



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2014



SPEEDING OFFENCES

School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

Maximum Penalty

\$3,702
+ 7 Demerit Points



MOBILE PHONE USE

Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

Penalty
\$415
+ 4 Demerit Points



CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children's Crossing or approach Children's Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty
\$519
+ 4 Demerit Points



U-TURNS

Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

Penalty
\$415
+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit:
www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.
These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.



11 August: Rail Safety Week started today.

Avoid a "near miss" or serious injury around train tracks: is the message this week as police target individuals taking risks at level crossings and in rail corridors.

Rail Safety Week which starts today (Monday 11 August 2014), will involve officers from Traffic and Highway Patrol and the Police Transport Command patrolling train lines, rail corridors and level crossings for illegal and dangerous activity.

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

11 August, from Live Traffic NSW: PHILLIP STREET CLOSED BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND ALBERT STREET FOR A POLICE OPERATION

Phillip Street in the Sydney CBD is blocked in both directions between Bridge street and Albert Street due to a Police Operation. *This closure will remain in place **until 12.30pm Wednesday August 13**. As a result of this closure a number of buses that usually depart from Circular Quay will depart from temporary bus terminals. For more details or to plan your trip visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500. Special event clearways are in place in a number of streets in the Sydney CBD. Drivers should check signs before parking as vehicles left in special event clearways will be towed and fees apply.

For the latest information regarding this closure and others incidents on the NSW road network visit www.livetraffic.com or call the **Traffic Information Line on 132 701**.

[Click here to see this Live Traffic Incident map etc](#)

11 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: Witnesses describe loud bang, windows shaking after explosion in cool room at Hornsby mall



The aftermath of the blast at Hornsby mall. Picture: Kimberley Soekov
[Full article, click here.](#)

11 August: Hornsby police are investigating an incident in the Berowra area

over the weekend. Information was received that a number of young males were going to the Berowra skate park to fight, with knives reportedly being taken. Hornsby police have also received word a similar occurrence is planned for tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) at another location. Hornsby 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. Talk to your children and know where they are going after school, **particularly tomorrow.**

11 August, Hornsby Police news, 11/8/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 10.30pm Thursday 7th

Place: Mona Vale road, St Ives

Vehicle 1: Commodore

Driver 1: 55 year old female

Vehicle 2: Kawasaki motor cycle

Driver 2: 19 year old male

Details: The Commodore was waiting at a right turn bay to turn from Mona Vale road into Killeaton street. The Commodore has commenced to turn then crashed into the Kawasaki, which was travelling north on Mona Vale road. The rider was thrown from his bike. The rider was taken to RNSH with a broken tibia and lacerations.

Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to commencing any action.

Incident: Middle range drink driving

Time/Date: About 4.20am Saturday 9th

Place: Pacific highway Hornsby

Vehicle 1: Hyundai

Driver 1: 20 year old female

Details: Police have sighted the Hyundai and have stopped the driver for a random breath test. This was allegedly positive for alcohol; a further test gave a result of .119. The female had her licence suspended by police and was charged.

Court: The driver received a court notice to attend North Sydney Local Court charged with driving with a middle range prescribed concentration of alcohol.

Incident: Gas explosion

Time/Date: About 8.10am Friday 8th

Place: Westfield Hornsby (loading dock)

Details: A cool room to a local business had stored 9kg LPG cylinders in a cool room in the loading dock area. About 8.10am a truck was reversing into the loading area when a gas bottle exploded causing the cool room doors to fly across the dock area. Several cars, a motor bike and the truck all had varying degrees of damage from the blast. Fire brigade have attended and determined the likely cause to be a slow-leaking gas bottle, which exploded as a compressor started. The truck driver was taken to Hornsby hospital with minor injuries.

Incident: Arrest of 2 men

Time/Date: About 1.50am Friday 8th

Place: Cecil street, Gordon.

Details: Police were patrolling the area and have seen 2 men in the vicinity; on seeing police the men have run along Cecil street. One male is alleged to have thrown an envelope on the ground, which was picked up by police. Investigation revealed the men had a number of items police allege were recently stolen from mail boxes as well as having implements which police allege are house breaking implements. The men were interviewed and charged with having goods in custody suspected to be stolen and house breaking implements. They are to attend court at a date yet to be set.

