



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 tips, 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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31 October: Hornsby Police news, 31/10/16 The following relate to local

issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Malicious Damage incident

Time/Date: About 12.44am Saturday 29th

Place: Railway Hotel Hornsby

Person: 28year old male

Details: The 28 year old male and his girlfriend were at the hotel, due to the girlfriend's level of intoxication she was asked to leave. Both parties have been escorted from the hotel by security. The male not happy with this is alleged to have head-butted the front glass door smashing it, cutting his own head in the process. The male left the scene and police were called. The male was found at the taxi rank and was arrested. The male is alleged to have made admissions to the offence. The male is yet to be formally interviewed with charges expected to be laid.

Incident: Malicious damage charge

Time/Date: About 11.50pm Wednesday 26th

Place: Pacific Highway, Waitara

Person 1: 25 year old male.

Details: Police were patrolling the Waitara area and sighted 3 males near parked cars. It is alleged one of the males jumped on the bonnet, roof and boot of a Toyota Camry. Upon seeing police, the male has run from the scene. Police caught the male and have spoken to him about the matter. The male alleged he told the owner, his friend who he couldn't name, he was going to jump on the car. The male who appeared moderately affected by alcohol made the unwise decision to run from the police. He was arrested after a short foot pursuit and was now sporting a few grazes. The male was then arrested and handcuffed. It was established the car had recently been bought by a local caryard. The male appeared to be amused by the fuss of it all until he was told he's going to be charged with malicious damage, then he has let police know his true feelings. He was sent on his way and will be charged at a later date.

Incident: Police pursuit

Time/Date: About 12pm Sunday 30th

Place: Pacific Highway, Turrumurra

Vehicle : Honda motorcycle

Details: Highway patrol officers have observed a motorcycle allegedly travelling

above the 60 speed limit. Upon activating lights and sirens, the rider slowed and changed lanes, then is alleged to have accelerated away from police. Due to the high speeds police terminated the pursuit. The cycles registration was recorded, inquiries with the registered owner are to follow.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 3pm Tuesday 25th and 4.30am Wednesday 26th

Place: Muriel Street, Hornsby

Details: The front window of an Alfa was smashed during the above times. A backpack containing power tools including drills, batteries and various hand tools was stolen. The total value is over \$1100

Incident: Aggravated break enter & steal.

Time/Date: Between 12.30pm and 3.30pm Wednesday 26th

Place: Dumaresq Street, Gordon.

Details: A unit was broken into by cutting a hole in a ground floor flyscreen and entering the unit via an open window. A mother and child were home at the time and may have disturbed the offender. It appears several rooms were ransacked with a large amount of jewellery being stolen.

Incident: Vehicle crashed onto rocks

Time/Date: About 11pm Wednesday 26th

Place: Kangaroo point Brooklyn

Details: About 11pm Water police were responding to a job when they saw a Toyota Hilux on the rocks below an embankment, just above the water line, the Hilux still had its engine running. Police have jumped onto the rocks and ascertained no person was in the car or the water below. The engine was switched off and the area patrolled without finding anyone. The owner was contacted and advised of the location of his "unbreakable"™ Hilux. The insurance company is recovering the car.

Also, please get the word out there.

Theft from mail boxes is happening again. Mailboxes from unit complexes in the Wahroonga area, Waitara and Hornsby areas have been hit pretty hard in recent weeks. The usual things are being stolen - ANYTHING with personal ID, credit and debit cards, bills from water. phone, gas etc also being targeted. The thieves then onsell this to organised criminal gangs. The locks installed by developers are built

