



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 14 - 17 October](#)

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Drugs
ARCADIA					
ASQUITH					
BEROWRA					
BROOKLYN					
COWAN					
Dural					
GALSTON				1	
GLENORIE					
GORDON				1	
HORNSBY	1	5	4		1
HORNSBY HEIGHTS		3			
KILLARA	1				
MT COLAH					
MT KURRING GAI					
NORMANHURST					
PYMBLE	2				
ST IVES	1	1			
THORNLEIGH			1		
TURRAMURRA	1		1		1
WAHROONGA	1	1	1		
WAITARA					1
WARRAWEE					
WEST PYMBLE	1				
WESTLEIGH					
Date range	14 Oct to 17 Oct				

Galston: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Gordon: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 5, Stealing 4, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby Heights: Malicious Damage 3

Killara: Break & Enter 1

Pymble: Break & Enter 2

St Ives: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1

Thornleigh: Stealing 1

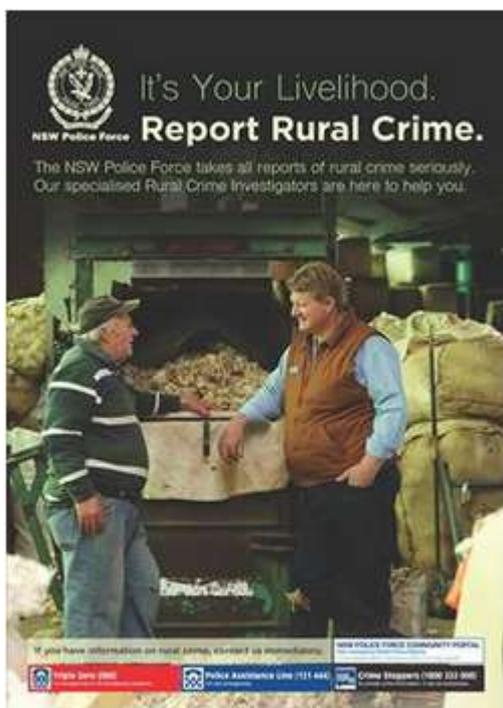
Turramurra: Break & Enter 1, Stealing 1, Drugs 1

Wahroonga: Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 1

Waitara: Break & Enter 1

West Pymble: Steal from Motor Vehicle 2

17 October, NSW Police Force



Please share to your family and friends that may be affected.

NSW Police are calling on members of the community to report rural crime as Rural Crime Investigators step up to support farmers across NSW.

Western Region Commander and NSW Police Corporate Sponsor for Rural Crime, Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie, was joined by Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant to highlight the impact of rural crime and how people can report incidents to police.

Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said rural crimes are serious offences and can have a substantial impact on the livelihood of farmers.

For details, click [here](#).

17 October, from M1 Pacific Motorway NSW: Boozed Up Bus Driver Blows Bag

Passengers on a day tour to the Hunter Valley called police to the M1 Motorway last night, with concerns their bus driver was intoxicated.

The passengers forced the driver to stop on the side of the motorway at Mooney

Mooney about 7pm on Saturday and called the police.

Police subjected the 43-year-old bus driver to a roadside breath test which returned a positive result. The man was arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station where he was submitted to a breath analysis which returned an alleged reading of 0.105.

He was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for mid-range PCA and his licence was suspended. The man is due to appear before Gosford Local Court on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

It's believed the coach had been chartered for a trip to the Hunter Valley by a western Sydney church group.

16 October, NSW Police Force



Hornsby police are searching for a missing person and request help from the public. The missing man Paul NISSEN (pictured) is 49 years old, he was reported missing on the 21st September and was last seen in the Berowra area. Paul suffers from Schizophrenia and is on medication. Police have fears for his safety and want to locate him. Paul is described as 6'1" (185cm) tall, with a heavy build and short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a red/grey skivvy, black trench coat and red sneakers. Paul is also known to frequent the Hyde Park area of Sydney. Any information received is treated confidentially. Please ring Hornsby police on 94769799 or crime stoppers 1800 333 000.

16 October, Crime Stoppers NSW

Help your elderly loved ones keep safe.

To be safe from crime and violence is a fundamental right for everyone in our community. As we grow older, several factors can impact on our confidence and quality of life.

Take a few extra precautions and be prepared when a risk is identified. This can go a long way to improve your feeling of safety when out in public spaces and at home.

Watch [this video](#) for some simple tips we can all take to help protect yourself – and share with your friends and family.

14 October, NSW Police Force

Motorcycle Awareness month is on 11 October – 6 November! Transport for NSW is sharing their first video in a series of four called 'The Roads we Ride'. It talks to riders about their experiences and safety tips when navigating some of NSW's popular riding routes. Click [here](#) for video.

