



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the 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](#).**

12 June, Crime Stoppers NSW, WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING

STOLEN FROM YOUR PERSON...

Sometimes thieves steal things by “snatching” something from us, like a handbag or mobile phone, or they may be stealthier, where we don’t even realise the stealing has occurred until after the fact.

IMPORTANT: If a thief confronts you and demands property, has a weapons, injures you in any way or there is any confrontation at all call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

If you are not aware until after the fact that the stealing has taken place call the Police Assistance Line on 131444 who will take a full report of the incident over the phone, including if there is any CCTV footage, suspect or witness information.

Do you have information about STEALING crimes that would help police? You can report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

You can remain anonymous.

12 June, Crime Stoppers NSW, WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR MOBILE PHONE..

Losing our mobile phone can be very distressing, especially these days when they are so much more than just a phone.

If you lose your phone it is important to report this to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) as you will need an EVENT NUMBER if you are claiming insurance.

REMEMBER to have your IMEI number ready. This is a serial number specific to your phone and you can find it on the box if you still have it. Otherwise, your service provider can provide this number to you. The IMEI number goes into your police report and is an identifying feature for police if your phone is ever found or recovered.

Note: Police do not actively investigate ‘lost property’. Your property is your responsibility and losing your property is not a crime that has been committed against you. If an item is handed to police, found or recovered by police they will do their best to ‘match’ an item which has been reported so as to get the item back

to you.

10 June, Road Safety Commission



Put your phone away before you get into the car - you can live without it.

10 June, Wise up to Scams!

**WISE UP
TO SCAMS**
www.scamwatch.gov.au



How to avoid being scammed

- ⚠ Don't be pressured into making a decision on the spot.
- ⚠ Be suspicious of requests for money—even if they sound or look official.
- ⚠ Do your own research on investments and check the provider is licensed.

Where to get help

- If you sent money or bank details to a scammer: contact your bank immediately.
- For advice or to report a scam: scamwatch.gov.au or call **1300 795 995**
- For guidance on investing: moneysmart.gov.au or call ASIC on **1300 300 630**
- To recover your stolen identity: ldcare.org or call **1300 432 273**





Several people have been contacted by phone from a person identifying to work for Telstra. The caller stated that they could assist in fighting illegal computer hacking and viruses and they had to install software on their computer to do this. The caller obtains the persons internet banking information and transfers a large amount of money into their account. The caller instructs them to attend there bank to take out the money and to deposit it in to a China account through moneygram.. The caller states that they had to deposit the transferred money before they would get a person to attend the address to install the software. If you have received any of these calls make sure to report it to Dee Why Police on 99713399 or Acorn [here](#).

9 June, NSW Police Force



Looks pretty good right, wrong. This is how quickly things go bad.
For video, [click here](#)

9 June, NSW police Force

A critical incident has been launched after a police shooting in Hornsby today.

About 11.50am (Thursday 9 June 2016) emergency services were called to a shopping centre in Hornsby following reports that a man was armed with a knife.

On arrival officers located the man and attempted to speak with him.

Following a confrontation, a number of shots were fired by police.

As a consequence four people have sustained various injuries and have been

taken to hospital.

A Critical Incident Team will now investigate all circumstances surrounding the incident, including the discharge of a police firearm.

At this stage it is not known what has caused the confrontation.

That investigation will be subject to independent review.

No further details are available at this time however police are calling for witnesses to come forward.

Police are not looking for any other offenders.

8 June, NSW Police Force

When to call the NSW SES 

132 500
For emergency help to find, assist and treat you

000
IN LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES
CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)

YES Call Triple Zero (000) if:
- Are you (and/or others) anyone trapped or injured?

NO If:
- Has a fallen tree blocked access? (i.e. front door/ driveway) **OR**
- Is a tree threatening to fall on your property or driveway? **OR**
- Is your property flooded or in danger of flooding? **OR**
- Is your roof damaged or leaking? **OR**
- Is there damage to your property that you cannot fix yourself?

NO Contact your insurance company or a private contractor to assess and complete the job, or repair it yourself if safe to do so.

YES Call the NSW SES on 132 500. Your request for assistance will be logged by our operations centre who will give you a reference number. Your request will then be forwarded onto the nearest SES unit for action.

NSW SES volunteers undertake temporary emergency measures to make your home and the situation safe. It is important that you contact either your insurance company or a private contractor to make permanent repairs to damage resulting from a flood or storm or to remove any remaining debris.

7 June, Crime Stoppers NSW, WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CAR IS BROKEN INTO...



Sometimes we forget to lock our car despite our best efforts and sometimes we lock our cars and thieves break into them anyway. Below are steps you should take if someone breaks into your car.

1/ AVOID TOUCHING – sometimes it is not until you have gotten inside your car that you realise the glove box is open and things are missing. However, if you can avoid touching anything until you have reported the incident to police, this is best.

2/ DETERMINE if there are any witnesses, or CCTV cameras in the area where the incident occurred.

