



Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

Please continue to email us anything that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

06 June, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Ku-ring-gai Council in conjunction with the four northern Sydney councils and the NRMA, are inviting primary schools to participate in the School Road Safety Banner Competition! [Click here for details.](#)



06 June: Police Transport Command (PTC) officers have charged a man with indecently assaulting a woman on a train travelling between Sydney and Newcastle.

Shortly before 7.45am yesterday (Friday 6 June 2014), the woman was waiting for the train at Central Station when a man, who was not known to her, approached and started a conversation. When they got on the train, the man sat next to the woman, despite her asking him to choose a different seat. It will be alleged that as the train travelled north, the man indecently assaulted the 19-year-old woman. She managed to send a text message to a family member, who contacted police.

The train was stopped at Hawkesbury River Railway Station, where officers from PTC Hornsby and Kuring Gai Local Area Command boarded and arrested the 59-year-old man. He was taken to Hornsby Police Station and charged with assault with act of indecency. The man was granted conditional bail to appear in North Sydney Local Court on 9 July 2014.

04 June: Want to lower your risk of Malware? Follow these simple tips:

1. Install anti-virus software on your PC
2. Turn on automatic updates
3. Set strong passwords

For more information please visit the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) website. [Click here.](#):

04 June: Have you downloaded the Emergency + app yet?

Aiming to help people call the right number at the right time, the Emergency+ app uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency services with their location information as determined by their smartphone.



It's available free of charge for iOS and Android devices.

[Click here to download the app for iPhones](#)

[Click here to download the app for Android](#)

04 June, from the NSW Rural Fire Service: The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast winter in NSW will likely to be drier and warmer than normal.

There is a 40% chance median rainfall won't be reached and a 60% chance that the median temperature will be exceeded.

Now is the time to begin preparing your property for the next bush fire season.

[Click here to read more about the outlook.](#)

[Click here for info on Hazard Reduction Burns.](#)

Residents around the hazard reduction burn areas are reminded to take the **following precautions:**

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns

- Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
 - Remove washing from clotheslines
 - Ensure pets have a protected area
 - Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
 - Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
 - If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice.
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03 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Kuring-gai Police and Hornsby Council join forces to tackle speeding in 40km/h school zones.

Motorists should consider themselves warned that if they are going to break the law in school zones they can expect to be hit twice by both Hornsby Council and Kuring-gai Police.

A new joint campaign was launched at Hornsby Heights Public School last month when four children were hit by cars in separate incidents across NSW. It was announced that council and police would be targeting dangerous drivers around Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai local government area schools.

It means that council rangers will focus on parking while police will target speeding, both working at the same school at the same time. Full article, [click here](#).



03 June: Scam Alert - Energy Australia is warning people about 'phishing' emails pretending to be gas or electricity bills.

The emails are known to include links which, if clicked, can download a particularly nasty type of "ransomware"™ known as Cryptolocker to your computer.

Cryptolocker encrypts the files on your computer, demanding a payment be made to the scammers in order to receive the "key"™ to unencrypt your files. Unfortunately, in the case of CryptoLocker, without the encryption key, it is impossible to regain access to your files.

The fake emails currently include the salutation, "Dear Valued Customer"™, and ask you to click on a link to view the details of your bill. If you receive this email, you should simply delete it.

For more information, [click here for the Stay Smart Online website](#).

02 June, from the Australian Federal Police: Our #TopTen cyber safety tips for keeping your kids safe online:

- Have an open dialogue with your child about what they do online.
- Learn about the technologies and applications they are using.
- Reinforce the message: "Think before you post."
- Encourage them to keep personal information private.
- Be a positive role model for your child and look at your own use of technology.
- Discuss rules around mobile phone and internet use with your child and what they should do if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Ensure your child only speaks online to people they know and trust.
- Don't let your immediate reaction be the removal of access to the internet or mobile phone. Deal with the issue, not the technology.
- Install real-time protection for your computers and devices and utilise parental controls found in your operating systems.
- Report suspicious behaviour to the appropriate authority.

Help us get this message to your friends, too.

02 June, from NSW Fair Trading: Snug and Safe Tip 1: Did you know that thirty percent of all house fires occur over winter? If you're pulling out heaters, electric blankets and foot warmers that have been sitting in a cupboard for months, be aware that dust or other material may have gathered around heater elements and should be carefully removed before plugging in. Check cords for fraying and don't place heaters close to furniture, clothing, curtains or bedding. More electrical safety tips can be found on our website - [click here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From the Hornsby Advocate, June 05: RUDE OWNERS IGNORE SIGNS

Volunteers at the Hornsby Dog Training Club say they are being intimidated and abused when they ask dog owners not participating in the weekly classes to either leave the area at Rofe Park or put their pet on a leash.

