



# Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 151 - 18 August 2014

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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**18 August: Hornsby Police news, 18/8/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:**

Incident: Car and bike crash

Time/Date: About 8am Friday 15th

Place: Mona Vale road, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: Jeep.

Driver 1: 65 year old female

Vehicle 2: Push bike

Driver 2: male rider

Details: The Jeep driver had entered the right turn lane at Douglas street heading south. The female driver has commenced to turn right across 3 lanes of traffic and hasn't seen the bicycle rider heading north. The cycle has clipped the rear door of the Jeep which has in turn thrown the rider off his bike. The rider was not seriously injured and did not need to go to hospital. The driver was deemed at fault and received a ticket. The bike was totalled.

Incident: Car crash and fire

Time/Date: About 6.30pm Sunday 17th

Place: M1 near Brooklyn

Vehicle 1: Great Wall

Driver 1: 39 year old male

Details: The 39 year old male was driving north on the M1 about 2km south of the Hawkesbury bridge. The driver has changed into lane 3, the driver claims another driver changed lanes as well directly in front of his car clipping his front bumper. The driver claims this caused him to spin and lose control. His car then careered back across all 3 lanes into the break down lane, then flying over the guard rail and down an embankment. A witness stopped to help the driver out, at this point a small fire started in the foot well of the car as the male got out. RFS were called and put the fire out. The male was taken to Gosford hospital with minor injuries. His car was a total loss. A heavy crane was used to retrieve the car from down the embankment. Some delays were caused as the car was being removed. Inquiries are continuing into the matter.

Incident: Tree falls onto road.

Time/Date: About 5pm Friday 15th

Place: Coonanbarra road, Wahroonga

Details: A large tree has fallen onto the roadway near the intersection of Coonanbarra road and Bareena Street. The tree brought down power lines which caused a localised blackout. Council officers removed the tree while Ausgrid restored power. There were no reports of injuries or car crashes.

Incident: Stolen trailer

Time/Date: Between Monday the 4th and Thursday the 14th

Place: Hamley road, Mt Kuring gai

Details: A dual axle tipping trailer was stolen from a residential street during the above time frame. It is unknown if the trailer was secured by any locking devices.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 7pm Thursday 14th and 7am Friday 15th

Place: Kitchener Street, St Ives.

Details: A small pantech style truck was parked on the street, the cabin was broken into and a backpack was taken, the backpack contained clothing and some toiletries (probably not what the thief was after).

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 3.45pm and 7.40pm Sunday 17th

Place: Koola avenue, Killara.

Details: The home in Koola avenue was broken into via a ground floor rear door. Several rooms were searched by the offender; a safe containing jewellery was stolen.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 10am and 8pm Saturday 16th

Place: Livingstone Avenue, Pymble

Details: The home in Livingstone Avenue was broken into via a ground floor rear

door. An amount of jewellery was taken.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 10pm Wednesday 13th and 10am Friday 15th

Place: Albert Street, Hornsby

Details: A detached garage at a home in Albert Street had its door closed but unlocked. At some point an unknown person has placed a mattress which was already in the garage on the floor and appears to have slept on it for some time. A strong smell of urine could be smelt from inside the garage; I think we can guess how that occurred.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 8am and 5pm Friday 15th

Place: Junction road, Wahroonga

Details: A home in Junction road was broken into via a ground floor side window which was found smashed. Several rooms were ransacked, with a laptop and some jewellery being taken.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 10.30pm Friday 15th and 9am Saturday 16th

Place: Pacific highway, Waitara.

Details: A business at the above location was broken into sometime Friday night. The business owner had a key hidden for emergency use; this key was found inside the lock of the front door. About \$2,000 cash was taken.

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

Note: A number of burglaries have occurred recently where a home was entered via a first floor window, sometimes an ensuite window, which has been left open for ventilation. To a motivated thief this is a challenge but not an impossible task.

Thieves will use Otto bins, trees, ladders, pergolas etc to climb. So please use keyed window locks on all windows, even first floor windows.

Also a number of safes have been stolen recently; these were not bolted down and simply carried out of the house. The contents is irrelevant to a thief - it is the potential that drives them.

The security of your property is your responsibility and is not that difficult, or expensive to make it harder to be broken into: it is called 'target hardening'.

A property, by having its security levels increased, raises the risk and effort of an offender, thus reducing the opportunity for reward.

