



# 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](#).**

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**1 October: NSW Police Force**

**The new flyer for Wednesday's Security & Safety Roadshow. Will you be there? Not to be missed!**



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### **30 September: Civil Aviation Safety Authority - CASA**

New drone rules start today, allowing you to fly your sub 2kg drone commercially without the need to be certified, saving you both time and money.

Before you take-off, you must complete an online notification form and agree to fly within the standard operating conditions to keep everyone safe. Your drone is your responsibility. Know the rules—fly safe.

For more information click [here](#).

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### **28 September, NSW Police Force: Have you been affected by the recent floods in NSW?**

Disaster assistance is available for householders who sustain loss or damage to essential household items or to their homes in a natural disaster. Strict eligibility criteria apply.

For more detailed information please click [here](#).

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## **28 September: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command**

Drink driver's big mistake was tailgating NSW Police Assistant Commissioner

Amy Dale, Chief Court Reporter, The Daily Telegraph

September 28, 2016 12:00am

JASON Sonter picked the wrong car to tailgate on a Friday afternoon earlier this month.

The 43 year old got close to the rear bumper of the car in front of him while on the M1 Motorway at Cooranbong between Sydney and Newcastle — the driver of the other car was NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Jeff Loy.

Assistant Commissioner Loy, the Northern Region Commander, who was returning to Newcastle decided to pull the man over.

"I thought I should keep an eye on this driver because of the manner of his driving and a bit later decided to pull him over," he told The Daily Telegraph earlier this month.

"While I was talking to him I could smell the alcohol on his breath. I got the highway patrol to send someone."

Sonter was breath-tested at the scene and returned a reading of 0.110, more than twice the legal limit.

At Toronto Local Court yesterday Sonter pleaded guilty to mid range drink driving.

Magistrate Alan Railton ordered Sonter off the road for six months and imposed a 12 month good behaviour bond.

As he left court, Sonter told Channel 9 "how was I to know it was the Assistant Commissioner, it's not like he has got a sign on his car."

Assistant Commissioner Loy estimated he drives 40,000km a year "and if I see someone doing something wrong, I will pull them over."

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**27 September, from the Daily Telegraph: Lunatic rock fisherman in his undies somehow escapes injury off Newcastle**

ROCK fishing checklist: Fishing rod? Check. Socks? Check. Undies? Check. Brain? Nope.

This idiot angler was lucky to escape with just a few cuts and a badly bruised ego yesterday after venturing into wild white water with not a shred of safety gear — or dignity — to be seen.

A witness said the man had been fishing for blackfish off the back of Newcastle ocean baths when his line snagged on rocks close to where the shelf drops off into the ocean.

Read more [here](#).

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**27 September, From NSW Police Force:**



**HOLIDAY  
HOME  
SECURITY**

Heading away for the school holidays? Remember these simple tips to help keep your home secure:

- Activate your alarm, smoke detectors and security lighting.
- Don't leave spare keys outside the home..
- Have family, a trusted friend or neighbour check on your home. Inform them of your travel plans, park a vehicle in the driveway, collect the garbage bins and mail...
- Never advertise your travel on social media sites.

Find out more [here](#)

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**20 September, from NSW Police Force**



With school holidays underway, the NSW SES is urging people to be aware of

flood affected areas in their travels and not to drive through floodwater.

Several inland regions in New South Wales have been affected by flooding and there are several roads closed right across the state. With more rain forecast this week, motorists are advised to reconsider travelling to flood affected areas, plan their trip, and stay up to date with [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) or check with their local council on road closure information.

People are being encouraged to avoid holidaying near flood-affected rivers and creeks because these waterways could rise rapidly and put lives at risk.

To prepare for potential flooding, people are also encouraged to move livestock and equipment to higher ground, stock up on sandbags, and stock up on essential supplies such as medications, drinking water and food in case they become isolated.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## **27 September: Crime Stoppers NSW: DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?**

There are seven (7) telltale signs that are indicators of drug manufacturing. These are:

1. Strange odours emanating from the property
2. Diverted electricity
3. Chemical containers and waste
4. Blacked out windows
5. Hoses and pipes in strange places
6. Blinds down, with extremely bright indoor lighting radiating through gaps
7. Vehicles arriving at odd hours

Police urge anyone with information about suspicious information about suspicious properties to report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

Information you provide will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

We remind people that they should not report crime via our Facebook, Twitter or

instagram pages.