The non-profit club, started in 1959, has dedicated use of the Rofe Park facility on Sundays between 12.30pm and 4pm but some people are either ignoring or not reading the signs.

Club vice-president and chief instructor Jo Tucker said this was a constant problem. "We feel this is not our place to have to do this (ask them to leave) every week as we often feel intimidated and uncomfortable as the owners are at best unfriendly, at worst aggressive and belligerent," she said.

"We have young, inexperienced puppies and dogs attending classes every Sunday and we need to let their owners know they and their dogs are safe." Ms Tucker said she was appalled at some of the bad manners.

A Hornsby Council spokesman said the council was aware of recent issues. "Council's rangers are patrolling the area every day, though their powers generally revolve around animal behaviour and there's little they can do about people being rude to each other," he said. **"If anybody has concerns, they need to make complaints to the police."**

From NSW Health: Catching the Train?

Don't forget that ALL areas of a rail platform are **smoke-free**; this includes all uncovered, open-air areas. [Click here](#) for more info.

A \$300 on the spot fine may apply. **Report a breach** - [click here](#)

Do you visit an RSL club, or similar? An RSL club is one example where your **driver's licence is scanned**.



Or not! Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, suggested it is better to not give away all the very personal and useful information that is on your driver's licence. You have three options:

1. Trust their computer system is secure and have your licence scanned
2. Type in, or write in your details the old-fashioned way
3. Black out all but the first characters of each field on your licence using a big black texta pen, before scanning your licence.

Got a question? Email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Following the very successful launch of the **Fresh Tracks Community Hub** at HART, St Ives I wanted to let you know about the assessment day we are having next **Tuesday 10th June from 10am-12pm at HART in St Ives**. This is free for all people with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and their carers and others are welcome to come and watch.

Rob Price from Royal Rehab is leading a team of Exercise Therapists to do the assessments that will determine the level of track that these young people with an ABI can use independently.

Alan Lawrance, Fresh Tracks Foundation

From Northern District Times: Delivery of **White & Yellow Pages phone books** is due to get underway in the next few weeks. If you don't use hardcopy phone books, it's time to register to cancel delivery to your home. To do so, [click here](#).

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Do you need to get rid of **household chemicals**?

Dispose of your old household chemicals safely at Sydney's next Chemical CleanOut.

A 'Ku-ring-gai Residents Only' collection will take place on **21 and 22 June at St Ives Showground 9am - 3.30pm**. Details [click here](#).



From Hornsby Shire Council: WEDNESDAY WASTE TIP

Here's an image of how not to place your items for Council's bulky item kerbside clean-up.



For the sake of your neighbourhood please place items neatly on the kerb and only a day or so before the clean-up is scheduled. Also remember your pile should not be more than three cubic metres in size.

To find out the date of your next kerbside clean-up, [click here](#) and enter your

address.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 05 June: EYES AND EARS FOR THE POLICE

If you see something that doesn't feel right or looks out of place, contact the police. Preventing theft from cars, drug use and break and enters can be difficult to detect without assistance. Police rely on the community to be their eyes and ears. There have been a number of instances lately where suspicious behaviour reported to the police has resulted in significant arrests: Two offenders broke into a number of cars. A call from a witness resulted in two arrests and the recovery of valuable property. A call about a man acting suspiciously resulted in police seizing cannabis.

FIDDLETOWN A man, 20, could require brain surgery after his car hit a tree and he remained trapped unconscious in his car at Fiddletown on Sunday. About 11.45am the man's Audi lost control on a bend on Bloodwood Rd and travelled on to the wrong side of the road before hitting the tree. Police, fire and ambulance responded to extract the man about 12.15pm. He was taken to Westmead Hospital by Careflight with serious head injuries. Yesterday he was in a stable condition but could still need surgery.

PENNANT HILLS Hundreds of cannabis plants valued at more than \$750,000 were found at two properties in Pennant Hills last week. Police raided two houses on Pennant Hills Rd about 6am on May 28 and found hydroponic setups. Ryde police officers have charged a man, 31, found at one of the properties with commercial cultivation, supplying a prohibited drug and using electricity without authority. He was bailed to appear before Burwood Court on July 23.