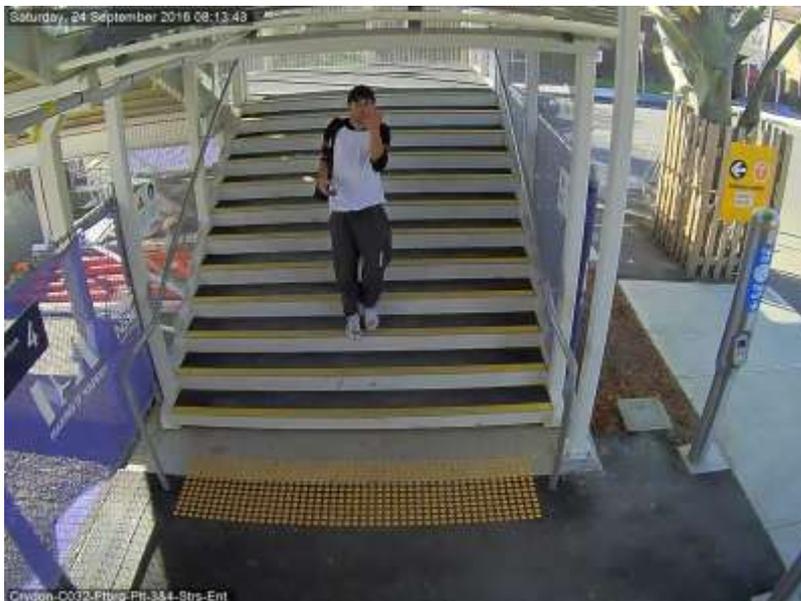
to a cost, not to a level of security. All unit and home owners are advised to install good quality locks to reduce the chance of lock-tampering. A reputable locksmith company can advise the best type of lock for your letter box. Lastly, please remove any and all mail daily, The mail boxes were forced open in the early hours of the morning when everyone else is asleep. If you clear the mail, there is nothing to steal. 😊â°

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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31 October: Police have released CCTV images and are appealing for public assistance after a woman was assaulted at Burwood last month.

About 8am on Saturday 24 September 2016, a 72-year-old woman was walking through a barrier at Burwood Railway Station when an unknown man pushed her, causing her to fall to the ground. [Click here for more info.](#)



31 October, from ACCC Scamwatch, thanks to The Hills command: Don't place bets with a scammer this spring racing season!

Scamwatch is warning Australian gamblers not to part with money they didn't plan to during Spring Racing Season, today issuing an alert that confidence tricksters are on the hunt for more victims. Australians have lost over one million dollars to con artists pushing sports investment scams in 2016 to date. Betting and sports investment scams convince victims to invest in 'foolproof' systems or software that can 'guarantee' a profit on sporting events. These scams are often promoted as a legitimate investment. Scamwatch says people who 'invest' in these schemes report an average loss of \$10,000.

These scams are particularly effective over the spring carnival period as racing fever takes hold, ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. Scammers offer software packages or syndicate betting with guaranteed returns when you follow their system for placing bets on horse races. Scammers are quick to capitalise on every opportunity and the Melbourne Cup is no exception. The scams are often promoted as legitimate investments but these schemes simply do not deliver. The odds are that you will never see your money again.

How these scams work

Scammers will use high pressure sales tactics such as claiming that places are strictly limited or they may even claim their system is safe because it is backed by government regulations.

Participation requires the payment of large upfront fees for software or access to so-called expert advice.

Betting syndicates may also require the use of a sports betting account. These accounts may show winnings during the 'trial period'. However, this money cannot be accessed and will soon disappear along with the scammers.

Protect yourself

If you receive a phone call, email or glossy brochure out of the blue about a sports investment opportunity, just hang up, delete the email and bin the brochure.

Always get independent financial or legal advice if an offer involves significant amount of money, time, or commitment.

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your

bank or financial institution immediately.

Report

You can report scams to the ACCC via the [Scamwatch Report a scam page](#).

31 October, from 9News Sydney: Hundreds farewell Sydney family killed by airborne gas

The Colombian relatives of four people found dead in their Sydney home have joined hundreds of mourners to farewell the young family. Mourners gathered at the Holy Name Catholic Church in Wahroonga to pay tribute to 44-year-old Fernando Manrique, his wife Maria Claudia Lutz, 43, and their children Elisa, 11, and Martin, 10.