2/ REPORT the incident to the Police Assistance Line on 131444 (24/7). This is the quickest and easiest way to get the report in the system for police to be able to conduct any further investigation.

3/ RECORD your event number. You may need your event number for insurance purposes, so make sure you have a pen and paper ready to write it down.

4/ ASK. Sometimes police in certain LAC's will be conducting targeted fingerprinting exercises in your area, but if this is not offered to you, you can request police to attend to conduct a fingerprint assessment if resources are

available.

Do you have information about STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE crimes that would help police? You can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

You can remain anonymous.

7 June, NSW Police Force, Are you an AGL Energy account holder?

There are scam emails currently circulating which claim you owe money for an outstanding gas or electricity bill.

How the scam works:

- The email may appear to come from a department like the 'Accounts Receivable Team' or 'Accounts Payable'.
- The email may contain the subject title 'Your AGL Bills Update ✓'.
- The email may or may not be from your current energy provider.
- The email may claim that you have exceeded your energy consumption limit and need to pay or even that you are eligible to use a discounted energy tariff if you click on the link.
- The email may direct you to click on a link to view your account, pay your bill or download an attachment.

If you click on the link, your computer may be infected with malicious software.

How to protect yourself

- If you receive a suspicious email for outstanding energy usage - delete it immediately.

If you're not sure if this is a scam, contact your energy provider with the contact

details from their website and not from the email.

Look out for tell tale signs of a scam email, including spelling mistakes and poor grammar.

Never click on the links from suspicious emails and delete them immediately.

7 June, NSW Police Force, Office of the Children's Safety Commissioner



Your child joining social media is a big step! Consider our handy tips to make the transition as safe and secure as possible. For details, [click here](#).

6 June, NSW Police Force



NSW Police and the State Emergency Service are at a loss as to what more can be said and done to get the message across about the dangers of entering flood waters.

Police and emergency services this morning recovered the bodies of two men from waterways at Leppington and Mittagong.

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Kyle Stewart, said despite the constant warnings about the dangers of entering flood areas we now have two men who have died.

"It is a tragedy these two lives have been lost. We simply do not know how either of these two men came to be in the flood waters. But what we know is that their deaths show just how dangerous flood waters are," Acting Assistant Commissioner Stewart said.

"What do we have to say to get the message across?"

"Emergency service personnel this morning have had the devastating task of retrieving the bodies of the men.

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



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

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.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 9 June

wanted



Basheeruddin Mohammed

Murder: Mohammed is wanted in relation to the 2003 death of Shoukat Mohammed whose body was found inside a sleeping bag in a Redfern wheelie bin.

reward



Graham Bourke
\$100,000

Murder: Mr Bourke was 44 when his body was found in the boot of his car at Hornsby in November 1993. He had been shot and his throat was cut.

WAHROONGA

1 Two homes in Billyard Ave and one in nearby Warrawee Ave were burgled on Sunday night. Burglars removed a flyscreen and used an outdoor setting to get into a window of one home. They stole a wallet from the kitchen and dropped it outside the home. Another home in Billyard Ave was hit between 3pm and 6.45pm. Thieves forced a window and door open before taking cash and jewellery from a bedroom. A handbag, wallet and a phone were also taken from a home in Warrawee Ave with cash from the wallet taken while the phone and credit cards were left behind.

WAITARA

3 An iPhone worth \$240 was stolen from the Bluegum Hotel in Waitara between 2.30pm and 3pm on Monday. A 27-year-old woman from Dee Why was in the poker machine area and left her phone on a machine when she moved to another one. Three men were in the area at the time. Police have reviewed CCTV footage, which shows a man about 170cm tall of middle-eastern appearance with a medium build, shaved head and facial hair wearing a long sleeved top taking the phone.

WAITARA

7 A fake \$50 note was used at McDonald's between 5pm and 7.45pm on Friday. The store manager discovered the counterfeit note when he checked the tills and called police. The note will be sent to the AFP to assess if it is counterfeit.

TURRAMURRA

4 A thief was interrupted before he could steal a \$2500 mountain bike from a garage on Beronia Ave on Tuesday about 12.30pm. The owner of the bike saw a boy described as between 17 and 20 years old, 178cm tall, pale complexion with black hair, a black wispy moustache, average build, wearing a cream jacket with a black hood and tan pants and a bright red backpack trying to steal the bike. A police forensic team is examining the bike for fingerprints.

HORNSBY

8 Hornsby Police are urging residents to be alert for dishonest and uninsured tradespeople who may doorknock offering to help clean up after recent storms. Police said people should make sure anyone offering repair work is registered with a contractor's licence. Check with NSW Fair Trading if you are unsure. If they damage anything or injure themselves on your property you may be up for expensive repairs.

From The North Shore Times, 10 June

MAN, 19, DIES AFTER BEING STRUCK BY CAR

David Meddows

A TURRAMURRA man has undergone blood and alcohol testing after he allegedly struck a teenager, killing him, while he was changing a flat tyre in the centre lane of a major western Sydney road last Friday morning.

