



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](#).**

[Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend.](#)

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Other	Drugs
ARCADIA						
ASQUITH						
BEROWRA		1			1	
BROOKLYN						
COWAN						
Dural						
GALSTON						
GLENORE						
GORDON		1				
HORNSBY		4				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA						
MT COLAH		1				
MT KURING GAI						
NORMANHURST		1				
PYMBLE		1				
ST IVES						
THORNLEIGH			1		Stolen car	
TURRAMURRA	1				1	
WAHROONGA					1	
WAITARA						1
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE						
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	12/8 to 15/8					
Other incidents	Fire Hornsby Veh on fire St Ives					

Berowra: Malicious Damage 1; Steal from Motor vehicle 1

Gordon: Malicious Damage 1

Hornsby: Malicious Damage 4

Mt Colah: Malicious Damage 1

Normanhurst: Malicious Damage 1

Pymble: Malicious Damage 1

Thornleigh: Stealing 1; Stolen car 1

Turramurra: Break & Enter 1; Steal from motor vehicle 1

Wahroonga: Steal from motor vehicle 1

Waitara: Drugs 1

15 August, NSW Police Force



Hornsby police are investigating an incident at the St Ives Shops on the 1st of August. About 1 am a male has started a trolley collections tractor that was parked at the St Ives shops. The male has then driven several metres into a brick wall causing substantial damage to the wall and tractor. Police believe the male depicted may be able to assist them with inquiries into the matter. Police are also seeking any information from the public in relation to the incident, information will be treated confidentially, please call Hornsby police on 94769799 or call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Quoting Event E62909078.

Please do not name names in comments please ring either of the above numbers.

12 August, from ANZ Australia: Hoax Alert

HOAX SMS

Text Message
Today 9:53 AM

URGENT - Dear ANZ Customer,
Please review and update your
ANZ account to avoid
suspension : [http://bit.ly/
2aHtv3w](http://bit.ly/2aHtv3w)

If you receive this SMS requesting you to click a link to review your account, please delete it immediately. Please share this post to warn family and friends.

12 August, Found Property

Have you lost a ring? Hornsby police were handed a gold ring with diamonds. The ring was found in the Waitara area about 4pm Monday 23rd May. We would love to get the ring back to its owner. Obviously a detailed description or photo of the ring is required to identify ownership. Please quote Event E61110335.

11 August, from the Daily Telegraph: Police have laid charges over the fight at a Ryde party where Aidan Smith was stabbed

A MAN charged over a brawl at a party in which a 16-year-old was fatally stabbed may have the charge upgraded to murder, a court has heard.

Jacob Lusted, 20, did not appear or apply for bail in Parramatta Local Court this morning where he was formally charged with affray over the lethal fight at the 18th birthday party at Ryde in Sydney's north west last Saturday night.

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

10 August: NSW Road Safety: Changes to help keep L and P plate drivers safer
Changes to the Graduated Licensing Scheme for learner, P1 and P2 drivers will better prepare them for real-world road hazards to reduce serious injuries and deaths on the road.

For details, click [here](#).

10 August: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade

Our firefighters have recently attended several small bush fires near Harris Park (Normanhurst Park), Normanhurst. These fires appear to have been deliberately started and have spread to nearby bushland areas. As we move closer to the fire season, and no doubt as we enter the warmer months, the risk of these fires causing damage and/or threatening lives increases.

Bush Fire Arson is a crime, our partners NSW Police Force take Bush Fire Arson extremely seriously. Anyone who has information relating to these fires is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force at Hornsby Police Station.

10 August, Can you help? Were you involved?

A man has been charged with high range drink driving and other traffic offences after he was stopped in Crows Nest yesterday.

Just before 6pm (Tuesday 9 August 2016), police received several 000 calls relating to the manner of driving by the driver of a silver Toyota Corolla allegedly travelling from Homebush West to Crows Nest.

Initial investigations suggest that over the course of the journey, the driver of the Toyota allegedly collided with several vehicles, one power pole, one traffic light, one bus stop, one fence and a pedestrian before being stopped by police.

Officers from Harbourside Traffic and Highway Patrol Command located the Toyota about 6.30pm, driving south on Darvall Street at Crows Nest.

Police allege the driver attempted to reverse away before he was stopped by

officers, who were forced to remove the keys from the ignition.

Officers subjected the driver to a roadside breath test which returned a positive result.

A 47-year-old man was arrested for the purpose of a breath analysis and was taken to North Sydney Police Station where he allegedly returned a reading of 0.350.

The man was charged several offences including, high range PCA, drive in a manner dangerous to the public and not provide particulars to other driver.

He was refused bail to appear before Central Local Court today (Wednesday 10 August 2016).

Police are urging anyone who may have been involved in a traffic incident with this vehicle yesterday, to come forward and contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#). 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.