[Full information here.](#)

31 October: Happy Halloween NSW

👻👹» If you're 'trick or treating' remember to stay in groups, never enter a stranger's home and no clowning around 😊👹% Be safe!



30 October, from Harbourside command: Tonight Harbourside LAC have rolled out the new MobiPol system, a hand held device that allows us immediate access to the Police data base.

With the new system we can create immediate reports at the scene when taking a complaint, organise attendance of specialist units, record Domestic violence statements, bring up photos of drivers and possible suspects, have immediate

access to the latest law updates and Police procedures and when required (hopefully infrequently) issue a traffic infringement.

The system will allow police to spend more time on the road answering calls for help and improving our service. A far cry from the typewriter and carbon paper when I first joined.

28 October: The Police Transport Command based at Hornsby are investigating a graffiti attack on a train between Berowra and Chatswood.

A black marker pen or similar was used to graffiti a large area of the carriage with rather offensive words. Police believe the male depicted may be able to assist with inquiries into the matter. Any information will be treated confidentially. Please call crime stoppers on **1800 333 000**, Quote reference number **E62482754**.



28 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Drivers stop man who allegedly was four times over limit by taking the keys out of the ignition at lights

A 68-year-old man had the keys to his car taken by concerned drivers at a set of traffic lights, then allegedly blew more than four times the legal limit for alcohol police have said. Police allege the man later said he should still be driving because he hadn't hit or "killed anyone" when taken to a station on Thursday night. Concerned drivers on Mona Vale Rd in St Ives called police and described his "poor manner of driving" while following him for almost half an hour.

[Full story here.](#)

27 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police arrest more teens with affray in relation to party where Aidan Smith was stabbed

SEVEN teenagers have been arrested and charged in relation to the stabbing death of a 16-year-old sporting prodigy earlier this year. Thornleigh resident Aidan Smith was stabbed to death at a party on Victoria Road in Ryde, on Sunday August 7, resulting in Strike Force Berkley being established to investigate the incident.

[Full story here.](#)

27 October, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: [#meanwhile](#) @ Galston Gorge

Both sides blocked by RMS Traffic crews & HWP, truck turned around & guided out by RMS Traffic Commander. Infringement - \$2308 & 6pts (driver following GPS). RMS may suspend rego for 3 months. Gorge now clear. (Thanks for the patience of those who were made to wait both sides).



26 October, from The Hills command: SOME ADVICE FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER!

When a Police Officer is on foot patrol at your local shopping center and you see the Police Officer, please don't approach them and tell your child "If you are naughty, Police will take you away". This is a very poor statement to make as it will make your child terrified. Usually the Police Officer will say "No we don't take children away, we are always here to help children". If you as a parent want your child to feel comfortable with Police, please do not tell them that Police will take them away if they are naughty. This tactic will only make your child hide behind you when they see Police or worse yet not come to Police when they are in need and a bad situation. Police love being approached by parents and children and if they are able to stop at the time and have a chat or give the child a wave then they will. Police want to build up a good relationship with the younger generation so they know to come to them when they need to.

25 October, from Yahoo! News 7: Driver crashes into apartment at St. Ives



[More Info here.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

HOT OFF THE PRESS! A new 'Our Favourite 20 Crime Prevention Tips for Personal Safety' is about to be made available.

Here's a few tips from it:

Tip #3: When out, stay alert, keep your mind on your surroundings, and be aware of what is happening around you at all times. Don't be distracted. If listening to music, remove one ear bud, or set the volume to very low.

Tip #7: In apartment blocks, only "buzz in" those people you know, even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

Tip #12: Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "*We can't come to the phone right now...*" even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it, "Don't worry! I'll get it!" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.