Incident: Aggravated break and enter

Time/Date: About 3.40pm Wednesday 6th

Place: Whitmont cres, St Ives.

Details: A home owner was home upstairs and has heard noises from a downstairs room. The owner hid in a room and called police who attended shortly after. The home was searched but the offender had made good their escape. It appears nothing had been stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 6pm Thursday 7th and 9am Saturday 9th

Place: Dentist business in Thornleigh

Details: A dental business was broken into via a ground floor side window which was forced open; an amount of cash was stolen.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th

Place: Mt Kuring gai, Mt Colah and Berowra

Details: A total of 7 advertising banners for local community days and businesses were cut from fences and trees, from 3 suburbs. The banners usually have rope to secure them which appears to have been cut with a knife or something similar. They were valued at an estimated \$700.

Incident: Stolen motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 6pm Sunday 10th and 7am Monday 11th

Place: Fox Valley road, Wahroonga

Details: A Mitsubishi panel van was stolen while parked on the street in Wahroonga. During the same time frame a Ford Laser in a nearby street was broken into. It appears the ignition was tampered with, presumably to steal the car.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 12pm Saturday 9th and 2am Sunday 10th

Place: Sturt place, St Ives.

Details: A Ford Escape SUV at a unit complex was broken into. About \$3,000 in property was stolen from the car.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 9.20pm Sunday 10th

Place: Westfield Hornsby

Details: A shop owner had placed a shopping bag behind a bench at a business; CCTV footage shows a male with a blonde ponytail reach over, grab the bag and run off. The bag contained business items.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 12pm and 5pm Wednesday 6th

Place: Yanilla avenue, Wahroonga

Details: The home owner had left a door open at the family home at some point an unknown person has entered the home and stolen a handbag, which contained personal papers and several credit cards. Soon after the theft the cards had been used to commit fraud offences.

Inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: About 8.30pm Saturday 9th

Place: Muriel street, Hornsby

Details: A brick fence to a unit block was kicked over by several young males. A witness described seeing a number of young males run from the location just after the fence fell. The fence was not very wide and contained the letter boxes to the units. No attempt was made by the males to steal items from the mail boxes.

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

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09 August, from Stay Smart Online: 1 billion credentials stolen by hackers: SSO Alert Priority High

Reports are emerging about a vast series of data breaches, affecting approximately 420,000 websites across the world, ranging from well known "Fortune 500 companies"™ and "household names"™ through to "very small websites"™. Approximately 4.5 billion records, comprising 1.2 billion unique "credentials"™ (such as usernames and passwords) and an estimated 500 million unique email addresses have been stolen by hackers over a period of many months. A US-based security firm Hold Security identified the breaches and has been communicating with Russian hackers it says are in possession of the stolen data.

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

09 August, from Traffic & Highway Patrol: Rap sheet reveals trucking firm Lennons was speeding headlong to horror

- Lennons trucks caught speeding at all hours of the day and night
- One truck caught speeding 50 times in eight months
- Company fined \$1,316,469 for failing to stop employees speeding
- Documents reveal a litany of excuses from drivers

[Full article, click here.](#)



07 August, from NSW Fair Trading: Officeworks product recall for USBs

The product model number to be wary of is **MS10071223**.



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

More information on the recall is also available from the [national product recall website, click here.](#)

06 August: The slopes are covered in fresh snow and conditions are ideal for skiing/boarding this weekend.

If you're planning to make your way to the NSW ski fields, here are some simple tips to help keep you safe as you make your way to and from the snow:

- Always carry snow chains even if conditions look clear.
- Take a ten minute break every two hours.
- Check all lights and make sure they are functioning – both low and high beam.
- Observe local resort speed limits
- Apply gradual pressure when braking and accelerating to avoid losing control

- Lift wipers from the windscreen if parking for an extended period so that the wipers do not freeze to the glass.

[More great road safety advice, click here.](#)

06 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: North shore cyclistsâ€™ wishlist includes Pennant Hills Rd bike lane and widening Galston Gorge

[Full article, click here.](#)

04 August: Police are appealing for the publicâ€™s help to identify a woman whose body was found in a Sydney park earlier this year.