Things to consider are: keyed window locks, double keyed door locks, alarms, sensor lights, closely-trimmed trees and shrubs, house alarms, fences (see through). Most importantly get to know your neighbours and look after each other's homes.

Report any suspicious behaviour to **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.

Emergency or immediate police response **000**.

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Almost forgot, it's now official - the Pacific Highway now stops at Hornsby and starts again at Asquith. Google maps has the change and there is a new sign at the corner of Coronation street.

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**15 August: NSW Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay, Minister for Police and Emergency Services Stuart Ayres and Acting Assistant Commissioner of the NSW Police Force Bob Ryan today announced the launch of Operation Saturation 2.**

“This campaign is about improving road safety by targeting specific behaviours that are amongst some of the biggest killers on our roads,” Mr Gay said. “They include speeding, drink driving, illegal mobile phone use and seatbelt offences. “Starting this Sunday until the end of September, motorists will notice an increase in high-

visibility police **at locations where serious crashes are occurring.**

“This crackdown is funded by the Community Road Safety Fund, which is where all speed camera revenue is directed and goes towards road safety initiatives including school zone flashing lights. “Based on the Centre for Road Safety’s crash data, police presence will be boosted in areas that have been identified as leading locations for fatal crashes this year. “This includes areas around Richmond in northern NSW, Tweed, Coffs Harbour, Brisbane Waters, the mid north coast, Hunter Valley, Shoalhaven, Goulburn, **Kur-ring-gai** and Orana,” Mr Gay said.

[Full article, click here.](#)

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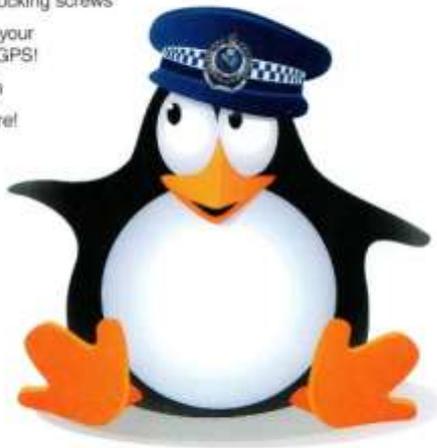
# MEET OUR LOCAL HEROES!

10.00AM TO 2.00PM, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

Join Neighbourhood Watch, your local Crime Prevention Officer and Kuring Gai Local Area Command for the 'Dads are Great' community event located at the Gordon Centre, outside ProfessionNAIL and Sushi 2 Go.

- Have your photo taken on a Highway Patrol Motorbike
- Meet 'Constable Charlie', our child safety mascot
- FREE car registration plate locking screws
- FREE engraving service for your valuables! Bring along your GPS!
- Crime prevention information
- Giveaways and lots, lots more!

PLUS FREE  
FATHER'S DAY  
CARD  
MAKING!



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## 15 August, from Stay Smart Online: Apple releases security updates for Safari: SSO Alert Priority High

Apple has released security updates for Safari, addressing a range of vulnerabilities. In particular, the updates fix an issue which could enable malware to be downloaded to your computer if you visit a malicious website.

Updates are available for Safari on OS X Lion (10.7), OS X Mountain Lion (10.8), and OS X Mavericks (10.9).

You can check for updates by going to the Apple Menu > Software Update.

You should update your system as soon as possible.

Full Media Release, [click here](#).

**15 August: With heavy rain predicted for this weekend, we are urging all road users to be wary of changing conditions.** Follow these simple tips to avoid getting into trouble.

- Slow down in wet weather and don't speed;
- Accelerate and brake smoothly to avoid losing control;
- Turn on lights and demister to avoid windows fogging up; and,
- Most importantly, be patient.

For up-to-date information on weather conditions, [click here](#) for the Bureau of Meteorology website.

**15 August: Two men will face court over numerous alleged armed robberies and impersonating police officer offences in Sydney's north west this year.**

Strike Force Buster was established in July 2014 by officers attached to the State Crime Command Property Crime Squad and **North West Metropolitan Region** to investigate a number of aggravated break, enter and steal offences upon commercial premises in Sydney's north west earlier this year.

It's alleged between 3 July 2014 and 11 August 2014, two men were involved in a number of break, enter and steal offences at supermarkets, bottle shops and newsagents, where cigarettes, alcohol, cash and electronic items were stolen.

