



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.

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08 August: Hornsby Police news, 8/8/16 The following relate to local issues

in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Molotov cocktail in Hornsby, arrest and charge

Time/Date: About 4.30am Saturday 6th

Place: Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

Person: 54 year old male

Details: About 4.30am a 19 year old male was travelling on Peats Ferry Road and stopped his car to make a phone call. Shortly after he heard a tap on his window, as he looked up a male was standing at his window waving a cigarette lighter at him. The male drove off and called police. About 5.20am police were out the front of the police station and saw a silhouette of a person near the Brewhaha cafe on Peats Ferry road. Police then saw a lighted object thrown in the direction of the Brewhaha cafe and a person running across the road. Police rushed to the scene where they saw a male trying to hide in a nearby doorway. The male was arrested and the fire was put out (no damage to the shop). Police will allege the male has lit a homemade Molotov cocktail and thrown it on the footpath next to the shop. A search of the male allegedly found 2 other Molotov cocktails and a plastic bottle of Methylated Spirits. The male refused to be interviewed and was charged.

Court: The male was bail refused and was to attend Central Local Court on the 8th August.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 1pm Saturday 6th and 7 am Monday 8th

Place: Malsbury Road, Normanhurst

Details: A Toyota Hilux was parked on the street. At some point a locked tool box in the rear tray was forced open, 2 x nail guns and a router was stolen. They were valued at \$2,000.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 12 midnight and 10am Sunday 7th.

Place: The Glade Galston.

Details: A Toyota was parked on the street at The Glade. The car was broken into and ransacked. A backpack containing a camera, various chargers and wallet was stolen. The wallet had a number of cards and a licence. The licence was left in the car. The total value is \$1,600.

Incident: Break, enter & steal plus stolen car.

Time/Date: Between 6.30pm Saturday 6th and 11 am Sunday 7th

Place: Hunter Street, Hornsby

Details: A garage was broken into with various items moved about; a set of car keys found inside the garage was used to steal a Toyota Corolla.

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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08 August: PLAN AHEAD FOR SUNDAY, WHEN SOME ROADS WILL BE CLOSED FOR CITY2SURF

[Click here for Info.](#)

08 August, from the Daily Telegraph: Tributes flow for [Thornleigh - ed] teen killed in mass stabbing

[Click here for full article.](#)

05 August: ***August 9 is Census night.**

This will be Australia's first digital Census, with 65 per cent of Australian households expected to complete it online. Most households in Australia will be posted a letter from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) that includes instructions on how to complete the Census online, including a unique login for each household.

Despite this new method, there will still be Census Field Officers out on the streets.

- Around 4,000 Census Field Officers will deliver paper Census forms

between 29 July and 9 September 2016.

- Field Officers will make follow-up visits to any households in Australia that have not completed a Census form, between 13 August and 18 September 2016.

Please see the photos below to help you identify a Census Field Officer. If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of an officer, please contact the **Australian Bureau of Statistics on 1300 214 531**.



04 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: Smoking laws in Ku-ring-gai ask smokers to 'self regulate' or pay big fines if caught smoking in public

[Click here for full article.](#)

04 August: Have you lost a car key?

Hornsby police were handed a Lexus encrypted car key with a small amount of money in a bag. The key was found about midday yesterday near Bobbin Head rd, North Turramurra. You will need a description of the bag and own the car it goes into to get the key. Quote event # E61845350.

03 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: Investigation into how an 85-year-old amputee was killed by his own car in a licence renewal incident.

[Click here for full article.](#)

03 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Ku-ring-gai police work includes the rescue of a hiker, investigating assaults and break-ins

[Click here for full article.](#)

02 August: Hi all, The Oxfam trail walk is between 19 and 21 August.

Participants normally do some form of training prior to the event. We've found in recent years people have needed to be rescued either because of injuries, because they were under prepared or simply underestimated the terrain and conditions. Mobile phones don't always work in these remote areas so alternate communication devices are needed. The NSW Police Force website has information on how best prepare for any type of trek, [click here](#). As in yesterdays post we've had 4 separate rescues in the past 4 weeks mostly avoidable with proper planning and due care. While we love this area, our fantastic bush that surrounds our LAC we want the community to enjoy the bush and put a little bit of planning into any trek off the beaten track. Some of the info on the link is targeted to the Blue Mountains; most of the things still apply here.