On Saturday 15 February, a member of the public located the womanâ€™s body in Willis Park at Middle Cove. A post mortem established her death was not suspicious but extensive inquiries, including forensic processes, have been unable to determine her identity.

Police have been able to establish the woman used the name of **Jemima Ann King in Queensland in 2002** but they donâ€™t believe that was her real identity. Officers from North Shore Local Area Command have exhausted all investigative avenues to identify her and have today released a photo of the woman which was taken in 2002. They believe she lived in both New South Wales and Queensland.

She is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged between 35 and 50 years, 155 to 160cm tall, thin build and brown hair with yellow streaks.



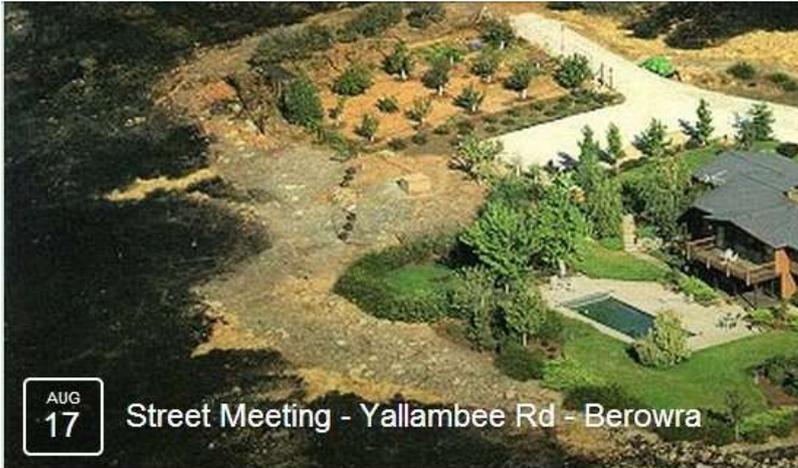
Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From NSW Fair Trading: Consider your options before making a move to a retirement village:

- Discuss your decision with family and friends
- Make a list of "must haves"™ Vs. desirable (but non-essential)
- Seek independent financial & legal advice
- Consider other options that may suit you.

For a closer look at this issue, including access to a video and podcast on retirement living, [click here.](#)

From Berowra Rural Fire Brigade:



Street Meeting - Yallambee Rd - Berowra

Public - Hosted by Berowra Rural Fire Brigade

Sunday at 13:00–15:00
6 days from now - 17°C / 11°C Mostly Cloudy

Berowra Rural Fire Brigade
High St, Berowra, New South Wales 2081

[Show Map](#)

#NSWRFS To help PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY and YOURSELF for the coming bush fire season, we will be holding a street meeting in Yallambee Rd on Sunday 17 August starting at 1pm.

Following the meeting we will be available to perform property inspections to provide advice on preparing your property for this bush fire season.

PLEASE RVSP TO THIS EVENT IF YOU CAN ATTEND.

Phone (02) 9456 4044

Email berowrarfb-media@googlegroups.com

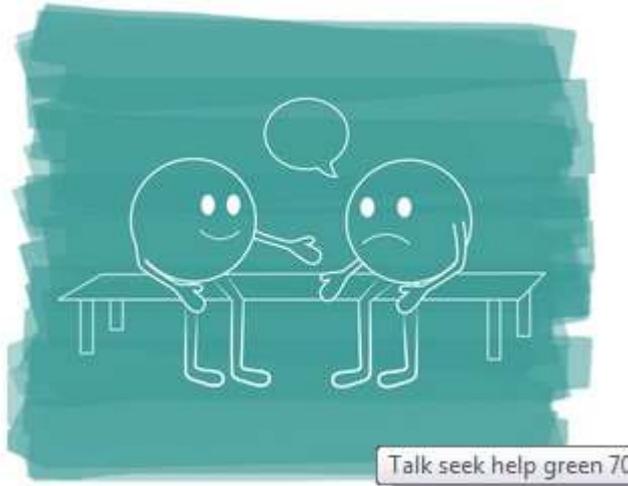
09 August, spotted by our roving reporter: Rotary groups and volunteers, helping St Ives with removal of graffiti at the back of the carpark on Stanley Lane. Thanks guys!