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### 27 September, NSW Police Force:

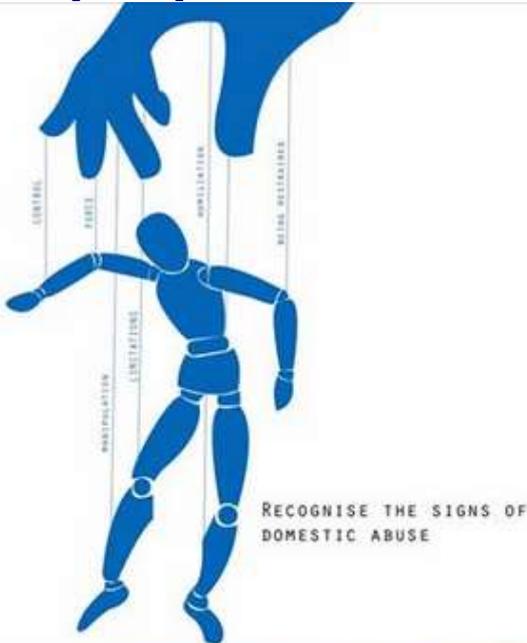
Have you ever wondered how much energy you put in to avoid being assaulted? It may shock you

A recent article offering men advice about how to proposition a woman wearing headphones – encouraging them to block her path to prevent her from ignoring them – rightfully provoked a major backlash. But the backlash also brought a certain phenomenon to wider public attention – the fact that women sometimes wear headphones as a way to avoid unwanted approaches in public.

For more, click [here](#).

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### 26 September, from NSW Police Force: Can you recognise the signs of Domestic Violence? [Edited]



**CRIME STOPPERS**  
1800 333 000

**Do you know the signs of domestic abuse?**

Domestic and family violence can involve physical, verbal and psychological abuse. If you want to talk to someone about these things call the 24 hour Domestic Violence Line on 1800 65 64 63. ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Are you a third party who has information about others experiencing domestic violence? Contact us on [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Our Domestic Violence Liaison Officer will be speaking on this topic of how to report DV, and will be able to answer your questions at the Security & Safety

Roadshow next week. It's being organised by the Neighbourhood Watch volunteers from groups within our command. Why not come along?  
Wed 05 Oct at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble. For more info, please click [here](#).

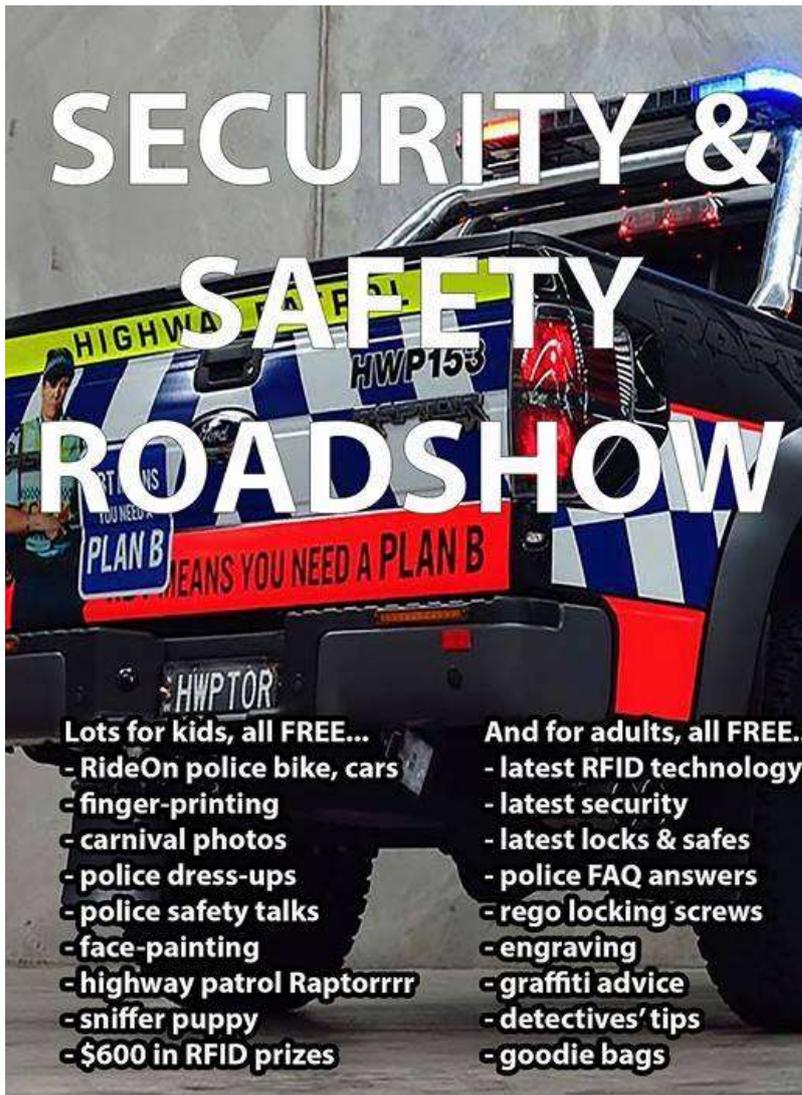
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**Please would you promote our upcoming big event? The Security & Safety Roadshow**