02 August: The emergency+ App allows you to pinpoint your location with GPS coordinates in an emergency.

It's a worthwhile App especially when you are in an unfamiliar location (or lost in the bush).

For more info and download [click here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

SNIPPETS FROM THE 'ALL AREAS' NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

LAST WEDNESDAY 03 AUGUST

Snr Cst Stef Murray, Youth Liaison Officer, Kuring Gai LAC, gave an overview of crime in our LAC;

1. 5 youths stealing vodka from bottle shops in LAC.
2. Increase in Steal from Motor Vehicles in the LAC, tradies tools, unlocked cars and items on show in cars. Please could we always lock vehicles and remove items from on show?
3. Youths stealing clothing, icecreams etc from Westfield.
4. Break & Enters 40-50/month, nearly a third of which are attempts only. Could we please lock the front door, even when home, eg when out the back?
5. Increase in bushwalker rescues (possibly due to Oxfam Walk 19-21 August), 4 in 4 weeks. Could we please note other methods of communication are needed in case a phone doesn't have a signal? [Further Trek info here](#). Please install the [Emergency+ App here](#).
6. 20 Oct 2016 Youth Mental Health Forum. Increase in primary children suffering mental health issues.

Planning is well underway for the **Neighbourhood Watch Roadshow**, as part of the inaugural Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Neighbourhood Watch Week being organised to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch across Australia & New Zealand. Our Roadshow is either of two sessions: 930-1130am or 130-330pm, with catering provided for lunch inbetween on Wednesday 05 October @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. Think 'speed-dating' of NHW, with plenty of fast, punchy, relevant speakers and videos. We are tackling those issues that affect you, and providing up-to-date information about products and crime prevention advice for all the community.

Why should I be interested? It's about YOU! A safer, more secure YOU! And suggestions for how YOU can help the community become safer too. **#bringbackcommunity**

More information will be shared as soon as the programme is confirmed. Please pencil in the date.

[Click here to view](#) the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby website.

[Click here to view](#) the NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command Facebook page.



⚠️ The headrest of car seats is deliberately kept detachable and sharp so that it could be used to break open the glass of car in case of fire and emergency. The car's glass too are kept easily breakable from inside. Very few people know about it and thus can't save themselves in case of emergencies. Please share it with as many possible and educate.

Thanks to Dawn.

From NHW Australasia, 05 August: Breakfast Television this morning had a big discussion on walking or biking your children to school.

We thought it might be a good time to refresh your thoughts to safely getting children to school. Please share these safety tips.



How to prepare your child to walk or bike ride safely to school and back

It is that time of the year when our children are back to school. In some cases walking or riding a bike is the best option to get to school. While this can be fun for your child, you still have to feel assured they are safe while doing it. If you are allowing your children to walk or ride to and from school then here are a few quick tips to help keep them safe.

Choose the safest route possible. It is a great idea to practice riding or walking to school with your child. While on the practice run look out for the hazard spots and then decide which would be the safest route for your child to take.

Teach your child to only cross at intersections. Show your child the intersections to cross at and to always look both ways before crossing. Make sure they always use a pedestrian crossing as a priority point to cross any road.

Arrange for your child to walk with a buddy or as part of an organised walking school bus. It can be fun to walk with a friend, or with an organised walking school bus. It also helps everyone feel more safe.

Never get into a strangers car. Make sure you advise your child to never talk to strangers and never get into a strangers car.

Always obey traffic signs and lights. Traffic lights are there to keep you safe.

Reassure your child daily. Discuss the route your child will take to school daily. This allows your child to have a clear understanding of what is happening for his/her trip to and from school.

Have a family password. As a family decide on a secret word, that is only known by your family and is easy to remember. If plans change and a friend was to pick up your child, then they would need to disclose the family password before your child went with them. This allows your child to feel safe with the new arrangements.