Police will also allege the offences were linked to carjacking incidents where two men impersonated NSW police officers and stole vehicles and personal property,

and on one occasion were allegedly armed with a glock-style pistol.

Following investigations, about 7.35pm yesterday (Thursday 14 August 2014), officers attached to the SCC Property Crime Squad, Penrith and **Gordon Region Enforcement Squads** and Blacktown Proactive Team, stopped a blue Mazda hatchback driving along Glenn Street, Dean Park, after they detected the number plates allegedly stolen earlier that day in Doonside.

The driver, an 18-year-old man, and his passenger, a 23-year-old man, attempted to flee; however both men were arrested at the scene. Police searched the vehicle and seized electrical items and clothing for forensic examination. They were taken to Blacktown Police Station where the teenager was charged with robbery while armed, aggravated impersonate police officer, dishonestly obtain financial advantage, drive motor vehicle without consent, learner unaccompanied, goods in custody and a number of outstanding warrants.

The 23-year-old was charged with robbery while armed, aggravated impersonate police officer, dishonestly obtain financial advantage, be carried in stolen conveyance and breach of bail. Both men were refused bail, to appear at Penrith Local Court on 24 October 2014.

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### **13 August, from NSW Fire & Rescue: Urgent warning after busy night for firefighters (edited).**

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Commissioner Greg Mullins has warned NSW residents not to be complacent about home fire safety following a spate of residential and building fires across NSW overnight. Firefighters were called to several major building and home fires in less than 12 hours since 6pm yesterday <Tuesday, 12 August>.

“Every day firefighters attend home fires that could have been prevented with a few simple steps and precautions. “People assume it will never happen to them. But I

assure you it can. The most important thing you can do in your home is to have a working photoelectric smoke alarm and a practised home escape plan.”

People can greatly reduce their risk from fire by identifying and changing risky behaviours and habits, including:

- Keeping clothing and other flammable materials at least 1m from heaters and open fires
- Turning off heaters and electrical blankets before going to sleep
- Not overloading power points and power boards
- Not leaving cooking, and other open-flame materials such as cigarettes and candles, unattended.

Don't leave your home fire safety to chance – do a free home fire safety check by visiting [www.homefiresafetyaudit.com.au](http://www.homefiresafetyaudit.com.au)

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**12 August, from the Hornsby Advocate, with a comment from our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary:**

What can be done to stop trucks and buses going into Galston Gorge? Despite signs advising no buses or trucks with a length limit of 7.5m for a rigid vehicle and 11.5m for a vehicle trailer combination, they still go in there. It seems flashing lights don't work for some, the flashing sign board at the Hornsby end is NOT big enough, is a dull orange colour and is too far left to be seen by drivers. Drivers looking at the GPS that directs them that way won't see the sign either. Maybe a smaller roundabout at each end would do the trick or a tight chicane. Thoughts!... All I know is hundreds of cars and other 'legal' vehicles were inconvenienced today.



UPDATE: The driver of this bus was fined \$2092 and had his registration suspended after becoming stuck in Galston Gorge this morning and blocking traffic in both directions.

**12 August, thanks to our neighbouring The Hills command: A woman takes a photo of herself each day for a year long... At the end, the woman is holding a paper on which is written: "Help me, I don't know if I'll make it 'till tomorrow."**



This is a Croatian ad campaign against domestic abuse. If you are or you know someone victim of domestic abuse, you need to do something... no one can help

you if you don't help yourself by talking about it! Please share with others to help raise awareness.

Watch the video, [click here](#).

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Thanks to Blacktown Local Area Command (LAC)

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**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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Thanks to Blacktown LAC.

### **Quick Quiz: When can you use your vehicle's horn?**

- a. To show your displeasure at another person's actions.
- b. To warn other road users that your vehicle is approaching.
- c. To warn animals to get off the road.
- d. To inform another road user that the traffic lights have changed to green.

Or have you thought of another situation? Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). The law, and most popular answers in next week's newsletter.

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### **Advice from Ausgrid: Reducing the Risk of Bushfires**

Residents with private power poles should:

- Maintain those poles and the wires they carry to ensure they do not become a potential cause of fire;
- Arrange an annual inspection before the start of the bushfire season; and
- Ensure trees and other vegetation are kept well clear of powerlines.

## Reducing the Risk of Bushfires

Before each bushfire season Ausgrid inspects the electricity network and conducts maintenance to reduce the risk of fires caused by clashing or fallen power lines or interference by vegetation.