12 October, NSW Police Force: Stay Smart Online



Did you know that cyber crime is costing Australia more than \$1 billion every year? It's everyone's responsibility to stay smart online. Find great tips and information about cyber safety on our website [here](#).

12 October, From The Hills LAC

Hitman scams

Hitman scams involve a scammer threatening your life unless you give in to their demands and pay thousands of dollars to be spared.

A scammer pretending to be a hitman contacts you out of the blue telling you that they have been hired to kill you, but they will spare you if you pay them money. You may be contacted through various methods, but by email and text message are the most commonly used approaches. Text messages may look like they are from an international phone number, or the number may be blocked.

A typical message reads: 'Someone paid me to kill you. If you want me to spare you, I'll give you two days to pay \$5000. If you inform the police or anybody, you will die. I am monitoring you.'

For details, click [here](#).

11 October, from The NRMA

ROAD RULES REMINDER: The rules for using a roundabout are quite simple, yet many motorists still get it wrong. Why do you do think motorists struggle with roundabouts?

For Roundabout Rules, click [here](#).

11 October, NSW Police Force: Strong Passwords



**STRONG
P4\$5WORDS**

Protect yourself online: DON'T use names or words easily linked to you (eg: family, pet or school names) in your password.

For details, click [here](#).

11 October, NSW Police Force: Stay Smart Online Be on the lookout for malware in app stores called 'DressCode'

You are reminded to be wary when installing apps from application stores, following reports hundreds of apps available on Google Play include malicious code that enables attackers to control your Android device.

The apps are reportedly infected with DressCode, which enables attackers to use your Android device to launch attacks against another person or organisation's online services, or gain access to corporate servers and information.

According to the reports, DressCode is installed on Android devices through infected apps including games and 'skins' (files that change the look and feel of the

user interface on your device).

Security researchers claim that more than 400 compromised apps have been detected on Google Play and more than 3,000 have been detected overall. These apps have reportedly in total been downloaded by hundreds of thousands of users. for details, click [here](#).

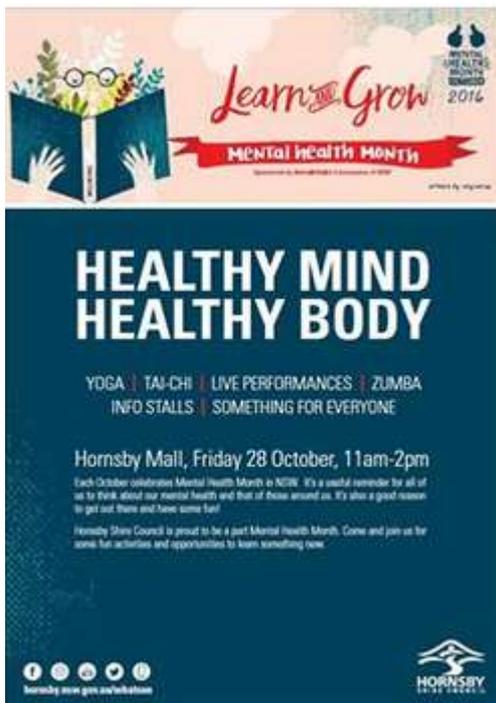


Report from the Neighbourhood Watch Crime Prevention stall held at the St John's Anglican Church Fete, Gordon on Saturday 15 October 2016

Neighbourhood Watch had a stall at the St John's Church Fete, Gordon, at the weekend. Thank you to our generous Neighbourhood Watch volunteers: Gay (East Killara NHW), Julia (Gordon NHW), Simon (Gordon East eWatch), Stan (Warrawee Valley eWatch), and Anne (Gordon NHW). Your time is appreciated.



**From Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police
Friday 28 October: 11-2pm @ Hornsby Mall. We'll have a crime prevention
stall there. Please come and support us.**



Friday 25 November: 7:30am Walk the Talk. 8:30am FREE sausage sizzle. 9-11am Information stalls, incl our crime prevention stall. Please come and show support!



12 October, From the Daily Telegraph: Fire & Rescue NSW urges homeowners to check and change outdated smoke alarms



THERE is no doubt a working smoke alarm saves lives.

More than half of fatal home fires are at properties without a working smoke alarm, according to Fire & Rescue NSW figures.

As part of its recent ReAlarm campaign, homeowners are encouraged to not only change batteries and check if a smoke alarm works, but also replace any unit more than 10 years old.

Fire & Rescue NSW is urging residents to replace all outdated smoke alarms with the latest photoelectric alarms.

It's been 10 years since NSW mandatory smoke alarm legislation was passed.

Fire & Rescue NSW Commissioner Greg Mullins says the start of daylight savings is an ideal time to check your smoke alarms.