Tip #14: Walk in well-lit regularly traveled walks and pathways areas. [Report a street light fault "Ausgrid 1800 044 808."] If followed, cross the street, crossing back and forth if necessary. If pursued, DO ANYTHING to attract attention "scream, pull a fire alarm, flag down a passing motorist etc; carry a personal alarm. Stay calm and in control.

Tip #18: At an ATM, if you feel uncomfortable, cancel the transaction & leave. Or start shouting, "What do you mean, No Money?!" Do not display cash in public "put it away discreetly & fast. Get \$50 cash from supermarket EFTPOS.

Tip #19: When driving, lock doors and windows and do not leave valuables in view, especially on the front passenger seat. Where possible, park rear to the curb, giving you a better view of a situation.

[Get your copy here.](#)

From the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation: It's HALLOWEEN and children will be excited!

REMEMBER ...They can be fast and unpredictable in a microsecond so, PLEASE ...

[#TalkRoadSafety](#) with your children BEFORE and DURING trick or treating

#HoldHands with children in your care aged 10 years or less when on or near roadways.

Halloween Road Safety Tips:

🎃 🚶‍♀️ Cross roads on corners using traffic lights or pedestrian crossings where possible

🎃 🚶‍♀️ Walk on footpath or grassed area NOT ROADWAYS

🎃 🚶‍♀️ Make your child's costume safe by adding reflective tape especially on darker clothing

🎃 🚶‍♀️ Choose face paint instead of vision obstructing masks

🎃 🚶‍♀️ Carry flashlights so motorists can see you & your group



Website of the Month: [LiveTraffic NSW](#) - now offering personalised alerts for your daily route.

Simply enter street, suburb, postcode for your route's start and destination.

Yesterday was Graffiti Removal Day.... Did you join in? Send us your pics and we'll pop them on our Facebook page. You're our heros.



Berowra Rotarians helping out on Graffiti Removal day doing us all proud!!



Turrumurra Rotarians - DITTO!

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 17 November: Ku-ring-gai Council 9-3:30pm. FREE Child car seat

safety check day. Bookings essential: 9424 0798.

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

Monday 27 March 2017: Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church.

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHWA's NHW Week.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 27 October:

App feature for drivers

SERVICE NSW's new app will allow customers to complete the most popular transactions for their vehicles on their mobiles devices.

Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet, said the app's newest feature was another example of Service NSW delivering excellence.

Customers with a linked MyServiceNSW account can renew their vehicle registration, receive alerts, view or pay vehicle fines, update license details, and complete notice of disposal requests.

[Click here to Register a MyServiceNSW Account.](#) You will need an email address.

HORNSBY-WIDE

1 Letterboxes in the Wahroonga, Waitara and Hornsby areas have been broken into by suspected identity thieves recently. In Wahroonga units around Bannockburn Rd were hit, meanwhile apartment blocks in Waitara were also broken into. Some time between Thursday night and Friday morning a number of letterboxes were broken into at a unit block in Yardley Ave. A resident heard noises about 2.30am in the area of the letterboxes. Police believe thieves have access to a master key and CCTV footage shows the incidents occurring between 2am and 4am. Senior Constable Paul Cleary said residents should clear their mail daily as the burglars are looking for personal information like credit card statements and bills.

HORNSBY

4 A 70-year-old lady was robbed on a train travelling between Woy Woy and Hornsby some time between 9.45am and 10.15am on Thursday, October 20. The lady left her luggage in a vestibule and someone went through it to steal her wallet and mobile phone worth in total about \$550.