It's being arranged by volunteers from all the Neighbourhood Watch groups within the NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command. This command is us! Please show your support and come along to either the morning 9:30-11:30am or afternoon 1:30-3:30pm sessions. We've copied the flyer below. If you'd like to view the Draft Programme and Media Release, please have a look at the [website page set up specifically for the Roadshow](#) - we will be keeping it updated with the latest information, or email us at [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com). Thank you to all the people and companies supporting us that we've listed on the webpage.



# SECURITY & SAFETY ROADSHOW

**Lots for kids, all FREE...**

- RideOn police bike, cars
- finger-printing
- carnival photos
- police dress-ups
- police safety talks
- face-painting
- highway patrol Raptorrrr
- sniffer puppy
- \$600 in RFID prizes

**And for adults, all FREE..**

- latest RFID technology
- latest security
- latest locks & safes
- police FAQ answers
- rego locking screws
- engraving
- graffiti advice
- detectives' tips
- goodie bags

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ROADSHOW

9:30-11:30am or 1:30-3:30pm, Wed 05 October 2016  
 Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, 1186 Pacific Highway, Pymble  
 NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com ph: 0410687412  
 nhwkuringgaihornsby.wix.com/nhwkuringgaihornsby



**2 October, NSW Police Force**



Here are Hooch and Bravo from K9 Nose Time, who will be appearing at the Security & Safety Roadshow on Wednesday 05 October at the Ku-ring-gai Town Hall. They will be performing detective sniffer dog demonstrations.

Kuring Gai command will have officers at this event, speaking about commonly asked topics:

- How do I report Domestic Violence?
- What's the latest to protect against ID Theft?
- How do I report crime?
- What should I do if my home has been burgled?

The day is being run in a 'speed-dating' style, with fast, punchy presentations. For the full programme see our Neighbourhood Watch friends' webpage [here](#).

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary, will be there to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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**Dates for the Diary:**

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

**Wednesday 05 October:** NHW Security & Safety Roadshow

#bringbackcommunity @ **Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble**. Choice of session: 9:30-11:30am or 1:30-3:30pm. Think 'speed-dating' for NHW. Fast punchy speakers, with up-to-date security products and information. Lots for the kids, including Highway Patrol motorbike, NHW cookies, colouring-in, and Police dress-ups for photo opportunities. \$600 Lucky Door prizes in RFID wallet/satchel products. [Full Info](#).

**Thursday 24 November:** Gordon NHW meeting 6pm @ Gordon Bowling Club - "Personal Safety"

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**30 September, Streetbeat on Triple H 100.1 FM**



Streetbeat interview with Julia Eagles on Security Roadshow to be held October 5 at Pymble Town Hall

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**30 September, Queensland Police Service**



Brisbane was glowing blue last night for our fallen officers on National Police Remembrance Day.

For more information, click [here](#).

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 29 September: To view online edition, [click here](#), and choose the newspaper name and date top-left.**



Drug detection  
puppies will be at the  
Neighbourhood  
Watch event.

## WATCH EVENT TO BE TOP NOTCH

### Nigel Gladstone

CRIME-PROOF the family at a Neighbourhood Watch event on Wednesday, October 5, at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch has been in the local police command since 1986-87.

There will be \$600 worth of free goodies, lucky door prizes, police car rides, colouring-in, sniffer dog puppies, police dress-ups, numberplate locking screws, engraving, graffiti advice, detectives' tips and fingerprinting.

At morning and afternoon sessions, police will present "punchy" 10-minute talks about crime prevention topics such

as the rise in identity theft and fraud, what to do if your home is broken into, how to report domestic violence and how anyone can assist with regional issues such as graffiti removal.

A range of the latest security products will be shown, with a focus on radio frequency identification technology that is used in credit cards for PayPass.

The morning session will be held between 9.30am and 11.30am, and the afternoon session will be held between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

Where: Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, 1186 Pacific Highway, Pymble. Details: [0410 687 412](tel:0410687412)

### THORNLEIGH

**1** A 32-year-old driver heading west on the Comenara Parkway swerved to avoid a cat on the road while negotiating a left bend and ended up hitting a rock wall about 9.55am on Monday. The Holden Commodore's tyres came off the road and its bumper ended up 1.2m up the wall. Police and an ambulance were called and the victim was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital after he returned a negative breath test.

