



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

## eNewsletter # 255 - 22 August 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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**22 August, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police are closing in on a man who**

**bashed a 39-year-old security guard working at Hornsby Mall on the weekend.**

[Click here for full article.](#)

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**22 August: Here's some weekend crime and incident stats for 19 to 22 August.**

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Drugs	Fraud
ARCADIA						
ASQUITH						
BEROWRA	2		2			
BROOKLYN						
COWAN						
DURAL	1					
GALSTON	1					
GLENORIE						
GORDON						
HORNSBY	2		2			
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA						
MT COLAH						
MT KURING GAI						
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE	1	1		2		
ST IVES			1			
THORNLEIGH	1	1				
TURRAMURRA	1					
WAHROONGA						
WAITARA						
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE						1
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	19/8 to 22/8					
Other	Robbery at Brooklyn					

**Berowra:** 2 B&E, 2 Stealing

**Brooklyn:** Robbery

**Dural:** B&E

**Galston:** B&E

**Hornsby:** 2 B&E, 2 Stealing

**Pymble:** B&E, Mal Damage, 2 Steal from Motor Vehicle

**St Ives:** Stealing

**Thornleigh:** B&E, Mal Damage

**Turramurra:** B&E

**W Pymble:** Fraud

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**19 August: Scam Alert! Fake Australia Post and AGL emails are being used to spread ransomware.**

These emails contain links that infect the computer with ransomware - a

particularly nasty piece of malware that locks and encrypts your files and demands that you pay to unlock these files. More information, click on image. Sample fake emails below.



### 18 August, from MyNRMA: How are your road manners? [edited]

Every time we drive, no matter how long or short the trip, we have a responsibility to employ due care and attention, give reasonable consideration to other road users, and exercise courtesy and common sense. Obstinate practices, sometimes justified with the viewpoint, "I have right of way", can lead to costly, if not tragic, outcomes.

### Here are some common courtesy examples that will help you avoid trouble:

- Stay in the overtaking lane until you can see the slower car in your rear vision mirror before merging back.
- Don't speed up when someone is about to overtake you.
- Look over your shoulder every time you change lanes and try not to cut in or weave through traffic.
- Don't pull out in front of traffic.
- Avoid cutting in front of trucks before traffic lights. They need the extra space to stop.
- Keep at a steady speed on highways. Slowing down then speeding up during overtaking opportunities is very risky and can lead to dangerous acts from other drivers who are frustrated.
- Slow for potential hazards, especially children. They don't know the road rules.
- It might be obvious but don't run traffic lights.

- Check your front and side mirrors as you drive. An awareness of those around you can help you be a courteous driver and have a more pleasant journey. It is far better to receive a wave of thanks from another driver than a frustrated fist of rage.
- Indicate before you change lanes, so other drivers can see your intentions.

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

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### **18 August: Police are appealing for public assistance after a child was approached in Hornsby Heights yesterday.**

Police have been told about 7am (Wednesday 17 August 2016), a 13-year-old girl was waiting at a bus stop on Galston Road, near Cawthorne Street, at Hornsby Heights. A white van with tinted windows stopped next to the girl and the male driver asked her to get in the vehicle. The girl declined and the man started to get out of the van, the girl started running north on Galston Road towards Cawthorne street. She later told her parents about the incident who in turn contacted police.

Police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command are investigating the incident and would like to speak with a man who may be able to assist with inquiries. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, in his mid thirties with a large build. He was last seen wearing a blue t-shirt, dark pants, sunglasses and possibly a beanie. Police are urging for anyone who may have dash cam footage from around the area at the time of the incident to contact them.

Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone

you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.

- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

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### **18 August, from ACMAdotGOV: NETFLIX SCAM—FAKE EMAIL ALERT!**

Attention Netflix users: A fake email is being circulated with the common subject line of "Netflix Membership On Hold". The link in the email takes you to a fake sign-in page almost identical to the real Netflix page. This is a scam targeting Australian and overseas Netflix users, aiming to steal your Netflix credentials. The fake sign-in page is extremely convincing and is a reminder that phishing scams aren't just about stealing your bank account details—you need to keep ALL your personal information safe and secure.

If you receive this email, delete it immediately.



