



# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

## eNewsletter # 244 - 6 June 2016

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai 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.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (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 NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. **To subscribe, [click here](#).**

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**6 June, NSW Police Force**



**6 June, Here's some crime and incident stats from 3 June to 6 June.**

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle
Suburb					
ASQUITH	1				
BEROWRA					
BROOKLYN					
COWAN					
DURAL			1		
GALSTON					
GLENORIE					
GORDON					
HORNSBY	2	2	3		
HORNSBY HEIGHTS					
KILLARA					
MT COLAH					
MT KURING GAI					
NORMANHURST		2			
PYMBLE					
ST IVES					
THORNLEIGH			1		
TURRAMURRA			1		
WAHROONGA	2				2
WAITARA		1			
WARRAWEE					
WEST PYMBLE					
WESTLEIGH					
Date range	3/6/10 to 6/6/16				

**Asquith:** Break & Enter 1

**Dural:** Stealing 1

**Hornsby:** B & E 2, Mal Dam 2, Stealing 3

**Normanhurst:** Mal Dam 2

**Thornleigh:** Stealing 1

**Turramurra:** Stealing 1

**Wahroonga:** B & E 2, Steal from Motor Vehicle 2

**Waitara:** Mal Dam 1

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**3 June, North Shore LAC - NSW police Force, Can you help?**



Steal From Person - Suspect Identity Sought.

North Shore LAC Detectives are seeking information on the identity of a male in relation to the theft of cash from a person in the NAB Victoria Ave Chatswood at 12.35pm Wednesday 1st June 2012.

Please call 94148499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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**3 June, Crime Stoppers NSW, WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF BANK FRAUD...**



Despite your best efforts in being diligent protecting your personal details, online security and bank details, sometimes criminals will commit fraud and steal money from your accounts. Victims of fraud can sustain significant financial and psychological harm as a result. The results of this can be devastating for business and individuals. Below are some steps to take if you become a victim of bank fraud.

1/ DETERMINE if someone has stolen your bankcard or if they have accessed your accounts another way.

- If you determine your bank card has been stolen and used, please call the Police Assistance Line where you can do a report for the “STEALING” incident over the phone. You will be given an event number. You will then need to attend a police station with your event number and complete the “FRAUD” incident in person at the station.

For full story, [click here](#).

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**3 June, Crime Stoppers NSW, WHAT TO DO IF YOU COME HOME TO A**

## BREAK AND ENTER...



Despite our best intentions and our most up-to-date security measures we may find ourselves one day the victim of someone breaking into our home. Below are steps you should take if this ever happens to you.

1/ REMAIN CALM & LISTEN. Can you hear any noises coming from your home? Do you think the offender/s are still inside your home? If so, call triple zero (000) immediately. Do not confront the offenders. Police will be dispatched to your home.

2/ AVOID TOUCHING ANYTHING. If you feel safe to enter your home, gather as much information as you can without disturbing the scene. This is important. You do not want to destroy fingerprints or evidence by putting your hands on items or parts of the home that the offender/s have touched.

For more [click here](#)

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## 2 June, NSW Police Force

Police are investigating a home invasion which occurred in Sydney's northwest

yesterday.

Police were told about 7.30pm (Wednesday 1 May 2016), three men wearing balaclavas and gloves forced their way into the home at Glenorie and tied up a female occupant.

The men searched the home before leaving with cash and documents.

Just before 10.30pm, officers from The Hills Local Area Command were notified of the incident and attended the home.

A 78-year-old woman was treated by NSW Ambulance Paramedics as a precaution and did not need hospital treatment.

A crime scene has been established and officers have commenced an investigation into the incident.

It is believed the incident is targeted.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or [click here](#) for the Crime Stoppers online reporting page. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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### **1 June, NSW Police Force**

The NSW Police Force has launched a new trial that's aimed at supporting victims of domestic and family violence by ensuring offenders are abiding by protection orders.

The pilot program will see police conducting compliance checks on individuals who are currently the subject of Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs).

The trial was launched across Miranda, St George and Sutherland Local Area Commands today (Wednesday 1 June 2016).

For details [click here](#)

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### **31 May, From the Daily Telegraph, Fake \$50 and \$100 notes are flooding the Hills**

THOUSANDS of dollars worth of fake \$50 and \$100 notes are being circulated in the Hills.

Last week alone more than \$1350 worth of counterfeit notes were handed into Hills police after being identified by banks, hotels, clubs and pubs as fake.

Inspector Jim Szabo at Castle Hill police station urged people to double check notes, especially \$50 and \$100 notes.

“These are very high quality copies,” he said.

“People need to pay attention.”

He said counterfeit notes had turned up at numerous retail outlets, grocery chains and pubs and banks all over the Hills including Annangrove, Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Castle, Hill, Baulkham Hills and Dural.