### BEROWRA

**2** A 37-year-old man had to be rescued from bushland after he aggravated an old ankle injury and could not continue on the Waratah walking track after he started in Berowra on Saturday. A police helicopter was used to locate the man and he was found by ground crews and taken to Apple Tree Bay, about 5.50pm.

### GALSTON

**3** Six cans of Jim Beam were stolen out of a display stand at Liquorland in Galston about 2.45pm on Friday and at 4.40pm the same day, the same pair returned to the store and took four more cans. CCTV footage shows a man aged about 18-22, caucasian with blond hair, about 165cm, wearing a blue hoodie and a NSW CCC cap with a female aged about 18-20, also caucasian, about 160cm, wearing a black coat, white jumper and jeans.

### NORMANHURST

**4** Copper was taken from the roof of Normanhurst Boys' High School between 4pm on Friday and 6.30am on Monday. Police are asking witnesses who saw or heard anything suspicious near the school to call Hornsby police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

### TURRAMURRA

**5** A home in May St was burgled between 11pm on Friday and 6.15am Saturday with thieves possibly gaining entry via a faulty garage door. A handbag and keys were stolen. On Sunday about 3.25pm, a glasses case, a single key and a work ID were found in a shopping trolley at a North Rocks shopping centre.

### HORNSBY

**7** A shop in Florence St had several cheques and \$2000 cash stolen between 7pm on Friday and 3.30pm on Sunday. An alarm was activated and police are appealing to witnesses to contact Hornsby police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799), or Crime Stoppers.

### GLENORIE

**9** A neighbour in Dobbie Place frightened off a would-be burglar at 2.30am on Saturday. He woke up and noticed a man with a torch in a neighbouring yard. He put on all the lights and called police. The man fled.

### HORNSBY

**6** A 43-year-old woman in David Jones was seen by security lingering near a display stand about 1.30pm on Sunday. It is alleged the female put several wallets and perfumes into a bag and left the store without paying. Security stopped the woman and called police, who arrested her but she refused to be interviewed. The items were returned to David Jones and the woman will face Hornsby Local Court.

### BROOKLYN

**8** A 56-year-old woman from Mooney Mooney became irate when trying to pick up a parcel from the Brooklyn post office only to find it was not open. The woman arrived after the 9am opening time. At 9.04am the post office owner started opening the store and the female berated him for being late. He told her to wait outside but she followed him in to the store several times. When the woman requested her parcel she was asked for identification but refused to hand over her driver's licence. Police were called and made a record of the incident.

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## **28 September, Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon Are 24/12**

Yesterday we received a call from a gentleman in Gordon who'd had dealings with a dodgy window-cleaner. After discussions with the local Police Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary, this is the advice given:

Please share your experience with the Fair Trading Traveling Conman Hotline: "If you are approached by conmen call the national hotline on 1300 133 408 (8.30am to 5pm, Mon - Fri)." By doing this, the correct government department is informed and can do the proper investigation. We are protecting the wider community.

For info on their website [here](#).

Kuring Gai command are also warning about tree-loppers and roofers, or any other tradie who knocks the door, or leaves a flyer:

- Do your own research. Check their licence, insurance, etc. Double-check any phone number. Double-check any other business card details. It's easy at the website [here](#)
- Best to take referrals from friends and family, rather than cold-callers.
- Try not to pay cash upfront.
- Beware. Traveling conmen can be very charming and believable.

Once again - watch out for a window-cleaner currently in our Gordon area.

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## **28 September, ACCC Product Safety**

Quality Bakers recalls various bread rolls. The product may contain metal pieces-injury hazard if consumed. To obtain a full refund consumers should contact Goodman Fielder on 1800 810 599 or return to the place of purchase. Read more [here](#).

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**28 September, Kuring Gai Local Area Command: In the NOW**



The 'defibrillator' drone can save lives while an ambulance is stuck in traffic. for details, click [here](#).

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**Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command - Security & Safety Roadshow**



Thanks to the talented art student Caldonia O'Leary for this great carnival 'Catch-a-Crim' photo opportunity for the kids! Wow, hasn't she done well?! After the

Roadshow it will be used at community events where Neighbourhood Watch and/or local Kuring Gai Police command have a Crime Prevention stall. Hugely grateful, Caldonia - we must give you a glowing testimonial to send with job applications when the time is right.

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

A service station attendant had no trouble identifying a robber for police, even though the man had worn a pair of women's panties over his head as a brilliant disguise. The thief admitted that his judgement wasn't that great due to the amount of alcohol he had consumed. The panties as a disguise could have worked, except that he stuck his face through one of the leg holes so he could see.

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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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