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### **17 August, from 9News: Cyclist and driver in hospital after crash causes peak hour chaos in Sydney**

A crash involving two semi-trailers and a cyclist is causing traffic chaos in St Ives,

Sydney this morning. Emergency services are at the scene on Mona Vale Road where traffic is backed up more than six kilometres.

[Click here for full article.](#)

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**17 August, from our neighbouring North Shore command: Assault- Hotel - Artarmon . 1am Sat 23rd July**

Police would like to speak to the males depicted in the images below regarding an alleged assault incident at a Hotel in Artarmon. If you know any of these males please call **Chatswood Police 9414 8499** or **Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000**. Ref.# E62124166



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**16 August, from Australian Federal Police: What's in a selfie?**

Spot the difference between the following two photos for some hints. The photo on the left tells us who the boy is, roughly how old he is, where he goes to school, and

possibly even where he lives. ThinkUKnow how to stay safe online? Please be wary of what you, and your kids, are posting online.



For more information on how to stay safe, or to book a free cyber safety presentation, go to [ThinkUKnow Australia](#).

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**16 August: The annual International Beach Soccer Day is back on and this year there will be 21 teams, see flyer for details.**



**Beach Soccer Tournament**

NSW Police Force & International Students

**Sunday 25 September 2016**  
8.00am – 4.00pm at Coogee Beach

There will be:

- NSW Police Force Highway Patrol vehicles
- Mounted Unit and Crime Prevention van
- Sefton Park with Australian animals
- Entertainment
- International food stalls
- Information stalls

Start registering now at [infstudent@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infstudent@police.nsw.gov.au) with your name, mobile phone number, country you represent and where you are studying

**Get in quick because teams fill fast**

Logos for NSW Police Force, Premier's Cabinet, and Randwick City Council.

**DON'T FORGET THIS DATE  
COME ALONG AND JOIN US!**

### **16 August, from the Hills Shire Times: P-plate driver stable after Glenorie crash**

A red P-plater was trapped in the wreckage of his car for just over 30 minutes after he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into tree at Glenorie late last night. Emergency services were called to the crash scene on Cattai Ridge Rd just before 11pm.

For full article, click on image.

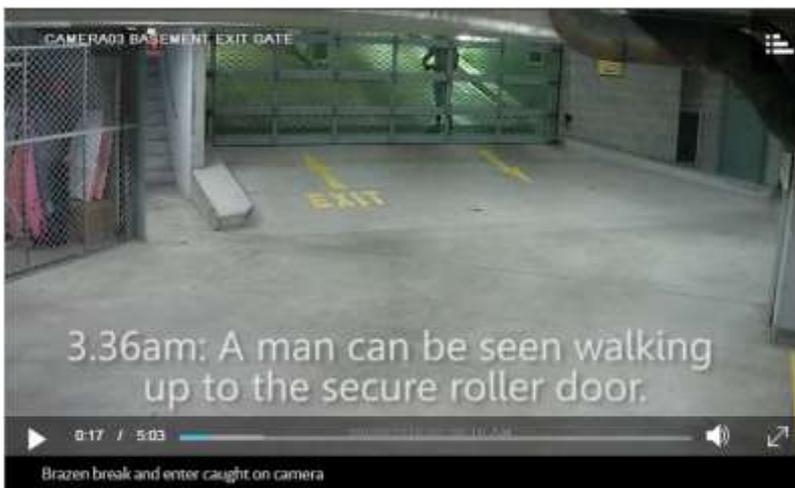


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**16 August, from the Manly Daily: Is your automatic roller door tamper proof?**

A perspex or small mesh screen 2m x 1m in the right place could make it tamper proof. LIKE a scene out of a Hollywood film, a brazen thief has deactivated an electric roller door, manually opened it, then contorted his way into a slender gap to claim his bounty.

For full article and video, click on image.



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**Had a squizzy lately at our website?** It now has new pages for 'What's On' and to 'Sign Up'.



HOME ABOUT SERVICES TIPS CONTACT LINKS WHAT'S ON SIGN UP

Neighbourhood Watch has a strong presence in the Ku-ring-gai Council and Hornsby Shire Council areas, covered by the NSW Police Force - Kuring gai Local Area Command (LAC).