[Click here](#) for full media coverage

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### **30 May, From The Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney's in-ground traffic light trial to save mobile phone zombies from themselves**

The prevalence of pedestrians distracted by mobile phones has prompted the NSW government to launch an Australian-first trial to help mobile phone zombies, or "petextrians", make smarter choices on the road.

In response to this year's high number of road fatalities, which includes 29 pedestrian deaths so far, the NSW government has announced several measures in its Towards Zero campaign to reduce the number of deaths on our roads.

One of these is the trial of in-ground traffic lights at key pedestrian crossings in central Sydney. The six-month trial is expected to start in December this year and will mirror the same project launched in Germany earlier this year.

[Click here](#) for full media coverage.

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## **30 May, NSW Police Force**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

If you happen to find a stray dog either walking the streets or at your property and take the dog into your custody, you have a responsibility to either return it to its owner (if you know who the owner is), contact Council or take it to an animal holding facility such as a vet. By law, a member of the community can only hold a stray dog for a maximum of 48 hours.

Council requests that if you do happen to find a dog and wish for Council to pick it up that you have the dog contained, either by leash or in an enclosed space.

If you see an aggressive dog, do not approach it – contact Council straight away so a trained Animal Controller may seize the dog.

Council can only pick up dogs during business hours. If you find a stray dog outside business hours, you can either keep it overnight or take it to an animal holding facility, such as a vet.

Please **DO NOT** hand in stray dogs to the Police Station.

Thanks

Senior Constable DESIRA

Crime Prevention Officer

The Hills LAC



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View the [local Kuring-gai police Facebook page here](#). You don't have to know anything about Facebook to have a quick squizzy. The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

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**Some Crime Stats from from March 2016 for Galston area**

INC CATEGORY	FURTHER CLASS	ADDRESS	PREMISE TYPE	START DATE	START TIME
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	MANSFIELD RD	RESIDENTIAL	05-03-16	830
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	SCHOOL RD	RESIDENTIAL	08-03-16	1700
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MID-DURAL RD	RESIDENTIAL	15-03-16	1120
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	BELBOWRIE CL	RESIDENTIAL	06-03-16	2202
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	JOHNSON RD	RESIDENTIAL	02-03-16	1800
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	JOHNSON RD	RESIDENTIAL	06-03-16	720
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	BELBOWRIE CL & GALSTON RD	OUTDOOR/PUB	02-03-16	600
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	GALSTON RD	EDUCATION	21-03-16	1200
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROP	GARDINER RD	RESIDENTIAL	11-03-16	2230
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROP	GALSTON RD	EDUCATION	30-03-16	1455

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**To Report Illegal Fishing.** Help stamp out illegal fishing. Dob in a fish thief - they are stealing your fish. Phone 1800 043 536.

For NSW fishing advisory information, call 1300 550 474.

Or contact your nearest NSW DPI Fisheries Office.

Or visit <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>

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### **Report a Scam: Scams from overseas or interstate**

- including false billing or chain letter scams

Contact Australian Consumer and Competition Commission; click [here](#)

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 2 June**

## \$100K REWARD FOR MURDER INFO

A REWARD of \$100,000 is on offer for information about the unsolved murder of Graham Bourke, whose body was found in the boot of his car on Sherbrook Rd in Hornsby a month after he went missing in 1993.

Police, along with Graham Bourke's daughter Lee, announced the reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the cold case murder more than 20 years ago.

Mr Bourke, 44, was last seen alive in Mona Vale at a friend's butchery about 6.45pm, on the evening of October 25, 1993.

Mr Bourke's body was found in the boot of his car, a red 1984 Holden Calais. The car had been parked on Sherbrook Rd, Hornsby on Monday, November 29, 1993.

He had been shot in the back of the head and his throat had been cut.

Despite extensive investigations, no

one has been charged over the so-called 'Butcher in the Boot' murder.

Mr Bourke was a divorced butcher and reported missing by his former defacto wife, Marie.

She called police when he did not arrive to pick up their daughter for his regular weekend visit in the Hunter Valley.

Mr Bourke drove to Greta in the Hunter Valley every second Friday to pick up his daughter Lee and spend the weekend with her.

He had rented a small flat in Jersey St Hornsby because it was close to his work and not too far from the arterial road leading north to where his daughter lived, in the Hunter Valley.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to the murder of Mr Bourke to call Crime Stoppers.

