the Hornsby Kuringgai Womenâ€™s Shelter. The new ten bed crisis accommodation shelter, which has been supported by Hornsby Shire Council, is for women who are homeless or escaping domestic violence and do not have dependent children. It provides food, accommodation and case management, with the shelterâ€™s experienced staff offering round-the-clock support for women in their care.

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

From the Hornsby Advocate, 26 February:

Drink-drive mum A mum caught driving six times over the legal alcohol limit with her three young children in the car had drunk half a bottle of vodka before picking them up from a baseball game, a court heard. Erica Bycroft recorded a blood alcohol reading of .327 shortly after picking her children up from Westleigh on October 11, 2014. Ms Bycroft appeared at North Sydney Local Court on Thursday, where she was sentenced to a nine-month prison sentence and the court will now consider home detention.

Two students approached by a stranger

COUNSELLING has been offered to students of Thornleigh West Public School in response to two recent incidents where children have been approached by a stranger. An Education Department spokeswoman said the school acted immediately by giving stranger-danger talks in classrooms and assemblies. There have also been staff meetings to discuss the use of the NSW Policeâ€™s Safe People, Safe Places messages and the school has been liaising closely with the police.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary has advised

students to walk in groups to and from school.

Last Friday a 10-year-old girl was walking on Quarter Sessions Rd about 8.45am when a car approached her. It pulled up next to the girl who ran into school and alerted a staff member.

On February 13, a 10-year old boy was approached in Billarga Rd about 3.15pm.

Police believe the two incidents may be linked and they would like to speak to a man, described as being middle-aged and with dark curly hair in a similar style to an afro.

Anyone with information is asked to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

2 HORNSBY HEIGHTS A young woman was approached by a motorist in Hornsby Heights on Tuesday. Police said the woman, 22, was walking along Kookaburra Ave about 6.40pm when a red Toyota Corolla did a U-turn and stopped about 5m from her. The driver wound down his window and gestured for her to get into his car. The woman ran home and police were notified.

3 HORNSBY A woman, 20, of the Central Coast has been charged with offensive language, resisting arrest and assaulting police after an incident at Hornsby Mall on Monday. Police were called to the mall about 8.30pm after reports of people drinking alcohol and intimidating the public. A man, 21, of Asquith was also charged with resisting arrest. Both will appear at North Sydney Local Court on March 18.

5 MT KURING-GAI A wholesale business in Woodland Way was broken into between 10.30am on Saturday and 8am on Tuesday, with 30m of copper piping stolen.

6 ASQUITH The walls, floor and toilet paper dispenser of the male bathroom at the KFC store at Asquith were covered with white paint between 7pm on Sunday and 7.30am on Tuesday. Police said illegible words were also scratched into the mirror.

7 WAHROONGA Police investigations are continuing into an accident in Myra St in which an Audi Q3 station wagon hit a parked car and flipped on its roof about 11.30am on Monday. The woman driver was taken to Hornsby Hospital for assessment.

9 HORNSBY A woman, 71, had her wallet stolen from her handbag which was left in a trolley while shopping at Woolworths on Tuesday morning. The wallet contained \$300.

8 GORDON Hornsby detectives are appealing for information about the death of Gordon man Mark Lucic. Detective Senior Constable Garth Murray said Mr Lucic, 28, a father of one, died of an accidental drug overdose a year ago today. He said the death was "surrounded by suspicious circumstances because several people would not speak with police". If you have any information on the case call Hornsby detectives on 9476 9765.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), 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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