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[Click here](#) if you'd like a copy emailed to you.

Hi there. I am working on a story for the local paper about increased fraud on the north shore - particularly mail and credit card theft.

I am specifically looking into incidents some months ago at retirement villages in the North Turrumurra area. If anyone knows of anyone affected, please get in touch. Trying to raise awareness of the issue and put helpful security tips out there from local police. Please email me at jessica.rapana@news.com.au.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Krav Maga self-defence classes for youth

Learn practical self-defence techniques at Ku-ring-gai Council's Krav Maga workshops, running from **Friday August 26 – Friday September 16**.

[Click here](#) for full information.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 04 August:

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

2 Three cars were severely damaged by a 23-year-old man who allegedly admitted drink driving on Woodcourt Rd about 2.30am on Saturday. A Holden Commodore believed to be travelling at speed appears to have lost control and hit two parked cars - a Nissan and another commodore. The man walked away and returned an hour later when the owner of one of the damaged cars saw him. The driver was taken to hospital with minor injuries and police will wait for results of a blood test before laying charges.

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

3 A 24-year-old woman was cut from her car by Fire and Rescue crews following a collision with a school minibus in Porters Rd Kenthurst on Friday. The 57 year-old driver of the minibus, from Berowra Heights, was not injured but the Holden Barina driver was trapped for about an hour. She was taken to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition. Police fined both drivers.

HORNSBY

4 A \$3500 black Trek mountain bike was stolen from a garage at a townhouse in Albert St between 5.30pm on Monday and 8.15am on Tuesday.

COWAN

6 A 32-year-old man was allegedly caught riding his Kawasaki 600 at 135km/h in an 80km/h zone on the Pacific Highway about 12.25pm on Sunday. The rider's international licence was suspended, his registration cancelled and numberplates seized.

PENNANT HILLS

5 An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault on Thursday last week following an alleged altercation at Pennant Hills train station last month. Just before midnight on Saturday, July 9 a man who dropped his friends off at Pennant Hills station on Ramsey Rd was approached by an 18-year-old and a group of youths, who asked for a lift. After the offer was declined, the 18-year-old allegedly grabbed the victim, and youths including the 18-year-old then allegedly punched and kicked him. On Thursday July 28, the 18-year-old was arrested, charged and given conditional bail to appear in Burwood local court on August 25.

MT COLAH

7 An older style oven, dishwasher and benchtops were stolen from a home on the Pacific Hwy between Tuesday, July 5 and Monday, August 1. The owner bought the home next to a line of vacant houses due for demolition and development about two weeks before it was broken into via a smashed window.

HORNSBY

8 A hammer appears to have been used to smash a few dents into a Holden station wagon parked on College Cres between 9pm and 10pm on Thursday.

HORNSBY

9 There were a dozen homes broken into across the Hornsby LAC between July 25 and Monday, August 1. Police urge residents to lock their homes and report anyone acting suspiciously to police.

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Two warning signs will be installed on the Pacific Highway at Cowan near Fraser Rd to slow down drivers. There have been six crashes around Fraser Rd in the past five years with the majority on the bends north of Cowan. Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean said a sign will be installed for northbound drivers about 450m north of Fraser Rd and the other sign southbound about 800m from Fraser Rd. The signs will be put up by August 29, weather permitting.



From the North Shore Times, 04 August: [see the online edition, [click here](#), pages 1 & 13.]

Family challenges girl's expulsion - Ravenswood 'put reputation first', court hears.

From the North Shore Times, 04 August: [see the online edition, [click here](#), page 19.]

Working to Change Lives - Female Shelter in need of staff.

Among the positions that need to be filled are; PR and Communications Specialist, Donation/Fund-raising Coordinator, School Liaison Officer, Market Stall Coordinator and qualified Dietitian or Nutritionist. If you can help, **email volunteers@hkws.com.au**.

From 'Our 20 favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated'

Tip #1: In apartment blocks, only 'buzz in' those people you know, even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

Tip #2: Know your immediate neighbours - In front, behind and 2 either side. Feel confident to ask your neighbours for help. Buddy with a neighbour— look for the opened curtains signal that all is OK. Consider joining in with your local Neighbourhood Watch—find out more from the Crime Prevention Officer (CPO), Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799.

