



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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29 August: Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend,

Wahroonga got smashed with break enter and steal offences.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle
ARCADIA			1	
ASQUITH				
BEROWRA		1	1	
BERRILEE				
BROOKLYN				
COWAN				
DURAL				
FIDDLETOWN				
GALSTON				
GLENORIE	1			
GORDON				
HORNSBY	4	3	2	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS				
KILLARA	1			1
MT COLAH				
MT KURING GAI				
NORMANHURST	1	1		
PYMBLE	3			1
ST IVES			1	
THORNLEIGH			1	
TURRAMURRA	1	2	3	
WAHROONGA	11	1		2
WAITARA			1	1
WARRAWEE				
WEST PYMBLE				
WESTLEIGH				
Date range	28/8 to 29/8			
Other	St Ives - drug detection			
	Gordon - Fraud (scam)			
	Berowra - Lost bush walker			

Arcadia: Stealing 1

Berowra: Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 1

Glenories: Break & Enter 1

Hornsby: Break & Enter 4, Malicious Damage 3, Stealing 2

Killara: Break & Enter 1, Steal from motor vehicle 1

Normanhurst: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1

Pymble: Break & Enter 3, Steal from motor vehicle 1

St Ives: Stealing 1

Thornleigh: Stealing 1

Turramurra: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 2, Stealing 3

Wahroonga: Break & Enter 11, Malicious Damage 1, Steal from motor vehicle 2

Waitara: Stealing 1, Steal from motor vehicle 1

28 August, from NSW Police Force

Police are reminding drivers to be vigilant on the road after two men were caught drink driving and speeding in two separate incidents across Sydney.

About 10pm yesterday (Friday 26 August 2016), officers attached to Kuring Gai Highway Patrol detected a white Hyundai Elantra travelling 191km/h in a 110km/h zone.

Police spoke to the driver, a 24-year-old man, and conducted a random breath test where he returned a positive result.

Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and allegedly located a small bag of cannabis.

The 24-year-old man was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with exceed speed limit over 45km/h, drive with middle range PCA and possess prohibited drug.

In a separate incident, just after 1.30am today (Saturday 27 August 2016), officers attached to Macquarie Fields Highway Patrol detected a vehicle travelling 165km/h along the Hume Highway, Menangle.

Police spoke to the provisional driver, a 22-year-old man, who was travelling with a passenger and a two-year-old child at the time and suspended his licence immediately.

He was issued a traffic infringement notice for P2 driver exceed speed limit over 45km/h and not comply P2 licence conditions not display P plate.

25 August, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged following an alleged domestic-related stabbing in Westleigh yesterday.

Just after 5pm (Saturday 27 August 2016), emergency services were called to Duffy Avenue, after two men, who are known to each other, were involved in an altercation.

A 23-year-old man was taken to Sydney Adventist Hospital suffering two minor

stab wounds to his shoulders.

The second man, aged 21, was taken to Hornsby Hospital to be treated for a suspected dislocated arm.

The 21-year-old man was later released and taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with malicious wounding.

He was refused bail and is due to appear at Parramatta Bail Court today (Sunday 28 August 2016).

25 August, from NSW Road Safety: No post, like or text is worth the risk. Get your hand off it.

Mobile phone road rules

Learner and provisional P1 (red Ps) drivers and motorcyclists

Learners and provisional P1 licence holders are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding. This includes when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic. You must be parked out of the line of traffic to use your phone in any way.

These laws encourage learner and P1 drivers and riders to concentrate on developing their vehicle control and hazard-perception skills. Mobile phone use can distract novice drivers and riders from the driving task.

From 22 January 2016, learner and P1 drivers and riders penalised for illegally using a mobile phone (four demerit points) will exceed their demerit point threshold and face a three-month licence suspension.

For more details, click [here](#)

24 August: Stop Bullying!



Verbal/emotional – name calling, putting someone down, ignoring and pulling faces at someone, ridiculing

Physical – poking, hitting, punching, kicking, pushing someone and destroying someone else's property

Social (covert) – lying and spreading rumors about a person, deliberate excluding from friendship group, playing a horrible joke on someone

Cyber bullying – using technology to hurt someone else. For example, sending hurtful messages or pictures on a mobile phone, or bullying via a chat room or social networking site

Bullying can also involve someone making threats towards another person, or stalking behaviors. For more, click [here](#)

23 August, Australian Federal Police

Our safe selfie post triggered a lot of interest, affirming that the topic of online activity is timely and being discussed widely at schools and at home. This is really fantastic! But there are dangers lurking around every virtual corner.

The latest news about a website encouraging young people to share images of a sexual nature has prompted our Victim Based Crime Manager, Commander Lesa Gale, to record a video message to outline the dangers.

Remember every image you send or post online is permanent, and can be used against you. Think carefully – and if in doubt, DON'T DO IT!