Click [here](#) for details.

11 October: Is Your Computer Infected?

To check if your computer is infected with a virus, run a full scan using your anti-virus software and follow the instructions to remove it. You should run your anti-virus software at least once a week.

For details, click [here](#).

11 October, from Crime Stoppers NSW

SEXUAL ASSAULT OF MEN

When we hear the word “rape”, our mental image is usually that of a male perpetrator and a female victim. But men do get raped too.

Current statistics indicate that of all the victims of adult sexual assault that report to the police in New South Wales, 17% are men, and 50% of them are aged between 16 and 24 years old.

Of all men who are raped, most (90% to 95%) do not report the crime.

Many male survivors find it difficult to name their experience as rape because society teaches us that men cannot be victims of sexual assault.

Some victims view their rape as just a physical assault and while they might seek assistance for physical injuries, they usually do not seek counselling to help manage the emotional after effects of the rape.

Also for male victims, fear of having their sexual identity questioned often prevents them from reporting their assault.

It is important, that if you are or become a victim of sexual assault that you report this matter to the police. Police take all reports of sexual assault very seriously and will be able to provide you with referrals for support services.

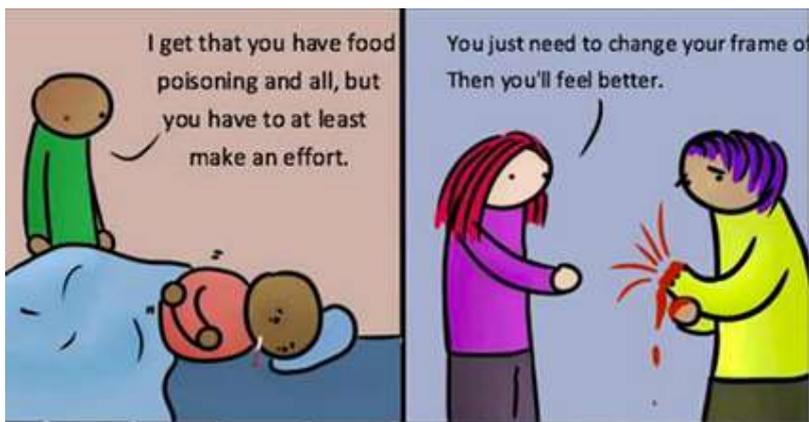
It is important to remember that you are not alone. Male rape happens more often than most people believe. Anyone, regardless of gender, race, age, sexual orientation or physical strength, can be a victim of this heinous crime.

Always call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

If you have information on perpetrators of sexual assault please report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

For further information, click [here](#)

11 October, What If Physical Diseases Were Treated Like Mental Illnesses?



One in four of us will have a battle with mental illness at some point in our lives. In this past week alone, one in six adults have had a mental health problem.

But despite its unbelievably widespread prevalence, mental illness is still surrounded by misconceptions and stigma.

For more, click [here](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 28 October: Mental Health Information Expo 11-2pm @ Hornsby Mall - crime prevention stall

Sunday 30 October: Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#).

Wednesday 23 November: Waitara Public School Community Expo 2:45-4:30pm @ Waitara P.S. - crime prevention stall and kids activities

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

Friday 25 November: 'Walk the Talk' program and Info Expo 7:30-11am @Hornsby Mall. 7:30 walk starts, 9-11am Info Expo held - crime prevention stall

Wednesday 30 November: Family Services Info Expo 11-2pm @ Hornsby Mall - crime prevention stall

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic as part of NHTA's NHT Week.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 13 October

theburningissue

KU-RING-GAI needs you to wash away vandals this Graffiti Removal Day.

Residents are being urged to volunteer as part of Australia's largest graffiti clean-up operation on Sunday, October 30.

All volunteer graffiti-busters will be provided with training, graffiti removal equipment and protective gear on the day.

Last year 2000 volunteers removed 21,000sq m of graffiti.

To volunteer, register at graffitiremovalday.org.au



HORNSBY

2 Burglars cut a hole in the rear roller door of a motorcycle shop with a rear access on Hunter Lane between 4.30pm on Saturday and 5.35am on Monday. The intruders smashed doors in an office area but nothing appears to be missing.

THORNLEIGH

6 An elderly man appears to have shoplifted meats, make-up and shampoo among other things from Woolworths at Thornleigh Marketplace between 8.10pm and 8.35pm on Thursday. The store's CCTV allegedly shows the elderly caucasian man fill his trolley with groceries and leave without paying. Staff saw the alleged theft. Police will investigate the matter.