Some residents in bushfire zones in Sydney's north may have private power poles on their property which also need to be inspected and maintained.

To help keep the community safe, Ausgrid needs to check these private powerlines for hazards in the lead up to bushfire season. Our staff may visit your property to carry out some of these checks.

Residents with private poles should:

- Maintain those poles and the wires they carry to ensure they do not become a potential cause of fire;
- Arrange an annual inspection before the start of the bushfire season; and
- Ensure trees and other vegetation are kept well clear of powerlines.

For your safety, this inspection and maintenance work must be completed by a suitably qualified and licensed electrical contractor.

In cases where no action has been taken to address an identified bushfire risk, Ausgrid may need to disconnect supply for safety reasons.

For more information visit [www.ausgrid.com.au/bushfires](http://www.ausgrid.com.au/bushfires) or call Ausgrid on 13 13 65.



**[Click here for more information.](#)**

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 14 August: Fight plans spark alert from police**

HORNSBY Police issued a warning to youths not to get involved in a planned fight at Hornsby on Tuesday afternoon.



Rhys Pagalday (centre) and schoolmates who shaved their heads to show their support.

Extra police were tasked to monitor a “known location” where they believed an organised fight was planned to take place, but never eventuated. It followed reports a group of youths gathered at **Berowra Skate Park** over the weekend with knives, planning to fight.

Kuring-gai Police crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said police were concerned “there may be a follow-up or retaliatory fight. Police will be tasked to attend several locations and will, if needed, arrest those found acting in an anti-social manner or found in possession of any weapons,” Senior Constable Cleary said on Tuesday. He said it was important for parents to know where their children were going after school. “Talk to your children and ... make sure they don’t get involved,” he said.

Senior Constable Cleary said it was not common for police to issue such a warning. Anyone with information should contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.

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### **From the Hornsby Advocate, 14 August: MAKING SURE WOMEN ARE SAFE**

Culture is no barrier to reporting domestic violence. Your police were told of a perception that culture or faith may be a barrier to reporting crime against any

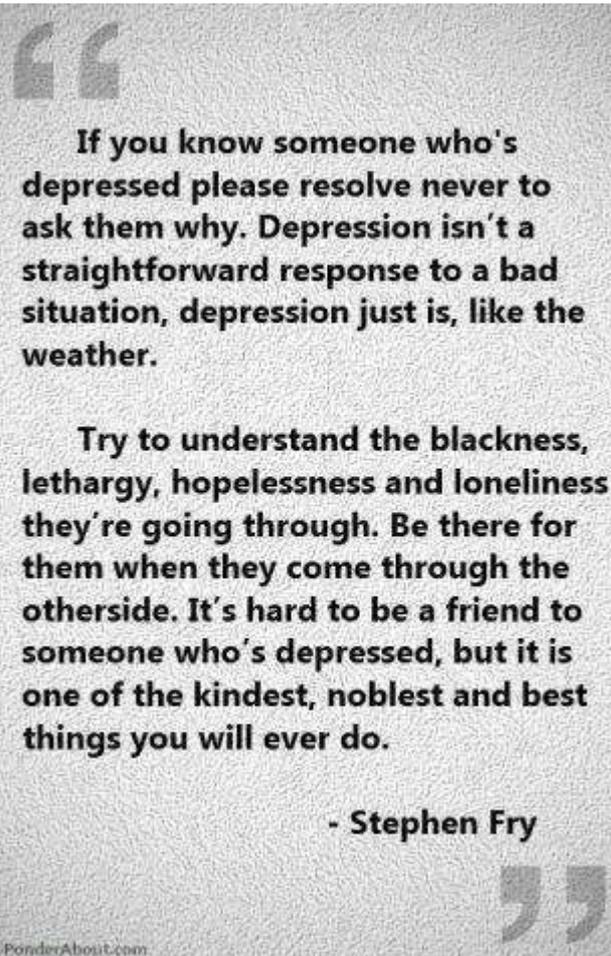
citizen, women in particular. Let us assure the public that the police are highly motivated to ensure women are safe from domestic violence, and that reports are acted upon quickly and decisively. Any person who suggests or alludes that it is improper for women of a particular community group to report crime to the police is out of line. Please, if you are a victim or a witness to domestic violence call 000 in urgent circumstances or 131 444 for assistance from your police. - Detective Inspector Jon Gross

**DURAL** A man in his 20s from Glenhaven who drove his vehicle on Dural Park and Hayes Oval in March will pay \$3000 to repair the damage. He was given a 12month good behaviour bond by the courts on Monday.