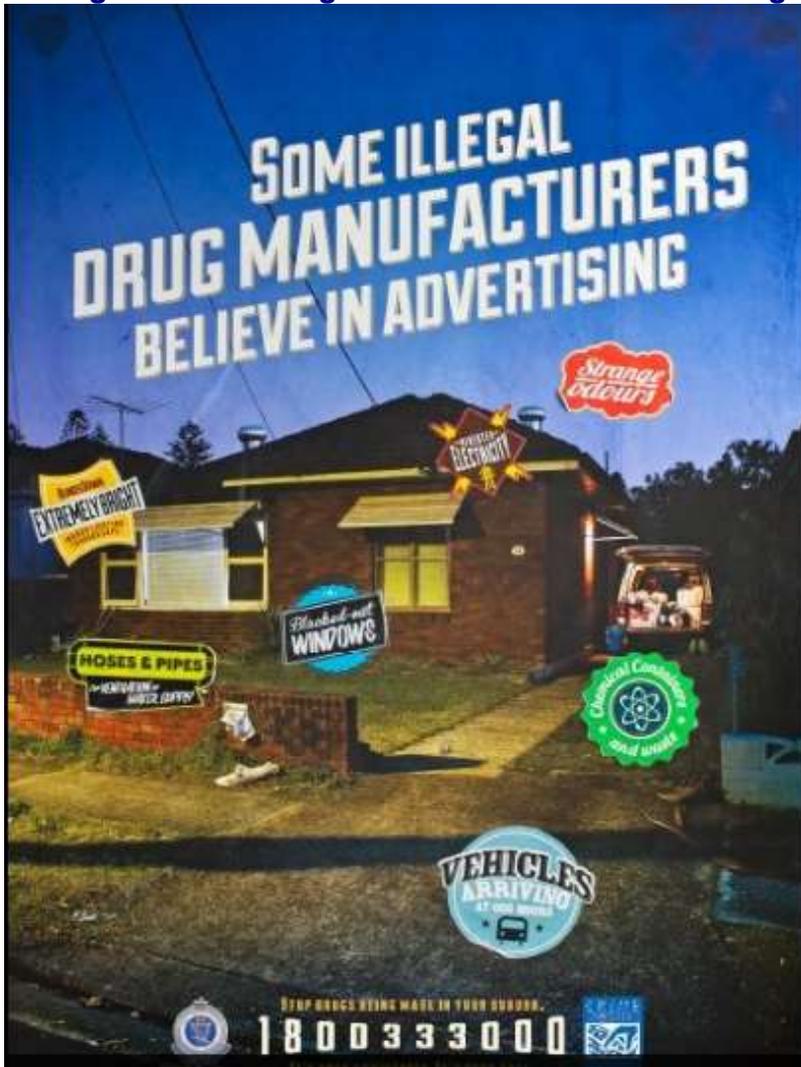
09 August, NSW Police Force



We believe the site was shut down by ABS after an attempt by hackers. You have

until 23 September to complete the census.

09 August: Some Drug Dealers Believe in Advertising!



If you have any information about illegal drugs being sold, you can report it to CrimeStoppers. You can remain anonymous and your information will be dealt with confidentially.

You can provide information to CrimeStoppers NSW by phoning on 1800 333000. Alternatively, you can submit an online information form [here](#).

Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people that they should not report crime via the NSW Police Facebook or Twitter pages.

09 August, from the Daily Telegraph, Few Kewl CatS graffiti gang behind large scale attacks on NSW transport network, police say

THEY are allegedly one of Sydney's most prolific and notorious graffiti gangs — responsible for more than \$100,000 worth of damage.

Using step ladders and wearing protective masks as they deface trains, police say the Few Kewl CatS (FKCS) are behind “bold, large scale, co-ordinated attacks” on our transport network.

Click [here](#) for full article.

09 August, IMPORTANT - SPAM EMAIL



The Federal Court has been contacted by a large number of people who have received emails, purportedly sent by the Federal Court on behalf of the Federal Circuit Court, subpoenaing them to attend court at a specified time.

The email also requires the recipient to click on a link to both the court address and

case related information.

Neither the Federal Court nor the Federal Circuit Court issue subpoenas in such an informal way. These emails have not been issued by the Court and are fraudulent.

If you receive one of these emails:

*** Do not click on any of the links as they may contain viruses or malware

*** Delete the item from your in-box and Deleted folder.

To report cybercrime including hacking, scams, fraud, identity theft, attacks on computer systems and illegal or prohibited online content to (ACORN) Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network, [click here](#).

09 August: Police Transport Command

Rail Safety Week 2016 will be held 15-21 August 2016.

“Rail safety – it’s my responsibility”

Rail Safety Week is an annual community awareness week held in Australia and New Zealand designed to engage the community in safe rail practices.

For more information, click [here](#)

09 August: Stay Smart Online

Around 10 million Australian Android devices affected by Quadrooter attack

New vulnerabilities have reportedly been uncovered that may affect up to 10 million smartphones and tablets in Australia. The vulnerabilities are believed to potentially allow attackers to take control of devices running the popular Android mobile operating system.

For details, click [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

14 August, Our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are at the Berowra Woodchop Festival today. Did you see them?



[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.

13 August: What should you do if you hit an animal while driving?

For most drivers, the experience of hearing an unmistakable thud and getting out of the car and finding a dead animal on the road can be a horrible yet easily solved experience.