Date for your diaries: **National Graffiti Removal Day 2014 is on Sunday 26 October 2014.**

[Click here for more info.](#)

App of the Month, from Beyond Blue - The Check-in app



Who's it for?

Anyone who wants to check in with a friend but is concerned about saying the wrong thing or making the situation worse.

How's it work?

The app takes you through four steps, super easy and super quick, getting you to think about where you might check in, what you might say and how might you support your friend. There is also a section showing you things to consider, such as what if my friend denies there is a problem or what if I say something silly.

After you have had your conversation you can go back into the app and rate how it went. The app will then give you advice on the next steps.

There are also links to where you can get support and tips from young people.

Where do you get it?

It's free to download from [Google Play](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).

For youths, know where to go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone. You can also contact:

- Reach Out www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying. NoWay! www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue www.youthbeyondblue.com.au
- or the website, app or phone carrier you were using at the time.

From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies:

Tradie Tip #1: IDENTIFY YOUR POWER TOOLS USING AN ENGRAVER, AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER OR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH . Stolen power tools are easily bought & sold at garage & car boot sales.

Our Tip: Bring along your power tools and other valuables to the '**Dads are Great!**' event 10am til 2pm on Saturday 06 September, where we can help you engrave your property. We recommend marking your valuables with 'N' for NSW, followed by your drivers licence number. For more delicate possessions we have a UV pen to borrow.

Why do I mark my valuables? The Police often find valuables when making an arrest for Break & Enter offences. If they were marked, there would be a better chance of returning the possessions to you. But more importantly, your Licence Number on the goods indisputably links the offender to your address - a big win for the prosecution!

Tradie Tip #4: BEWARE OF NON-ANCHORAGE POINTS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Secure to the main chassis frame, in order to take the full force of the load.

Tradie Tip #5: ALWAYS DISPLAY A WARNING FLAG ON ITEMS PROTRUDING 1.2M BEHIND THE VEHICLE.

Tradie Tip #6: DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Don't kid yourself - thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

Tradie Tip #7: SAY "HI" TO NEIGHBOURS AROUND A BUILDING SITE OR JOB. They are the eyes and ears of the community.

Tradie Tip #8: DO NOT OVERLOAD VEHICLES. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LIMIT. It's worth making two trips.

Tradie Tip #19: REMEMBER NOT TO PARK ON NATURE STRIPS OR FOOTPATHS. The ranger is watching you...

For your copy of these 20 Tips, or any others in the series, please email NHWGordon@gmail.com.



Dates for the diary:

Sunday 17 August: Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Yallambee Rd Street Meeting 1-3pm Phone 9456 4044.

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

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 FÃte, 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.

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 Hornsby Shire Council, 06 August: This is the over-sized log that recently

became stuck in one of the trucks and needed to be removed. It's important not to overfill the green bin or place large branches, logs or stumps inside it. If the bin is too heavy the truck will not be able to lift it, while the rubbish may not fall out when it is raised. Branches up to 75 millimetres are acceptable.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 07 August:

HEARTBREAK OF MISSING PERSONS

“ On average, 35,000 people are reported missing in Australia every year – one person every 15 minutes. The three groups most at risk are those living with a mental illness, young people, and older people with dementia or memory loss. So far in 2014, 5635 people have been reported missing. Of those, 30 have

been missing for more than three months. Police investigated 120 reports of missing people suffering from dementia in 2013. If you have serious concerns for the welfare of a person, and their whereabouts are unknown, you do not have to wait 24 hours to report them missing.

- Detective Inspector Jon Gross
[facebook.com/KuringGai LAC](https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC)

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

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 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 Dorman Crescent and Bell Avenue: Road resurfacing scheduled from Monday 4 August.

KILLARA Provincial Road: Road resurfacing scheduled from Monday 4 August.

KILLARA Lady Game Drive (resident access for service roads running alongside): Road resurfacing scheduled from Monday 4 August.

KILLARA Montreal Street and Quebec Street: Road resurfacing scheduled from Monday 4 August.

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.

NORMANHURST IMPROVEMENTS to the road network continue across Hornsby this week. Resurfacing will occur at Buckingham Ave, Normanhurst.

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.

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

WAHROONGA Burns Road (between The Chase Road and Trentino Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for mid-August.

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. 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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