Emergency services were called to James Ruse Drive in North Parramatta just before 11am to reports a pedestrian had been struck by another vehicle.

Paramedics raced to the scene and treated the 19-year-old from Wentworthville, but he couldn't be revived.

A white ute could be seen in the centre lane with

a spare tyre on the road next to it, the man's body covered by a white cloth metres away.

The driver of the car that struck the man – a 41-year-old Turramurra man – stopped after the accident and is co-operating with police. He was taken to Westmead Hospital for mandatory blood and urine tests.

Investigators are asking for any witnesses who have not yet come forward to contact police.

Police said they especially want to hear from an Asian woman, who was wearing a blue top, as she was travelling in a nearby vehicle ahead of the collision.

CAR-OWNERS MUST BE VIGILANT

Ian Paterson

POLICE are urging people to avoid leaving valuables in their car after 13 cars were broken into last Friday throughout Longueville and Lane Cove.

Items including iPads, laptops and cash were stolen from vehicles about the same time a Porsche 911 (above), and other items, were stolen during an aggravated break and enter in Hunters Hill.

The cars were broken into between Thursday 5am and Friday 8.30am.

North Shore LAC crime prevention officer Senior Constable Lorna Simmons said people should avoid keeping personal items in their vehicles and in the event your vehicle was broken into to avoid touching any surfaces of your vehicle and phone 131 444 immediately.

The rare Porsche was located in Croydon Park on Friday evening.

Police search for stabbers

POLICE are still searching for the people responsible for a knife attack in St Ives Chase last Saturday night.

Kuring Gai LAC detective Inspector Neil Higgins said police had canvassed the area and spoken with the victim but it was too early to say why the 49-year-old man was stabbed in the front yard of a Romney Rd property about 10.25pm.

“The victim has just told us he was attacked and we are currently processing exhibits,” Insp Higgins said.

“We have spoken to neighbours and are following up on the normal leads and inquiries.”

The man is recovering from stab wounds to his chest and other injuries after a number of males assaulted him.

If you have any information you believe may assist police you are urged to phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

8 June, NSW Food Authority



RECALL: Orgazmo Wood Smoked Sicilian Olives

Orgazmo Smoked Foods has recalled its Wood Smoked Sicilian Olives from Farmers Markets in NSW due to potential microbial contamination.

Product details are:

- Wood Smoked Sicilian Olives, 600g plastic container
- Best Before 05 MAY 2017

Food products contaminated with pathogens may cause illness if consumed.

If you are concerned about your health, you should seek medical advice.

The product can be returned to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For more information contact Orgazmo Smoked Foods on 0425 213 330.

Details [here](#).

8 June, NSW Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - One week to go

We have received some beautiful and imaginative artworks in our second annual TEA: Talking Elder Abuse art competition. Judging will take place on WEAAD which is next Wednesday, 15 June.

Here are three further entries from members of the Sea Side Group in Kiama. The Elephant Never Forgets, and the other artworks reflect Kiama's rural and cultural heritage. So inventive and colourful. We love your contributions - thank you!

We'll be posting entries over the coming week, so keep an eye out.

7 June, From the Daily Advertiser, Neighbourhood Watch 'targeted' by arson as group ramp up war on crime.

A FOUNDER of the city's most passionate criminal watchdog group has been "targeted by arson" after announcing they would up the ante in their war on thieves and vandals.

Arsonists on Sunday night added fuel to the fire when they used a “molotov cocktail-like” canister to destroy a car on a Wagga Neighbourhood Watch (WNW) organisers’ front lawn.

Founding member of WNW Wayne Deaner said the “targeted attack” left his friend’s car in a smouldering wreck outside his house.

For details, [click here](#)

From Ku-ring-gai Shire Council

REPORTING CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS TO COUNCIL

While Council does not investigate criminal incidents, Council is responsible for removing graffiti, repairing vandalism and undertaking general maintenance works on council-owned and managed property. Report any concerns to:



-  **9424 0000**
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm
-  **kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au**
-  **Ku-ring-gai Council**
Attention: General Manager
Locked Bag 1006, Gordon NSW 2072

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



If you would like to take a more active role in crime prevention please contact your local crime prevention officer at Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or Chatswood Police Station on 9414 8499.

From Hornsby Shire Council

Please be advised all fire trails managed by Hornsby Council are closed until post storm inspections have been completed.

7 June, From Hornsby Shire Council

Are you teaching a learner driver, or maybe getting your licence yourself? Do you feel like you need a refresher of the road rules? Sign up for our free two-hour Safer Drivers presentation next Thursday at Council chambers. [Click here.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

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!"

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

A man broke into a grocery store and in a stroke of genius decided to use a chainsaw to get into the store's safe. He was overcome by the carbon-monoxide fumes belching from the saw's engine and was found by police five hours later unconscious on the floor.

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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