Here are some additional handy tips from ThinkUKnow Australia to help protect yourself from being a victim online:

1. Search yourself online; find out what your digital shadow looks like.
2. If an image of you appears on a website or app, ask them to remove it.
3. Make sure your webcam is covered when not in use.
4. Make sure your social media profiles and the apps you use are set to 'private'.
5. If an image is taken of you that you haven't consented to, take a screenshot and write down the web address. The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner [here](#) can help

22 August, What to do in a crash?

Most of us are fortunate enough to have little experience of the crunching reality of a prang

But if the unthinkable did happen, you'll need to be able to think clearly and rely on more than what you've learned by watching smash-ups in the movies.

Changes to tow-away only crashes

As part of the NSW Police commitment to streamline processes for motorists, reduce danger to road users and manage crashes more efficiently, motorists involved in tow-away only collisions can organise their own tow and leave the area if no one is injured, all parties have exchanged particulars and no one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. However, the crash must later be reported to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Drivers no longer need to report minor collisions which do not require a tow away, even for insurance purposes. For more information [click here](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

28 August, Live Traffic NSW

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Sydney Running Festival steps into gear on Sunday 18 September.

Major roads will be closed including the Harbour Bridge.

Pencil in a lazy Sunday morning off the roads if you're not competing.

25 August, From the Hornsby Advocate:

Van driver talks to girl

POLICE are appealing for information after a girl, 13, was approached in Hornsby Heights.

At 7am on Wednesday, August 17, the girl was waiting at a bus stop in Galston Rd when a white van stopped next to her and a male driver asked her to get in.

He is described as being of caucasian appearance, in his mid-30s and of large build.

He was wearing a blue T-shirt, dark pants, sunglasses and possibly a beanie.

Witnesses should phone police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

HORNSBY

1 A 37-year-old security guard was taken to hospital with facial injuries after he was punched in the face while trying to stop an alleged shoplifter at Hornsby mall about 4.40pm on Saturday. Police allege a 22-year-old man from northwest Sydney, who has two outstanding warrants, put a \$40 Durex vibrator down his pants after entering a chemist store. The concealed item was allegedly seen by a security guard who confronted the man when he tried to exit the store. The guard removed the box from the front of the man's pants and a struggle ensued. The 37-year-old was hit in the head several times in front of about 20 witnesses many of whom filmed it on their mobile phones. The guard was left with a fractured eye socket, a broken nose and had bleeding behind his eye which required surgery.

HORNSBY

2 An 86-year-old man is in a critical condition after falling down a marble staircase on Tuesday about 4pm. The Careflight helicopter was called to help and landed on an oval near the man's home in Alliedale Close. He was carrying a cup of coffee upstairs when his wife heard him fall. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with his wife who was suffering chest pains.

THORNLEIGH

3 Around \$3100 worth of jewellery, watches and clothing was stolen from a home in Talpa Cl between 6am and 5pm on Monday by thieves who smashed a rear door window to enter the house.

BROOKLYN

4 A 20-year-old green P2 licenced man driving a Nissan 180SX with four passengers on the Pacific Highway at Brooklyn had his speed checked at 130km/h in an 80km/h zone about 10.25pm on Saturday. The motorist' licence was suspended and confiscated.

BROOKLYN

5 A 16-year-old girl was allegedly beaten and had her mobile phone stolen by a 15-year-old girl at Brooklyn train station about 5.30pm on Tuesday, August 16. One of the victim's friends arrived at the train station with a 15-year-old girl who allegedly grabbed the 16 year-old's hair and forced her to the ground before kicking her and then hitting her in the face with a closed fist. Police are investigating.

THORNLEIGH

8 A 76-year-old man driving a Mitsubishi Magna with his wife and a three-year-old girl on a booster seat in the back hit a power pole at Wareemba Rd about 8.35am on Wednesday, August 17. The man admitted feeling dizzy before driving and could not recall what happened. The airbags in the car did not deploy despite the damage to the front of the car. The driver's wife, also 76, suffered a broken collar bone.

WEST PENNANT HILLS

6 Cash, jewellery and watches worth \$10,000 were stolen between 1pm and 5.15pm on Tuesday from a home in Taylor St. On the same day thieves broke into a house in Highs Rd and stole jewellery. On Thursday jewellery worth \$1700 was stolen from a house in Aikin Rd between 10.30am and noon.

DURAL

10 Two people were injured when the car they were travelling in crashed into a pole in Dural. The pair were travelling along on Sebastian Drive on August 10, when their vehicle hit a pole and rolled. NSW Ambulance paramedics treated a woman believed to be aged in her 60s who was trapped for a short period before being extricated and treated for leg and lower back injuries. Another patient was also treated on scene. Both patients were transported to Westmead Hospital.

25 August, From the North Shore Times [Edited]

Turrumurra High principal asks for community support after some students appear on 'porn' website

We're a resilient community and have a great supportive parent body. Stephanie McConnell

THE principal of a north shore high school is calling for her community's support after some of her students were targeted by an online pornography ring.

Turrumurra High School was one of more than 70 Australian schools named as a target of the online site, where teen boys and young men secretly swapped sexual images of female students and other nonconsenting women.

Principal Stephanie McConnell said the school was doing a lot of things to help support all their students, not just the girls who might have been affected.

"Initially we've talked to the whole school community and we've offered support and counselling to anyone who might be concerned or worried about a friend," she said.