HORNSBY

5 A Honda Odyssey stolen from Galston Rd in Hornsby was found burnt out in Balgowlah on Tuesday morning. The car was stolen between 2pm and 3.30pm on Sunday. A council ranger found the car in Balgowlah about 11am on Tuesday. It is believed the car was set alight between 5.30pm on Monday and 9.30am on Tuesday. It was burnt out. No witnesses have come forward to police, who are investigating.

GALSTON

7 A case of Corona beer was stolen from a display stand at Liquorland about 7.53pm on Saturday. CCTV footage shows an 18-20 year old man described as of Middle Eastern appearance, skinny, 1.8m tall, with short shaven hair, wearing a long sleeved white shirt, blue jeans, Nike-style sneakers and a baseball cap. Hornsby police are asking for witnesses to call them on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

WESTLEIGH

8 A kangaroo paw pot plant worth \$40 was stolen from the front yard of a home in Peppermint Gum Place between 6pm on Sunday and 6.40pm on Monday. Hornsby Police Senior Constable Paul Cleary said there are "unsubstantiated reports that the offender was seen hopping away from the location".

ASQUITH

9 A cyclist fell as a bus was overtaking him on Baldwin Ave between 8.20am and 8.31am on Tuesday. A man, 45, was riding his bike east when the bus passed him and with cars parked at the kerb he felt he was running out of room and put his right arm out, which hit the bus, causing him to lose control. The bus driver stopped and exchanged details. Police are yet to speak to the driver.

From the North Shore Times, 13 October

HUNT FOR DRIVER AFTER SMASH

Jessica Rapana

POLICE are continuing to look for the driver of a car found on its roof after it smashed into a stone wall in Chatswood early Saturday morning.

Emergency services were called to Millwood Ave, Chatswood, about 12.30am on Saturday after reports a vehicle had crashed into a stone retaining wall.

Witnesses reported having seen the

vehicle driving erratically on nearby Fullers Rd just prior.

When police arrived on the scene, they found the silver sedan resting on its roof.

However, the driver and any possible passengers had freed themselves and left the scene before emergency services arrived. Police would like to speak to a man and woman seen in the area after the crash as it is believed they might be able to assist with inquiries.

Tragically, too many people have been killed crossing the road in NSW.

In fact, 1522 pedestrians are hit on NSW roads each year. These aren't just numbers – they're mothers, fathers, workmates and neighbours.

The reality is we are never more vulnerable on the road than when we are on foot.

It's easy to become complacent about safety, especially around places you walk everyday.

So when you cross the road, look out before you step out and help us bring the road toll towards zero.



boats on streets

Council signs up to new rules on boat trailers

Jessica Rapana

BOAT owners who dangerously leave their vessels parked on suburban streets for months will be penalised from early next year.

At its meeting on Tuesday night, Ku-ring-gai Council confirmed its intention to tackle the problem, which has been an ongoing headache for residents.

Councillors voted unanimously to make the whole of the Local Government Area a "declared area" under the new statewide legislation, which requires individuals councils to opt in.

The new rules, which are now set to come into effect in Ku-ring-gai from February 1 next year, will require boat owners to move their boat trailers at least every 28 days. Those who fail to do so

The new rules



- » From February 1, 2017, council officers can impound boat trailers parked on a street for more than 28 days in Ku-ring-gai.
- » Boat trailers must be moved along the same road and past an intersection with another road.
- » Lane Cove and Willoughby are still considering the changes.

would be liable for impoundment by council officers under the changes.

The council's decision followed community consultation, which found most residents (82 per cent) were in favour of the changes.

The new measures had so far been piloted in Pittwater,

Woolahra and Canada Bay areas.

Other north shore councils were also considering implementing the amendments next year.

A Willoughby Council spokeswoman said the council would consider the Office of Local Government's findings following the pilot program. If that council determined to proceed with the changes, they were likely to be implemented in early 2017, the spokeswoman said.

However, the specific area to be affected by the legislation was yet to be determined and subject to data still being collected via community consultation, she said.

Lane Cove Council was also awaiting the outcome of the pilot program, a spokeswoman confirmed.

DID YOU KNOW? A new product from IC Emergency [Neighbourhood Watch does not and cannot endorse any product or service.]

The following is the information held on the USB stick. No address needed, in case you're worrying about attaching it to keys - nothing a thief could use. You're more at risk if your license was stolen. It can be added or edited, just like a Word document. How about Xmas stockings? Consider using them for pets also. Type **freepost** in the discount box at checkout.

In Case of Emergency

My Full Name is

My Phone number is

My year of birth is

My Doctor's name is

His/her contact number is

In Case of Emergency, please contact
Phone number

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My blood group is

Medical Conditions I have are

Medications I am taking are:

Allergies I have



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

On his way home from work, a construction worker decided to rob a shop. Problem was he wore his hard hat, which had his name and the name of his construction company in **BIG BLACK LETTERS!**

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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