**MT COLAH** Hornsby Council rangers will assess a rottweiler which is believed to have attacked a woman and her beagle at the Pacific Hwy, Mt Colah about 12.45pm on Monday. Police say the rottweiler approached the 43year-old woman who was walking her beagle before attacking from behind. The beagle suffered puncture wounds and the woman was knocked to the ground. A passerby intervened and the rottweiler was contained at a nearby property

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**A few wise words.**



If you need to, or know someone who needs somebody to talk to you can call **Lifeline on 13 11 14** or visit [beyondblue](http://beyondblue.org.au).

"Don't ever think it's 'not cool' to reach out to somebody, I've done it before and spoken to the wonderful people at Lifeline who helped me through a tough time."

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### **From Hornsby Shire Council: FREE BARBECUE TRAILER FOR YOUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT**

Do you have a charity, community group or not-for-profit organisation that would benefit from a fundraising event? Take advantage of Hornsby Shire Council's brand new resource – a specially created community trailer complete with audio-visual system and in-built barbecue.

**The trailer is available free of charge** to the local community. All you need is a vehicle that can tow 1400 kilograms and a \$200 security deposit that is fully refundable.

**Looking for a venue?** Council would be happy to reserve you a spot in Hornsby Mall, allowing you to take advantage of this vibrant public space that is filled with local shoppers.

**Looking for further assistance?** Two local businesses that have generously offered to help, Laing + Simmons Hornsby and Tender Value Meats.

Laing + Simmons Hornsby are offering each event 20 loaves of bread, one litre of tomato sauce and 200 napkins. They're also happy to let community groups use their marquee for the event and may even be able to lend you staff to help out. Tender Value Meats will provide sausages and sliced onion at a reduced rate, as well as a free meat tray worth \$50 with every order of more than 200 sausages or \$30 with every order of less than 200 sausages.

Click here to book the trailer and take advantage of these generous offers: <http://bit.ly/freebarbecue>

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**About RecyclingNearYou**



This site contains information about the recycling and waste services offered by your council as well as local drop-off options for items including computers, batteries, printer cartridges, mobile phones and many more. To find options near you use their Search function or call the **Recycling Hotline on 1300 733 712** (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm EST).

Click here for [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)

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#### **Dates for the diary:**

**Sunday 24 August:** FREE James Park, Hornsby 10:30am-12:30pm AFL Family Day Fun. Ages 4 to 13. [Book online, click here.](#)

**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

**Saturday 13 September:** Ku-ring-gai Bush 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

**Thursday 02 October:** FREE concert by Ambre Hammond, 10:30 til 12 noon.

Enq: 9424 0000.

**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.

**Sunday 26 October:** National Graffiti Removal Day.

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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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**From Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade (7 Esk St, Wahroonga), a date for your diaries - Open Day, Saturday 13 September:**



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**Dodgy Parking Pic #321:**



Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate.

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**From the ACCC's Scamwatch website: Consumers with a disability – be on guard against scammers trying to take advantage of you**

August 2014: SCAMwatch is warning consumers with a disability to be on guard against scams – unfortunately, scammers target people whom they think may be vulnerable to try and take advantage of them.

Some common scams reported by consumers with a disability include fraudsters claiming:

- to represent a government authority or well-known business
- that they are looking for a relationship
- that the target has won a lottery or competition.

Scammers employ a range of delivery methods to contact you such as a phone call, text message, email, through an online forum, or even face-to-face by knocking on your door. Their ultimate goal is to obtain your personal information or steal your money.

Consumers with a disability, beware – if you receive an approach out of the blue

from someone asking for personal information or money, don't engage – press 'delete', shut the door or just hang up.

**[Full details of scams, click here.](#)**

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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 9 Sep 2014 - Tue 9 Sep 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 - Sat 1 Nov 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** Dumaresq Street (between Pacific Highway and first speed hump): Road resurfacing scheduled. Remainder has been postponed.