Tip #3: Try and stay connected with your community. Use the network of services available, such as from your council, or non-government organisations, such as The Shed. Some organisations can arrange return transport from your home. Ku-ring-gai Shed: 9983 9732, Hornsby Shed: 9634 6037, Berowra Shed: 0490 149 262.

Tip #19: Don't sign anything. But, if you have... use any cooling-off period to discuss issues with trusted friends or family.

Tip #20: Keep emergency numbers as easy dial/memory on your phone. Keep the phone by the bed, along with a torch for emergencies. Report anything suspicious.

[Email us here](#) for your copy of this, or any other of our 20 Tips series, or go to [our website](#) and download from there.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 09 August: Census night.

Sunday 14 August: Berowra Woodchop Festival 10am-5pm @ Berowra Village Tavern. NHW crime prevention stall. [Volunteers?](#)

Monday 15 - Sunday 21 August: Rail Safety Week [Info](#).

Saturday 20 August: Soccer Gala Day 10-2 @ Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights. NHW crime prevention stall. [Volunteers?](#)

Friday 26 August: Wear it Purple Day [Info](#).

Friday 26 August - Friday 16 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Krav Maga self-defence classes for Youth. [Info](#).

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: Neighbourhood Watch Roadshow #bringbackcommunity @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Choice of session: 930-1130am or 130-330pm. Think 'speed-dating' for NHW. Fast punchy speakers, with up-to-date products and information. Lots for the kids, including NHW cookies, colouring-in, and Police dress-ups for photo opportunities.

From 7News Sydney: As you might have seen on the news recently, lithium batteries can be dangerous if they are damaged or mistreated.

Here are a few key points to remember when traveling with batteries:

- All spare batteries MUST be in your carry-on luggage only.
- If you drop your phone between seats, don't recline your chair, alert cabin crew for assistance.
- Cheap, counterfeit batteries are dangerous; so only buy from a reputable seller. If it sounds too good to be true—it probably is!

More battery safety information at the Civil Aviation Safety Authority website, [click here](#).

[Watch video here](#).



exploding phone batteries

From North Shore LAC, August 04: Steal from Motor Vehicles in the local area this week:-

*Earl Street, ROSEVILLE

Between 5:00pm on Saturday 30th July and 9:00am on Sunday 31st July

* Canberra Crescent, EAST LINDFIELD

Between 6:00pm on Saturday 30th July and 10:30am on Sunday 31st July

* Lord Street, ROSEVILLE

Between 11:30pm on Saturday 30th July and 10:10am on Sunday 31st July

* Tryon Road, EAST LINDFIELD

Between 11:45pm on Saturday 30th July and 9:15am on Sunday 31st July

* Middle Harbour Road, LINDFIELD

Between 1:00pm on Saturday 30th July and 7:45am on Sunday 31st July

* Howard Street, LINDFIELD

At 2.50am on Sunday 31st July

NB: NHW cannot endorse a product or service - we can draw it to your attention, for you to do the research.

From NewsLinq: If You're A Pet Owner, You Should Have One Of These Cards

If you have pets, then you definitely need one of these cards. Have you ever wondered what would happen if you got into an accident or something happened where you wouldn't be able to get to your pet who is at home? Who would feed them? Give them their meds? These cards are the answer to ease any worry.



The “Pet Care Card” fits right in your wallet and is the size of a credit card. You simply write your contact name and info on the back of the card, as well as your pet’s name and info. You also write emergency info such as your friend or neighbor’s number, so they can be contacted and provide for your pet. If you want to order cards for your family, visit [The Pet Care Card](#). They also do CATS.

Hooray! This will be what our NHW groups will be applying for as Community Funding. Wish us luck.

** NHTA receives Federal Funding 2016NHTA receives \$1.3 million for crime prevention initiatives

[Click here for video](#) from 10 Eyewitness News

**A cop pulled me over
and said 'papers'...
I said scissors,
I win and drove off!**



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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