WAHROONGA A P-plater who was driving with an expired licence has been charged with high-range drinkdriving. Police recorded the man, 31, on a radar doing 78km/h in a 60km/h zone on the Comenarra Parkway at 9.30pm on Saturday. Officers alleged he also failed to negotiate a bend and travelled on to the wrong side of the road. The man recorded a blood alcohol reading of 0.263 and his licence had expired in February. He was charged with high-range drinkdriving and unlicensed driving. He will face court on June 19.

WAITARA A \$7000 off-road bike was stolen from a unit complex in Orana St, Waitara over the weekend. Between 2pm on Sunday and 6.30am on Tuesday the

complex was entered through the garage and a lock on a storage area was broken. The bike was a white Suzuki 400. Anyone with information about the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

THORNLEIGH More than \$900 of items, from a computer to a packet of cigarettes, were stolen from a home while the occupants were sleeping on Tuesday night. Between 10pm on Tuesday and 4.30am on Wednesday a rear window on the home in Oakleigh Ave was left open. The thieves pulled out the flyscreen, entered the home and took a wallet, cash, phone, computer and cigarettes. Anyone with information about the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

HORNSBY A generator and stereo speaker valued at \$1800 were stolen from a garage in a complex on Albert st in Hornsby this week. Between 10pm Monday and 5pm on Tuesday thieves entered through the unlocked garage door and took the items. Anyone with information about the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

WAITARA A man allegedly found with a bong on his lap in a Mercedes has been charged with possessing a prohibited drug. At 8.50pm on Saturday police spoke to two men parked on Park Ave. A search of the car found a bag containing green vegetable matter weighing 4.4g. The driver was not eligible for a cannabis caution and was charged. The man, 24, will face North Sydney Court on July 9.

HORNSBY An unsecured cash box was taken from a NSW Health facility on Derby Rd at Hornsby over the weekend. The cashbox, with \$550 in it, was taken between 6pm on Friday and 5.30pm on Monday. Anyone with information about the incident should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

WAHROONGA A set of numberplates were removed from a Jeep parked in the San Hospitalâ€™s carpark on Tuesday morning. The plates were taken between 6.50am and 11.30am. Police said stolen plates were used to commit fraud involving stealing petrol from service stations.

From the North Shore Times, 06 June, about our neighbouring Harbourside command: CYCLISTS flouting the law have been targeted in a police crackdown that resulted in 15 fines being handed out by Harbourside LAC.

Police across Sydney took part in an operation last Thursday targeting both jaywalkers and cyclists.

Harbourside officers handed out 13 infringements for cycling on footpaths and another two for breaking red lights. The riders were fined \$67 each.

A total of 20 cyclists were stopped during the day and two cautions were also handed out. A solitary pedestrian was spoken to but no infringement was issued.... The main problems were at bus stops and busy areas when cyclists whizz past at speed on the footpaths.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 16 June: KPCSC Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers. FREE. 6pm for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: Carroll, **0405 558 660**.

Saturday 21 June: PCYC's Trivia Night at PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Club House. Info: **9477 2310**

Wednesday 23 July: 10am. Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Wednesday 30 July: 6pm. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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

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

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

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.

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

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Ferry at Bay Rd
ROUTINE FERRY MAINTENANCE: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Tue 8 Jul 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (12pm to 2:30pm) Both directions closed. Avoid the area. Use alternative route.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Fri 31 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS Galston Rd from Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd Galston: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Fri 11 Jul 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9am to 4pm) Both directions closed. Alternative routes include: Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. Check signage. Use alternative route. The detour is suitable for heavy vehicles. Galston Gorge will be closed during five daytime shifts. **Motorists should allow an additional 20 minutes travel time.** One lane will be open for access by emergency vehicles only, at all times.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy between Strickland Ave and Llewellyn St: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. This work will take place over 14 night shifts. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ROSEVILLE Pacific Hwy between Eton Rd and Clanville Rd: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Exercise caution. Work will be completed in 14 night shifts from 8pm to 5am between Sunday 15 June and Thursday 3 July, except Saturdays.

Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place.

ROSEVILLE Warringah Rd *near* Roseville Bridge: Sun 22 Jun 2014 - Thu 10 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. This work will take place over five night shifts.

Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ROSEVILLE CHASE Babbage Rd *between* Malvern Ave *and* Clive St: Tue 10 Jun 2014 - Fri 20 Jun 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Exercise caution. Work will be carried out over four nights during this period.

WAITARA Pacific Hwy *between* Woolcott Ave *and* Hornsby St: Tue 3 Jun 2014 - Fri 13 Jun 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place. Access to properties may be affected during work hours. Traffic controllers will provide access to properties as required. There will be temporary changes to street parking during this essential work. Five night shifts will be required in order to complete these works.

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. Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil.

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

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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