**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.

**HORNSBY HEIGHTS** Galston Rd at Sydney Rd: Tue 19 Aug 2014 - Mon 25 Aug 2014

### **Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce

speed. Maintenance work will take place on one night. Lanes will be closed as required and traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

**KILLARA** Provincial Road: Road resurfacing is currently underway.

**LINDFIELD** Pacific Hwy between Strickland Ave and Llewellyn St: Mon 11 Aug 2014 - Sun 31 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Maintenance work will take place at night. Traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

**PYMBLE** Grandview St: Road resurfacing is currently underway.

**ROSEVILLE** Pacific Hwy between Boundary St and Wandella Ave: Thu 14 Aug 2014 - Mon 8 Sep 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Thu to Wed (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Works will be carried out in one night shift from 8pm to 5am between Thursday 14 August and Wednesday 20 August, excluding Saturdays.

Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers.

Road users are asked to follow the direction of traffic controllers, adhere to reduced speed limits and follow traffic signs.

**ROSEVILLE** Boundary St at Wandella Ave: Thu 14 Aug 2014 - Wed 20 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Maintenance work will take place at night. Lane closures will be in place as required and traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

**ST IVES** Memorial Avenue (between Killeaton Street and Cranford Avenue) : Road resurfacing is currently underway.

**ST IVES** Woodbury Road (between Mona Vale Road and Murchison Avenue) : Night reconstruction of road pavement scheduled for mid-August.

**TURRAMURRA**, Fairlawn Avenue : Road resurfacing is now complete. Asphalt kerb and guide post installation scheduled.

**WAHROONGA** Burns Road (between The Chase Road and Trentino Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for early September.

**WEST PYMBLE** Ryde Rd at Andrew Ave: Tue 19 Aug 2014 - Tue 19 Aug 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Tue (8am to 5pm) Both directions affected. Exercise caution. Allow extra travel time. Minor delays are expected and road users are asked to adhere to reduced speed limits and follow traffic signs. Partial footpath closures will be in place.

**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](#).**



**M2 Eastbound on-ramp and lane closures  
8pm Friday 22 August - 2am Monday 25  
August 2014**

Delays are expected on the Hills M2 Motorway as work is carried out to disable and remove a tower crane next to the citybound carriageway at Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The tower crane was needed for important maintenance work to the motorway's northern embankment. This work requires some on-ramp and lane closures.

From 8pm Friday 22 August to 2am Monday 25 August 2014, a contraflow will be in place between the Norfolk Tunnel, North Epping and Culloden Road Bridge, Marsfield. Citybound traffic will be diverted onto the westbound carriageway of the motorway. One lane will be open to citybound traffic and two lanes open westbound at all times.

**Pennant Hills Road and Becroft Road on-ramps will be closed between 8am and 7pm on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August 2014.**

Please drive with care - follow the road signs and drive to the 40km/h roadwork speed limit. Plan your journey and take an alternative route such as Epping Road, Carlingford Road and Pennant Hills Road. Maps of alternative routes are available at [www.hillsm2.com.au](http://www.hillsm2.com.au).

*Please note: If the tower crane removal is delayed by bad weather, the M2 motorway lane and on-ramp closures will be rescheduled.*

**Please check traffic conditions on the day - call 132 701 or [1800 196 266](tel:1800196266).**

Please follow the signs and drive carefully. The Hills M2 upgrade team appreciates your patience and apologises for any inconvenience.

For up-to-date traffic information visit: [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com)  
Further information is available on at: [www.hillsm2.com.au](http://www.hillsm2.com.au) or by calling **1800 196 266**.

From the Hornsby Advocate August 14:

[Trouble reading small print? Use the Ctrl and + keys together on your computer keyboard to increase the magnification (Ctrl and - to decrease magnification).]

**legal matters**

# Cyber world danger zone for defamation

**TERENCE GOLDBERG**  
Partner, Turner Freeman



**LEGAL QUESTION? ASK AN EXPERT**

- Send your legal questions to [legalhelp@turnerfreeman.com.au](mailto:legalhelp@turnerfreeman.com.au)
- Tune in to the Chris Smith Afternoon Show on 2GB on Tuesdays from 1.30pm where a specialist lawyer will be available to take your calls.

**Turner Freeman**  
Lawyers in NSW

SOCIAL media platforms, with their capacity to instantly share information around the world, have revolutionised human interaction, but they don't come without legal risk.

For some "keyboard warriors", services such as Facebook and Twitter have provided an avenue to express bitter, twisted and extremely damaging statements.