We are here for all the residents, businesses and visitors in our area -

***Caring about Community Safety***



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

**Thank you's to the following Neighbourhood Watch volunteers for help with recent Crime Prevention stalls:**

**Berowra Woodchop Festival**, 14 August 2016 - thanks to Susan, Amanda, Zoya, Tony, Julia and Mick. Also to Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre for sharing their table with us!



Berowra Woodchop Festival.

**Soccer Gala Day**, Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights - thanks to Mary, Tony and Mick.



Soccer Gala Day: photo provided by Mick Gallagher

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**July 2016 Crime Stats are available.** [Email us here](#) for your suburb. Below are for **Hornsby Heights**:

ASSAULT COMMON	SOMERVILLE RD	RESIDENTIAL	13/07/2016 700
ASSAULT COMMON	SOMERVILLE RD	RESIDENTIAL	16/07/2016 20
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MEREDITH AVE	RESIDENTIAL	17/07/2016 1930
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	SUNSET AVE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	31/07/2016 1830

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**From the Courier Mail, August 17: Exclusive: Students from 71 Australian schools targeted by sick pornography ring** [Turramurra High School gets a mention - ed]

WARNING: Graphic content

MORE than 70 Australian schools are targets for a perverse pornography ring of teen boys and young men secretly swapping and exchanging graphic sexual images of female students and other non-consenting women.

[Click here for full article.](#)

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**Everything is well under way for the Neighbourhood Watch Roadshow being organised by the Neighbourhood Watch groups within the NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command. NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE,** to accommodate Highway Patrol vehicle, sniffer dog puppy(ies), ride-on kiddy police car and motor bike, etc.

The NHW Roadshow #bringbackcommunity is part of an inaugural NHW Week 03 to 09 Oct across Australia intended to revitalise NHW by NHW Australasia/NSW Police. The Roadshow is being organised as the 'speed-dating' of Neighbourhood Watch with nothing over 10 minutes long! With the help of Ku-ring-gai Council it will take place in the Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble, with two sessions **930-1130am and 130-330pm on Wednesday 05 October 2016**. It will have many short, punchy, relevant speakers and videos, aimed at informing the public on issues such as fraud, scams, ID theft, crime prevention at home, latest home security products, RFID products, etc. To attract the younger community, the Highway Patrol is providing a vehicle and we will also have NHW cookies, a carnival cut-out for kids to be a Cop catching a criminal, dress-ups and ride-on Cop cars, Safety talks by the Youth Liaison Officer, finger-printing, etc. A Crime Prevention stall will have a display of various literature, manned by NHW volunteers.

Not to be missed. A one-off opportunity. Early registration is recommended as places will go fast! Registration is only by [emailing us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com).

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, August 18: Cameras rake in millions [edited]**  
Thousands of drivers cop fines for running red light on Pennant Hills Rd. MORE than 2580 drivers were snapped running a red light on Pennant Hills Rd in

Thornleigh while cameras on the Pacific Highway in Wahroonga netted more than \$2 million from about 11,000 speeding fines in the 2015/16 financial year. There were 5116 drivers caught running the same Thornleigh red light in 2014/15. Red-light and speed camera fines are up 8 per cent on last year at \$183 million. Just seven cameras in the Hornsby area took \$6.5 million from motorists.

### **Speed/red light cameras 2015/16**

- Pacific Highway, Waitara (eastbound) \$1,348,994
- Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills \$1.2 million
- Pennant Hills Rd, Thornleigh \$1.2 million
- Pacific Highway, Wahroonga (northbound) \$1.1 million and \$1 million (southbound)

Full article go to page 5.

## **HORNSBY**

**1** Police are investigating the cause of two suspicious fires on Saturday. One was in Willow Park at the corner of Edgeworth David Ave and Sherbrook Ave about 5.10pm and the other was at a block of units in May St about 1.10pm. The fire brigade was called to the park where an otto bin and a lounge were on fire while four youths were seen fleeing the scene. Police found the youths nearby and two of them are alleged to have nominated one of the others in the group as responsible for the fire but he denied it. Police noticed the nominated boy had soot on his face and their investigations continue. Earlier police were called to a fire in the garage area of a unit block in May St Hornsby where a large amount of rubbish was on fire and had caused damage to the sewer and power outlets. Call Hornsby Police with any information on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

## **ASQUITH**

**3** Police were called after a man was allegedly seen masturbating on the Pacific Highway at Asquith near the BP garage about 4pm on Monday. Witnesses told police they saw the man walk through the carpark at Asquith Coles. Police stopped a man in Citrus Ave, Hornsby and he allegedly made partial admissions to urinating on a street sign but denied masturbating. The man declined to be interviewed by police and was charged with wilful and obscene exposure. He will face court soon.