"We also reminded them of all of the different ways we're helping to educate the students about the issue of irresponsible decisions.

25 August, From the North Shore Times [Edited]

Retiring Police Officer reflects on 45 years in the force and how women were treated now and then

THE NSW Police Force was not quite ready to accommodate female officers when Doreen Cruickshank first joined up 45 years ago.

On the eve of her retirement as Australia's longest serving female officer, she recalls with a smile how she was once compelled to carry her gun in her handbag.

She leaves the force having witnessed and contributed to significant changes for female police officers.

The North Shore Local Area Commander became one of only 100 policewomen in the state in 1971. Positions only opened up when an existing female officer resigned or retired.

Over more than four decades, she has witnessed revolutionary changes for women in the profession – from wearing skirts to culottes to pants; from not carrying firearms to carrying them in handbags and then in a holster; and from only being given jobs assisting women and kids to carrying out general duties like men.

“I think the work environment has changed, as it would in any profession,” Supt Cruickshank told the *North Shore Times* said.

24 August, from 9 News: Police question best friend of William Tyrrell's grandmother

A Sydney mum has told of her horror at being questioned over William Tyrrell's disappearance and asked to prove where she was the day the three-year-old

disappeared.

Kim Loweke lives 360km from Kendall in northern NSW, where William vanished almost two years ago.

She is the best friend of William's grandmother, Natalie Collins.

Click [here](#) for full article.

23 August, From Ku-ring-gai Council: No-smoking ban adopted by Council for outdoor public places



The ban will come into effect from 1 November 2016, after a publicity campaign to inform residents of the changes affecting smoking in public places.

The Council first raised the idea of the ban in May, pending the outcome of a community survey to establish residents' views on the issue.

An online survey hosted on the Council's website received over 450 responses, with over 80% in favour of the proposed ban.

Those most in favour were in the 25 to 39 age group, with Mayor Cheryl Szatow saying this age group were most likely to be raising young children.

Once in effect, the ban means smoking will be outlawed at Ku-ring-gai's outdoor spaces such as sportsfields, ovals, bushland areas and all local playgrounds.

The Mayor said there was a growing body of scientific evidence showing passive smoke was linked to sudden infant death syndrome, respiratory disease, middle

car infections and higher rates of asthma in children.

“We have a duty to our youngest and most vulnerable residents to protect them from these entirely preventable effects on their health and I’m pleased to see my Councillor colleagues overwhelmingly supporting this view,” she said.

The Mayor added that residents would be notified of the ban in the months leading up to November via the Council’s website, social media sites and other communication channels.

23 August, From NRMA: 'Mindless' pedestrians scaring seniors off driving

Reckless and inattentive people on foot around roads are causing older motorists so much stress that some are considering turning in their licences rather than risk being charged due to hitting somebody while driving.

That’s the startling feedback we’ve been getting from senior NRMA Members, and it’s backed up shocking consecutive rises in annual road tolls for pedestrians.

Click here for [full](#) article.

Dates for the Diary:

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.

Crime Stats for Gordon for July

INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	PREMISE_TYPE	START_DATE	START_TIME
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	RESIDENTIAL	03-07-16	1300
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/COMME	09-07-16	1730
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MCINTYRE ST	RESIDENTIAL	16-07-16	900
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MOREE ST	RESIDENTIAL	21-07-16	900
MALICIOUS DAMA	GRAFFITI	CHURCH HILL LN &&	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	04-07-16	2044
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ST JOHNS AVE	BUSINESS/COMME	02-07-16	1715
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	LICENSED PREMISE	08-07-16	1325
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	CARLOTTA AVE	RESIDENTIAL	18-07-16	1800

OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR BUSINESSES:

Tip#1. AT THE END OF THE DAY, REMOVE ALL MONEY FROM THE CASH REGISTER AND DISPLAY THE EMPTY DRAWER AS A MESSAGE TO POTENTIAL THIEVES.

Tip#2. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC BEHIND THE COUNTER. Thieves will distract you, reach over the counter and take your property.

Tip#3. ENSURE YOUR STORE ROOM IS SECURE AT ALL TIMES. Again, thieves will distract you and gain entry.

Tip#4. ENSURE ALL PERIMETER FENCES, GATES AND DOORS ARE IN GOOD ORDER AND THAT GATES ARE KEPT CLOSED & LOCKED (use a padlock or similar) WHEN NOT IN USE, TO RESTRICT UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY.

Tip#5. INSTALL GOOD QUALITY SECURITY LIGHTS AND/OR SENSOR LIGHTS AROUND THE PERIMETER TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE ILLUMINATION AT NIGHT.

Tip#9. FORM A 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH' WITH ALL BUSINESSES, RETAILERS, COMMERCIAL PREMISES, HOUSEHOLDERS ETC IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. You are the eyes and ears of your community.

Tip#13. PHOTOGRAPH & RECORD DESCRIPTIONS, MODEL & SERIAL

NUMBER OF ALL VALUABLES. CONSIDER ETCHING A DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER—your Crime Prevention Officer has an etching tool that can be borrowed.

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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