Despite the view of some that the internet is a place where anything goes, a recent court case has confirmed that defamation laws are just as potent in the cyber world as they are for traditional forms of media.

In the first Twitter defamation case in Australia to go to trial, a young NSW man was ordered to pay \$105,000 to a respected teacher at his former high school after attacking her reputation on social media.

The posts, which were later found to have "no substance whatsoever", had a devastating impact, immediately forcing the teacher to take leave from the school.

Defamation occurs when a person communicates — through words, photographs, video, social media or other means — material that damages the reputation of another individual.

Potential legal liability is not restricted to the person who generated the material, but can also arise from actions such as "sharing" or "retweeting" the defamatory statement.

The best advice is to exercise caution before publishing allegations, especially online where information can be shared so quickly.

If you are accused of defamation, the first step is to remove the offending content and offer an apology. However if the matter progresses you should immediately seek legal advice.

For anyone who believes they are the victim of defamation and have suffered damage to their reputation as a result, immediately seek legal help as there are strict time limits for taking action.

Given defamation proceedings can be complex, expensive and time consuming, an out-of-court solution is usually the best outcome where possible.

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**Spotlight on local Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): This week Mount Colah**

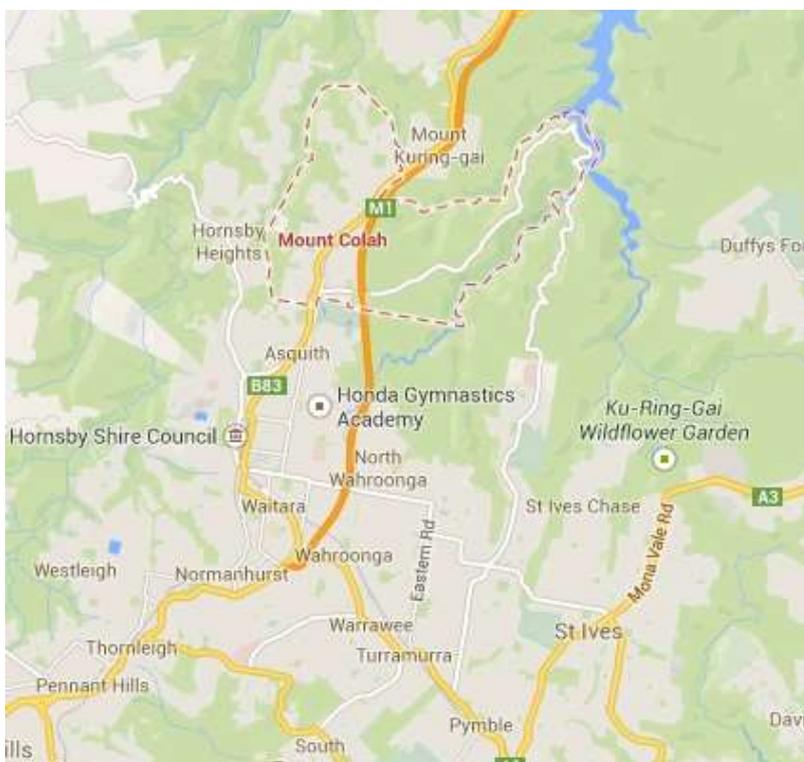
Mount Colah NHW have been going since the inception of NHW in the area back

in 1986. They are an active group, with regular committee meetings and newsletters. The newsletter is four sides of A4 packed full of crime news, crime prevention advice and local community articles of interest. The newsletter is printed, with the cost of printing met by the income received from local business advertisements. Street coordinators deliver the newsletter to approx 2,700 households. Additional copies are always held by the Mt Colah Railway Station attendant. Mt Colah NHW is led by Cllr Mick Gallagher (Ward A, Hornsby Shire Council).

Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch have a website: <http://www.mtcolahnhw.com/>  
Mount Colah can be found on Facebook, [click here](#).

Interested residents are invited to attend committee meetings, as the committee value new ideas to make Mt Colah a safer place to live in. Please email [mtcolahnhw@hotmail.com](mailto:mtcolahnhw@hotmail.com) to confirm your attendance, next meeting date and venue.

Mt Colah NHW are currently looking for a volunteer to help as Newsletter Editor.



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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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This email has been forwarded to you by Gordon Area 12 / 24 Neighbourhood Watch group. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai LAC, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

**Our mailing address is:**

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