## **BEROWRA HEIGHTS**

**2** Vandals scrawled graffiti on walls at Wideview Public School between 6pm on Friday and 7am on Monday. Red and white spray paint was used to deface walls on both the ground and second floors of the school. Police have retained the spray cans to forensically examine them.

## **MOUNT COLAH**

**5** Four bikes and a car all had their tyres slashed on Jersey St between 10.30pm Friday and 1pm on Saturday. A Mitsubishi Lancer had its rear off-side tyre slashed and four bicycles also parked at the location had their tyres damaged.

## TURRAMURRA

**6** A burglar tried to force open the front door of a house on Fairlorn Ave about 9.30pm on Friday while the family was in the home. The residents heard a noise and saw a person running from the porch.

	<b>Putting the paws on dog attacks.</b>	<b>SPONSORED CONTENT</b>
	Australia Post is reaching out to local communities, asking dog owners to help keep posties and delivery drivers safe. This follows 280 dog incidents reported last financial year. To find out what you can do to keep your postie and neighbourhood safe visit: <a href="http://www.auspost.com.au/dogsafety">www.auspost.com.au/dogsafety</a>	

## From the North Shore Times, 18 August:

### ROSEVILLE

**2** Police are investigating an alleged aggravated break and enter at a house on William St in Roseville last week. An unknown male entered the house about 4.45am on August 14, gathering items from rooms and loading them into the car of a 60-year-old female, who was asleep in the house.

The woman then woke to find the man beside her bed. He covered his face with a piece of clothing and, holding a kitchen knife, demanded cash. The man then attempted to leave just before 6am in the vehicle but, due to a flat battery, was unsuccessful. He then fled on foot towards Archer St. The man has not been located – he is described as in his early 20s, wearing dark-coloured track pants with long white shorts underneath, dark running shoes with light soles and a dark hoodie with a light-coloured beanie. Anyone with information should contact Chatswood detectives.

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### **From Hornsby Shire Council: National child restraint laws**

- Children up to the age of six months must be secured in an approved rearward facing restraint
- Children aged from six months old but under four years old must be secured in either a rear or forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness
- Children under four years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in an approved child restraint or booster seat
- Children aged from seven years old but under 16 years old who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened, or by a suitable approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.
- If your child is too small for the child restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move to the next level.
- If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they may move to the next level of child restraint.

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**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](#).

**Thursday 01 September:** Hornsby Shire Council Child Seat FREE Checking Day

@ Brickpit Sports Centre. **Bookings Necessary. [Info.](#)**

**Wednesday 14 September:** Ku-ring-gai Council, How to Teach a Learner Driver FREE Workshop 630-830pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Book: 9424 0798.**

**Monday 19 September:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

**Sunday 25 September:** NSW Police Force & International Students Beach Soccer Tournament. 8-4 @ Coogee Beach.

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

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

**Wednesday 05 October:** NHW Roadshow #bringbackcommunity @ **Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble.** 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.

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#### **From Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners:**

**Tip#1.** WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED (even short periods), CLOSE ALL WINDOWS, REMOVE KEY FROM IGNITION & LOCK ALL DOORS. Remember, it's an offence under the Aussie Road Rules to leave your car unlocked.

**Tip#2.** DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places!

**Tip#4.** REMOVE ANY GPS FROM SIGHT. IF IT WAS MOUNTED ON THE WINDSCREEN—REMOVE THE TELL-TALE MARK.

**Tip#14.** REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PARKING TICKET WITH YOU. This makes it difficult for the thief to steal your car.

**Tip#15.** USE A HANDS-FREE KIT FOR YOUR PHONE. Preferably, keep phone calls & messaging for later.

**Tip#17.** CONSIDER NOT INCLUDING 'HOME' IN YOUR GPS, BUT A NON-EXISTANT ADDRESS NEARBY. If your car is stolen & you have a garage door opener, the thief won't have easy access to your house.

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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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**Our mailing address is:**

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