NORMANHURST

2 A 37-year-old man will face court after allegedly brandishing a machete about 10.05pm on Monday at a unit block on Stewart Ave. Hornsby police were called to a breach of the peace at the unit block. When police walked down the driveway of the property, a man allegedly walked out from an apartment through a garage door with a large knife. As he advanced towards police allegedly holding the knife at shoulder height, police told him to drop it but he continued walking. When the man was about 5m from police he allegedly put the machete on a shelf in a garage. Police then questioned the man about why he had the machete. He allegedly declined to answer questions and was given a court attendance notice for possession of an offensive weapon in a public place.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS

5 Cash and a Samsung Galaxy S6 phone with a total value of \$805 were stolen from a Honda Civic parked on Galston Rd between 11pm on Monday and 6am on Tuesday.

HORNSBY

6 A graffiti vandal sprayed the number 666 in black paint on the bonnet of a 1999 Toyota Rav 4 parked on Ida St between 4pm on Saturday and 3pm on Sunday.

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WEST Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Lions club will hold a free information night on identity theft, fraud and scams at West Pennant Hills Sports Club on Monday, November 21, from 6pm. A senior member of the NSW Police Community Relations unit will speak at the presentation about how to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

To reserve your place at the information night, email thesecretary.lions@outlook.com or visit their website at wphclionsclub.org.au.

[Email Lions here](#)

Copied from North Shore Mums group, 30 October:

So this just happened!!

I lost my wallet...someone has decided that is ok to take it and the money and then throw my wallet out of their car window on Mona Vale road.

A stranger to me in a truck has stopped picked up as much as he could credit cards drivers license opal card(which had my phone number on it) without getting himself run over, called to tell me he has it. OMG...There are some really good people out there. Thank you so much John from Elanora Heights you are a true gentleman. If he is your husband, brother son you are very lucky.

Did you know?

These personal alarms and other items are on sale from the **Neighbourhood Watch Shop**. Maybe have a mooch around their website, [click here?](#)



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"Feel safe with this compact and lightweight personal
alarm. Features a loud 120dB alarm and built-in torch..."

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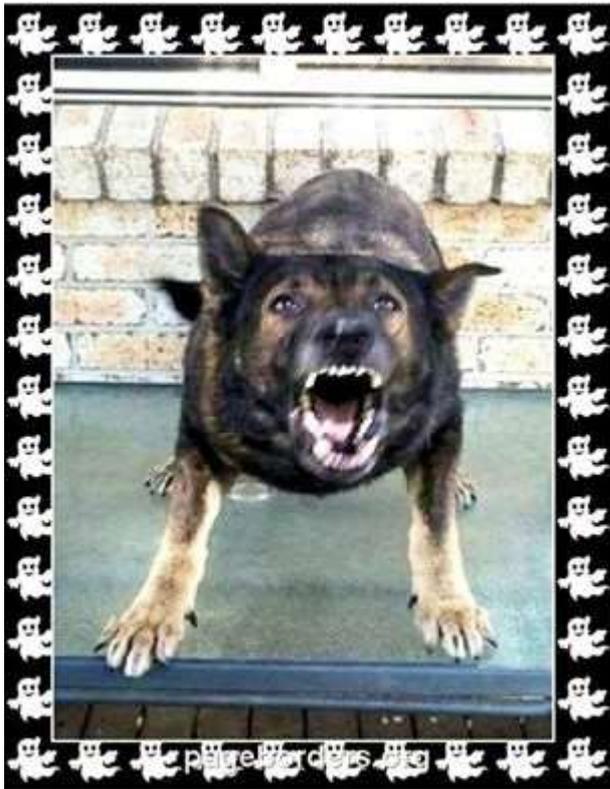
From Hornsby Shire Council, 27 October: Raw and risky foods - tips to avoid getting sick

6-12 November 2016 is Food Safety Week and Council is encouraging residents to be aware of how to reduce the risk of food poisoning from raw and risky foods. Recent years have seen major food poisoning outbreaks linked to risky raw foods such as unpasteurized milk, raw eggs, bean/seed sprouts, frozen berries and lettuce.

[Click here for full information](#), including simple tips.

Thanks to the Police Dog Unit: Beware its Halloween night!!!

You never know what's behind closed doors if you are out trick or treating.



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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