Ring 1800 333 000 or use Crime Stoppers online:

[nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/)

## THORNLEIGH

**1** A 34-year-old Thornleigh man was charged with child sex offences on Monday after a covert police investigation online. Police from the Child Exploitation Internet Unit began engaging with the man over the internet in November 2015. The man believed he was speaking to the mother of a young girl and police allege he made sexually explicit comments about the child and asked to meet the mother and child. About 6.35pm on Monday night, sex crimes squad detectives arrested a 34-year-old man at Westmead. A search warrant was used at a home in Thornleigh, where police seized a computer. The man was taken to Parramatta Police Station where he was charged with inciting sexual intercourse with a child between 10 and 16 years of age and using a carriage service for child pornography. Anyone with information about internet predators should call Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) or use the Crime Stoppers online: [police.nsw.gov.au/](http://police.nsw.gov.au/).

## HORNSBY

**2** A man allegedly started a fight and caused about 700 people to be forced to leave Hornsby RSL Club after a singer at a private function had vocal issues on Sunday night. A Persian band's performance at the club was cut short halfway through its second song when the singer stopped and apologised that they could not go on. A 32-year-old man allegedly took offence to this and started yelling at the band. The man then allegedly began kicking microphones on stage, with one hitting another person in the face. As the man was being escorted out of the venue, the rest of the crowd became agitated about a refund and the RSL decided to shut the venue. The man then allegedly picked up a bottle and threw it onto a wall as he was being escorted out. By 11pm the RSL was clear and patrons had disbursed. Police will review CCTV footage and are yet to interview victims.

## **HORNSBY**

**6** An 85-year-old woman from Artarmon fought off a man who tried to steal her trolley bag at Hornsby station about 10.30am on Tuesday. The man described as of small build with dark hair, a dark beard and rough clothes tried to grab the bag while walking on the concourse at Hornsby station.

## **TURRAMURRA**

**7** Burglars may have hidden in a home at Merrivale Lane on Saturday about 9pm after stealing jewellery from a home in Pymble. A resident heard noise but thought it was a possum until a police dog handler investigating a local burglary noticed her back door was open. Jewellery was stolen from a home in Pentecost Ave at 8.25pm and two men aged 20-25 and caucasian, were seen climbing over a fence.

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council,**



Learn how Council is preventing and managing local bushfires, how you can prepare your home and emergency contact information. Click [here](#)

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**3 June, This is why you never put a child wearing a winter coat into a car seat. Did you know?**

To view the video, click [here](#)

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**Here are a few tips from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities":**

- Tip #1.** INSTALL A PEEP-HOLE IN YOUR FRONT DOOR & INSTALL THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTBULB IN THE LIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR.
- Tip #2.** DON'T RELY ON FLYSCREENS AS SECURITY DOORS.
- Tip #3.** LOCK YOUR DOORS WHEN INSIDE. DON'T UNLOCK AND/OR OPEN YOUR FRONT DOOR IN PREPARATION FOR A VISITOR/TRADESMAN.
- Tip #4.** FIT KEYED LOCKS ON SLIDING DOORS /WINDOWS. ALTERNATIVE HOLES CAN ALLOW A LOCKED-WHILE-OPEN POSITION for ventilation.
- Tip #5.** PHOTOGRAPH JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS ITEMS. Place a ruler adjacent to the item for scale.
- Tip #6.** ENGRAVE ALL VALUABLE ITEMS WITH AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER. An engraver is available for loan from your Crime Prevention Officer. For delicate items such as phones, use an Ultra-Violet marker pen.
- Tip #7.** KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone — PTO for contact numbers.
- Tip #8.** IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING AT NIGHT, PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRIP & PARKING ARRANGEMENTS CAREFULLY. Refer to public transport timetables to avoid waits. Park in well-lit areas. Travel as a group.
- Tip #9.** PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL YOU CAN ASK FOR HELP! YOU HAVE PROBABLY HELPED OTHERS ALL YOUR LIFE—It's your turn to be offered assistance, to be comfortable, happy and safe.
- Tip #10.** REPORT EVERYTHING! If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police.
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**3 June, Change your social media passwords following a series of high profile security alerts**



You are advised to change your social media passwords following a series of reports about data leaks, including email addresses and passwords from social

networking sites Reddit, Tumblr and Myspace.

Click [here](#) for full story.

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### Dates for the Diary:

**Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016:** Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

**Wednesday 15 June:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**Monday 20 June:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

**Monday 19 September:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558**

**Monday 26 September:** Turramurra NHW meeting @ Turramurra Uniting Church, 8pm.

**Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016:** NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

**Wednesday 05 October:** NHW Roadshow @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Draft theme - "Bring Back Community!"

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### From 'Dumbest Criminals, compiled by Wendy Lewis. Published by New Holland.

Thieves broke into a liquor store after closing one night and snatched six bottles of gin, bourbon and vodka. Forget about having a giant piss-up, boys ... they were display bottles filled with water and cold tea!

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### Important Contacts

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000**

**Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific 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

**Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450**

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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