But what happens if the animal is still alive?

Vet nurse Mandy Hall and her team at Darwin's Ark Animal Hospital treat "at an absolute minimum" one animal a day that has been brought in after a car accident.

Ms Hall has these tips for people faced with a badly injured animal by the side of the road

For details, [click here](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council:

Do you speak to your neighbours regularly, like 90% of the respondents to our Community Perceptions survey told us they did? Thanks to the 3,750 residents who completed the survey online or joined one of our focus groups. You can check out more results in our report [here](#):



From Ku-ring-gai Council: Allan Small Oval vandalised

An overnight act of vandalism in the popular East Killara park has resulted in up to \$10,000 damage and its temporary closure while repairs get underway.

Vandals struck the oval at some time between nightfall on Wednesday 10 August and the early hours of Thursday 11 August. Allan Small Oval is located in Saiala Road East Killara.

A vehicle was driven through a gate at the entrance and then in circles around the oval, ripping up turf and making the playing surface unusable. Goalposts were also bent and damaged.

However thanks to the quick action of witnesses and the police, two perpetrators have been apprehended and charged.

Mayor Cheryl Szatow said the Council had discovered the damage when staff arrived to carry out routine maintenance work.

“We are thankful those responsible have been caught but unfortunately the oval is badly damaged. We believe they must have been driving around the oval for some time, given the extent of the damage.”

Mayor Szatow added that the damage bill was estimated at around \$10,000 and the oval would be out of action for winter sport until repairs are carried out.

“This is not only a wanton act of destruction, it’s also inconveniencing hundreds of people from local sporting clubs,” she said.

The Mayor said that Council staff had attempted to relocate scheduled games to other venues, but matches due to be played at Allan Small Oval on the weekend of 13 and 14 August would almost certainly have to be postponed.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 11 August:

HORNSBY

1 A molotov cocktail was allegedly thrown at a cafe on Peats Ferry Rd on Saturday morning. A 19-year-old man driving on Peats Ferry Rd about 4.30am, stopped his car to make a phone call. He then heard a tap on his window and saw a man standing there waving a cigarette lighter at him. The teenager drove off and called police. About 5.20am officers outside Hornsby police station saw the silhouette of a person near the Brewhaha cafe on Peats Ferry Rd. Police then allegedly saw a lit object thrown towards the Brewhaha cafe and a person running across the road. Police rushed to the scene and allegedly found a 54-year-old man trying to hide in a nearby doorway. The man was arrested and the fire was put out, with no damage to the cafe. Police allege the man lit a homemade molotov cocktail and threw it on the footpath next to the shop. A search of the man also allegedly found two other molotov cocktails and a bottle of methylated spirits. The man refused to be interviewed and was charged. He was bail refused, to attend Central Local Court.

HORNSBY

2 An elderly man who was missing from Blacktown and believed to be in Hornsby was found on Thursday, August 4. The 80-year-old was last seen on Tuesday, August 2 about 10.30am when he left his home in Blacktown. He was found in North Strathfield, safe and well on Thursday.

HORNSBY

3 A Toyota Corolla was stolen from a garage on Hunter St that was broken into between 6.30pm on Saturday and 11am on Sunday. Police are appealing to witnesses to contact Hornsby police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799), or Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000).

NORMANHURST

4 Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade firefighters put out several small bush fires near Harris Park (Normanhurst Park) recently. The fires appear to have been deliberately lit and spread to nearby bushland. Bush fire arson is a crime. Call Hornsby Police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799) or Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) if you have any information relating to these fires.

NORMANHURST

6 More than \$2000 worth of tools were stolen from a Toyota Hilux parked on Malsbury Rd between 1pm on Saturday and 7am on Monday. A locked toolbox was forced open on the rear tray, with two nail guns and a router stolen.

NORTH TURRAMURRA

7 Hornsby police were handed a Lexus encrypted car key with a small amount of money in a bag. The key was found about midday on Wednesday, August 3, near Bobbin Head Rd. To claim the key and cash you will need to describe the bag and own the car the key fits into. Quote event # E61845350 at Hornsby Police station or call [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

TURRAMURRA

8 Elderly people living in retirement villages are falling victim to phone and email scams, with some losing thousands of dollars from Turramurra retirement villages after police confirmed a spate of fraud incidents had been reported in the area this year.

From the North Shore Times, 11 August: [see the online edition, [click here](#), pages 1 & 8]

Retirement homes a scam target

Dates for the Diary:

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.

Some funnies...

An elderly woman was sitting in an instant photo booth at the airport getting her picture taken. A man stuck his head through the curtain and grabbed her handbag just as the camera flashed. As soon as the picture was developed, she took it to the police and the man was identified, caught and arrested the next day. Snap!

A man burst through the front doors and yelled, 'This is a hold-up!' His dramatic entrance didn't go down too well. Unfortunately, he had meant to rob the post office next door, but had picked the wrong entrance and found himself at the front desk of his local police station.

A young man robbed a bank and made a clean getaway. He would never have been caught except for one small thing... the next day he went back to the same bank to deposit the money into his account.

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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